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THE STICKLEY MUSEUM AT CRAFTSMAN FARMS TO REOPEN THIS FALL

[Parsippany, NJ] The Stickley Museum at Craftsman Farms, the early 20th century historic home of Gustav Stickley, is re-opening after an extended closure. With a fall reopening planned, the museum will feature a rebuilt **Annex Visitor Pavilion**, restored **Log House Kitchen**, and interpreted **Log House Porch**.

Gustav Stickley was a designer, manufacturer, and the visionary behind Craftsman Farms. Stickley originally intended the Log House to serve as a clubhouse for Craftsman Farms, completed in 1911, the Log House evolved into the Stickley family home and today serves as a museum.

The Stickley Museum at Craftsman Farms will re-open in a way that has not been possible since March 2020, when the COVID-19 pandemic forced the museum to close its in-person operations. This closure was compounded by a tropical storm that brought severe damage to the Annex; the structure adjacent to the Log House. Addressing this damage further delayed a full re-opening as the museum's leadership worked on plans to fund, rebuild, and interpret the space. Facing repeated challenges, construction extended more than a year past the expected completion date.

"But now, the end of construction is in sight, and with it, the beginning of a new era. Although it is coming later than expected, in some ways, the timing could not be better," explained the Stickley Museum at Craftsman Farms' Executive Director **Vonda K. Givens**. "The end of construction and our full re-opening will coincide with the museum's 35th Anniversary celebration!"

After thirty-five years, visitors will for the first time experience the fully restored **Log House Kitchen**, along with the newly interpreted **Log House Porch**, both restored to their original appearance during Gustav Stickley's tenure at Craftsman Farms. These spaces, which formerly served as The Craftsman Shop and an orientation space, will now further the historic narrative of the Log House. As for **The Craftsman Shop**, it is now located in the **Annex Visitor Pavilion**, which also will serve as the museum's main entrance.

Opening is set for Fall 2024. Official date and time to be announced. Member discounts will be available. For more information about the reopening and upcoming events, please visit our website at www.stickleymuseum.org or follow us on social media.

Craftsman Farms, the former home of noted designer Gustav Stickley, is owned by the Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills and is operated by The Stickley Museum at Craftsman Farms, Inc., ("SMCF") (formerly known as The Craftsman Farms Foundation, Inc.). SMCF is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization incorporated in the State of New Jersey. Restoration of the National Historic Landmark, Craftsman Farms, is made possible, in part, by a Save America's Treasures Grant administered by the National Parks Service, Department of the Interior, and by support from the Morris County Historic Preservation Trust, The New Jersey Historic Trust, and individual donors. SMCF received an operating support grant from the New Jersey Historical Commission, a division of the Department of State and a grant from the New Jersey Arts & Culture Recovery Fund of the Princeton Area Community Foundation. Educational programs are funded, in part, by grants from the Arts & Crafts Research Fund

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