CANDIDATES ADDRESS HERITAGE ISSUES

As Pennsylvanians prepare to choose a new governor this November, Preservation Pennsylvania posed the following questions on heritage-related issues to candidates Tom Ridge (Republican) and Mark Singel (Democrat).

PP: Would you support the creation of a state tax credit as an incentive for renovating and restoring historic properties that are recycled into new businesses and income-producing properties, as has been done in a number of other states?

Singel: One of the greatest failings of the 1986 tax reform effort was the reduction in tax benefits for the rehabilitation and renovation of historic structures. It is important that we encourage the reuse of existing structures, to revitalize our urban areas and small towns, and to limit the growth and spread of greenfield development. I would therefore support the creation of a state tax credit for historic renovation and restoration as an incentive to developers, business owners and individuals to revitalize our historic communities.

PP: The Pennsylvania Department of Community Affairs provides funding for commercial revitalization initiatives in traditional downtowns through its Main Street program. Would your administration continue this funding? Would you create new programs to revitalize such areas which face continued and increasing pressure from suburban malls and large discount chain stores?

Singel: The Main Street program has been instrumental in the revitalization of the commercial districts of many of our communities. I would continue this program, and would support new programs to revitalize our traditional business districts. One example is an initiative I have proposed to link small business owners into the growing information highway, to take advantage of modern inventory and purchasing programs offered through on-line and computer-based systems.

PP: New development is increasingly eroding the historically significant agricultural character of rural Pennsylvania, especially in the eastern part of the state. Do you support the creation of agricultural security areas and other planning mechanisms to protect these areas?

Singel: Yes, I would support the creation of agricultural security areas to preserve our state’s rural communities. One priority would be to encourage the development of regional land-use planning programs for prioritizing and identifying specific land-use policies that encourage the preservation of natural resources and farm communities.

Ridge: I would be willing to work with Preservation Pennsylvania, as well as other historic preservation groups, to explore greater utilization of existing state agencies, programs and resources to enhance Pennsylvania’s ability to preserve and protect historic properties. I do not have any plans for the creation of a state tax credit at this time. Should the Legislature pursue such a proposal, however, I would be willing to consider it.

Ridge: Main Street is a good example of the kind of public-private partnership that has worked towards maintaining the vitality of our downtowns as well as revitalizing these traditional commercial areas. Funding for this program should be continued concurrent with greater efforts to ensure that the effectiveness and goals of the program are being achieved. The long-term viability of these areas must rest on a solid economic foundation. A healthy, job-creating economic future is essential to preserving the past.

PP: How do you propose to ensure that Pennsylvania farmers are not eroded by the new high-tech agricultural practices that are emerging along the eastern seaboard? How will you protect the state’s agricultural areas from overdevelopment?

Ridge: The best way to preserve farms and agricultural areas is to preserve Pennsylvania farmers. As governor, I want to help keep our farmers and agribusiness in business by making Pennsylvania “job friendly.” I also believe that we can preserve our agricultural areas by promoting the reuse of contaminated industrial sites rather than the development of farmland and open spaces. I have put forward an Indus-

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The Heritage Conservancy is the new name of the former Bucks County Conservancy. According to executive director Clifford C. David, Jr., the change reflects the Conservancy’s increasing involvement in activities to protect both the natural and historic heritage within and beyond the boundaries of Bucks County.

Robert J. and Cleta Raker of Liberty (Tioga County) are the recipients of a 1994 Recognition Award from the BARN AGAIN! program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and Successful Farming magazine. The Raker family has owned Sugar Bush Farm since 1837 when David Raker purchased the land from the Protestant Episcopal Church of Philadelphia. Milk and maple syrup were produced on the farm until 1992, when the Rakers converted their farming operation to beef cattle. A 110-year-old barn and the 1860 farmhouse still occupied by the Raker family are among the historic structures being preserved on the property by Robert, Cleta, and their son David. For information on applying to the awards program, contact: National Trust for Historic Preservation, BARN AGAIN! Program, 910 16th St., Suite 1100, Denver, CO 80202; 303-623-1504.

