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Deadline for Historic Preservation Award Nominations Nears

Nominations for the annual awards for excellence in historic preservation are being accepted by the Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County through Friday, July 3, 2015.

"Each year the historic preservation awards program receives nominations from architects, contractors, businesses and home owners who would like to have excellence in historic preservation, on a specific project in Lancaster County, recognized publicly," said Lisa Horst, president of the board of directors for the Historic Preservation Trust. "The program not only honors projects and individuals, it educates and encourages historic preservation countywide."

The historic preservation award categories are:

- *Leadership* -- presented to individuals or organizations that have demonstrated the vision, wisdom and perseverance necessary to incorporate historic preservation into their long-range planning.
- *Sustainability* - presented to the owner of any historically significant structure that has demonstrated over a significant period time a commitment to historic preservation through exemplary maintenance practices.
- *Preservation* - presented to projects that comply fully with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties (<http://www.nps.gov/tps/standards/four-treatments/treatment-guidelines.pdf>) A copy of the approved U. S. Department of the Interior Part III application must be submitted with the nomination form.
- *Restoration/ Adaptive Re-use* -- presented to projects where the historical character of a structure is maintained through thoughtful and sensitive additions and/or restorations.
- *Community Revitalization* -- presented to projects that enhance a historic area and contribute to overall neighborhood improvement.
- *Master Craftsman* -- presented for the meritorious efforts to save a historic structure through master level building skills and knowledge.

Individual award nominations are open to recognize long-time supporters of the Preservation Trust (Inspiration Award) and volunteers (Haubert/Heisey Award). The Smedley Award, named for Lancaster educator and *Lancaster Intelligencer-Journal* reporter Frederick H. "Chip" Smedley III (1956-2013), is for to educator or journalist who has made special contributions to broadening the public's understanding of historic preservation in Lancaster County

Nomination forms are available at the Historic Preservation Trust, 123 North Prince Street in downtown Lancaster, 717-291-5861 or joepatterson@hptrust.org. Office hours are 9 am to 3 pm Monday through Thursday.

The 2015 Historic Preservation Trust Awards Banquet will be from 6 pm to 9pm on Tuesday, November 10, at the Lancaster Country Club. [Past award recipients](#) include homes, barns, bridges, mills and neighborhood revitalization initiatives as well as individuals who have established themselves as historic preservation leaders.

2015 Gourmet Gala - A Sold-Out Success

Morning and midday rain on Sunday, May 17, at The Farm at Eagles Ridge gave way to sunshine which set the tone and stage for a Gourmet Gala that was enjoyed by more than 400 attendees.



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Historic Preservation Trust Board President Lisa Horst said this is the second year in a row that the gala has been a sold-out success. "The gala is made possible each year by the generosity of the food and beverage providers and the event sponsors," she said, adding that volunteers actually run the event. In addition to Stuart and Cindy Herr, Betsy Herr and Paige Herr Flowers and John Flowers who own and operate The Farm at Eagles Ridge, Mrs. Horst thanked the Preservation Trust's Education and Communications Committee which plans and produces the gala -- Danielle Keperling (Historic Restorations), Valerie Moriarity (Berkshire Hathaway Home Services), Rachel Haynes (Tippetts Weaver Architects) and Susan Lovie (Lancaster City Visitors Center).

The food and beverage providers were: Annie Bailey's, Lombardo's, La Petite Patisserie, Railroad House Inn, The Scarlet Runner catering, Willow Valley Communities Culinary Services, Gypsy Kitchen, Rettew's Catering, Hess's Barbecue, Inn at Bully's Restaurant & Pub, Lickity Split, Gracie's on West Main, Federal Taphouse, The Horse Inn, Sugar Whipped Bakery, Seasons Olive & Vinegar Taproom, Breaking Bread Catering, Lancaster Hummus Company, Miesse Candies, Byers Butterflake Bakery, Dutch Haven Shoo Fly Pie Bakery and Grandma Jack's Gourmet Popcorn, Lancaster County Coffee Roasters, Twin Brook Winery, Stargazers Winery, Nissley Vineyards & Winery Estate, Saint Boniface Craft Brewing Company, Lancaster County Brewing Company, Moo-Duck Brewery, Yards Brewing and Zest!

