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Nicholas Gianopulos to Receive Biddle Award for Lifetime Achievement



Nicholas L. Gianopulos, PE, is the recipient of the Preservation Alliance's 2011 James Biddle Award for lifetime achievement in historic preservation for his exceptional contributions as a structural engineer to the preservation of Philadelphia landmarks.

Nick was a founding member of Keast & Hood Co. in 1983 and a principal of the firm

for 26 years until his retirement in 2009. His early career as a structural engineer focused on contemporary architecture, including projects with Louis I. Kahn, for whom he was consulting engineer for the National Assembly Buildings in Dhaka, Bangladesh, and with Robert Venturi, with whom he worked on Franklin Court and other projects.

Nick's interest in history led to an increasing concentration on the structural issues of historic properties. His first experience with an historic landmark was in 1959 when he and Sheldon Keast worked on Independence Hall and the Independence Hall Tower. From the 1980s on, Nick and Keast & Hood became the pre-eminent structural engineers for historic landmarks. Nick contributed to the preservation of many of Philadelphia's National Historic Landmark buildings including Carpenter's Hall, Christ Church, the Fairmount Water Works, the Merchants Exchange Building, the Second Bank of the United States and the Edgar Allen Poe House. One of his most challenging projects was the repair of the roof trusses of the Academy of Music in 1989, which was completed in 17 days after the structural problems were discovered.

In addition to his professional practice, Nick has also been a visiting lecturer and

critic in the Department of Architecture of the University of Pennsylvania. His contributions to historic preservation have been recognized by many awards, including Preservation Pennsylvania's Preservationist of the Year Award in 1990, the Wyck-Strickland Award in 1995, and the Master Builders Award from the Carpenters' Company in 2006.

The 18th Annual Preservation Achievement Awards

May 17, 2011

11am-2pm

Crystal Tea Room
Wanamaker Building

Visit www.PreservationAlliance.com for details.

See more about the award winners on pages 2-3.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

The Grand Jury Awards to be presented in May are an indication of the importance of historic preservation to the economy of the Philadelphia region. The Awards represent approximately \$400 million of investment in real estate development. Consider the resources these projects add to the Philadelphia area: a new office campus for 5,000 federal government employees, a new performing arts facility at Temple University, additional hotel rooms to support the new Convention Center, improved SEPTA train stations, affordable housing, and a community-based social services center. These projects produced thousands of construction jobs, thousands of permanent jobs, and millions of dollars in tax revenues for the City of Philadelphia and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Historic preservation contributes significantly to the economy of the Philadelphia area. Our report, *The Economic Impact of Historic Preservation in Philadelphia 1999-2009*, made this abundantly clear: \$6.8 billion spent on historic preservation in Philadelphia alone generated \$68 million in tax revenues for the City and \$243 million in tax revenues for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Yet these economic benefits do not seem to be recognized by our political leadership. The state Senate has consistently refused to establish a tax credit program for historic preservation similar to legislation in numerous other states. The draft *Philadelphia 2035 Comprehensive Plan* devotes only 7 of the 180 pages of the report to historic preservation and doesn't mention its important role in economic development.

Those of us who believe in the value of historic preservation still have a long way to go to make its broad benefits appreciated and reflected in public policy. The Philadelphia 2035 plan is a good place to begin: read it (available on www.Phila2035.org). See if it you think it reflects the priority historic preservation should have over the next twenty-five years and send me your comments.

JOHN ANDREW GALLERY
Executive Director

Scott Wilds Recipient of Public Service Award

Scott Wilds is the recipient of the Preservation Alliance's 2011 Public Service Award recognizing achievement in preservation in the public interest.

Scott began his career in Philadelphia city government in 1984 as a legislative assistant to Councilman Ed Schwartz. When Councilman Schwartz was appointed Director of the Office of Housing and Community Development (OHCD), Scott joined him at OHCD and rose to the position of Deputy Director in 2001.

In 1987, Scott was appointed as the representative of OHCD on the Philadelphia Historical Commission. At the time of his retirement from City government in 2011, he was the longest serving member of the Historical Commission in its history, having served 23 years and attended 234 Commission meetings. In addition to being a member of the Commission, he served on its Financial Hardship Committee, chaired



the Committee on Legislation, the Special Committee for Germantown Avenue and, from 2008 to 2011, was Vice Chair of the Commission.

As a result of his long period of service, Scott provided an "institutional memory" for other commissioners, recalling cases heard many years ago that helped guide decisions in more recent cases. While he advocated for firm and consistent preservation standards, he was often a mediating voice, trying to find an appropriate balance between high preservation standards and the needs and concerns of homeowners.

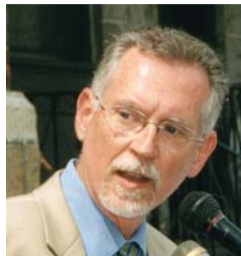
In addition to his service on the Commission, Scott has been active in his own community of Spruce Hill and has served on the boards of other non-profit organizations including Philadelphia FIGHT of which he is president.

