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Make Preserve Our Past Contribution Through The Extra Ordinary Give on November 21

The Preserve Our Past annual fund-raising letter may have arrived at your home or office. Hope you took time to consider the request.

The Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County depends on community support to sustain our mission of encouraging and facilitating historic preservation throughout Lancaster County.

Board President Lisa Horst summarized the Preservation Trust's accomplishments over the past year at the 2014 Historic Preservation Awards Banquet/48th Annual Meeting of the Preservation Trust. See next story.



Thank you for considering the Historic Preservation Trust as you plan your 2015 budgets. An added benefit to the Preservation Trust is possible if you make your contribution through the communitywide giving initiative -- The Extra Ordinary Give. This Lancaster County Community Foundation program begins shortly after midnight on November 21 and continues for 24 hours, providing Lancaster County residents and others with ample time to support their favorite non-profit organizations. We hope the Historic Preservation Trust is one of yours. If you give during The Extra Ordinary Give, there is a chance the Preservation Trust will receive bonus funding from the Community Foundation. See <http://lanfound.org/extragive/> for more details.

2014 Preservation Awards Banquet Draws Record Attendance

Business, community and government leaders were among the 170 guests who enjoyed the 2014 Historic Preservation Awards Banquet on Tuesday, November 11, at the Lancaster Country Club. It was the largest attendance ever for the awards program.

Three individuals were recognized for their commitment and contributions to historic preservation in Lancaster County: **Dr. Paul Ripple** received the Inspiration Award for his many years of leadership and support for historic preservation. Architect **Gregg Scott** was presented with the Smedley Award for his work as a journalist and educator. **Judy Fry** received the Haubert/Heisey Award for her contributions as a volunteer.

LNP Media Group (formerly Lancaster Newspapers) received a 2014 C. Emlen Urban Award for Leadership for the company's vision and investment in revitalizing historic buildings in downtown Lancaster. LNP Vice Chairman, President and Publisher Bob Krasne accepted the award, thanking the Preservation Trust for energizing historic preservation in Lancaster County.



2014 Historic Preservation Award Recipients

Tony D'Alessandro with Strasburg Restoration & Preservation accepted the Preservation Award for the **Neff-Rowe House (c. 1848- c.1860)**. Eight Restoration /Adaptive Reuse Awards were presented: Kim Reynolds with the School District of Lancaster accepted on behalf of the **Fulton Elementary School (1918)**, Justin Nolt with the CCS Building Group for the **Harnish House at Willow Valley Communities (1858)**, Matt Metzler with the City of Lancaster for the **Lancaster City Hall (1892)**, Lauren Morrow for **Lancaster Ironworks (1910 & 1916)** developer Scott Graeber, Lancaster County Commissioner Dennis Stuckey for the **Lancaster Train Station (1929)**, High Companies CEO Nevin Cooley for the **William Montgomery Mansion (1803-1804)**, mill owners and artists John Stevens and Sarah Gilligan for **Nolt's Mill**

(1770), and Providence Township Board of Supervisors Chair Greg Collins for the **Providence Township Municipal Building (c. 1880s)**. Perron Construction Owner and CEO J. P. Perron accepted the Master Craftsman Award for **The Booking House (1884)**. Two Community Revitalization Awards were presented: Steve Funk with LeFevre Funk Architects accepted for the **Steeple View Lofts (1886)**, and Steinman Foundation President Shane Zimmerman accepted for the **Steinman Lofts (1832, c. 1899 and 1868)**.

In her progress report on the Historic Preservation Trust, Board President Lisa Horst told the audience 2014 has been a year of accomplishments:

