PRESERVATION LOOKS AT ISSUES FOR NEW DECADE

Preservation in the 1990s...what does the future hold as we approach the 21st century? Four issues facing preservationists across the Commonwealth will be explored at the 12th Annual Conference on Historic Preservation taking place in Scranton, April 26-28.

The public image of preservation, institutional ownership of historic property, cultural tourism, and changing demographics and the impact on the cultural landscape are the four themes of this year's conference program. And the Scranton area, facing issues in each of these areas, is an excellent setting for discussion of preservation's future.

Don't miss this opportunity to meet with others facing concerns similar to those in your own community. Join us in discussing solutions for the issues of the 90s. For more information on the conference program, contact the Fund, 2470 Kissel Hill Rd., Lancaster 17601, 717-569-2243. The 12th Annual Conference is cosponsored by the Bureau for Historic Preservation, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, and the Pennsylvania Downtown Center.

LACKAWANNA COUNTY SURVEY YIELDS INFORMATION ON AREA'S INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE

In Lackawanna County, site of this year's preservation conference, a survey of historic industrial resources is adding significant new information to help in future preservation and interpretation of the area's industrial heritage. Begun in mid-1989 with a grant from the Bureau for Historic Preservation, the survey has already completed initial work on one hundred fifty-five industrial sites; and in-depth research is underway on fifty selected properties.

The impetus for the survey is planning for a Lackawanna Valley Heritage Park. Under the guidance of the consulting team of Lane, Frenchman and Associates, Leung Hemmler Camayd Architects and Economics Research Associates, and with input from the local public and sponsoring agencies, the plan for the heritage park is developing in tandem with the survey. The comprehensive plan for the park would include a focus on and promotion of sites with key historic, architectural, industrial and cultural significance. Also part of the plan is the reclamation of blighted properties and strategies for managing open space, including view shed conservation, establishment of river trails, natural recreation areas, new urban greenspaces and enhancement and promotion of existing parks.

In addition to being a development tool for the heritage park plan, the survey is also providing information valuable to establishing the historical context for interpreting the region's industrial heritage. An interesting discovery from the survey that will undoubtedly lead to more study is that the silk industry—not anthracite—is among the best represented in existing historical sites.

Dan Perry, director of the Anthracite Heritage Museum and director of the survey, will lead a tour of the county's important industrial sites as part of the state preservation conference on Saturday, April 28. Beginning with a descent into #190 Slope Mine, now part of McDade Park, the tour will also highlight sites associated with the silk and railroad industries. For more information on registering for the conference and the tour, contact the Fund. For more information on the survey, contact Dan Perry, Anthracite Heritage Museum, RD 1, Bald Mountain Road, Scranton 18504, 717-963-3208; or Bruce Bomberger, monitor of the survey grant at the Bureau for Historic Preservation, P.O. Box 1026, Harrisburg 17108-1026, 717-783-8947.

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NEW YORK COURT RULING UPHOLDS RELIGIOUS PROPERTY DESIGNATION

In a decision with possible far-reaching implications for historic designation of religious properties, the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York rejected St. Bartholomew's contention that historic designation interferes with the free exercise of the church's religious beliefs.

The December 13, 1989 ruling is seen by preservationists as upholding the constitutionality of landmark legislation. In a statement from the National Center for Preservation Law, president Paul F. McDonough said, “This decision will go a long way toward reassuring communities which had been coming under pressure from religious institutions intent on maximizing real estate profits from their properties.”

St. Bartholomew's Church and its adjacent community house, located on Park Avenue between 50th and 51st Streets in New York City, were designated a landmark by the city in 1967. In 1983, the church applied to the city to demolish the community house and replace it with a high-rise office tower. Both the 1983 application and a revised proposal in 1985 were denied, after which the church sought relief in the courts on the grounds of hardship.

Preservationists see in the opinion issued by Judge John E. Sprizzo a clear signal that the court sets a high standard for an owner attempting to prove that economically it cannot carry out its charitable purposes because of the impact of the designation. St. Bart's failed to do so in this instance, though the decision is certain to be appealed.

This past fall Pennsylvania faced the threat of state legislation that would have exempted all religious property from historic designation. Pennsylvania preservationists see in the New York decision an important addition to the body of precedents upholding historic landmark designation.

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For information on becoming a member of The Pennsylvania Heritage Club, contact the Preservation Fund.
GLEN FOERD RECEIVES INTERVENTION FUND GRANT

Glen Foerd on the Delaware has been awarded a grant of $10,000 through the Preservation Fund’s Philadelphia Crisis Intervention Fund to restore the severely deteriorated portico of the historic estate. Glen Foerd is the last surviving riverfront mansion in Philadelphia. Important historically as the home of Charles Macaster, financial advisor to several presidents, and Robert Foerderer, congressman and leather magnate, the estate is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and is open to the public. The portico, through which visitors enter the mansion, had deteriorated to the point of being in danger of collapse. Through the grant from the Fund, temporary emergency bracing will be removed and the portico restored to its former grandeur.