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2011 Special Recognition Awards



The James Biddle Award
for lifetime achievement in historic preservation
Nicholas L. Gianpulos, PE



Public Service Award
for preservation in the public interest
Scott Wilds



Special Recognition
for stewardship of The Wanamaker Building
Amerimar Enterprises



Rhoda And Permar Richards Award
Germantown Friends School

Board of Directors Award
Unkefer Brothers Construction Co.

Community Action Awards
Callowhill Neighborhood Association

For organizing community support for the Church of the Assumption

Township of Delanco, NJ
For saving Zurbrugg Mansion

Nathaniel Guest and the Pennhurst Memorial and Preservation Alliance

For organizing community support for Pennhurst State School and Hospital



2011 AIA Philadelphia Awards



2011 AIA Philadelphia Landmark Building Award
THE JOHN WANAMAKER DEPARTMENT STORE
1300 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA
Daniel H. Burnham & Company, 1902 - 1911



The Henry J. Magaziner EFAIA Award
of the Historic Preservation Committee of AIA Philadelphia
MARCIE TURNEY AND VALERIE SAFRAN

Grand Jury Awards

1 The Baptist Temple

Temple University
Keast & Hood Co.; Creative Acoustics; Daniel J. Keating Company; HF Lenz Company; J.S. Cornell & Son, Inc.; RMJM/Hillier

2 Christ Church Neighborhood House

Christ Church Preservation Trust
Voith & Mactavish Architects LLC; Dommert Phillips; Haverstick-Borthwick Company; KieranTimberlake

3 Delaware County Public History Feasibility Study and Implementation Plan

Delaware County Planning Department
Heritage Consulting, Inc.

4 Fairmount Water Works and Park Sculpture Signage

Philadelphia Parks and Recreation
Exit Design; Fairmount Park Art Association; Peter Reed Environmental Graphic Design; Philadelphia Water Department; Rob Cardillo Photography; Urban Sign

5 Greenwood Cemetery House at Rush Farms

Knights of Pythias Greenwood Cemetery
EwingCole; Bill Rymer Associates; Friends of Greenwood Cemetery; Hanson General Contracting, Inc.; Jablonski Building Conservation, Inc.; Keast & Hood Co.; The Louis Berger Group, Inc.

6 The Jayne House

John Milner Architects, Inc.; Charles Hess Landscape Architects; Cherokee Construction; Eberlein Design Consultants Ltd.; Grenald Waldron Associates, Inc.; Milner + Carr Conservation, LLC; Pine Street Studios, Inc.; Thornton Tomasetti

7 Le Meridien Hotel

HEI Hotels
Blackney Hayes Architects; DGW Engineers; Domus, Inc.; DSG Inc.; Forchielli-Glynn; Lighting Design Collaborative; M. P. Hershman, PE, Incorporated; Metropolitan Acoustics; Michael Raiser Associates; Pennoni Associates, Inc.; Ricca-Newmark; Stantec; Starwood Hotels and Resorts Worldwide, Inc.; Stuart G. Rosenberg Architects, P.C.

8 Mercy Family Center

Mercy Neighborhood Ministries
Brawer & Hauptman, Architects; Re:Vision Architecture; The Sullivan Company

9 Norristown Farm Park

Pennsylvania Department of Conservation & Natural Resources
BAU Architecture LLC; Ann Rothmann Structural Engineering LLC; Conspectus, Inc.; County of Montgomery Parks and Heritage Services; Donald E. Reisinger, Inc.; International Consultants Inc.

10 Old Mortality Sculptural Group

Laurel Hill Cemetery Company
Friends of Laurel Hill Cemetery; 1:1:6 Technologies, Incorporated; Anthony Biddle Contractors, Inc.; Dan Lepore & Sons Company; Efreloff Restoration; Gavigan Cemetery Memorial Restoration; Gillespie Tree & Landscape Design; John P. Donnelly Roofing & Heating; Joseph R. Addis Contracting; Kreilick Conservation, LLC; Laurel Hill Cemetery Grounds Crew; Native Woods Restoration Company; Philip Aiello, Inc.

11 Old Town Hall

Delaware Historical Society
Frens and Frens, LLC; J.S. Cornell & Sons, Inc.

12 Philadelphia Main Post Office

Brandywine Realty Trust
Bohlin Cywinski Jackson; BNIM; Grenald Waldron Associates, Inc.; J. Brough Schamp Photography; Jacobs Engineering; Keating Building Company; Keating Project Development; Pennoni Associates, Inc.; PHY Engineers, Inc.; Powers & Company, Inc.; Thornton Tomasetti

13 Presser Senior Apartments

Presser Senior Apartments, LP
City of Philadelphia Office of Housing and Community Development; Fastrack Construction, Inc.; High Swartz, LLP; JKR Partners, LLC; Nolen Properties, LLC; O'Donnell & Naccarato; Powers & Company, Inc.; Ritter & Plante Associates, LLC; Sherick Project Management, LLP; Wick Fisher White, Inc.

14 Richard Humphreys Hall

Cheyney University of Pennsylvania
UCI Architects, Inc.; Advanced Geoservices; Gillan & Hartmann, Inc.; High Construction Company; The Kachele Group, Inc.

