

News For Members of
PITTSBURGH HISTORY &
LANDMARKS FOUNDATION

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NEILL LOG HOUSE LANDSCAPING FUNDS

We wish to thank the following members and friends who have generously donated funds to be applied to the purchase of plants and shrubs for the Neill Log House:

Edna R. Ashton

In memory of Mrs. James A. Ashton, Sr.

Botanical Society of Western Pennsylvania

Montague R. Cooke

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. W. J. Cooke

Mr. & Mrs. James A. Frank

Donald L. Hobaugh

In memory of E. Russell Hobaugh

Marcia Campbell Hobaugh

In memory of Arthur B. Campbell

Mrs. Birda Jones

In memory of L. G. McLeod

Mrs. Kenneth K. Kearney

In memory of Kenneth K. Kearney

Linden Garden Club

Nell Nickerson

Valentina Petrone

The Alexander C. Speyer & Lillie S. Speyer Charitable Foundation

In memory of Alexander C. Speyer, Sr.

Mrs. LeRoy Thompson

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Charles A. Painter, Jr.

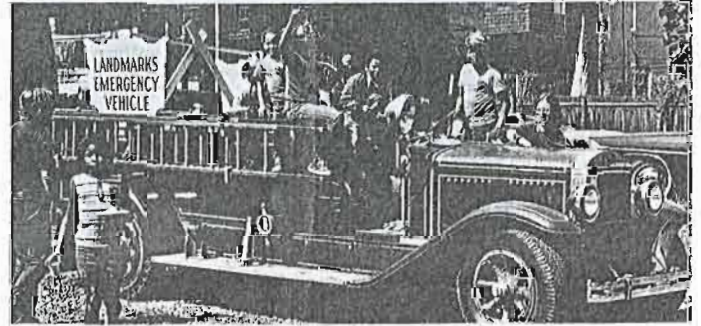
Western Pennsylvania Unit, Herb Society of America

PHLF hopes to undertake and complete the Neill Log House landscaping this spring. At that time a permanent list of donors will be mounted in the Neill Log House.

PHLF also wishes to thank the Western Pennsylvania Unit of The Herb Society of America; they have offered to plant and maintain a herb garden at the Neill Log House and the Botanical Society of Western Pennsylvania, which will plant wild flowers this spring. We are very grateful for their help.

The following plants and shrubs are still available for donation and if you or your organization is interested in funding one or more of these items, please send a note and check to the office. If your gift is in memory of a particular person, please so state:

21 Indian Summer Red Raspberries.....	\$ 2.50 each
20 Cumberland Balckberries.....	\$ 2.50 each
10 Arrowwood Viburnum.....	\$ 25.00 each
20 Bitter Sweet Vines.....	\$ 5.25 each
5 Ramona Climatas.....	\$ 5.25 each
50 Virginia Creepers.....	\$ 4.50 each
60 Martha Washington Asparagus Plants.....	\$ 2.00 each
30 Victoria Rhubarb Plants.....	\$ 2.25 each



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LEE AND EMMA ADLER'S VISIT

In late September we were very pleased to welcome Mr. & Mrs. Leopold Adler, II as our guests from Savannah, Georgia. Mr. Adler gave a brilliant address to our membership one evening. He and his wife attended a picnic in the Mexican War Streets and chatted with many of our friends there. Shown here are some photographs of the occasion. The talk was sponsored by Burt, Hill and Associates, architects, the principles of which are shown here with Mr. Adler, in photo 1. In photo 2 Mrs. Kenneth Boesel and Mrs. J. C. Oliver, Jr. and other neighborhood representatives are talking with our Director, Mr. Ziegler. In photo 3 Mr. Adler and Warren Schweitzer are looking at 1201 Buena Vista Street to see this restoration; and in the next photo (#4) our 1927 fire truck from Liberty Borough is shown as it rambled through the Mexican War Streets, summoning people to the picnic. In photo 5 Mr. Ziegler converses with Mr. Adler. In photo 6 our Assistant for Design Programs, Ellis Schmidlapp sits with two old friends in the back yard of 1220 Monterey Street.

ANNOUNCING
1973 PERFORMING ARTS SERIES
OLD POST OFFICE MUSEUM

Don't let the "post-Christmas doldrums" keep you wishing for excitement! Plan now to join us at the Old Post Office when the Performing Arts Committee presents six lively, interesting and varied programs. They will be held on six Sunday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Prices to members are \$8.00 for the series, and \$1.50 for individual performances. Prices to non-members are \$10. for the series and \$2.00 for individual performances. Get your tickets early; you won't want to miss any of these exciting events. A reception to meet the performers will be held after each event.