The Gala sponsors were: media sponsor *Lancaster County Magazine* and lead sponsors Willow Valley Communities and PPL Corporation; lead supporting sponsors White Horse Construction, Shoppes at Belmont and Lancaster Solid Waste Management Authority; and supporting sponsors Bertz, Hess & Co., Conestoga View Nursing & Rehabilitation, Donegal Insurance Group, NxtBook Media, RLPS Architects, UGA Utilities, Wohlsen Construction and Janney, Montgomery, Scott. Other sponsors include Lusk & Associates - Sotheby's International Realty (Anne Lusk), Antiques by Nancy and Jim, Benchmark Construction, Berkshire Hathaway Home Services (Andy Esbenshade), Berkshire Hathaway Home Services (Connie Ginder), Berkshire Hathaway Home Services (Jeff LeFevre), Brookline Builders, Certified Carpet, D. H. Funk & Sons, Delta Development Group, Galebach's Floor Finishing, Hi-Tech Concrete Coatings & Soil Stabilization, Lancaster Ironworks, Richard Levengood Architects, LimeWorks.us, May Metzger and Zimmerman, Pennington Partners, Perron Construction, Preservation Works, Puffer Morris Realty, Pyfer, Reese Straub Gray & Farhat, Rhoads Energy, Rohrer's One Hour, RSC Heating & Air Conditioning, Select Security, Senior Tax Strategies, Tippetts/Weaver architects, Two Dude's Painting, Ville Painters and Wickersham Construction.

Campaign to Pay Stevens-Smith Debt Continues

CAMPAIGN LINK:

<http://www.gofundme.com/ThaddeusStevensHouseFund>

Goal: raise \$200,000 to pay final debt on facades of Thaddeus Stevens and Lydia Hamilton Smith houses

As many know, the Historic Preservation Trust led the initiative about a decade ago to save the facades of the Thaddeus Stevens and Lydia Hamilton Smith houses. Both are part of the Lancaster Convention Center and are attractive landmarks on Queen and Vine streets. The Thaddeus Stevens House is leased today from the Convention Center Authority by LancasterHistory.org which plans a museum in the building in the future.



Thaddeus Stevens House on Queen Street

While the Historic Preservation Trust is no longer involved with the Stevens-Smith project, it still owes \$200,000 to complete payment for project work that was approved by previous boards and staff. That is why the online fundraising campaign noted above was launched in April.

To be candid, the Preservation Trust must raise \$200,000 within the next year to make a final Steven-Smith project related payment to Fulton Bank. Not making that payment would put the organization in financial jeopardy.

Thank you for considering making a contribution to this special fund either online or to the Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County, 123 North Prince Street, Lancaster, PA 17603.

Historic Site Marker Plaques Prove Popular

The bronze historic site marker plaques offered by the Historic Preservation Trust have been favorably received with 50 plaques approved and installed on homes, barns, bridges, mills and other historic structures countywide:

Caernarvon Township

Historic Poole Forge - 1940 Main St., Narvon (1700s and 1800s)

Columbia Borough

653 Locust Street (c. 1876)

Mount Bethel Cemetery - 700 Locust St. (1730)

The Inn at Bully's Restaurant & Pub - 647 Union Street (1903)

Conestoga Township

581 Pequea Blvd. (c. 1750)



East Earl

1380 Sheep Hill (1848)

East Hempfield Township

Amos Herr House -1756 Nissley Rd., Landisville (1852)

East Lampeter Township

Nolt's Mill - 2459 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bird-in-Hand (1770)

Ephrata Borough

313 West Main St. (1886)

Smithton Inn - 900 West Main St. (1763)