15 SEPTA Regional Rail Stations Improvement Project

SEPTA
Crossing Construction Company; Donald E. Reisinger, Inc.; Ernest Bock & Sons, Inc.; Alfred J. Fry III, Inc.; Gannett Fleming, Inc.; HNTB Corporation; John Bowie and Associates; L.P. Herman Company; Miller Brothers; Nucero Electrical Construction Co. Inc.; Philadelphia Historical Commission; Santa Paul Corp. T/A Lima Company; SEPTA/EM&C Capital Construction Department; The Sheward Partnership; Smith Construction, Inc.; Sowinski Sullivan Architects; Stell Environmental Enterprises; TranSystems Corporation

16 Stenton Avenue Bridge

PennDOT District 6-0
TranSystems Corporation

17 St. Peter's Churchyard

Historic St. Peter's Church Preservation Corporation
Milner + Carr Conservation, LLC; The Hedgerows Tree Service

18 St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
Wu & Associates, Inc.; Brayco, Inc.; Caswell & Co., Inc.; Coastal Clock & Chime; Controlled Environmental Systems, Inc.; DJ Wagner Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc.; Farewell Mills Gatsch Architects, LLC; Keast & Hood Co.; Kupex Exteriors, LLC; Premier Building Restoration, Inc.; Schnabel Conservation, LLC; Woern Plastering

19 Trolley Car Café at the Bathey House

Philadelphia Parks and Recreation
Fairmount Park Historic Preservation Trust; East Falls Development Corporation; Keller & Company, Inc.; KSK Architects Planners Historians, Inc.; PhillyOfficeRetail.com

20 Wagner Free Institute of Science

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Aegis Property Group; Landmark Facilities Group, Inc.; Unkefer Brothers Construction Co.

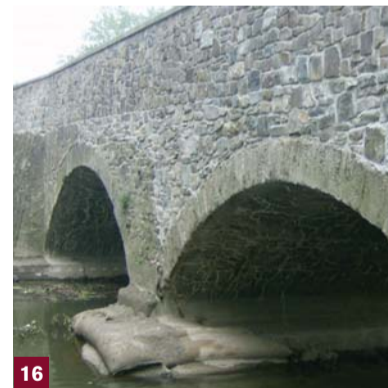
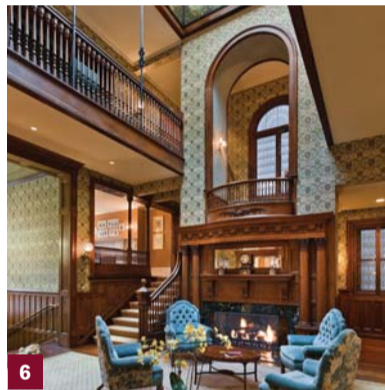
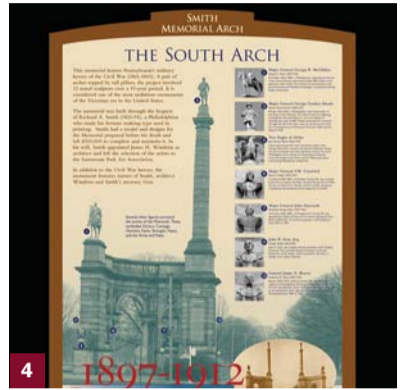
20 Warden's House

County of Burlington, NJ
Regan Young England Butera, P.C.; The DaVinci Group; Hunter Research, Inc.; John Bowie and Associates; Robert Frizell, Inc.; Robert R. Rosen Associates

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For more information about all of the 2011 Preservation Achievement Award winners, visit www.PreservationAlliance.com.

GRAND JURY AWARDS



2011 Homeowner Awards

In addition to the large scale projects the Preservation Alliance honors every year, smaller grassroots achievements in historic preservation are recognized annually at the Alliance's Old House Fair. The 2011 Homeowner Awards were given to 13 homeowners for their outstanding restoration and renovation projects in the greater Philadelphia area.

Congratulations to the 2011 Homeowner Award Winners:

Richard and Toni Bonnette
Kings Highway East, Haddonfield, NJ

Charles and Barbara Brynan
Henning Road, Perkiomenville, PA

Tom and Hope Corse
Wyndham Road, Pennsauken, NJ

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Dolan
Rose Tree Road, Middletown Township, PA

Frederick and Patricia Donnelly
Keystone Avenue, Philadelphia, PA

David Kairys and Antje Mattheus
Roumfort Road, Philadelphia, PA

Dan Lyons and Kristen Haase
Windsor Avenue, Narberth, PA

Robert and Jean Messina
Broad Street, Mt. Holly, NJ

Robert and Nicole Rodowicz
Liberty Street, Newtown, PA

Adele Shea
Radcliffe Street, Bristol, PA

William and Patricia Weldon
Collings Avenue, Oaklyn, NJ

Michael Wigglesworth and Shari Kulik
Station Avenue, Glenside, PA

Eli and Nancy Zucker
Valley Road, Jenkintown, PA

1 Eli and Nancy Zucker Valley Road, Jenkintown, PA

The Zuckers' home was originally built in 1840 as a barn and converted to a carriage house and garage in 1928, and the Zuckers made their own changes over the years to accommodate raising a family. They decided to make additional renovations to allow them to stay in their beloved home as they aged. To do this, walls were removed in the original house to open up the rooms, a new basement was excavated, new plumbing and a new heating system were installed, three new patios were constructed and a new master bedroom suite and screened-in porch were built. All the doorways in the new addition are wheelchair accessible. **Team:** Jay Leistner and Peg MacDonald, Phase II Designs, architects; Joe Ash, plumber; Jeff Haber, Blue Moon Kitchen Design and Vanities.

