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Summer Hat Luncheon Set for June 17 in New Harmony **Dine, chat and wear a hat for a great cause!**

NEW HARMONY, INDIANA – May 13, 2010 The annual Summer Hat Luncheon, benefiting Historic New Harmony heritage programming, is scheduled for Thursday, June 17. University of Southern Indiana/New Harmony Foundation invites you to this fashionably fun soiree, where friends gather and get creative for a good cause.

Each year the Summer Hat Luncheon is attended by more than 200 guests who decorate their tables – and even create costumes – using everything from New Harmony history to color schemes and movies themes for inspiration. The creative enthusiasm is part of the fun that brings many friends back again and again.

This year, a move to the spacious New Harmony Inn and Conference Center will allow room for more guests and offer an opportunity for everyone to admire the festive tables before lunch. Between 11 a.m. and noon, the banquet hall and adjoining reception area will be open for refreshments and the table preview. Attendees who arrive early may also want to visit two significant historic sites, the Rapp Granary and the Schnee Ribeyre Elliott House, which will be open for luncheon guests from 10 to 11 a.m.

Individuals or groups interested in attending the Summer Hat Luncheon may sponsor tables for four or more. The group's designated table captain is responsible for "dressing" the table with tablecloth, napkins, centerpiece, dinner ware and table service.

A table for four at the Summer Hat Luncheon may be reserved for \$120 or individuals may purchase a single ticket for \$30 and be seated at unreserved tables. For reservations or more details, contact Historic New Harmony at 812.682.4488.

Historic New Harmony is a unified program of the University of Southern Indiana and the Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites.

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"Pirates of the Wabash" made a big impression with costumes and table decor at the 2009 Summer Hat Luncheon. Pictured are pirates Maxine Watson, DeeAnn McGennis, Mary Griggs, Lois Mcentarfer, and Amanda Bryden.