The Philadelphia Intervention Fund was established in 1988 with a grant to the Preservation Fund from The Pew Charitable Trusts. The Intervention Fund provides money to deal with preservation crisis situations in Philadelphia County. For more information and application materials contact the Preservation Fund.

FUND DONATES BOOKS TO YORK LIBRARY

The Martin Library in York is the third recipient of preservation-related materials donated by the Preservation Fund of Pennsylvania. Through a grant to the Fund from the Rehmeier Foundation, twenty-five books were presented to the library on February 13. The Fund plans to expand the Library Project, through which books have also been donated to the Berks and Lancaster County libraries, to local libraries across the Commonwealth.


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Prudence Procter Haines has joined the Fund as director of preservation programs. Prudence comes to the Fund from the Hagley Museum and Library where, as education coordinator, she was responsible for the museum’s school programs and for the interpretive program on Blacksmith Hill, a restored 19th century workers’ community for the black powder yards of the E.I. DuPont Company. Her experience at historic sites also includes work for the Monmouth (NJ) County Parks System, the Mercer Museum in Doylestown, Historic Deerfield (MA), and a survey of historic sites and buildings in Greenfield, Massachusetts.

After four years at the Fund, Susan Shearer is leaving to become director of conferences for Elizabethtown College in Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania. In addition to planning the Fund’s annual conference and coordinating Fund participation in numerous workshops and seminars, she edited Preserving Pennsylvania and developed the Fund’s membership program. Although she leaves preservation professionally, Susan will continue to be involved in the Society for Commercial Archeology and in local preservation activities.
Towanda, a small community (population ca. 4,000) and the county seat for Bradford County, is located on the banks of the Susquehanna River in the picturesque Northern Tier region of the state. Historically, the area was considered such a beautiful and special place by the Indians that they chose this location as “Towanda”, meaning a place to bury the dead. Today, this same beauty draws travelers to the Northern Tier and encourages residents to conserve the natural environment and promote the aesthetic and cultural opportunities of the community.

Incorporated as a borough in 1828, Towanda was important in the 19th century as a center for the lumber industry. The community’s economy now relies on three major corporations—GTE-Sylvania, E.I. DuPont De Nemours & Co., and Masonite Corporation—with local branches here, as well as on a number of smaller businesses.

In 1986 Towanda was one of seven municipalities officially designated “Main Street” communities by the Pennsylvania Department of Community Affairs. Since then, community and civic groups have coordinated efforts into a revitalization project that has fostered new business growth and sparked an increased interest in preserving the historic character of the community. This restoration and rehab spirit has been boosted by design grants and low interest loans administered through the Main Street Project. In the past three years a total investment of $30,000 in public funding has resulted in over $650,000 of reinvestment into the downtown commercial district. The Bradford County Courthouse has also seen a $1.5 million rehabilitation designed to increased handicapped access and accommodate increased use of the 1896 National Register-listed property.

In addition to attracting new businesses and encouraging the expansion of existing ones, an important outgrowth of the Main Street Project has been the revitalization of the Keystone Theatre. Since it was purchased by the Bradford County Regional Arts Council in the fall of 1988, the theater, a late 1880s opera house, has become a major cultural attraction in Bradford County.

Towanda and its Main Street Project are actively marketing the downtown with promotions and special events that emphasize the historic and architectural character of the downtown and surrounding residential neighborhoods. Recently, a Victorian House Tour, attracted over three hundred visitors to the community. The community also invites attendees at the 1990 preservation conference to venture northwest from Scranton to visit Towanda before heading home.

Towanda’s renewed interest in the historical and architectural character of the community has led to an attempt to nominate much of the borough as an historic district to the National Register of Historic Places. Listing in the National Register would not only make commercial property owners eligible for federal tax incentives for rehabilitation, but would establish a framework for directing the continued growth of the community.

For more information on the Towanda Main Street Project, contact project director, James Zubler, 403 1/2 Main Street, Towanda 18848, 717-265-7645.
BHP ASSISTS IN HUGO RELIEF

The Bureau for Historic Preservation has, in the past few months, participated in recovery efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Hugo in both South Carolina and the Virgin Islands.

Bureau architect James Caufield was loaned to the Historic Charleston Foundation for a week of damage assessment, easement property inspection and technical assistance consultations with property owners throughout Charleston. Jim found that roof loss and subsequent soaking of buildings from post-storm flooding and heavy rains posed the greatest immediate and long-term problems for Charlestonians.