true spirit of the house. A convenient layout for a modern family of five as well as new building systems were integrated into the historic structure, while still respecting the legacy of the house's original builders. The project will be capped off this spring with a new cedar shake roof. **Team:** Period Architecture, Ltd.; Peter Maruca, Orion, general contractors; Cleveland Ambris, Ambris Residential Masonry & Restoration; Kevin McGinnis, McGinnis Millwork Company; Heritage Metalworks, Ltd.

2 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Dolan Rose Tree Road, Middletown, PA

The Dolan family dreamed of finding an historic home to make their own. After discovering the 1776 Edwards House in Middletown Township, they worked with Period Architecture, Ltd. and local craftsmen to strip away decades of "updates" to find the

3 Dan Lyons & Kristen Haase Windsor Avenue, Narberth, PA

Dan Lyons and Kristen Haase have lovingly restored "Windsor House," their eclectic Victorian home in Narberth. Exterior work included new cedar shake siding and restoration of the magnificent corner turret and porch columns. A new addition references and reinterprets the original construction. This once-vacant house is now a well-loved home in Narberth, "the gateway to the Main Line." **Team:** David Gamble & Christian Phillips, architects; John Otto, Otto Restorations, contractor; Stan Price, painting and restoration consultant.

Old House Fair 2011

This year's Old House Fair once again demonstrated the popularity of this annual event. Homeowners and aspiring owners convened at Germantown Friends School on March 26 to visit over 60 booths of preservation professionals and vendors and to take advantage of the free "Ask the Experts" consultations, presentations and hands-on demonstrations featured throughout the day. The Old House Fair grows out of the Alliance's mission to provide technical assistance and educational activities that encourage restoration and reuse of historic buildings. We recognize that preservation is community driven and begins with the efforts of dedicated homeowners who serve as stewards of their older and historic homes.

BEFORE



AFTER



4 Frederick & Patricia Donnelly Keystone Avenue, Philadelphia, PA

This "grassroots rehabilitation" of a Victorian era single family home across from Disston Park in Tacony was done entirely by the homeowners. The Donnellys revealed

Victorian details long hidden by aluminum siding and added fresh paint and shingles to revitalize their corner. The Donnellys have also become active in their community, and their example has encouraged several neighbors to begin their own rehabilitation projects.



[Left] Bronwyn Reice and Kenny Grono of Buckminster Green, LLC consult with a fair-goer on potential home renovations. [Right] Zach Bird of Zach Bird: Fine Art Restoration & Fabrication discusses faux finishing, murals and decorative painting techniques with a visitor.

PRESERVATION MONTH CALENDAR

History and preservation come alive during May, National Historic Preservation Month, with a full range of special events in the region. Take a walking tour, learn how to repair your historic windows or celebrate achievements in preservation. The calendar below is only a sampling; view a full calendar of May events at www.PreservationAlliance.com/calendar. Events marked with the Alliance's logo are either Alliance-sponsored events or are available to Alliance members at a discount. All events are in Philadelphia unless otherwise noted.

WEDNESDAYS, SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS

May 1-29

Preservation Alliance Architecture Walking Tours

\$10, \$5 Preservation Alliance members
PreservationAlliance.com/walkingtours
215.546.1146 x3

MONDAY May 2

Homeowner Workshop: Painting Your Historic House

6:30pm
Eastern State Penitentiary, 2027 Fairmount Avenue
FREE
Reservations required: melissa@preservationalliance.com or 215.546.1146 x6
Presented by the Preservation Alliance and the Fairmount Park Historic Preservation Trust.

TUESDAY May 3

Building Philadelphia: Architecture, History & Politics Lecture Series: Ed Bacon and the Future of the City

6:00pm
Philadelphia Center for Architecture, 1218 Arch Street
\$25 Alliance members, \$30 general public, \$15 under 35
Registration required: philadelphiaca.org
Final lecture in annual series on the development of Philadelphia and its architecture.

TUESDAY May 3

Homeowner Workshop: Flat Roofs- Repair, Maintenance and Replacement

6:30pm
St. Charles Senior Community Center, 1941 Christian Street
FREE
Reservations required: melissa@preservationalliance.com or 215.546.1146 x6
Presented by the Preservation Alliance. Learn about flat roofs on older and historic buildings, including repair, maintenance and replacement.

WEDNESDAY May 4
Railroads: The Work of the Age

6:00pm
Laurel Hill Cemetery, 3822 Ridge Avenue
\$20, \$15 seniors and students, free under 12
Walking tour will visit the gravesites of many important figures in the railroad world, including the builder of the first permanent railroad in America, railroad founders, and station architects.

