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**Dinniman to Recognize Influential West Grove Citizens on Tuesday**

**WEST CHESTER (September 30)** – State Senator Andy Dinniman will hold a special event honoring two influential citizens who made important and lasting contribution to the West Grove community on Tuesday, October 4 at 7 p.m. at Avon Grove Library.

Dinniman memorialized the late Dick Hutton, a longtime horticulturist who bred roses for the Conrad-Pyle Company, and the late Joseph Pyle, a 19th Century businessman and builder known as “the Father of West Grove,” in two bookmarks that will be distributed to local schools, libraries, and community youth organizations.

Dinniman has invited members of the Hutton family to join in officially unveiling the full-color bookmarks at a special ceremony and reception on Tuesday. The event, which is free and open to the public, will also include a discussion on the history of West Grove and Pyle’s influence in building and shaping the town.

“It’s important that we know and remember our local history,” Dinniman, who serves on the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, said. “These are the very people who built the towns and shaped the communities we live in. We are recognizing the contributions of both Joseph Pyle as ‘the Father of West Grove’ and Dick Hutton as the father of so many roses and other plants.”

Pyle was a builder, businessman and community leader who led the effort to develop the economy and downtown center of West Grove in the mid to late 1800s.

Hutton was a horticultural leader who bred and named countless roses for the Conrad-Pyle nursery company during a career that spanned several decades.

Pyle and Hutton will now join the more than 40 other Chester County leaders and pioneers in the fields of art, social service, politics, business, education and labor whose work Dinniman has honored and highlighted in commemorative bookmarks.

The event will be in the Community Room at Avon Grove Library located at 117 Rosehill Ave in West Grove.

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