



PRESERVATION ALLIANCE

for greater philadelphia

2009 Mid-Year Accomplishments



Carnegie Library: Holmesburg Branch

Advocacy

CARNEGIE LIBRARIES Four Philadelphia branch libraries, funded by a grant from philanthropist Andrew Carnegie in 1905, once proposed for closure by the City, have now been protected and added to the Philadelphia Register of Historic Places as a result of nominations by the Alliance.

STEPHEN GIRARD BUILDING Possibly the oldest extant skyscraper in Philadelphia, the Stephen Girard Building (1895, John Windrim, Architect) was also added to the Philadelphia Register as a result of a nomination by the Alliance.



Girard Building



Garrett-Dunn House

GARRETT-DUNN HOUSE Following a court order obtained by the City of Philadelphia, the Alliance was appointed “conservator” and authorized to secure and stabilize this significant Thomas U. Walter-designed residence in Mt. Airy after the owner abandoned rehabilitation in the middle of the project.

LA RONDA The joint efforts of the Alliance and the Lower Merion Conservancy have led the Lower Merion Township Commissions to halt demolition of this extraordinary Addison Mizner mansion.



La Ronda

ENDANGERED PROPERTIES LIST The 6th Annual Endangered Property List drew attention to 13 historic buildings in Philadelphia and adjacent counties that are threatened by neglect or redevelopment proposals.

Education and Technical Assistance

ARCHITECTURAL WALKING TOURS The Alliance is now sponsoring the award-winning and very popular architectural walking tours of Philadelphia and suburban neighborhoods. Tours continue through October.

SENSE OF PLACE: NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION CONFERENCE Over 130 representatives of community organizations in Philadelphia attended the first-ever citywide conference on historic preservation and community development. Four organizations were awarded seed grants from the Alliance for neighborhood heritage projects.

AFRICAN AMERICAN OUTREACH The Alliance’s African American outreach program expanded as a result of a \$62,000 grant from The Pew Center for Arts and Heritage, through the Heritage Philadelphia Program, to assist African American churches and historic sites in developing interpretive programming and marketing.



Architectural Walking Tour

Events

Over 1,000 people attended the Alliance’s third **Old House Fair** in March and over 500 people attended the Alliance’s **16th Annual Achievement Awards Luncheon** in May honoring exceptional accomplishments in the field of historic preservation. Hundreds more participated in lectures, tours, free homeowner workshops and other Alliance events.



2009 Old House Fair



16th Annual Awards

For more information on all activities go to www.PreservationAlliance.com