LEFFERTS HISTORIC HOUSE TO PARTICIPATE IN HERITAGE PRESERVATION’S CONSERVATION ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

Brooklyn, NY- The Prospect Park Alliance is pleased to announce that Lefferts Historic House has been chosen to participate in the Heritage Preservation 2013 Conservation Assessment Program (CAP). Lefferts Historic House joins the 2,800 museums that have participated in CAP in its twenty-two year history of serving museums. CAP assists museums by providing funds for professional conservation and preservation specialists to identify the conservation needs of their collections and historic buildings and recommend ways to correctly improve collections and building conditions. Heritage Preservation’s President, Lawrence L. Reger, praised Lefferts Historic House for “making the vital work of caring for collections and sites a priority of their institution, even in these challenging financial times, and helping ensure that they are available to present and future generations.”

CAP provides a general conservation assessment of the museum’s collections and historic 18th century building. A professional conservator will spend two days surveying the site and three days preparing a comprehensive report that will identify conservation priorities. The on-site consultation will enable Lefferts Historic House to evaluate its current collections care policies, procedures, and environmental conditions. The assessment report will help Lefferts to make appropriate improvements for the immediate, mid-range, and long-range care of its collections and the house itself.

Prospect Park Alliance President, Emily Lloyd, said “We are honored to be accepted into the 2013 Conservation Assessment Program and thank the Heritage Preservation for working with the Prospect Park Alliance to preserve this timeless treasure.”

Built by a Dutch family in the 18th century farming village of Flatbush, Lefferts Historic House interprets the history of Brooklyn’s environment from pre-Colonial times until the present, using its working garden, historic artifacts, and documents, as well as period rooms and exhibits. For an up-to-date listing of activities at Lefferts Historic House, please visit upcoming events on Prospect Park’s website.

Heritage Preservation is a national non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the cultural heritage of the United States. By identifying risks, developing innovative programs, and providing broad public access to expert advice, Heritage Preservation assists museums, libraries, archives, historic preservation and other organizations, as well as individuals, in caring for our endangered heritage. To learn more about Heritage Preservation, please visit www.heritagepreservation.org.

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