Lancaster City

239 North Concord St. (1854)

416 North Duke St. (c. 1873-74)

113 South Duke St. (1890)

409 East King St. (c. 1916)

201 East Orange St. (1864)

322 North Prince St. (1902)

131 South Prince St. (c. 1870s)

Allegra Building - 419 North Queen St. (c. 1880)

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church - 407 Lafayette Street (1891)

Cityscape Lofts - 405 North Mulberry St.(1875)

Fulton Elementary School - 225 West Orange St. (1918)

Geten Building - 158-160 East King St. (c. 1915)

Lancaster City Hall - 120 North Duke St. (1892)

Lancaster Ironworks - 560 South Prince St. (1910-1916)

Lancaster Train Station - 53 East MCGovern Ave. (1929)

William Montgomery Mansion - 19-21 South Queen St. (1803-1804)

Saint James Episcopal Church - 103 North Duke St. (1820)

Scheid Funeral Home - 121 South Prince St. (c. 1890s)

Scheid Funeral Home - 131 South Prince St. (c. 1870s)

Steeple View Lofts - 118 North Water Street (1886)

Steinman Lofts - 30-32 West King St. (1832)

Steinman Lofts - 34-36 West King St. (1899)

Steinman Lofts - 38-40 West King St. (1868)

Woodward Hill Cemetery - 501 South Queen St. (1851)

Lancaster Township

1009 Buchanan Ave. (1914)

1222 Clark St. (c. 1909-10)

Manheim Borough

Birney Safety Car - P.O. Box 396 (1926)

Marietta Borough

Colonel Lowry House - 9 Old Colebrook Rd. (c. 1762-73)

Marietta Senior Apartments - 601 East Market St. (new construction)

Mount Joy Borough

Siegrist Bridge - Siegrist Rd., near 4193 Siegrist Rd. (1885)

Mountville Borough

Mountville Area Community Center - 120 College Ave. (1901)

New Holland Borough

111 West Main St. (1887)

431 Spring Hollow Dr. (c. 1770s)

Pequea Township

504 Second Look Rd. (1825)

The Farm at Eagles Ridge - 465 Long Lane (1820)

Providence Township

Providence Township Municipal Building - 200 Mt. Airy Rd., New Providence (c. 1880s)

Strasburg Borough

The Neff-Rowe House - 16 Miller St. (1848 - 1860)
812 North Old Rd. (c.1748)

West Lampeter Township

Harnish Farmhouse at Willow Valley Communities - 450 Willow Valley Lake Dr. (1858)
Mylin House - 450 Willow Valley Lakes Dr. (1787)

To qualify for the program, a structure must have been built during the World War II era or earlier and must be at least one of the following:

- the site of a significant local, state or national event.
- a site that can be identified with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the development of the county, state or nation.
- the work of a master builder, designer, or architect whose individual work has influenced the development of the county, state or nation.
- a building that is recognized for the quality of its architecture.
- an example of historic preservation excellence, including adaptive re-use

The cost for a plaque is \$190 (includes one year membership in the Historic Preservation Trust).

OPPORTUNITIES

- Volunteer to help with surveying historic properties countywide or interacting with public officials. This is the work of the **Preservation Action Committee** which meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 5 p. m. at 123 North Prince Street in downtown Lancaster. In addition to surveys, the PAC works with municipalities to ensure ordinances are written to protect historical properties and annually inspects the 25 properties countywide on which there are historic preservation easements.
- Reserve the beautiful **courtyard at 123 North Prince Street** for spring and summer functions. Already a popular spot for teas, it is an ideal setting for business or social gatherings. It opens onto the busy North Prince Street arts and dining corridor.
- Volunteer to help organize, promote and implement the annual Gourmet Gala in May, the annual preservation awards banquet in November and other special events. Education programs and events are the work of the **Education and Communication Committee** which meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m. at 123 North Prince Street in downtown Lancaster.

For information on any of the opportunities listed above, call 717-291-5861 or send an e-mail to joepatterson@hptrust.org.

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