- January 14 - "Dance Happening at The Old Post Office"
Mrs. Jeanne Beaman of Pitt University will present a creative dance program related to the architecture of the Old Post Office.
- February 11- "An Evening with Robert Schmertz and Friends"
Featuring folk songs of Pittsburgh
- February 25- Recital of the winners of "The First Donald S. Steinfirsh Memorial Competition"
1 vocalist and 1 instrumentalist chosen from competitors from colleges within a radius of 50 miles of Pittsburgh.
- March 11 - The Russian Orthodox Choir of St. Alexander Nevsky from the North Hills of Pittsburgh will sing liturgical music.
- March 25 - The opera "Dido Aeneus"
The opera will be performed by the Tuesday Musical Club of Pittsburgh.
- April 15 - The Gospel Choir of the University and City Ministries under the direction of Rev. Moses Stith will sing gospel and folk music.

Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation
The Old Post Office Allegheny Square West
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15212

Please send me: I have enclosed stamped envelope: NAME _____

_____ SEASON TICKETS for the series of concerts @\$8.00 each.....\$ _____

_____ SEASON TICKETS for non-members for the series @\$10.00 each.....\$ _____

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS

_____ tickets for "Dance Happening 1/15/73 @\$1.50 each.....\$ _____

_____ tickets for non-members @\$2.00 each.....\$ _____

_____ tickets for "An Evening with Robert Schmertz 2/11/73 @\$1.50 ea.\$ _____

_____ tickets for non-members @\$2.00 each.....\$ _____

_____ tickets for "Song & Instrumental Recital" 2/25/73 @\$1.50 each..\$ _____

_____ tickets for non-members @\$2.00 each.....\$ _____

_____ tickets for "Russian Orthodox Choir" 3/11/73 @\$1.50 each.....\$ _____

_____ tickets for non-members @\$2.00 each.....\$ _____

_____ tickets for "Dido Aeneus" 3/25/73 @\$1.50 each.....\$ _____

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_____ tickets for "Gospel Choir" 4/15/73 @\$1.50 each.....\$ _____

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ANNOUNCING THE DONALD S. STEINFIRST MEMORIAL COMPETITION

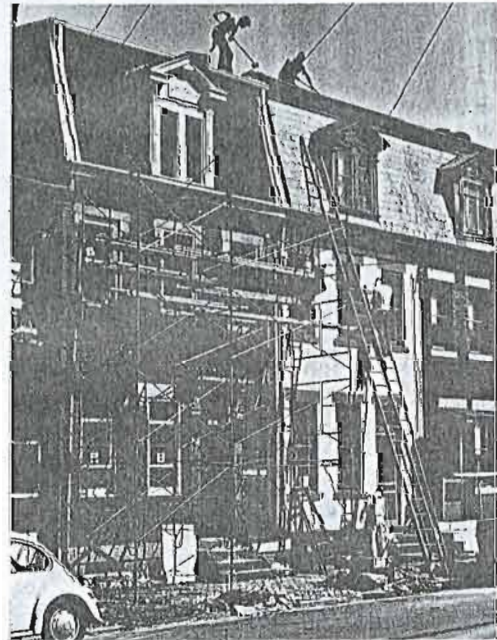
At the recommendation of the Performing Arts Committee of the Old Post Office Museum and with the approval of Mrs. Doanld S. Steinfirst, we have established a memorial competition for one vocalist and one instrumentalist between the ages of 18 and 25 to be chosen to give a recital at the Old Post Office Museum on February 25, 1973. There will also be a small stipend for each winner.

The late Dr. Steinfirst was very interested in the performing arts in Pittsburgh and also in the Old Post Office. The committee determined that this competition would be a fitting memorial to him while at the same time alerting young people to and involving them in the Old Post Office Museum.

Applicants may register for auditions which will be held on January 15 at 1:30 p.m. by calling and requesting an application form.

The concert will be part of the performing arts series for 1973. Contributions for this memorial to Donald S. Steinfirst will be welcomed and will be held in trust for use for the competition each year. Two donors have initiated the memorial with contributions totaling \$75.

Shown here is the scaffolding work at 2809 Jane Street where we are restoring an 1870 house for the Pittsburgh Housing Authority under the Leased Housing program. The Housing Authority asked us to produce a really fine unit and we are laying all new hardwood floors, replastering every wall, renewing all mechanicals, putting in all new windows and adding a new roof. The contractor is William J. Vezendy. Next door our own work crew is busily painting the facade of 2811 and putting a new roof on it. Our work crew this fall put seven new roofs on houses on the South Side and the Mexican War Streets.



We join with Mrs. Paul C. McBeth, Jr., who was in charge of our excellent Christmas show and sale, to thank the volunteers who worked so hard to help make our first effort successful. We all enjoyed sandwiches, cookies, tea and coffee served in the Victorian Parlor. Our thanks to the Colonial Dames for their lovely Victorian tea table. We sold over \$500. worth of merchandise. We still have many unusual gifts - some yet to arrive. A reminder -- Give a gift that lasts all year -- a membership to PHLF.

WITH REGRET We regret to announce the death of Ronald F. Lee, director of the National Park Service and chief historian in the service for 39 years until his retirement in 1965. Mr. Lee helped us organize our architectural survey in 1965 and sent John Poppelliers from his staff to assist us in doing so. Mr. Poppelliers is now the director of the Historic American Building Survey.