The National Trust also recently announced the creation of an awards program to honor excellence in downtown revitalization. The Great American Main Street Award program, cosponsored by the St. Louis-based stock brokerage firm of Edward D. Jones & Co., will recognize five communities each year that best demonstrate active public and private participation in their revitalization process; broad-based community support; success in boosting their downtown’s economy; and adaptive use and preservation of key historic downtown buildings. The competition is open to towns and cities of all sizes. Each winning community will receive a $5,000 prize. Applications are available from the National Main Street Center, National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1785 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20036 or by calling 800-441-2018. Applications are due November 15, 1994.

The Preservation Coalition of Greater Philadelphia presented its first annual achievement awards during Preservation Week 1994. The five winners were:

Len Davidon for his Neon Museum, which displays salvaged and restored neon signs for free with Philadelphia businesses.

Head House Conservancy for the restoration of the City-owned Head House and Old Second Street Market in Society Hill using only private donations.

Please Touch Museum for salvaging and displaying the Wanaque Monument, which once gave children the most spectacular view of the grand emperor’s toy department.

Mamie Nichols and the Point Breeze Federation for the rehabilitation of the former Landreth Elementary School into affordable housing for the elderly.

The Star Barn, Dauphin County (Pennsylvania at Risk, 1992) continues its efforts to preserve this central Pennsylvania landmark. The latest innovative strategy is a finely detailed, scale replica of the barn done by a team of sculptors and architects with 50 tons of sand. The model, completed at the end of May, will be on display at Park City Center, Lancaster, until September. For more information on Star Barn activities call 1-800-STR-BARN.

Jane Sheffield, formerly project manager for the Alcoona Main Street Program, is now executive director of Inherit New Hampshire. INH is New Hampshire’s statewide nonprofit preservation organization.
MURTHA RECEIVES HAAS AWARD; INITIATIVES RECOGNIZED

Congressman John P. Murtha is the 1994 recipient of Preservation Pennsylvania’s Otto Haas Award for outstanding achievement in historic preservation. Mr. Murtha has, since the early 1980s, worked diligently to achieve both federal recognition and funding that are taking the nine-county area of Southwestern Pennsylvania into new economic and cultural arenas based on the rich industrial heritage of the region. The award, Preservation Pennsylvania’s highest honor, pays tribute to the late F. Otto Haas as standing recognition of his lifetime of service and contributions to historic preservation.

Preservation Pennsylvania also recognized achievements in four of the possible six categories of preservation initiatives at the annual awards banquet in Johnstown on April 28, 1994.

For achievement by a local government entity, an initiative award was presented to the City of Lancaster for support of preservation and the integration of preservation into the city’s overall planning strategy. Led by Mayor Janice Stork, Lancaster has made preservation a major component of a new comprehensive plan, has initiated outreach programs to minority groups to provide preservation information, and has led efforts in rehabilitation projects like the Umbrella Works (see page 5).

The editorial board of the Philadelphia Inquirer was recognized for their coverage of significant preservation issues with a consistency and thoroughness that have influenced both the regional population as well as public policy makers. Issues covered during the past year include the demolition of the Elisha Webb Chandleery and the impact of heritage tourism on the region.

For the walking tour brochure series “The Fabric of Pittsburgh,” the Pittsburgh Historic Review Commission and the Department of City Planning of the City of Pittsburgh received the Preservation Publication Initiative Award. Michael Eversmeyer and Lauren Uhl were responsible for producing the brochure, with design assistance from the Ad-1 Agency of Pittsburgh.

In a new category for 1994, the award for Community Involvement Initiative was presented to Betty McElhatten of Franklin, Venango County. Mrs. McElhatten has long been a preservation leader in her community. She led the formation of the Franklin Historical Preservation Committee, organized efforts that resulted in the preservation of the Cyrus Gildersleeve House, has organized and conducted preservation workshops for local residents, and has undertaken numerous other programs and projects over the years that have contributed to a better understanding and appreciation of the City of Franklin’s architectural and historical character.

Nominations for the 1995 Otto Haas Award and Preservation Initiative Awards will be accepted through February 28, 1995. For a brochure describing the awards program contact Preservation Pennsylvania.

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PP: The Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund, Key 93, provides limited funding for restoration and renovation of historic sites through an initial bond issue passed by voter referendum, and, after three years, through a portion of the real estate transfer tax. Because demand already greatly outweighs available resources, would you support a call for another such voter referendum or other funding vehicles to assist in the preservation of historic properties?