WEDNESDAY May 4
Wanamaker's: Meet Me at the Eagle

6:00pm
Historical Society of Pennsylvania, 1300 Locust Street
\$10
Purchase tickets at wanamakers.eventbrite.com

In his recently published book, Michael J. Lisicky takes a nostalgic journey through the history of the Wanamaker's department store, from its beginnings as a haberdashery to its poignant final closing.

THURSDAY May 5

Louis I. Kahn Memorial Lecture: Bernard Tschumi

5:30pm
University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, 3260 South Street
Details at <http://www.aiaphiladelphia.org/events> or 215.569.3186

Presented by the Center for Architecture. Renowned architect Bernard Tschumi made a reputation for groundbreaking designs that include the New Acropolis Museum and Le Fresnoy Center for the Contemporary Arts.

SATURDAY May 7

The Centennial City: From Memorial Hall to Laurel Hill Cemetery

12:00pm
Please Touch Museum, 4231 Avenue of the Republic
\$50

Spend a day learning about the Centennial, starting with a "Lunch & Learn" lecture and a behind-the-scenes tour at Memorial Hall (now the Please Touch Museum). Then take walking tour of Laurel Hill, the final resting place of many high profile political, industrial and financial leaders of this time, and conclude with a reception at Laurel Hill's historic Gatehouse.

SATURDAY May 7

Preservation Alliance Architectural Walking Tour: Old City

2:00pm
Meet at the benches, N. 2nd St. at Elfreth's Alley
FREE

This free tour is part of Jane's Walk USA, an annual national celebration of Jane Jacobs, author of *The Death and Life of Great American Cities*. Explore colonial Philadelphia and walk some of its original streets.

MONDAY May 9

Homeowner Workshop: Wood Repairs

6:30pm
Eastern State Penitentiary, 2027 Fairmount Avenue
FREE
Reservations required: melissa@preservationalliance.com or 215.546.1146 x6

Presented by the Preservation Alliance and the Fairmount Park Historic Preservation Trust. Learn about wood repairs in older and historic buildings in a hands-on demonstration workshop.

TUESDAY May 10

Homeowner Workshop: Wood Window Maintenance and Repair

6:30pm
St. Charles Senior Community Center, 1941 Christian Street
FREE
Reservations required: melissa@preservationalliance.com or 215.546.1146 x6

Presented by the Preservation Alliance. Learn about maintenance and repair of wood windows in older and historic buildings.

TUESDAY May 10
Lecture: Green Country Town

6:30pm
Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, 100 N. 20th St.
FREE
Register at greencountrytown.eventbrite.com

William Penn envisioned Philadelphia as a "green country town" with large, spacious lots stretching from the Delaware River to the Schuylkill. From this foundation, how did the city evolve and how have public spaces shaped our history?

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY May 10-11
Archives Without Tears

9:00am-4:45pm (May 10) 9:00am-3:30pm (May 11)
Historical Society of Pennsylvania, 1300 Locust Street
\$25 for two-day workshop, \$15 for one day
Details and registration: archiveswithouttears.eventbrite.com

For those who work or volunteer in organizations that deal with the past--whether it's a museum, historical society, historic house, city clerk's office, library, historic site, church, or college archives. Learn basic, valuable practices for collecting, preserving, and assisting researchers with the historical treasures in your care.

SUNDAY May 15

Queen Village Open House and Garden Tour

12-4pm
Old Swedes' Church, Christian & Water Streets, at Delaware Ave.
\$25
Details: info@qyna.org or 215.339.0975

Self-guided walking tour that features traditional 18th century trinities to modern 20th century homes, and includes historic churches and community gardens. Sponsored by the Queen Village Neighbors Association.

TUESDAY-THURSDAY May 17-19
Statewide Conference on Heritage

Commonwealth Keystone Building, Harrisburg, PA
Details and registration: www.pennbyways.com/register
Workshops, sessions and speakers from the historic preservation, archaeological, heritage tourism, transportation, legislative, and planning communities.

TUESDAY May 17

2011 Preservation Achievement Awards Luncheon

11am-2pm
Crystal Tea Room in the Wanamaker Building
\$80 and up
Tickets and info: <http://preservationalliance.com/events/luncheon/luncheon.php>

The Alliance's annual celebration of the individuals, organizations, businesses and projects that exemplify outstanding achievement in historic preservation throughout the region.

SUNDAY May 22

Society Hill Open House and Garden Tour

1-5pm
\$35 in advance, \$30 at the door
Details: 215.629.1288 or societyhillcivic.org

Annual self guided tour that includes more than ten historic and contemporary homes, hosted by the Society Hill Civic Association.

TUESDAY May 24

Bryn Mawr 100: Then and Now, An Illustrated Lecture

6:00pm
The Baldwin School, 701 W. Montgomery Avenue, Bryn Mawr
\$25

This illustrated lecture will focus on the noble members of the Bryn Mawr 100, a collection of institutions and businesses that are at least 100 years old.

Alliance Awards First Vital Neighborhoods Grants

In February, the Preservation Alliance announced the first round of grants for the Vital Neighborhoods Initiative. A total of \$182,000 in grants was awarded from program funding provided by the Office of Housing and Community Development of the City of Philadelphia and funds previously raised by NeighborhoodsNow.