On St. Croix in the Virgin Islands, Jim joined a team of professionals from both the public and private sectors in an effort sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation to provide technical assistance to owners of damaged historic property. Damage on St. Croix was much greater than in Charleston. At the time of the team’s visit, four months after the hurricane, reconstruction had barely begun and basic water, electricity and telephone services were still under repair.

Hurricane Hugo may be history, but areas hit by the storm are a long way from recovery. For more information on assistance efforts contact James Caufield at the BHP.

PROPERTIES ADDED TO NATIONAL REGISTER

The following historic properties were added recently to the National Register of Historic Places, the nation’s official listing of buildings, structures, sites, districts, and objects deemed worthy of preservation by the United States Department of the Interior.

Individual Properties
Merion Golf Club, Haverford Township, Delaware County
Bowmansville Rollermill, Brecknock Township, Lancaster County
Linden Hall, Lower Tyrone Township, Fayette County
Dickson Tavern, Erie City, Erie County

Historic Districts
Point Pleasant Historic District, Plumstead and Tinicum Township, Bucks County

Multiple property nominations
Armories:
Bellefonte Armory, Centre County
Blairsville Armory, Indiana County
Canonsburg Armory, North Middleton Township, Cumberland County
Cleartfield Armory, Lawrence Township, Clearfield County
Erie Armory, Erie County
Ford City Armory, Armstrong County

Huntingdon Armory, Huntingdon County
Kingston Armory, Luzerne County
Latribe Armory, Westmoreland County
Media Armory, Delaware County
Mount Pleasant Armory, Westmoreland County
Ridgway Armory, Elk County
Scranton Armory, Lackawanna County
Sunbury Armory, Upper Augusta Township, Northumberland County
Tyrone Armory, Blair County
Waynesboro Armory, Washington Township, Franklin County

Iron Furnaces, Huntingdon County
Greenwood Furnace, Jackson Township

BHP AWARDS 1990 GRANTS

The Bureau for Historic Preservation recently awarded five survey and planning grants and seven grants to certified local governments for the federal fiscal year 1990.

Survey and planning grants, which can be used for architectural/historical/ archeological survey and planning, publications, and preparation of nominations to the National Register of Historic Places, were awarded to:

Bucks County Conservancy for the study of agricultural resources and to prepare a multiple property nomination on agriculture in Bucks County

Northampton County Historical Society for the continuation of the county historic resource survey

Pennsylvania State University to analyze all jasper quarry locations in Pennsylvania and Delaware.

Certified Local Governments (CLGs) are those local governments that have met specific federal guidelines and have been approved by the Bureau for Historic Preservation. CLGs are eligible for grants for survey and planning projects, preparation of National Register nominations, architectural review board education and training programs, and historic preservation outreach programs and publications. This year’s grants were awarded to Bellefonte, Bethlehem, Gettysburg, Lancaster, Mercersburg, Philadelphia, and New York.

Monroe Furnace, Barree Township

For more information on the procedure for and advantages of listing in the National Register, contact the Bureau for Historic Preservation at the address/phone below.

For more information on state historic preservation programs contact:
Bureau for Historic Preservation Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission
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Two new titles in the National Trust’s Forum Information series:

A Self-Assessment Guide for Community Preservation Organizations. (19 pages)

Railroad Depot Acquisition and Development. (15 pages)


Also available from the Preservation Forum:

Affordable Housing in Older Neighborhoods: Multiple Strategies. 140-page notebook of resource materials on current housing issues, funding sources, legislation, building codes, and tax incentives. Cost: $15.00.

Also from the National Trust:


Forthcoming from the Preservation Press:

Landmark Yellow Pages: Where to Find all the Names, Addresses, Facts and Figures You Need. Cost: $16.95.

Walls and Molding: How to Care for Old and Historic Walls and Molding; by Natalie Shivers. (Respectful Rehabilitation Series) Cost: $14.95.

To order, contact: Mail Order Division, National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1600 H St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20006; 202-673-4200. Add $3 for shipping and handling.

In the News (continued from page 2)

The Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania recently signed an option agreement for the purchase of the former Chautauqua Ice Company building. Located in Pittsburgh’s Strip District, close to the city’s convention center and downtown, the site was selected for the planned regional History Center. During the next two years the Society will work to raise funds for the purchase of the building.

The Artworks at Doneckers, Ephrata, is looking for art depicting the Ephrata Cloister for a special juried exhibition scheduled for May. The Cloister, located in Lancaster County, is a nationally important 18th century complex of German-influenced buildings. For the exhibition, any medium is acceptable; interested artists should submit slides or photos of the work with descriptive information including artist, medium size, title and year. Submissions must be received by April 24. Contact: Jayne Miller, Artworks at Doneckers, 100 N. State St., Ephrata 17522; 717-733-7900.

