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# Forum for Municipal Officials Hosted by Historic Preservation Trust

Municipal officials from throughout Lancaster County will come together on Thursday, September 19, 2013, to discuss historic preservation. The forum is hosted by the Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County.

"Since February, the Preservation Trust has been making presentations to townships and boroughs to build upon established relationships," said Lisa Horst, president of the Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County. "We have presented to officials from 43 of the county's 60 municipalities, and a common question has been 'What are others doing to identify and protect historic structures?'"

The forum will be an opportunity for elected and appointed officials to exchange ideas about historic preservation and to hear from experts in the field. Two of the forum leaders will be Ron Anzalone, director of the Office of Historic Preservation Initiatives, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, in Washington, D.C., and Carole Wilson Stauffer, former historic preservation specialist with the Lancaster County Planning Commission.

"Through our exchanges with municipal officials, we have gained an even greater appreciation for the fact that each township and borough approaches historic preservation differently," Horst explained. "We also have learned that there is a general respect for preservation and a desire to save historic structures when appropriate, realizing that some cannot be saved but others should be through community involvement and decisions made by elected officials."

The forum will be from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lancaster Country Club, 466 New Holland Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601. The cost is \$25 per elected or appointed official or township or borough staff.

#### Outreach Program Receives Favorable Reviews

From March through early September, Historic Preservation Trust representatives have made presentations to officials of 43 of the county's 60 municipalities as well as to area history and civic organizations.



Preservation Action Committee member Cindy McVey (standing) explains survey procedures to Leacock Historical Society

Audiences have appreciated learning about the Preservation Trust's beginnings, what we do and how volunteers can become involved. These presentations also have explained the countywide survey of historic properties that is on-going by Preservation Action Committee members.

Townships, boroughs, civic groups and history organizations that would like to schedule a presentation should contact joepatterson@hptrust.org.

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

#### Tuesday, September 10, 8 am Central Pennsylvania Preservation Society (CPPS) Program - History of Wallpaper

Vice President of Design at York Wallcoverings, Ron Redding, will offer a presentation that traces the birth of the use of wallpaper as a decorative covering inside residences starting in Europe and Colonial America. Redding will review the techniques of wallpaper printing and hand production from its early stages to the industrial revolution in the 19th Century, as well as the evolution of the uses of wallpaper, the design concepts, and how the application of wallpapers gained widespread acceptance. Location: Cork

# 1762 Spring House in Witmer Saved and Relocated

Life Awakening, a nonprofit in Witmer, was uncertain about what to do with the log springhouse (1762) on its property. Rather than have it taken down, nonprofit administrators contacted the Historic Preservation Trust. Working with local media to publicize that the one-room building would be given to any one willing to move it, the nonprofit was successful in finding a new owner.

"This favorable outcome illustrates how the Preservation Trust likes to bring people with resources together to save historic structures," said Shirlie O'Leary, chair of the Preservation

Trust's Preservation Action Committee. "All too often, some see historic structures as obstacles rather than opportunities. The springhouse was dismantled, moved to a new location



and has been give new life with re-adaptive use."

O'Leary said similar successful re-locations include the Reiber House (1772) in Manor Township and the Harnish House (1858) in the Willow Valley Retirement Community.

springhouse dismantled by Denlinger Fisher Builders of Paradise

Even when a historic structure is beyond being saved, the Preservation Trust welcomes an opportunity to document the structure for its

archives. Pictures will be taken and documents gathered so information on the structure can be added to the Preservation Trust's library of more than 10,000 historic properties.

# **Funds Sought for Digitizing Archives**

Archives documenting more than 10,000 historic properties in Lancaster County are vulnerable to natural and other disasters because they exist only on paper. To protect them and make use easier, the Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County is seeking funds to digitize and computerize documents that have been compiled by the Preservation Trust for the past 47 years. Properties documented date back to the 1700's.

"Digitizing begins with scanning material in some 300 notebooks and 50 file cabinets plus maps and architectural drawings. These documents only exist at the Historic Preservation Trust, and they are valuable links to our community's past," said Lisa Horst, president of the Historic Preservation Trust. "Global digitizing firm Nxtbook Media (www.nxtbookmedia.com), with its headquarters in Lancaster, will be doing the work in several phases."

"We're thrilled to be working with the Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County on this vital project," says Nxtbook Chief Inspiration Officer Michael Biggerstaff. "Digitizing historic documents opens up the possibility of discovery to anyone with access to a computer or smartphone, and allows for future linking of assets with related information. This is a best-case scenario of using the technology of today to build upon the history of yesterday."

Cost \$10 for members of CPPS or the Historic Preservation Trust; \$15 for non-members. Please register with Danielle Keperling at the Central Pennsylvania Preservation Society at 717-291-4688.