In order to provide our staff with a second week of vacation this year with minimal disruption to our services, we are closing the offices between Christmas and New Year's Day. The flow of calls and meetings subsides during this week, and we feel that the fewest number of people will be inconvenienced by our absence that week. The Museum will remain OPEN.

Recently the school board of Edgewood proposed to demolish twelve houses near the foot of Maple Avenue for school expansion. At the request of the "Families concerned with Education, Taxes, and the Community" PHLF investigated the situation and learned that other alternatives were possible. We wrote as follows:

PHLF OPPOSES SCHOOL EXPANSION IN EDGEWOOD *"These small turn-of-the-century houses, many of which have recently been excellently renovated and restored, are, in toto, a visually pleasant and extremely charming element of the townscape, as well as a necessary prelude to the large houses further up the street. They are like the opening bars of a musical composition which announce, precede and lead into the developments of the larger themes. To cut away these smaller, delightful buildings would, in our opinion, disasterously truncate the whole ensemble."*

RECENT DONATIONS

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the following people who donated historical articles in kind to the Old Post Office Museum recently.

Mrs. S. J. Anathen	Miss Mary Alice Low
Frederick Bollander	Ms. Dorothy Zenn Price
Ms. Lois Davies	Miss Mary Pulver
David Genter	Richard M. Scaife
Mrs. Harry Green	Mrs. Frank M. Tucker
Mrs. Julia Hill	Cyril Weckerle
Mrs. A. Hutter	Miss Margaret White
Mrs. J. Kindsvater	

Our fall season opened with a huge crowd attending our reception for the opening of the Western Art Exhibition. It featured bronzes designed by various artists and cast by the James H. Matthews Company, FALL OPENING all of which dealt with western motifs. We also had drawings and lithographs of cowboys and Indians from the Kennedy Galleries in New York and Indian artifacts on loan from Meadowcroft Village. More than 600 people came to the opening.

We are pleased to announce these new members for September-October 1972

Mrs. Jean W. Baxley	Mrs. Mildred C. Lory
Mrs. Kenneth W. Behrend	Mr. & Mrs. John Matejczyk
Ms. Helen Wolk Brown	Mrs. Patrick J. McDonough
Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Cohen	Mrs. Robert W. McKinley
Dane Critchfield	Ms. Grace Z. Melassonos
Richard L. Curran	Miss Ruth Metz
Miss Josephine Denny	Mr. & Mrs. Frank W. Moore
Mr. & Mrs. Russell A. Dettling	Mr. & Mrs. Davis Nedham
Mr. & Mrs. Norman DeWind	David A. Newell
Dr. & Mrs. Douglass T. Domoto	Harold E. Oyer
Mrs. Peter A. Duerksen	Mr. & Mrs. James G. Park
Mrs. Stephen Emery	Mrs. Ken Pilarski
Mrs. Murray Fahnestock	Dr. Charles Robshaw
Dr. E. L. Farrell	Ms. Margaret Ross
Mrs. Joseph Feld	Robert A. Rundle, Esq.
Ms. Suzanne Flood	Mr. & Mrs. Emerson Samuels
Mrs. Lynn Frissell	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Seman
J. Henry Gardner	Mrs. Willard Schwartz
Arthur R. Gorr	Mrs. W. H. Shaffer, Jr.
Mrs. Robert B. Heppenstall, Jr.	Mr. & Mrs. Herbert G. Stein
Mrs. Arnold I. Holmes	Ms. Eleanora M. Thomas
M. P. Huessener	Miss Alma M. Trainor
Ms. Miriam W. Ketchem	Ms. Mary Alice Walsh
Ms. Anne C. Koester	Western Pennsylvania Research & Historical Society
Local 141 - Laundry & Dry Cleaning International	Ronald P. Woshner
Winthrop M. Leeds	Miss Marion Young
Ms. Helen A. Lingelbach	Reuben Zemel

VOLUNTEERS and those interested in volunteering will meet January 10, 1973 at 8:00 p.m. at the Old Post Office Museum. This meeting will be for the purpose of electing officers for 1973 and conducting a "Mini-Seminar on Volunteer Services." PLAN NOW TO ATTEND!

DECOUPAGE LECTURE BY MRS. LAURA GOLDSMITH
JANUARY 15, 1973

The kind of decoupage now showing at the Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Museum becomes possible only through a knowledge of the fundamental principles of design as well as the mastery of the craft which produces the composition. When the fundamentals of design are involved, plus originality and imagination, the composition may proceed into the realm of art.

Because of the great interest shown since the exhibit opened, Mrs. Goldsmith has consented to hold an informative discussion along these lines. This talk will be given in conjunction with the exhibit at the Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Museum on January 15, 1973 at 1:30 p.m. in the Old Post Office Museum.

TICKET REQUEST FORM FOR DECOUPAGE LECTURE

Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation
Old Post Office--Allegheny Square West
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15212

Please send me:

_____ tickets for Mrs. Laura Goldsmith's discussion on Decoupage on 1/15/73
@ \$2.50 each for members.....\$ _____

_____ tickets for non-members @ \$3.00 each.....\$ _____

My check is enclosed.

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