

GARDEN SPOT VILLAGE ANNOUNCES “ENCORE: THE FESTIVAL”

June 4 event will feature nationally-known speakers and Grammy®-winning entertainers

NEW HOLLAND, Pa. — Jan. 24, 2011 — Garden Spot Village announces that it will hold the first “Encore: The Festival” on Sat., June 4, from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. on its 104-acre campus at 433 S. Kinzer Ave.

“Encore is a day-long celebration of vitality, focused on living and aging well,” said John Farber, chief operating officer at Garden Spot Village. “Other retirement communities may be doing festivals, but no one that we know of is bringing in best-selling authors and Grammy® award-winning entertainers, as well as local and regional talent, artisans and fine crafts, and restaurant-quality food.”

The Blind Boys of Alabama, winners of five Grammy Awards and inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame, will headline an evening concert. Keynote speakers include Dan Buettner, *New York Times* best-selling author of *The Blue Zone: Lessons for Living Longer From the People Who’ve Lived the Longest*, and Leonard Sweet, historian, futurist, preacher and author of *The Gospel According to Starbucks* and other titles. Toby Walker, a master of fingerpicking country blues, will present a hands-on guitar workshop for those who want to take their playing to the next level. Lancaster County resident Janet Oberholtzer will speak about her return to running in 2008 after nearly losing a leg (and her life) four years earlier and Susan Eckman, president of the United Way of Lancaster County, will lead a session on how volunteers can match their time and talents with the right organization.

Throughout the day, age-focused workshops will offer expert insight on topics ranging from living a healthy lifestyle to exploring spirituality, from starting a new career to finding new hobbies, from understanding technology to going green, to building a strong community and giving back through volunteering. Festival attendees will be able to hear from local experts on travel planning, managing finances, caring for aging parents and shaping your own legacy.

“Most of our speakers, workshop leaders and entertainers are 50-plus and celebrating their life,” says Farber. “When we hit 50, we may not be kids any more, but we have a lot of life experience and energy to shape our future and do the things we’ve always wanted to do. There are a lot of misconceptions about the 50-plus years that we hope this festival helps to shatter.”

For more information and tickets, visit www.EncoreTheFestival.org.

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