#### Saturday, October 5, Philadelphia Motor Coach Tour, all day

Exclusive tour of Independence Hall, including areas not open to general public. Other tour stops are Christ Church, City Tavern for lunch, Elfreth'e Alley, The Betsy Ross House. Total walking distance - 1.5 miles. Cost \$150 for members of CPPS or the Historic Preservation Trust; \$165 for non-members. Please register with Danielle Keperling at the Central Pennsylvania Preservation Society at 717-291-4688.

#### Saturday, October 12, noon to 4 pm Bowmansville Roller Mill demonstration

Step back in time and see how a water-powered mill can still grind corn and cut lumber. The grist/roller mill was built in 1850, and is a 3 1/2story, rectangular brownstone building measuring 45 feet by 50 feet, 5 inches. The property includes a two-story, brownstone and frame sawmill, and a headrace and tailrace. The mills closed about 1945. Location: Bowmansville Roller Mill at the junction of PA 625 and Von Nieda St. in Bowmansville. Contact Connie Eckert at <u>ceckert@hptrust.org</u>

# SAVE THE DATE

Historic Preservation Trust Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet

> Tuesday, November 19 5:30 pm



The first phase involves digitizing "Our Present Past" -- the compilation of information on homes, barns, bridges, mills and other historic structures based on countywide surveys conducted in the 1970's and 1980's. Once this is completed, Nxtbook Media will create a program so other archival documents can be scanned by volunteers. The final phase will be compiling and collating all scanned materials and making them searchable via www.hptrust.org

"Total cost for this initiative will be between \$32,000 and \$42,000, and this includes on-going survey expenses incurred for travel and supplies," Horst said. "Grants of \$5,000 each from the John Frederick Steinman Foundation and the James Hale Steinman Foundation will get us started with Phase I and Phase II. The board of directors of the Preservation Trust appreciates the leadership of the Steinman foundations in recognizing the importance of this project."

Others interested in helping to support this initiative should contact the Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County at 717-291-5861 or joepatterson@hptrust.org.

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#### About the Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County

Founded in 1966 to "stem the rapid destruction of historic properties in Lancaster County, the Historic Preservation Trust's mission is to encourage and facilitate the protection and preservation of historic structures countywide.



Preservation Trust Headquarters

The trust has been directly involved in preserving important Lancaster

County landmarks and has provided advice, assistance and guidance in the protection of others.

The Preservation Trust is a member-supported, 501(c)3 non-profit organization located in the historic Sehner-Ellicott-von Hess House (1787) at 123 North Prince Street in downtown Lancaster.

## **Special THANK YOU for business support**

The Lancaster business community helps us sustain our operations. We appreciate businesses that have supported the Preservation Trust so far in 2013:

(\*denotes business member)

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# **OPPORTUNITIES:**

# Rent Courtyard at 123 North Prince St.

The courtyard at 123 North Prince Street is one of the few downtown garden spaces available for business and social functions. Located on busy Prince Street next to the historic Sehner-Ellicott-von Hess House (1787), the courtyard is the perfect place for a reception, marketing event or an outdoor business or social gathering.

#### Apply for a Historic Site Marker/Plaque

Historic site marker plaques are now available. Applications may be obtained as 123 North Prince Street (9 am-3 pm Mondays through Thursdays). or online in our latest news section.



Once an application is approved the bronze plaque, made by the Zimmerman Foundry in Columbia, may be purchased for \$190 and this includes a one-year individual membership to the Historic Preservation Trust.

To qualify for a plaque, a structure must have been built during the World War II era and must reflect some historical or architectural significance. In addition to encouraging historic preservation, the plaque applications will provide the Preservation Trust with information for its archives.

#### Post Your Business on www.hptrust.org

Post your business on the Historic Preservation Resource Directory for quick access by those looking for professionals who can assist with preservation/restoration projects. Or, just post to show your support for historic preservation in Lancaster County.

See <a href="http://hptrust.org/resources/">http://hptrust.org/resources/</a>

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#### Volunteer

Help with the survey of historic properties countywide, maintenance of the historic Sehner-Ellicott-von Hess House, planning events or digitizing our extensive archives. To learn more see <u>online volunteer information</u>

#### Get involved. Keep Historic Lancaster County.... Historic

- survey properties to document that they are historically significant (Preservation Action Committee, meets at 5:30 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month)
- work with municipalities to ensure ordinances are written to protect historical properties (Preservation Action Committee)
- collaborate with property owners, developers and others to protect historical properties (Preservation Action Committee)
- maintain our headquarters building at 123 North Prince St. – the Sehner-Ellicott-von Hess House (circa 1787) (House Committee, meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at noon)
- plan special events such as the annual Gourmet Gala, the every-other-year Architectural History Tour, mill demonstrations and our annual meeting (Education & Communications Committee, meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 5 pm)
- help organize and maintain our archives of 10,000 plus properties and assist the company that will be digitizing our records (Library & Technology Committee, no set meeting time yet)