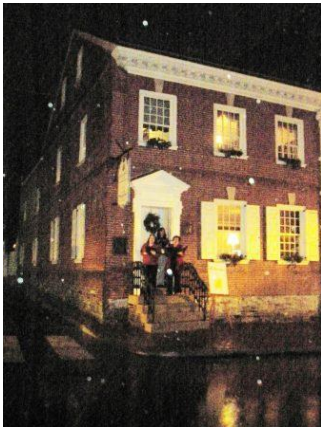
- We continued our efforts to build relationships with township, borough, city and county officials. Since beginning our outreach efforts last year, we have made presentations to 50 of the 60 municipalities in the county. This is an important on-going effort. Collaboration is our goal and the key to our future success because elected officials often determine whether a historic structure stands or is demolished.
- Our ambitious initiative to update information on thousands of homes, barns, bridges, mills and other historically significant structures throughout Lancaster County remains a priority. Led by Preservation Action Committee Chair Shirlie O'Leary, this group of dedicated volunteers has spent countless hours in the field checking addresses and the condition of structures.
- The historic marker plaque program that was introduced last year has been gaining in popularity. Not only does this program recognize historic structures and raises historic preservation awareness countywide, it also gathers information and photos for the Preservation Trust's archives - the most extensive descriptive files on historic structures in Lancaster County.
- The first phase of our three-phase program to digitize the Preservation Trust archives was launched in April. To date, there have been more than 1,300 visitors to the Our Present Past web site and more than 97,000 page views. What used to take hours to research can now be done with the click of a mouse. We are now working on digitizing hundreds of file folders. Our Present Past is sort of the Cliff Notes version of those. Funding from the Steinman Foundation and the Lancaster County Community Foundation are making this possible.
- Significant work has been done this year on the Preservation Trust Headquarters - the Sehner-Ellicott-von Hess House - thanks to the efforts of House Committee Chair and Preservation Trust Vice President Dana Clark. The exterior has a new coat of paint, the roof has been repaired and the fence along Prince Street has been replaced and painted.



Board President Lisa Horst delivered Preservation Trust progress report.

- In our ongoing efforts to leverage Preservation Trust assets, we are working with Donna Lussier, chef at La Petite Patisserie, to host teas at the Preservation Trust Headquarters. These are proving to be popular, with sellouts for monthly teas through the end of the year. Proceeds from each tea benefit the Trust. Likewise, our lease of the first and second floors of the headquarters to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for state offices is giving the Preservation Trust cash flow to keep our doors open.
- The 2014 Gourmet Gala that was held on May 18 at the Mylin House at Willow Valley Communities was a sold-out success. The 2015 Gourmet Gala will be on May 17 at the Farm at Eagles Ridge. Buy your tickets early. Both the Mylin House and the Farm at Eagles Ridge are past historic preservation award recipients.
- The Historic Lancaster Walk & Talk Tour that was held in partnership with Moxie House was well attended (more than 400 tickets sold), and the reviews have been off-the-chart positive. The tour focused on commercial and industrial sites that have been restored. Adaptive re-use was the theme. Copies of the tour guide and map are available for sale - \$10 per packet at the Preservation Trust Headquarters.
- Speaking of business and industry, we have been gratified with the support that the Preservation Trust is receiving from area businesses. Two years ago, we had maybe a dozen business supporters. That number has more than tripled, almost quadrupled. One reason for this is our outreach. The Preservation Trust does not want to be known as obstructionists. Instead, we want architects, builders, developers and others to come to us to discuss saving historic properties and making them signature features through adaptive re-use. The Preservation Trust is currently advising five businesses on how to best save historic buildings.

Holiday Events Planned at Preservation Trust Headquarters



Decorated for the holidays.

The Preservation Trust Headquarters at 123 North Prince Street in downtown Lancaster will be decorated for First Friday on December 5 when the Preservation Trust will host a holiday open house. The following weekend -- Saturday, December 13, and Sunday, December 14 -- there will be two Holiday High Teas.

Chef Donna Lussier, owner of La Petite Patisserie, said interest in teas at the Preservation Trust has been so strong that she is planning additional teas to accommodate the demand. She is looking for a few volunteers for each tea to help with serving. An appreciation tea will be held those who volunteer.



Chef Donna Lussier

Chef Lussier said to check petitedessert.com or call her at 717-424-1631 for information about tea times, menus, seatings, pricing and reservations.

Opportunities

- Mark your historic house, barn, bridge, store or other structure with a **historic preservation site marker plaque**. In addition to designating a historic structure, the plaques program encourages historic preservation and gathers information on historic properties for the Preservation Trust's extensive archives -- the largest descriptive archives on historic properties in Lancaster County.
- 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.



- Rent the beautiful **courtyard at 123 North Prince Street** for special 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 2015 Gourmet Gala on May 17, 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.
- **Join.** The Preservation Trust depends upon memberships to sustain its mission of encouraging and facilitating historic preservation throughout Lancaster County: see [Membership](#). Business members receive recognition for their support online: see [Resource Directory for businesses](#).

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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