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House Tour September 28, 2008

Deutschtown again combines Tour with Fair

held in conjunction with

**PITTSBURGH
DESIGN FAIR**
FOR HOUSE AND GARDEN

(PITTSBURGH) August 19, 2008 — On Sunday September 28th, two collaborative events will draw 900-1,200 curious visitors to the Northside neighborhood of East Allegheny, recently rebranded as Deutschtown to reflect its German heritage.

That day from 11 am to 5 pm, the third Deutschtown House Tour and the second Design Fair for House and Garden will draw visitors from the city, suburbs and even out of state. This combination event makes the Deutschtown Tour the most unique of all the tours in Pittsburgh.

The House Tour features restorations of seven distinctive, historic homes built between 1883 and WWII. It also includes gardens, live German and Swiss music, food and more.

“GREEN LIVING” Theme for 2008

One featured home on the Tour is an 1890s elegant Victorian, restored and retrofitted “green” in 2001 with a geothermal heat pump, Smart House environmental controls and recycled materials. All homes on the tour also reflect the “green” theme because they have been “recycled” from the past, one that often meant woeful neglect for years. They’re also part of the fabric of a walking community where many bike, walk, or take public transport to work. And one of the homes also won a city-wide 2008 Post-Gazette design award for local developer October Development.

The Fair, held in Pittsburgh’s Grand Hall next to the Priory Hotel, will include 50 local exhibitors showcasing good design in home renovation, new construction, gardens and landscapes. This year’s Design Fair features the theme of *Green Living*, and highlights a range of eco-friendly services and products such as flooring, windows, kitchens and baths, and landscaping for a healthier, more energy efficient home.

The combination event is organized by two nonprofits. East Allegheny Community Council (EACC) orchestrates the House Tour. Proceeds benefit their community development efforts to encourage continued revitalization through investment in both residential and commercial properties.

The Design Fair is orchestrated by the Community Design Center of Pittsburgh, which provides a variety of services to Pittsburgh’s neighborhoods.

Ticket prices vary. The “combo ticket” in advance for \$15 is the best deal, as are advance purchases for either event. For more information, visit www.deutschtown.org (to purchase tickets on line) and www.pittsburghdesignfair.org or call EACC offices at 412-321-1204.