History Center to Host Third Annual Hometown–Homegrown Event

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PITTSBURGH, June 16, 2014 – The Senator John Heinz History Center will celebrate the region’s passion for food at the third annual Hometown–Homegrown™, a fun and flavorful food expo presented in partnership with GoodTaste! Pittsburgh® this Sat., June 21 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Visitors can sample a delicious assortment of foods from nearly 40 local vendors representing the best of the ‘Burgh’s neighborhoods, from longtime Pittsburgh staples such as Wholey’s and Soergel Orchards, to thriving small businesses like Twirly Girl Baking Co. and The Pop Stop.

Throughout the day, the History Center’s Weisbrod Kitchen Classroom will host special cooking demonstrations with local culinary experts including Superior Motors owner and chef Kevin Sousa, WQED’s Chris Fennimore, big Burrito’s Bill Fuller, and more.

Hometown–Homegrown will include activities throughout five floors of the History Center, including a special presentation on the history of Pittsburgh spirits by Wigle Whiskey, live entertainment, fitness activities in the SmartSteps exhibition, a cookbook exchange, and much more.

All Hometown–Homegrown activities and food samples are free for History Center members and included with regular admission for non-members: $15 for adults, $13 for seniors (age 62+), $6 for students and children (age 6-17), and free for children (age 5 and under).

Cooking Demonstrations in the Weisbrod Kitchen Classroom (Third Floor):

10:30 a.m. Jared Lordon, Social at Bakery Square
11:30 a.m. Chris Fennimore, WQED – A Healthy Heritage Cooking demonstration sponsored by UPMC Health Plan
12:30 p.m. Kevin Sousa, Superior Motors
1:30 p.m. Bill Fuller, big Burrito
2:30 p.m. Meredith Grelli, Wigle Whiskey – presentation: “History of Spirits in Pittsburgh”

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**Featured vendors include:**

**The Senator John Heinz History Center**, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution and the largest history museum in Pennsylvania, presents American history with a Western Pennsylvania connection. The Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum is a museum within a museum, comprehensively presenting the region’s remarkable sports story through hundreds of artifacts and interactive experiences for visitors of all ages. The History Center and Sports Museum are located at 1212 Smallman Street in the city’s Strip District, and are open every day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The History Center’s museum system includes the Sports Museum; the Fort Pitt Museum in historic Point State Park; and Meadowcroft Rockshelter & Historic Village, a National Historic Landmark located in Avella, Pa. in Washington County. More information is available at [www.heinzhistorycenter.org](http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org).

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