The goal of the Vital Neighborhoods Initiative is to strengthen “middle-market” neighborhoods—neighborhoods where investments in the public environment could strengthen the residential market and attract potential homebuyers. The Preservation Alliance intends to achieve this objective by providing three levels of grant funding: \$5,000 grants to support projects that demonstrate civic pride and appreciation of historic resources; \$30,000 grants for projects to improve residential blocks; and service grants through the Community Design Collaborative to plan neighborhood projects.

The Preservation Alliance expects to offer additional small grants in the fall of 2011 and a second round of \$30,000 grants and service project planning grants in early 2012. For information about the program, contact Amy McCollum at amy@preservationalliance.com or 215.546.1146 x8

\$5,000 GRANTS

Belmont Village The Belmont Village Community Association will create a neighborhood website which features the history and current activities of the neighborhood.

Cedar Park The Cedar Park Neighbors will award block grants for neighborhood beautification projects and showcase the neighborhood during their Cedar Park Centennial Celebration.

Holmesburg The Holmesburg Civic Association will install community banners that say “Holmesburg: Alive with History” along Rhawn Street and Welsh Road, two of the most highly travelled streets in the neighborhood.

Powelton and Saunders Park The People’s Emergency Center will conduct architectural walking tours and neighborhood marketing in conjunction with the Fifth Annual Lancaster Ave Jazz and Arts Community Festival.

Powelton Village The Powelton Village Civic Association will create brochures that promote the virtues of homeownership in Powelton Village and distribute the marketing brochures during a House Tour to showcase the neighborhood.

Tacony The Historical Society of Tacony will offer property owners matching grants to install house plaques displaying the date the home was built and noting that it is located within the Historic Disston Estate.

Walnut Hill The Walnut Hill Community Association will install community-designed neighborhood identity banners at prominent street corners that feature historical sites, public transpiration hubs, and education and recreational hubs.

Also in Walnut Hill, Rebuild Together Philadelphia will leverage funding towards the Walnut Hill Block Build. Funding will be used specifically for the rehabilitation of front porches and façade work within the neighborhood.

Wynnefield The Wynnefield Residents Association will install light pole banners to promote community and civic pride to residents and visitors. Funding will also be used to establish an oral history project to preserve community history of long time residents.

\$30,000 GRANTS

East Mt. Airy The Ogontz Avenue Revitalization Corporation will address physical improvements on the 8300 block of Temple Road. Improvements will include repairs to sidewalks, steps, retaining walls and tree planting. Street improvements will be leveraged to implement a façade improvement program on the same block.

Fairmount The Fairmount Community Development Corporation will implement residential block-scape improvement on the 900 block of N. 26th St. in the Poplar Girard

section of Fairmount. Improvements will concentrate on the existing built infrastructure, including steps and retaining walls, and residents will be offered different options for exterior improvements such as street trees, solar powered light posts, house numbers and landscaping improvements.

Powelton & Saunders Park The People’s Emergency Center will make improvements on the 300, 400 & 500 blocks of North 40th Street. Improvements include planting trees, creation of storm water tree pits, installation of recycled plastic tree grates and painting by a local artist.

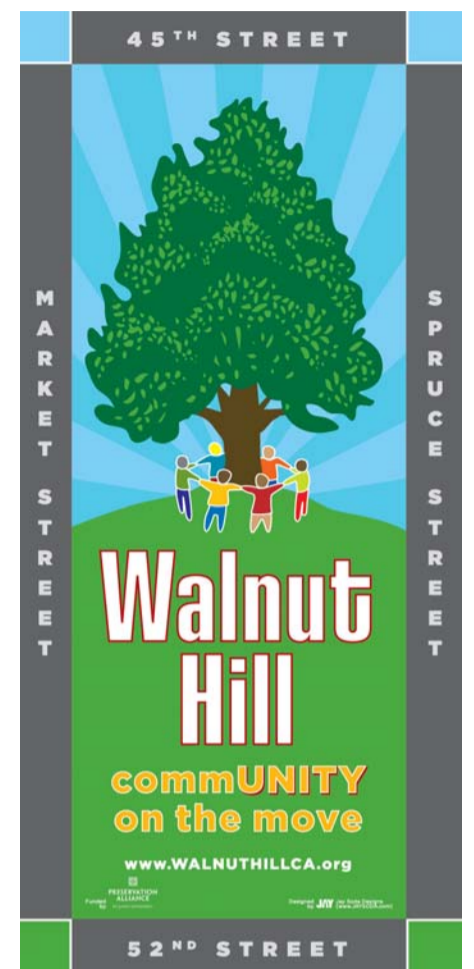
Walnut Hill The Walnut Hill Community Association will improve three public spaces through community-maintained landscaping and development of three community gardens on vacant lots between 49th and 50th on Chancellor Street. Large planters will be placed on blocks adjacent to the gardens and will have Walnut Hill signage.

Yorktown The Yorktown Community Development Corporation will upgrade the largest of their public courtyards located within the neighborhood. Improvements include pruning trees, removing concrete, repointing brick walls, greening and landscaping. The “Yorktown Rock” that previously contained a historical marker identifying the community will be replaced.

