

50TH ANNIVERSARY
SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY SECTION
AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY
Joseph Priestley House in Northumberland, PA
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The Susquehanna Valley Section of the American Chemical Society will celebrate its 50th Anniversary this year. A special event will replace our September Section Meeting. The Anniversary Celebration will be in the afternoon of Saturday, Sept. 13th, at the Joseph Priestley House in Northumberland, PA. A program about the Susquehanna Valley Section history and its relationship with the Joseph Priestley House is planned. Snack food and beverages will be served under a tent in the yard of the Priestley House. A dinner at a local restaurant will be served at 5:30 p.m. for those who wish to stay after the program to meet and greet old friends. A more detailed itinerary appears below and any updates will be posted at our web site <http://course.wilkes.edu/SusquehannaValleyACS/meetings>.

We welcome all of the members of the Susquehanna Valley Section, as well as interested members of other sections in the national society, to help us celebrate our fifty years of success. **If you plan to attend the 50th Anniversary Celebration at Joseph Priestley House, please RSVP to Suellen Beck by email sb047@bucknell.edu or phone 570.577.3258 by Tuesday, Sept. 9th with the number of those attending. Dinner reservations can be made at the same time.**

Itinerary

1:00 - 2:30 PM

- The Priestley video in visitor center will be available in 'continuous loop' fashion
- 'Open house'-style tour of the Joseph Priestley House at your own pace - docents will be available in each room to greet & interpret
- Time for shopping in the gift shop - sorry, no credit cards
- Bradley Shoemaker prints of Joseph Priestley House available for sale (Friends of Joseph Priestley House fund raiser)

2:30 to 3:00 PM

- Refreshment/ 'mixer' time outside under the tent (refreshments & tent, tables, chairs to be provided by local section). A chance to catch up with colleagues and friends.
- Friends of Joseph Priestley House Program Committee will provide small 'Welcome' gift for attendees

3:00 to 4:00 PM

- Brief Welcome by Joseph Priestley House Administrator & Friends of Joseph Priestley House President
- Introduction/Greetings/Remarks by Section Officials

5:30 PM - Dinner reservations will be made for those wishing to attend at the Townside Garden Café, 271 Front St., Northumberland, PA. Dinner entrees will be from the menu.

History of the Local Section

The Susquehanna Valley Section (SVS) grew out of the need for a meeting venue that was more convenient to the members living east of the Central Pennsylvania Section at State College, particularly during the winter months when travel from Lewisburg, Bloomsburg and Williamsport could be treacherous. A petition signed by 65 members residing in what was to become the SVS was sent to the national office requesting that a new section be formed. The petition was approved in September of 1958 and the first officers were elected by a mail ballot in October of 1958. The first Section Meeting was held in November of the same year.

SVS has grown to encompass the universities and industries within the Scranton and Wilkes-Barre areas so that it now serves an area from Scranton to Selinsgrove and from Williamsport to Sunbury along the Susquehanna River. Our section includes such schools as Bloomsburg University, Bucknell University, King's College, Lycoming College, Marywood University, Misericordia University, Penn State Wilkes-Barre, Penn State Hazleton, Susquehanna University, University of Scranton, and Wilkes University.