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Historic Preservation Celebrated at Banquet

Historic preservation took center stage Tuesday, November 19, when special recognitions were presented to the Lancaster Newspapers, reporter and columnist Jack Brubaker and Historic Preservation of Lancaster County volunteers.

The Lancaster Newspapers and Jack Brubaker were recognized for journalistic excellence in covering historic preservation throughout Lancaster County. Lancaster Newspapers Executive Editor Barbara Hough Roda accepted the award for Lancaster Newspapers.

"Jack your three-part series on historic preservation in March was welcomed, well received and worthy of our praise. The series coincided with our outreach to municipalities and others, and it continues to help us communicate the importance of historic preservation countywide," said Lisa Horst, president of the Historic Preservation Trust Board of Directors. "On behalf of the Historic Preservation Trust and all who believe in protecting Lancaster's architectural heritage, thank you for the series and for your ongoing work as The Scribbler."



Jack Brubaker

Horst went on to thank Lancaster Newspapers for its on-going coverage of historic preservation and for supporting the outstanding reporting of Brubaker and fellow journalist Chip Smedley, who was remembered for his investigative reporting as the Lancaster Intelligencer "Watchdog" columnist and as an advocate for historic preservation in Lancaster County. Smedley passed on November 1, 2013.



Chip Smedley

Volunteer of the Year recognitions went to Danielle Keperling and Cindy McVey - Keperling for her work on special events and McVey for her work on architectural survey updates.

Preserve Our Past Annual Fund Drive Kicked Off at Annual Meeting

In her report to the membership at the annual meeting on November 19, Historic Preservation Trust President Lisa Horst told an impressive audience of 170 that 2013 has been a year of progress for the Historic Preservation Trust as we have:

- made presentations to officials from 49 of the counties 60 municipalities, seeking closer working relationships so more historic structures can be identified early and then, if threatened, saved
- completed the pilot survey to update information on thousands of homes, barns, bridges, mills and other historically significant structures throughout Lancaster County
- reintroduced historic marker plaque program to recognize historic structures and to gather information and photos for the Preservation Trust's extensive archives
- began three-phase process to digitize and computerize Preservation Trust paper record archives of more than 10,000 historically significant properties. (The John Frederick Steinman Foundation and the James Hale Steinman Foundation have provided funding for Phase I and Phase II of this important initiative.) We also are being awarded a grant from the Lancaster County Community Foundation.
- helped with the evaluation and preservation of numerous structures, including the relocation of a log spring house (1762) that was in Witmer

Keperling, as a member of the Preservation Trust Communications and Education Committee, has volunteered to ensure the success of the Gourmet Gala, architectural history tours and Preservation Trust education programs. Having worked in the construction industry since 2001, Keperling is the chief operating officer of Historic Restorations, a historic preservation and restoration company specializing in the restoration of 18th and 19th century buildings. She graduated from Eastern University with a MBA in management, and she is a founder of the Central Pennsylvania Preservation Society which works on joint education programs with



Danielle Keperling

the Historic Preservation Trust. Keperling and her father Chuck Groshong co-authored a recently released book on historic preservation - Preservation Primer, Volume 1: Avoid Common Mistakes that Cause Irreversible & Costly Damage to Your Historical Building's Architectural Integrity.

A member of the Preservation Trust's Preservation Action Committee, McVey has been active in organizing surveys that will eventually update information on historical properties across Lancaster County. The Preservation Trust has more than 10,000 properties documented in its archives. McVey holds bachelor of science degrees in music education and music therapy from Elizabethtown College and a M.Ed in elementary education from The College Of New Jersey. As a professional violinist, she has performed with the Lancaster Symphony, York Symphony and Schuylkill Symphony Orchestras and currently performs with the Hershey Symphony Orchestra. She also is a boating safety instructor for the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. McVey is the owner and operator of Happy Mare Equine Sports Massage Therapy where she specializes in the treatment of the thoroughbred race horse. In 2007 she had the distinction of treating and traveling with Triple Crown Contender, Hard Spun.



Cindy McVey.

Properties receiving historic preservation awards were:

The C. Emlen Urban Preservation Leadership Award... presented to organizations that have demonstrated the vision and wisdom to incorporate historic preservation in their long-range planning
Historic Poole Forge (1700s and 1800s) (Caernarvon Township)
Willow Valley Communities and the Mylin House (1787) (West Lampeter Township)

The C. Emlen Urban Preservation Award... presented to projects where the historical character of a structure is maintained through the preservation of its historic appearance and materials

The Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home (c. 1890s) (Lancaster City)
The Farm at Eagles Ridge (1820) (Pequea Township)
The Geten/Lepore/Mast Building (c. 1915) (Lancaster City)

The C. Emlen Urban Philanthropic Award... presented for a project that enhances a historical site and promotes historic preservation

Woodward Hill Cemetery (1851) (Lancaster City)

This was background for the launch of the 2013-2014 Preserve Our Past Campaign -- the organization's annual fundraising campaign. Preserve Our Past funds help us sustain our operations as we bring organizations and individuals together to identify and protect homes, barns, bridges, mills and other structures that are historically significant countywide. More information is available on the [support section](#) of our website.

The Extra Ordinary Give on Friday, November 22, is an incentive for donors because giving through the Extraordinary Give Program (www.extragive.org) can result in matching dollars for the Preservation Trust.

The annual meeting audience also was reminded that volunteer time and talents always are welcomed. We have a variety of committees that do worthwhile work. If interested, please contact us by phone, e-mail (joepatterson@hptrust.org) or via our [volunteer website](#).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Friday, December 6
5:30 pm to 9 pm
First Friday Open House at 123 North Prince Street

The Shener-Ellicott-von Hess House will be decorated for the holidays. Come by, enjoy the season and see where Andrew Ellicott taught Meriwether Lewis navigation skills prior to the Lewis & Clark Expedition (1804-1806).

Apply for a Historic Site Marker/Plaque

Plaque applications may be obtained as 123 North Prince Street (9 am-3 pm Mondays through Thursdays).or online in our [historic marker plaque 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 Preservation Trust.

Community Revitalization Award...presented to projects that enhance a historic area and contribute to overall neighborhood improvement

Cityscape Lofts (1875) (Lancaster City)
Marietta Senior Apartments (Marietta Borough)

Master Craftsman... presented for the meritorious efforts to save a historic structure through master level building skills and knowledge

The Siegrist Covered Bridge (1885)(Mount Joy Borough)

New Construction... presented for work that, while new, enhances the appeal and usefulness of a building that is historically significant

The Allegra Building (c. 1880) (Lancaster City)
Col. Alexander Lowrey House (c. 1762-1763) (Marietta Borough)
Saint James Episcopal Church (1820) (Lancaster City)

On our website (www.hptrust.org), see photos in the [photo gallery](#) and more detail in the [newsroom section](#).



Homeowner Mimi Shapiro (left) and Preservation Trust President Lisa Horst hold in place the first historic marker plaque to be installed in the Preservation Trust's new plaque program.

To qualify for a plaque, a structure must have been built during the World War II era or earlier 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.

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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 <http://hptrust.org/resources/>

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.