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HEIRLOOM APPLE PICKING DAYS AT STONE- TOLAN HOUSE HISTORIC SITE:

Landmark Society makes variety of apples available minutes from City of Rochester

ROCHESTER, NY October 3, 2013 — Pick your own heirloom apples just minutes from the City of Rochester at The Stone-Tolan House Historic Site at 2370 East Ave, Rochester, from noon to 3 p.m. on Friday, October 18 and Saturday, October 19. The event is sponsored by The Landmark Society of Western New York.

The Stone-Tolan House is one of Rochester's most cherished 19th century historic sites – complete with 200 year-old furnishings. The Landmark Society is offering free admission to the house, barn and kitchen garden during the apple picking event.

Apples in the orchard include Northern Spy (best for pie-baking), Roxbury Russet, Rhode Island Greening, Fall Pippin, Fameuse, Thompkins King and Westfield Seek–No-Further. Apple tasting will be held in the historic barn. A minimum donation of \$5 a bag is requested for picking. Bags will be provided and the Landmark Society reserves the right to limit the number of bags.

The orchard at the Stone-Tolan Historic Site is filled with heirloom apples most of which were introduced to New York in the early 1800's, according to Beverly Gibson, Landmark Society Horticulturist. The orchard was planted in 1960 by the Allyn's Creek Garden Club from scions grafted for them by the New York State Fruit Testing Association in Geneva, NY. The club has donated at least \$5000 per year to the Landmark Society for orchard maintenance and members come each spring to help with the gardens on site.

"We have a bumper crop of apples," said Landmark Society horticulturist Beverly Gibson. "This year's fruit set was the largest I have ever seen."

For more information, visit the Landmark Society website at www.landmarksociety.org

About The Landmark Society: In its 75th year, The Landmark Society of Western New York, Inc. is one of the oldest and most active preservation organizations in America, serving nine Western

New York counties. Formed in 1937, The Landmark Society continues to protect the unique architectural heritage of our region and promote preservation and planning principles that foster healthy and sustainable communities. For additional information about The Landmark Society, visit www.landmarksociety.org. The Landmark Society is supported in part by New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.