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Online Fundraising Campaign Launched for Stevens-Smith Related Debt. Goal \$200,000

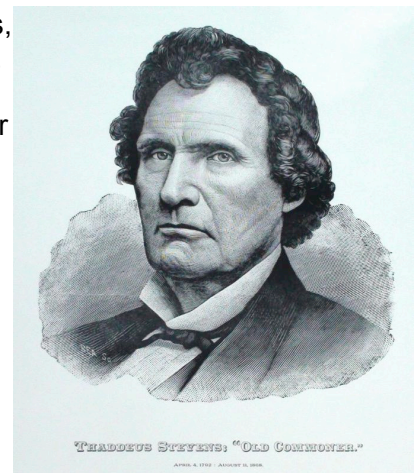
CAMPAIGN LINK:

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

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

Thaddeus Stevens' stature as a statesman and champion for all races, the common person and public education give us pride in the fact that the "Old Commoner" made Lancaster his home, beginning in 1842. He was buried in 1868 in the Shreiner-Concord Cemetery at the corner of West Chestnut and North Mulberry streets.

The façade of his house and the façade of the nearby house of his housekeeper, Lydia Hamilton Smith, stand today at the corner of Queen and Vine streets as testaments to his belief that all people should be treated fairly and equally. His staunch position on equality influenced legislation that became the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States: *"All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."* (Section One)





*Historic home of
Thaddeus Stevens on Queen
Street*

Almost a decade ago, the Stevens and Smith houses were not attractions in which Lancasterians could take pride. They were in disrepair. There was even talk of demolishing them as part of the convention center project. Wisdom prevailed, however, and the façades were saved by the Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County with support from city, state and federal governments, Lancaster History.org, foundations and community and history-minded citizens.

Saving and basically reconstructing the facades, especially the Stevens house, became a multi-million dollar effort. When a cistern was found on the site, it required excavation. That, among other factors, led to the project costing more than expected.

The good news is the two facades stand proudly today as landmarks to history and the man who made history.

The bad news is, while we celebrate Thaddeus Stevens' life and his connection to Lancaster, the Stevens and Smith houses remain a source of debt for the Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County. Had all pledges been paid, a debt of \$200,000 to Fulton Bank probably would not exist today. But, it does. Our hope is the community will come together and help free the Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County from the financial challenge associated with its earlier involvement with saving the Thaddeus Stevens and Lydia Hamilton Smith houses.

Contact the Historic Preservation Trust at 123 North Prince Street, Lancaster, PA 17603 (joepatterson@hptrust.org or 717-291-5861) to learn about ways you can help or visit <http://www.gofundme.com/ThaddeusStevensHouseFund>

Note: Since 2011 the Stevens & Smith Project has been in the hands of, and maintained by, LancasterHistory.org with its commitment to embark on a capital campaign in 2020 to complete the project. The recently launched Historic Preservation Trust fundraising campaign at <http://www.gofundme.com/ThaddeusStevensHouseFund> is not related to the current status of the Stevens-Smith project.

2015 Gourmet Gala Tickets Selling Out

The 2015 Gourmet Gala at The Farm at Eagles Ridge on Sunday, May 17, is selling out.

Event organizers report that about two-thirds of the 330 tickets allotted for the event have been sold. "This is due the popularity of the venue, our exceptional line up of food and beverage providers and the fact that last year's gala was a sell out," said Lisa Horst, president of the Historic Preservation Trust Board of Directors. "Of course, we would like to accommodate all who would like to attend, but we do have constraints based on the venue capacity and the number of people that the food and beverage providers expect to serve."



The Farm at Eagles Ridge (c. 1820s)

Thirty of the area's [best restaurants, caterers, bakeries, personal chefs, wineries, breweries and coffee companies](#) will be serving their specialties: 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, Toadally Caribbean, Federal Taphouse, The Horse Inn, Sugar Whipped Bakery, Seasons Olive & Vinegar Taproom, Breaking Bread Catering, Pierre DeRagon (Personal Chef), Lancaster Hummus Company, Miesse Candies, Byers Butterflake Bakery, Dutch Haven Shoo Fly Pie Bakery and Grandma Jack's Gourmet Popocorn, 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 and Yards Brewing. Zest! will give cooking demonstrations. Music for the event will be provided by Temple Avenue.