The Society for Commercial Archaeology is soliciting papers for presentation at its 1990 meeting, to be held in Pitts-burgh, October 3-6. Paper proposals may address any aspect associated with the conference topic: Highways to History: the Automobile Age. Proposals may be for either a 20-minute paper or a 10-minute work-in-progress report. Proposals should be a maximum of 400 words, typewritten with the author’s name, address and phone number in the upper right-hand corner of the first copy only, and accompanied by a brief vita. Send three copies of the proposal by April 1, 1990 to Jan Jennings, 485 College of Design, Iowa State University, Ames, IA 50011. The conference, which is cosponsored by the Preservation Fund, celebrates the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Pennsylvania Turnpike on October 1, 1940.

The American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) is accepting nominations for their annual awards program. The 1990 awards, which will be presented at the AASLH annual meeting in Washington, D.C. in September, recognize achievement by individuals and organizations in state and local history. Deadline for nominations is April 1. For more information contact awards program Pennsylvania representative Jean Cutler, PA Federation of Museums and Historical Organizations, PO Box 1026, Harrisburg 17108-1026; 717-787-3253.

The Garden Conservancy is a new organization formed to assist in the preservation of significant private gardens throughout North America. The Conservancy plans to identify exceptional historic and contemporary gardens worthy of preservation and work with owners to develop long-term preservation plans for their gardens. Contact: Antonia Adexio, Director, Garden Conservancy, Box 219, Cold Spring, NY 10516; 914-265-2029.

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☐ Benefactor $500
☐ Pennsylvania Heritage Club* and above $1000
☐ Nonprofit Organization $35

*Includes special membership benefits. For information contact the Preservation Fund.

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People

☐ John B. Fortier has been appointed director of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission’s Bureau of Historic Sites and Museum. A museum professional for more than 25 years, Fortier comes to Pennsylvania from the Provincial Museum of Alberta, Canada, where he served as director from 1983 to 1989.

☐ Michael J. Rippon of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission has been elected president of the Historic Naval Ships Association of North America.

☐ Gersil N. Kay, chairman of Preservation Techniques, is the new chair of training for professionals for US/ICOMOS (International Council of Monuments and Sites). She welcomes suggestions on curricula for architects, engineers, interior designers, contractors, craftsmen, consultants and conservators, prior to the next ICOMOS conference to be held in Lausanne, Switzerland in October 1990. Send suggestions to: Preservation Techniques, 1924 Arch Street, Philadelphia 19103; 215-567-0547.

From the National Trust

☐ The National Trust for Historic Preservation recently awarded three grants from the Preservation Services Fund to Pennsylvania groups. With these matching grants from the Trust, Pittsburgh’s East Allegheny Community Council will conduct a site survey for relocating a major portion of the early 19th century Pennsylvania Canal, rescued from the path of an expressway; Edinboro University of Pennsylvania will prepare a preservation plan for Academy Hall; and the Oliver Evans Chapter of the Society for Industrial Archeology will publish Philadelphia - A Workshop of the World: A Selective Guide to Its Industrial Archeology.

☐ The Trust is seeking nominations for its 1990 Preservation Honor Awards. The awards, which are presented each year at the Trust’s annual conference in October, recognize outstanding service in the preservation, rehabilitation, restoration or interpretation of America’s architectural and maritime heritage by individuals, organizations and public agencies. To receive a nomination brochure contact Katherine Adams, National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1783 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20036; 202-673-4165.

☐ For up-to-the-minute news on developments in historic preservation legislation and policy, you can now dial a new toll-free hotline: 1-800-765-NTHP. Callers may also leave messages requesting further information and answers to specific legislative questions.

☐ Preservation Week kits are now available free of charge from the National Trust Office of Public Relations, 202-673-4141. Filled with ideas to adapt for use in your community, the kit is designed to help local groups plan for this year’s Preservation Week, May 13-19.

☐ Recipients of the Trust’s first annual Great American Home Awards include two Philadelphia entries. A jury of noted preservationists selected winners in five categories: exterior rehabilitation, interior rehabilitation, sympathetic additions, adaptive use, and bed-and-breakfast inns; as well as a special prize for craftsmanship. William and Maryl Hitchings were awarded first prize in the sympathetic addition category for a new family room, sun room, breakfast area and laundry added to their 1920s Tudor Revival house in Wyndmoor. In the same category, Norman and Constance Moore received third prize for an addition to their paired 1813 and 1821 trinitys (a trinity is a three-story house with one room on each floor) which allows Mr. Moore, who had suffered a stroke, to live on the first floor of the 1813 house. Both additions were designed by professional architects.

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