

HISTORIC NEW HARMONY Presents
“SPIRITS IN HARMONIE”
A gourmet wine and beer tasting event on November 26, 2005

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November 9, 2005, New Harmony, Indiana – Although the tri-state region is no longer known as a major producer of wine or beer, when George Rapp and the Harmonie Society settled in New Harmony on the Wabash River in 1814 wine and beer making soon followed. In the spirit of the Harmonists and this history, Historic New Harmony will present *Spirits In Harmonie* on Saturday, November 26, 2005.

This is the second year for the popular *Spirits In Harmonie* gourmet wine and beer tasting event. Held annually on the Saturday following Thanksgiving, *Spirits In Harmonie* features wine, beer, and cider tastings, festive food, live music, and unique shopping from around the world in a variety of historical venues. “This is a perfect alternative to fighting the traffic and crowds at the mall during the first weekend of the holiday season,” noted Connie Weinzapfel, Historic New Harmony director.

At each venue, ticketed guests will be invited to taste wines and beers that hearken back to the era of the Harmonists, the community’s founders, who produced wine and brewed beer for sale.

Live music, including the very popular *Brothers Grimm with Sister Molly*, light hors d'oeuvres, and unique shopping is also included in the admission.

As George Rapp wrote to his adopted son Frederick on November 8, 1814, some 191 years ago, "I expect to make enough wine after a while. The region and location for it is excellent."

Although the Harmonists no longer reside in New Harmony, the location for tasting wine remains excellent. Wines will be sampled at the Atheneum/Visitor Center, with beer tasting at the 1775 Double Log Cabin and cider tasting at the Rapp-Owen Granary.

Tickets, which are expected to sell out, are \$22.50 per person in advance and \$25.00 the day of event based upon availability. Seniors and University students are \$22.50. No one under twenty-one years of age is able to attend. The event is co-sponsored by Red Geranium Enterprises and the New Harmony Wine Society. For tickets or event information, please visit the Atheneum/Visitors Center or call 800.231.2168.

Historic New Harmony is a unified program of the University of Southern Indiana and the Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites. Tours of New Harmony's unique history are offered daily through December 30th at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.