SERVICE GRANTS

Fairmount The Bache Martin Home and School Association will create a conceptual design for improvements to the school’s exterior spaces, including entrances, sidewalks, crossings and play areas. The project will focus on integrating the school’s exterior with the surrounding neighborhood.

Powelton Village The Powelton Village Civic Association and Friends and Alumni of Powel Home and School will develop a conceptual design for the greening of the Powel Elementary School schoolyard which serves as a resource for the entire community.



This community-designed neighborhood identity banner will be hung throughout Walnut Hill to promote the neighborhood and exhibit community pride.

Belmont Village The Belmont Village Community Association will create a neighborhood gateway design with signage along the 4500 block of Conshohocken Avenue, a key entry point of the neighborhood.

For more information about specific requirements for project submission and eligible neighborhoods, please visit <http://preservationalliance.com/programs/vital-neighborhoods.php>.

Milestones in Historic Preservation in Philadelphia

The Preservation Alliance is assembling a list of milestone events in the history of historic preservation in Philadelphia. Our complete timeline can be found online at www.preservationalliance.com/advocacy/preservation-in-philly.php#milestones. Email suggestions for new entries to advocacy@preservationalliance.com.

1950 Oskar Stonorov’s Friends Cooperative Housing project at 8th and Franklin Streets is the nation’s first urban renewal project to incorporate the adaptive reuse of historic buildings for low-income housing.

1983 Reading Terminal is selected as the site of the new Philadelphia Convention Center, reversing years of conventional wisdom that the landmark structure should be demolished. The train shed and headhouse anchor redevelopment of the site, which opens in 1993.

1992 The Fairmount Park Historic Preservation Trust is established to preserve, develop and manage Fairmount Park’s extensive collection of historic properties. The Trust has successfully restored and secured new uses for many of the park’s most important and interesting structures.

Explore Philadelphia on an Architecture Walking Tour

The Preservation Alliance tours are back!

Tours are led by a lively group of experienced and enthusiastic volunteers from a wide range of backgrounds who share a passion for architecture, urban design and social history.

Tours range from Center City locales, including Society Hill and Rittenhouse Square, to historic neighborhoods, such as Fishtown and Chestnut Hill, to suburban enclaves including Haddonfield and Media. There are also specialized tours such as the popular “Littlest Streets” and “Art Deco Philadelphia.”

Weekly:

Wednesday 6pm

Saturday 10am and 2pm

Sunday 2pm

Reservations not required. Rain or shine.

\$5 Preservation Alliance members

\$10 general public

Special Event!

Saturday, May 7, 2pm

FREE Jane’s Walk Tour of Old City

Meet at the benches, N. 2nd St. at Elfreth’s Alley
Join in the annual national celebration of the ideas and legacy of renowned urbanist Jane Jacobs by exploring Old City!

Complete tour schedule

PreservationAlliance.com/walkingtours

Endangered Property Updates



Cruiser Olympia

Each year in December, the Preservation Alliance publishes its *Endangered Properties List* to bring attention to significant historic resources threatened by demolition or neglect. You can nominate a building to our 2011 list at www.preservationalliance.com/advocacy/endangeredform.php.

Cruiser Olympia (listed 2010)

In late March, nearly 100 people from across the country gathered at the Independence Seaport Museum for a summit on the fate of the Cruiser Olympia, the venerable Spanish-American War flagship and the world's oldest floating steel warship. The museum is seeking a new owner for the landmark vessel, which needs critical repairs to its hull and deck. The summit explored possible new uses and sites for the ship and helped provide exposure, guidance, and resources to prospective new owners. A request for proposals was distributed to interested parties following the summit, with responses due April 1, 2012. However, if a suitable transfer cannot be arranged by early 2013, the Olympia will likely be scrapped or sunk.

Laverock Hill (listed 2010)

Developers seeking to establish a 216-unit retirement community on the grounds of one of Montgomery County's last intact mansion estates have twice delayed the presentation of their plans to Cheltenham and Springfield Township officials. Originally scheduled for hearings in January 2011, no new hearing dates have been announced and Hanson Properties' intentions with the historic mansion and gardens remain unclear. The only plans formally presented to officials thus far have called for complete demolition, though the developer has informally floated an alternative site plan preserving much of the historic integrity of the estate.

Family Court Building (listed 2007)

While plans for the construction of a new Family Court facility at 15th and Arch Streets continue to advance, the future of the historic Logan Square courthouse remains unclear. City officials rejected the lone response to their 2010 request for proposals to convert the property to a luxury hotel and have offered no alternative plans for the site. This month, the Philadelphia Historical Commission will consider the Preservation Alliance's nomination of the building's ceremonial public interiors, including the city's largest collection of New Deal-era murals, to the Philadelphia Register of Historic Places.



Cramp Shipyard Machine Shop No. 2

Cramp Shipyard Machine Shop No. 2 (listed 2006)

Long threatened by a proposed new I-95 exit ramp, demolition of the Cramp Machine Shop began in January and is now substantially complete. The mammoth 1913 factory building was the last significant vestige of one of the world's largest shipbuilding centers, the William Cramp and Sons Ship and Engine Company.