Singel: The high demand for funding for restoration and renovation of historic sites means that we should explore the development of another funding source beyond Key 93. It is important that we actively promote our historic sites through our tourism promotion efforts, as another means of raising revenue for the restoration of our historic sites in Pennsylvania.

PP: State programs such as the Heritage Parks Program promote public/private partnerships for economic development. Will your administration further and strengthen such efforts? Give examples.

Singel: I am a strong advocate of the use of public/private partnerships in our economic development programs. My administration will continue to promote these partnerships and will promote private participation as a requirement for state funding of projects.

PP: What do you see as the most effective means, overall, for preserving and promoting Pennsylvania’s diverse and vital cultural and architectural heritage?

Singel: The two most effective means for preserving and promoting Pennsylvania’s cultural and architectural heritage are through economic development and education. It is crucial that we integrate our historic structures into the economic fabric of the Commonwealth, not only as tourist attractions but as functioning business and residential locations. Pennsylvania’s architectural diversity can be an advantage as we compete with more homogeneous locations throughout the country, and we can provide a wealth of options to those looking for sites in our Commonwealth.

Our educational outreach should include both private efforts and our school systems. It is crucial for people to understand the relevance and importance of historic structures throughout our state, and to also understand that history does not have to mean that such structures do not have economic value today. In the schools, architectural history and appreciation should be a part of both our art and history curricula. One can experience history firsthand through our historic structures and communities, rather than merely read about it in a book.

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Boyce comes to Preservation Pennsylvania with a strong historic preservation and community development background, broad experience in organizational management, and a commitment to increasing Preservation Pennsylvania’s presence and ability to assist local and regional preservation efforts across the Commonwealth. As senior preservation planner for the City of Pittsburgh, as the first Main Street manager for Main Street on East Carson in Pittsburgh’s historic and culturally diverse South Side, and most recently as executive director of the Oakland Planning and Development Corporation, she gained the experience she will use in developing an agenda for Preservation Pennsylvania.

The needs assessment Boyce is launching will survey the organization’s membership, local organizations, and key leaders. “We will be conducting a series of focus groups and one-on-one interviews, as well as using written surveys to obtain information on what our priorities should be,” says Boyce.

The results of the needs assessment will be used to build on the organization’s 1991 strategic plan and to make Preservation Pennsylvania responsive to constituent needs on a comprehensive statewide basis.

Other priorities for the near future include recapitalizing the revolving fund and moving the organization’s headquarters offices to Harrisburg. The move to Harrisburg is viewed by Boyce and the board of directors as critical to continuing Preservation Pennsylvania’s strong advocacy role developed during efforts on Key 93.

Ongoing partnerships with the Southwest Pennsylvania Heritage Preservation Commission and The Pew Charitable Trusts will continue to make funding available for preservation efforts. A forthcoming request from the estate of F. Otto Haas will also increase the organization’s financial capabilities.

“Preservation Pennsylvania is one of the strongest statewide preservation organizations in the nation. We have an excellent record of providing information and assistance to local groups, and we plan to build on that record,” says Boyce. “I look forward to working with Preservation PA’s new president, Mary DeNadai, and with the board and staff as we explore new directions for meeting the needs of Pennsylvania’s preservation community.”

Preservation Pennsylvania encourages our members and friends to vote on election day, November 8, 1994.
1994 AWARDS RECOGNIZE SIX PRESERVATION PROJECTS

A pagoda might sound like an unusual candidate for a Pennsylvania preservation award. But on the evening of April 28 in Johnstown, a Reading landmark and one of Pennsylvania’s most unusual historic buildings was among six construction projects honored by the Bureau for Historic Preservation (BHP) at the annual preservation awards banquet.

The Pagoda was built in 1907 as a luxury resort inn atop Reading’s Mount Penn. The resort failed and the Pagoda became the property of the city in 1910. Since then the building has fascinated and attracted both locals and visitors. In 1993 the Pagoda received a much needed renewal. Rehabilitation included reestablishing the building’s historic color scheme and reconstructing features and details lost over the years. Architect for the project was William Kirkpatrick of Kirkpatrick Architects, Reading. Mayor Warren Haggerty accepted the outstanding achievement award on behalf of the city.

