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WELCOME BACK



**This is an Extended 1st Edition that includes our recently released “ Watch List.”
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2017 GOURMET GALA

Over \$34,000 raised! 28 Vendors! 250 guests! 1 Amazing Restoration!

"Such an amazing event! Loved the venue, the vendors, people, and FOOD! I will be back next year."

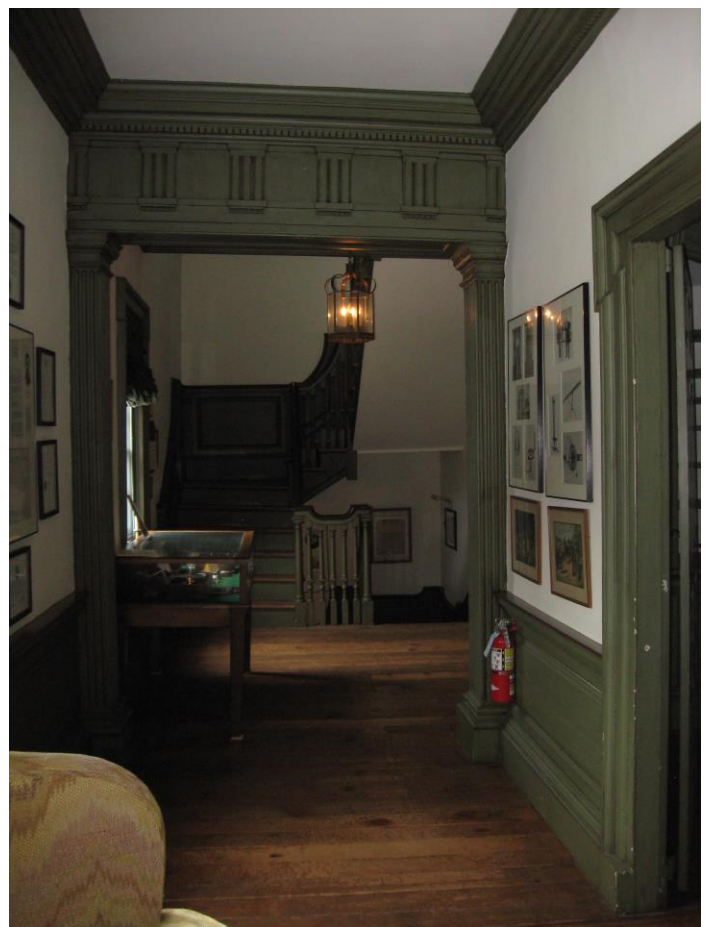
Thank you all for attending and supporting the 2017 GOURMET GALA at the recently restored EXCELSIOR! It was an amazing Sunday afternoon spent with the best food and drinks in Lancaster, and our wonderful community members. We could not have asked for a better day! We raised over \$34,000. We cannot wait to see you again!

Here are some snip-its from the GALA below!



OUR HOUSE NOW

123 North Prince Street





2017 WATCH LIST

Publish in the Home & Garden section on LNP on June 8, 2017

Some sites tied to Lancaster County's history restored and treasured. Other notable properties are consigned to oblivion by lack of funds and public attention, or by simple neglect. The **Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County** has released its list of the area's 10 most-threatened historic properties. This year's Watch List includes echoes of the county's farming, transportation, business and residential legacies

Some properties have been included on the list in previous years—not surprisingly, says Shirle O'Leary, a former member of the Preservation Trust board and former chair of its Preservation Action Committee, or PAC.

2016: What are Lancaster County's 10 most threatened historic properties?

"We always recheck the previous year's list to see what's going on," says O'Leary, who headed up the PAC when it compiled this year's list. "But if nobody steps up, if a site is not embraced, it's still threatened."

The John Henry Lutz House



The John Henry Lutz house, built around 1900 at 645 Donegal Springs Road, Mount Joy, was recently demolished. In dire need of stabilization, it was one of two properties new to the list this year. The house, new to the Watch List this year, was dismantled within a few weeks, just before the list was released publicly. A permit for the action had been granted by the borough last November, according to borough manager Samuel Sulkosky.

Where possible, structural elements such as bricks and columns have been salvaged for repurposing, he said. Mount Joy Borough officials had not been notified that the Lutz House was being considered for inclusion on this year's Preservation Trust Watch List, Sulkosky added.

John Henry Lutz had a welding shop at the north end of the property, which is occupied by an excavating company. The circa-1900, four-bay, common-bond brick home had one-over-one windows with flat wood lintels; an expansive porch with wood railing wrapping around two sides; and a later addition.

"The building is in dire need of stabilization and historically appropriate repair to save a segment of the borough's history," read the Trust report prepared earlier this year before the home was taken down.

William Patton House



New to the Watch List this year is the 1864 William Patton House at 31 S. 2nd St., Columbia. An 1864 Gothic Italianate brick building, the 2 1/2-story home has an elaborate portico; an Italianate pair-bracketed raking cornice; and a bold decoration within a rectangular transom and sidelights. The building, formerly adapted for use as a convalescent home, has signs of obvious neglect.

