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**Beatrix Potter English Tea to Grace the Doctor's Inn Saturday April 24th  
Readings of the beloved stories follow at Old Court House**

**Cape May Court House.** April 24th, Saturday, at both 12 and 2 p.m., will bring the return of the Bunny Hop Tea, created by Access to Art in 2007, featuring a lunch with children's ballads sung by Bart Singer, delicate English tea sandwiches and pastries, to be followed by a visit, in the Old Court House, with Beatrix Potter and her brother Bertram sharing the animal tales so beloved to little children.

Spring has sprung, the grass is green, the gardens full of flowers. The winter is gone. Access to Art is inviting you to pack up your imagination, dress in your newest Spring ensemble, try out your manners, bring your favorite youngster or two and come to the Doctor's Inn for a Beatrix Potter Bunny Hop Tea on Saturday, April 24th, complete with ballads, songs, a lovely young hostess, Maggie Strawley, and a delicious English tea. It will be followed with readings from Beatrix Potter's animal stories featuring such famous figures as Peter Rabbit. It's food for the imagination, and also the body. There will be two seatings at 12 p.m. and again at 2 p.m. Reservations are necessary since the Inn needs a head count for the food. Tickets are \$25. for adults, \$10. for children. Call Access to Art, Inc. at (609) 465-3963 for reservations. You may send checks to Access to Art, Inc., 417 E. Pacific Ave., Cape May Court House, N.J. 08210.

The Doctor's Inn, is a spacious Victorian, surrounded by elegant gardens, the home has been in the community since prior to the Civil War. It was home to Dr. John Wiley, a surgeon trained at Jefferson, who, interested in local politics, and a Union Army physician, brought the county vote in for Lincoln and established a Republican tradition in the county. Daniela Hand was his bride, whose father built both her home and also the Old Court House across the street. Daniela Hand was a descendant of Shamgar Hand one of the original whalers who populated the county in its infancy and on whose land grant the Doctor's Inn and the Court House are situated. The Doctor's Inn will swing open its doors and invite you for a proper tea. The old walls experienced many a social during the ownership of the Wiley's. Access to Art invites you to a new social there, the second Beatrix Potter Tea. "The first one we had was sold out. People loved it. We had a singer, at the lunch, and also the readings and a few little dancers from Dance Dynamics who entertained the children. It was a delightful day. The fundraiser will benefit the classical

music festival held in July/August and Sept. and also the first Cape May Renaissance Festival held in October. " said Barbara Beitel, Access to Art, Inc. Director.

On April 24th, bring your imagination, your sociability, your manners, and be prepared to be sung to, acted to, and fed at Access to Art's 2nd annual **Beatrix Potter Bunny Hop Tea** held at the pre-Civil War Victorian on the corner of Mechanic St. and North Main St. The Doctor's Inn, in Cape May Court House will play host to the festivities. Enjoy scones, pastries, tea sandwiches, delicious desserts, tea, lemonade and the company of fellow partiers. The event is this Saturday at 12 noon, and again at 2 p.m. and will feature equity actress Alison J. Murphy, from East Lynne Theatre Company, Jim Maher, who has performed regionally in over 40 performances for South Jersey Regional theatre. Both will regale the children and adults with tales of Peter Rabbit, Aunt Jemina Puddleduck, and others in Potter's famed children's stories that have endeared themselves to parents and children alike since their publishing.

Potter follows the tradition of Aesop's fables. Call (609) 465-3963 for reservations and for the 12 p.m. or 2 p.m. tea. Reservations, since the event is catered, are important.