Other projects receiving this year’s awards from the BHP include:

**Outstanding Achievement Awards**

**Peace Church** (ca. 1790), Hampton Township, Cumberland County, for reinforcing of roof truss system. Owner: Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. Pennsylvania Department of General Services, project architects, John Bowie and Richard Ortega, historic architectural and structural engineering consultants.

**Thomas H. Thompson House** (1906), Brownsville, Fayette County, for rehabilitation for new retail and restaurant uses. Owner: Mary Jean Cicconi. Terry A. Necciai, architectural consultant.


**Merit Awards**

**Head House and New Market** (ca. 1740), Philadelphia. Head House Conservancy directed the preservation and restoration of the property for use by a municipal authority. Owner: City of Philadelphia. Roland C. Davies, architect.

**Brighton Place Housing,** Pittsburgh, for rehabilitation as affordable housing of properties in the Allegheny Flats Historic District. Owner: Northside Tenants Reorganization. Landmarks Design Associates, architects.

PA AT RISK
National Park Service Identifies Threatened National Historic Landmarks

The last issue of *Preserving Pennsylvania* featured ten significant historic properties that are endangered by a variety of forces including neglect, abandonment, vandalism, and unsympathetic development. In a recent publication, the National Park Service has identified National Historic Landmarks (NHLs) that face similar threats. National Historic Landmarks are acknowledged as our Nation's most important historic and cultural resources. More than two thousand properties have achieved this recognition nationally.

Within Pennsylvania, eleven NHLs are identified in the report as facing a Priority 1 threat, meaning that the integrity of the landmark has been found to be seriously damaged or in imminent danger of serious damage (stressed properties have been listed in issues of *Preserving Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania at Risk*):

- Bedford Springs Hotel, Bedford County*
- Brandywine Battlefield, Delaware County*
- Loudoun Mansion, Colonial Germantown Historic District, Philadelphia
- East Broadtop Railroad, Huntingdon County*
- Eastern State Penitentiary, Philadelphia*
- Fairmount Waterworks, Philadelphia
- Fort Mifflin, Philadelphia
- Friendship Hill, Fayette County
- Isaac Meason House, Fayette County*
- PSFS Building, Philadelphia*
- U.S. Naval Asylum, Philadelphia*

*For more information on state historic preservation programs contact:

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PA PUBLICATIONS

Eco Adventures is a new 30-page guide from the Bucks County Tourist Commission, Inc. It offers information on environmental, cultural, and heritage tourism sites and activities in Bucks County. Ecotourism is defined by the Ecotourism Society of North Bennington, Vermont, as "responsible travel to natural areas that conserve the environment and sustain the well being of local people." Buck's County's program to promote the environment and tourism is patterned after American Express' protocol for ecotourism, developed in conjunction with the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The Bucks County program is sponsored, in part, by American Express and is the first of its kind in the U.S. For copies of Eco Adventures or more information on the program, contact the Bucks County Tourist Commission, 125 Swamp Road, Doylestown, PA 18901-2451; 800-836-2825.

A newly updated and redesigned edition of the popular The Covered Bridges of Pennsylvania: A Guide by Susan M. Zacher has been published by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC). The listing of 215 extant covered bridges is arranged geographically by region and county for ease in locating bridges in a given area. Available from PHMC, Publication & Sales Program, PO Box 11466, Harrisburg PA 17108-1466 (717-783-2618) for $9.95 plus $2 shipping and handling. PA residents add $.60 state sales tax.

The Whiskey Rebellion: Southwestern Pennsylvania's Frontier People Test the American Constitution, by Jerry A. Clouse, gives a history of the uprising celebrating its bicentennial this year. Of special interest in this year of events to commemorate the Rebellion, the publication includes a map and county-by-county description of related sites and buildings. Available from PHMC (see above) for $7.95 plus $2 shipping and handling. PA residents add $.48 state sales tax.

A 28-page listing of publications of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission is available by contacting the Publications Sales Program, PHMC, at the address/phone above.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE PUBLICATIONS


Preserving the Past and Making it Accessible for People with Disabilities is a 24-page guide to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act and its implications for historic structures. Available from: Preservation Assistance Division, National Park Service, PO Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127.