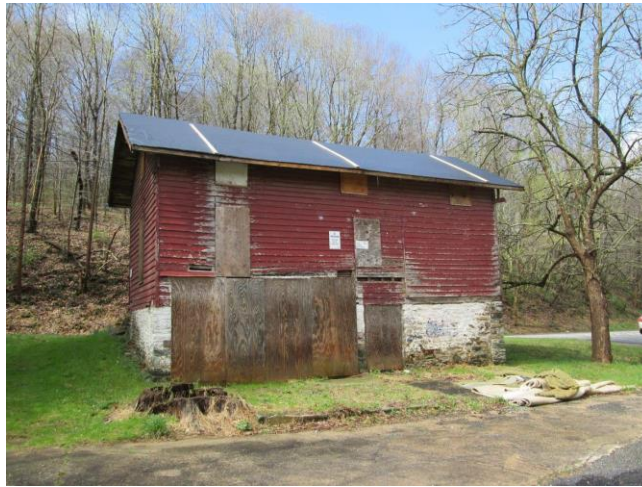
Circle Creek Farmhouse/Guy's Distillery



Circle Creek Farmhouse/Guy's Distillery, at 1467 Long Lane, East Donegal, was converted into a farmhouse in 1834 by Christian Haldeman.

Part of the Chickies Creek Day Use Area, the former distillery was converted by Christian Haldeman into a farmhouse in 1834. It's located in the Chickies Historic District and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2005. Owned by East Donegal Township, it has been unoccupied since 1988.

Dorsey Station



Dorsey Station, in Fulton Township, is the last surviving station that was part of the narrow-gauge Peach Bottom Railway.

LNP FILE PHOTO

Built for the Peach Bottom Railway, it is the last of the original stations along the 28 miles of narrow-gauge track linking Dorsey and Oxford. The last train left Dorsey Station in 1919 after 41 years in service. Friends of Dorsey Station anticipate relocation in lieu of demolition.

Herr's Mill Covered Bridge



Herr's Mill Covered Bridge, at 101 S. Ronks Road, Paradise, is in urgent need of repair. A 178-foot, double-span, double-arched covered bridge over the Pequea Creek, it was listed in 1980 on the National Register of Historic Places and is in urgent need of repair.

Hoover-Eby Barn



The c. 1860 Hoover-Eby Barn would be eligible for submission to the National Register. The bank barn with its date stone would be eligible for the National Register and “is a character-defining element of the Lititz Pike streetscape,” the Trust says. It has both historical and architectural significance.

Pitney Road property



The property at 151 Pitney Road in East Lampeter includes a 19th-century brick house and two barns. The 19th-century brick farmhouse has arch-top windows, decorative four-panel front door, and boarded-over windows.

A stone-foundation frame barn and small tobacco barn also stand on the property.

Stehli Silk Mill



The Stehli Silk Mill was constructed along a sprawling, 12-acre plot of land along Martha Avenue in Manheim Township in 1897. Purchased by a York developer in 2008, the property is still mostly empty.

(Aerial photo KEITH SCHWEIGERT | LNP file photo0

The Stehli Silks Corp., of Switzerland, began manufacturing silk merchandise here in 1898. The main building, at 900 feet in length, is believed to be the longest structure for its purpose in the United States. The business closed in 1954; RCA then bought the building to use for color television tube manufacturing and storage before selling it to a warehousing firm in 1973. A York-based developer bought the site in 2008 and, as of a year ago, investors were being sought.

Stehman-Rohrer house



The 1833 Stehman-Rohrer House, 2772 Charlestown Road, Manor Township, is a unique modified Georgian stone home.

A modified Georgian stone house with a front porch distinguished by dentils, serrated friezes and polygonal posts, the building is “in a state of dire neglect,” the Trust reports. There also is a barn and additional acreage, and a creek runs through the property.

Swan Tavern Carriage House



Swan Tavern's carriage house, at the corner of East Vine and Christian streets, is one of the oldest stables still in existence in Lancaster city.

BLAINE SHAHAN | LNP file photo

East of the Swan Hotel, the two-story brick stable with carriage house is one of the oldest surviving stables in the city and had a platform lift for carriages. The Trust says the structure is “highly threatened,” with a collapsed roof, one wall already demolished by a tree growing within it, and another damaged by ivy growth. It is eligible for the National Register.

Compiling the list

Members of the Trust's PAC, as well as other Trust board members, spend several months each year combing through suggestions, O'Leary says. The PAC then has responsibility for whittling down the list to 10 properties.

It's not an easy task, she says. “Lancaster County, being what it is, with so much history and so many older buildings — more often than not, the (initial) list can be huge.”

The Watch List was developed, according to a Trust statement, because “we need to recognize that our local governments do not have adequate standards to provide appropriate protection to these (significant historical resources). This dilemma requires an objective review.”

Part of the challenge, the Trust statement says, is that buildings exist far longer than the original owner's lifetime, so “ownership in reality is temporary ... (and is) coupled with the responsibility and opportunity to leave a legacy for generations to come.”

The good news!

There's also some good news about two properties that appeared on 2016 Watch List:

The Eagle Tavern



This 1815 Federal-style stone building is undergoing renovation.
Where: The Eagle Tavern, 901 Village Road, West Lampeter Township.

The James Anderson House



Where: The James Anderson House, North Waterford Avenue and River Road, Marietta.

The building has undergone renovation and acquired an addition .

2017 Historic Preservation C. Emlen Urban Award Nominations Being Accepted Now

Check out our website to find information and applications for the 2017 C. Emlen Urban Awards!

The deadline is quickly approaching!

Each year we look to find and honor those outstanding preserved sites and buildings.

Our dinner will be held November 9th at Lancaster County Club! All members are invited to attend.
Tickets available in the coming months

Nomination forms are available at the Historic Preservation Trust, 123 North Prince Street in downtown Lancaster, on our website www.hptrust.org or by emailing director@hptrust.org.

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