Mrs. Horst thanked as Gala sponsors: 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, Penningdon 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.

Ticket information:

_____ tickets at \$85 a piece (non-member price)
_____ tickets at \$75 a piece (member price)
_____ block(s) of tickets at \$650 per block of 10 tickets

name _____

address _____

e-mail _____

phone _____

Payment Options

_____ Check enclosed. (Payable to Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County)

_____ Charge my Card ____ Visa ____ MasterCard ____ Discover

Credit Card # _____

Expiration ____ / ____ cvv ____

Signature _____

Date _____

2015 Historic Preservation Award Nominations Deadline - Friday, July 3

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.

"Increased awareness of the importance of historic preservation in Lancaster County seems to be a factor in the growing acceptance of adaptive re-use of historic buildings," said Lisa Horst, president of the board of directors for the Historic Preservation Trust. "Lancaster's rich historical environment is one of the leading reasons why residents and visitors alike find the city and surrounding townships and boroughs attractive. The annual historic preservation awards recognize those in our community who are helping to keep historic Lancaster County historic through their exceptional work to save, preserve, restore and celebrate the beauty of structures built by our forefathers. Recipients will be honored at our annual awards program on Tuesday, November 10."

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/hps/tps/standguide/>) 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.

Historic preservation awards are presented in honor of C. Emlen Urban (1863 -1939), Lancaster's preeminent architect who influenced Lancaster's early architectural character. He designed the Southern Market on Queen Street in 1888, the Watt & Shand Department Store (now the Lancaster County Convention Center) in 1898 and St. James Episcopal Church parish House on Duke Street in 1903. "His work forms a bridge between the Victorian Era and the Modern Age," Mrs. Horst added

Individual award nominations are open to recognize long-time supporters of the Preservation Trust and volunteers. 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. Forms also are available at www.hptrust.org.

Historic preservation award recipients in 2014 were:

- Inspiration Award (long-time service) - Dr. Paul Ripple
- Smedley Award (educator/journalist) - Gregg Scott
- Haubert/Heisey Award (volunteer) - Judy Fry
- LNP Media Group (Lancaster City) - Leadership Award
- Neff-Rowe House (Strasburg Borough) - Preservation Award
- Fulton Elementary School (Lancaster City) - Adaptive reuse
- The Harnish Farmhouse at Willow Valley Communities (West Lampeter Township) - Adaptive re-use
- Lancaster City Hall (Lancaster City) - Adaptive-reuse
- Lancaster Ironworks (Lancaster City) - Adaptive-reuse
- Lancaster Train Station (Lancaster City) - Adaptive-reuse
- William Montgomery Mansion (Lancaster City) - Adaptive-reuse
- Nolt's Mill (East Lampeter) - Adaptive-reuse
- Providence Township Municipal Building (Providence Township) - Adaptive-reuse
- The Booking House (Manheim Borough) - Master Craftsman
- Steeple View Lofts (Lancaster City) - Community revitalization
- Steinman Lofts (Lancaster City) - Community revitalization



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.



- Submit nominations for the **2015 historic preservation awards** by July 4, 2015. Award categories are leadership, sustainability, preservation, restoration/adaptive reuse, community revitalization and master craftsman. The annual awards banquet will be on Tuesday, November 10, from 6 pm to 9 pm at the Lancaster Country Club.

- 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 26 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 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.
- Consider helping the Preservation Trust with an **antiques auction** that it may have in the fall. For now, it is only an idea, but if we get enough people to offer quality antiques, we plan to have an auction as a fund raiser. Thanks for letting us know if you have items that could be auctioned for the benefit of the Preservation Trust.

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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