Directory of Training Opportunities in Cultural Resource Management (Short Term) Oct. 1993-Dec. 1994 is available by contacting Emogene Bevitt, National Park Service (424), PO Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; 202-343-9561. The 84-page directory provides information on over 200 workshops or courses ranging in length from a few hours to a few days.

Protecting Archeological Sites on Private Lands is a 133-page publication on a wide variety of regulatory and non-regulatory techniques that can help protect archeological sites from the pressures of state, local, and privately funded development and from site looting. Copies are available by writing: Susan L. Henry, Interagency Resources Division, Suite 250, National Park Service, PO Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127.

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Share Your Success: Fund-Raising Ideas. (#80) By Leilah Powell. Presents examples of innovative and effective fund-raising events, products, and programs.

Stained Glass in Houses of Worship. (#84) By Rolf Achilles and Neal A. Vogel. Covers the art and history of stained glass, and deals with issues regarding its preservation.

The cost for each of the above Information series titles is $5; bulk orders (any 10 or more copies) is $2.50 per copy. Additional discounts are available on orders of 100 copies or more. Orders shipped prepaid only, price includes shipping and handling. Contact: Information series, National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1785 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20036; 202-673-4286.

FUNDING SOURCES

Preservation Pennsylvania announces a new three year grant cycle for the Philadelphia Intervention Fund. Underwritten by The Pew Charitable Trusts, the Philadelphia Intervention Fund provides grants to non-profit, incorporated organizations or public agencies within Philadelphia County to address emergency situations and imminent threats to historic properties. Awards range from $1,000 to $20,000. For more information and application materials contact Preservation Pennsylvania.

The Center for Rural Pennsylvania Rural Access Guide. 103-page guide to funding programs that can benefit rural areas of Pennsylvania. Arranged into six thematic sections: business, economic and industrial recruitment and retention; arts, historic preservation, recreation, tourism; technical assistance, administration, management; infrastructure, transportation, capital projects; education, health, training; agriculture, conservation, forestry. Detailed information on each funding program is accompanied by a Pennsylvania case study of a community that has used that program. Available from: Center for Rural Pennsylvania, 212 Locust St., Suite 604, Harrisburg, PA 17101; 717-877-9555.

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- Cornwall Iron Furnace, Lebanon County
- Delaware Canal, Northampton & Bucks Counties*
- Thomas Eakins House, Philadelphia
- Humphry Marshall House, Chester County
- Mill Grove, Montgomery County
- New Market, Philadelphia
- Philadelphia City Hall
- Reading Terminal Headhouse, Philadelphia
- Searights Tollhouse, Fayette County*
- The Woodlands, Philadelphia

Nationally, 138 of the total 2,081 National Historic Landmarks are given Priority 1 status; another 221 are listed as Priority 2.

For a copy of the report or information on a particular landmark, contact: Susan Escherich, Preservation Assistance Division, National Park Service, PO Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; 202-343-9585.

CALENDAR 1994

Summer 1994 Bicentennial celebration of the arrival of Joseph Priestley in the United States. For schedule of events commemorating this pre-eminent 18th century scientist and theologian, contact: Joseph Priestley House, Northumberland, 717-473-9474.

Summer/Fall 1994 Bicentennial of the Whiskey Rebellion. For a copy of the bicentennial’s newsletter Tom the Tinker’s Tattler and a calendar of events contact: Whiskey Rebellion Bicentennial, Inc., c/o P/NP Management Consultants, 6941 Bilenheim Court, Pittsburgh, PA 15208; 412-441-4132.


September 29-October 1 American Association for State and Local History annual meeting: Redefining the Field of State and Local History. Omaha, Nebraska. Contact: AASLH, 530 Church St., Suite 600, Nashville, TN 37219; 615-255-2971.


November 19-20 Lebanon County Historical Society Annual Crafts and Trains Show. Contact: LCCHS, 924 Cumberland St., Lebanon PA 17042-5186; 717-272-1473.

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February 26-28 Restoration 95. Exhibits and educational programs on preservation and restoration techniques. Boston, Massachusetts. Contact: Restoration 95, RAI/EGI Exhibitions, Inc., Ten Tower Office Park, Woburn, MA 01801-9915; 617-933-9699 (exhibitor information); 617-933-6663 (visitor information).

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