Heidelberg-Kerlin Farm (listed 2004)

A demolition permit was issued in February for this Cheltenham Township site containing a late-seventeenth-century farmhouse considered one of the area's oldest standing structures. Long abandoned, the property was purchased in late 2010 by a developer intending to clear the land for a new residential development. However, a spirited campaign by concerned neighbors and preservationists has succeeded in persuading the new owner of the historical significance of the house. Demolition plans are now on hold while the owner investigates preservation options for the site.



Modernism Online

The Preservation Alliance's inventory of midcentury architectural resources is now online! Over 300 Philadelphia buildings are currently listed—search or browse by architect, building type, address, area, or construction date to discover the full range of resources from this seminal era in Philadelphia architecture: www.preservationalliance.com/modern

Church's Future Remains Unknown

As this issue goes to press, the Callowhill Neighborhood Association and preservationists across the city await a Board of Licenses & Inspections ruling on the fate of the Church of the Assumption at 1123 Spring Garden Street. The CNA is challenging the September 2010 decision of the Philadelphia Historical Commission to allow demolition of the church. Testimony at the March 14 and March 28 hearings questioned the current owner Siloam's efforts to identify viable new uses or new owners for the property before being granted an economic hardship waiver to demolish the 1848 landmark. Stabilization costs have been estimated at \$1.5 million, with a full rehabilitation requiring an estimated \$5 million. However, a structural engineer testified to the L&I Board that the church could be "mothballed" for up to five years for as little as \$150,000—the same price quoted by its owners for demolition. The church is located in a rapidly-developing area along the northern edge of Center City and could accommodate a number of potential new uses. Visit www.preservationalliance.com/advocacy/issues_Assumption.php for the latest on this ongoing battle to save one of Philadelphia's most historic churches.

In Memorium

Michael Holleman



Philadelphia lost one of its leading preservation architects when Michael Holleman passed away in April 2011. Michael became a member of the Preservation Alliance's board in 2008, bringing to our work 18 years of knowledge and experience in the field of historic preservation. He was particularly helpful in asking the big picture questions—where should preservation in Philadelphia be heading over the next five years, how could the Alliance contribute to that and what resources were needed to make historic preservation a central component of the city's public policies.

As Director of Historic Preservation at VITETTA, Michael provided leadership on numerous preservation projects around the country. His exceptional work on two of Philadelphia's historic landmarks was recognized by Preservation Alliance Grand Jury Awards in 2009—one for the exterior envelope restoration of the Philadelphia Museum of Art and one for the exterior restoration of City Hall. His influences extended beyond Philadelphia as he directed work on a Master Plan followed by implementation of preservation and LEED certification on two buildings at Duke Farms in Hillsborough, New Jersey and the renovation of the Elephant House part of the Asia Trails exhibit at the Smithsonian National Zoo in Washington DC.

The board and staff of the Alliance greatly appreciated Michael's support and advice and admired his commitment to the preservation and restoration of Philadelphia's important landmark buildings.

HISTORIC OPPORTUNITIES KNOCK

Are you looking for a piece of history to call your own? Dozens of properties for sale across the Philadelphia region are seeking new owners who recognize the value of history. The Preservation Alliance has just launched "Historic Opportunities," a new web page to highlight available properties in need of preservation-minded buyers. Where some see a teardown, others see a treasure. Don't let your next home, business, or investment property become a lost opportunity. Browse current listings at www.preservationalliance.com/advocacy/historic-opportunities.php, or submit a property for consideration to advocacy@preservationalliance.com.

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Haverstick-Borthwick Company
Keating Project Development
Pearl Properties
Pennsylvania Real Estate Investment Trust
Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP
UCI Architects, Inc.

Granite

AIA Philadelphia
Beneficial Bank
Bohlin Cywinski Jackson/PHY Engineers, Inc.
Brickstone Realty
Eastern State Penitentiary
Eberlein Design Consultants Ltd.

Limestone

Econsult Corporation
Fairmount Park Historic Preservation Trust
Friends of Laurel Hill Cemetery
JKR Partners, LLC
John Milner Associates, Inc.
Keast & Hood Co.
KPMG LLP
Kreilick Conservation, LLC
KSK Architects Planners Historians, Inc.
Milner + Carr Conservation, LLC
Philadelphia Parks and Recreation
PhillyOfficeRetail.com
Premier Building Restoration, Inc.
Wagner Free Institute of Science
Allied Construction Services
Blackney Hayes Architects
Cherokee Construction
Clemens Construction
EwingCole
Hanson General Contracting, Inc.
Heritage Consulting, Inc.
Historical Society of Pennsylvania

John Milner Architects, Inc.
Kelly/Maiello Architects & Planners
Janet and Lew Klein
Knapp Masonry
Landmark Facilities Group, Inc.
M.P. Hershman, PE, Incorporated
O'Donnell & Naccarato, Inc.
Pine Street Studios, Inc.
Please Touch Museum
Powers & Company, Inc.
Reading Terminal Market
Hugh G. Rouse and Leonard R. Olds
David Seltzer
S. Harris Ltd.
Stuart G. Rosenberg Architects, P.C.
Thornton Tomasetti
TranSystems Corporation
UJMN Architects + Designers
Urban Partners
Wu & Associates, Inc.

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