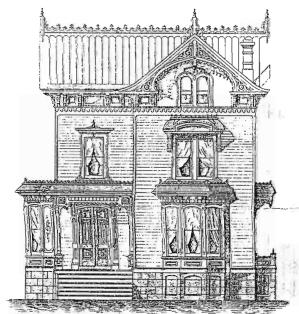


PHLF SUMMER EVENTS 1979

Old House Fair

Event II An Evening of Financial Advice



The Old Post Office Museum May 22, 1979 7~9 pm

Bankers, city officials and PHLF staff will be available to answer your questions on what programs are available to assist you in financing the restoration of an old house.

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free to PHLF members

\$2.00 for non-members

Walking Tours

PHLF summer walking tours will include:

PHLF summer walking tours will be held on Sunday afternoons, with each tour starting at 2:00 p.m., and ending by 5:00 p.m. This year's schedule will include:

North Point Breeze-June 24 Meet at the shelter in Westinghouse Park on Thomas Boulevard.

Mount Washington-July 22 Meet at the bottom of the Duquesne Incline (there is parking across the street), and have 60¢ for your round-trip fare.

It is not necessary to register for walking tours, the cost is \$1.00 for PHLF members; \$2. non-members.

Bus Tours

NATIONAL PIKE FESTIVAL

MAY 19

The National Pike Festival is an annual event in Washington and Greene Counties along Route 40. Our tour will leave the Old Post Office Museum at 8:30 a.m., we will visit Nemacolin Castle and the displays and activities there and in Scenery Hill before having lunch at Century Inn in Scenery Hill. After lunch we will travel along Route 40 and visit as many of the activities as our time permits, and return to the Old Post Office Museum by 6:30 p.m. The cost for this tour is \$28.00 each for PHLF members, and \$33.00 for non-members. Please use the reservation form to sign up for this tour. 14 4-12/14/14/19 18/12 33/05/7/02 27/08/8/18/18 the carrier of the same

FRICK MUSEUM, LINDEN HALL, OHIOPYLE

JUNE 30

This trip will take us to the birthplace of Henry Clay Frick which is now a museum and the headquarters for the Westmoreland-Fayette Counties Historical Society. We will then visit Linden Hall at Dawson, Pa. have a tour of the mansion, eat our lunch there and then have a tour of the church. We will then drive to Ohiopyle and the Youghiogheny Dam before returning to the Old Post Office at 6:30 p.m. The cost of this trip is \$35.00 each for PHLF members, and \$40.00 for nonmembers. Please use the reservation form. The tour will leave the Old Post Office at 8:30 a.m.

MEADOWCROFT VILLAGE

JULY 28

This tour will leave the Old Post Office Museum at 9:00 a.m. We will spend the day at Meadowcroft Village, a complex of 32 restored 19th century buildings in Aveila, Pa. You may pack a picnic lunch and eat it at your leasure on the grounds, or purchase your lunch at the "Canteen" where sandwiches, snacks, and soft drinks are sold on the grounds. A feature of the afternoon will be a concert on the green. We will return to the Old Post Office at 6:30 p.m. The cost of this tour is \$20.00 for PHLF members, and \$25.00 for non-members.

Reservation Form

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	June 30 - Frick Museum, Linden Hall	
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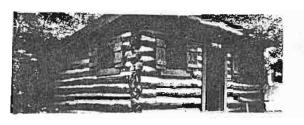
DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS AND CHECKS FOR TOURS IS ONE WEEK PRIOR TO EACH EVENT.

PHLF to Manage Meadowcraft Village









Meadowcroft Village in Avella, Pennsylvania is a rural grouping of 32 restored and reproduced buildings moved from their original locations throughout the United States and placed on 300 acres of farmland and reclaimed strip mining land. Delvin Miller, the king of harness racing and owner of the champion, Adios, created the Village with his brother, Albert Miller, and in 1969 opened Meadowcroft Village to the public.

The Village takes its name from Bancroft the Miller family farm, and Meadowlands, a farm owned by Delvin Miller. While boasting primarily log houses, the Village also features a covered bridge, an old school house, blacksmith's shop, general store, and a handsome collection of restored carriages and wagons.

In addition to his other activities on behalf of the Village, Delvin Miller holds two benefit golf tournaments each year to raise funds for Meadow-croft. This winter's tournament in DelRay Beach, Florida, included players from the Miami Dolphins and the New York Yankees. Albert Miller and his wife, Rita, are very active in the day-to-day operations of the Village.

PHLF has held tours and seminars at Meadowcroft in the past with a great response from our members. We are offering another tour to Meadowcroft Village this summer on July 28. Also, check the calendar of events for other special days at Meadowcroft. Call 322-1204 for more information.

PHLF members will receive a 50¢ discount on regular admission tickets upon presentation of a validated PHLF membership card.

PHLF has been named as management consultant for the 1979 season. Our activities include financial long range planning, programming, development of an extensive public relations campaign, as well as directing the activities of the present staff. The administration of rural living history museums is difficult; isolation and accessibility are two key obstacles which must be overcome. Because of PHLF's successful management experience record, we've been asked to help solve these basic problems and help find new sources of funding for Meadowcroft Village.

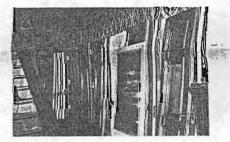
Braun House Demolition— End of an Era

Once again the wreckers have taken their toll. We are sorry to report the demolition this spring of one of the last great Edwardian houses of East Liberty: the Phipps-Braun house on Warwick Terrace. This document of one of Pittsburgh's grander eras, which sat on the hill above Fifth Avenue for 76 years will be replaced by luxury condominiums.

Built in 1903 by Lawrence Phipps, the steel, brick and terra cotta structure represented the type of provincial Italianate work commonly being done at the turn of the century. Because of the estimated \$75,000. annual maintenance costs, PHLF could not accept the house as a gift from the last owner, but we did salvage all the decorative detailing we could. The artifacts retrieved included paneling, mantel pieces, portieres and curtains, painted leather wall coverings, stained glass, brass and bronze hardware, and even a Moorish smoking room! These will be incorporated in the Old Post Office Museum, Station Square, and Landmarks restoration projects.

Once the house was stripped, it was torn down to make way for the new condominiums. The developers plan a three-story 15-unit building to go on the site of the house and approximate its dimensions. Aside from the allegorical bronze fountain from the front terrace, which will be moved to a central atrium, remnants of the Phipps-Braun house have been cleared away.











Landmarks Certified

The Pittsburgh Athletic Association Clubhouse (1909-11) in Oakland, and the Carnegie Institute and Library (1895; 1904; 1974) in Oakland were recently added to the National Register of Historic Places.

The following buildings have been added to the Pennsylvania Inventory and will be considered for nomination to the National Register:

Gilfillan Farm House, Upper St. Clair, 1857 Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad Complex, South Side, 1895-1920.

PHLF's Historic Landmarks Plaque Awards Program continues to look for buildings of local significance. The Committee's next meeting will be in the fall of this year. Application forms are available from Eliza Smith at the PHLF office.

Easter Celebration at Old St. Luke's

St. Luke's Church in Woodville was the setting for a beautiful Easter Sunrise Service, the third annual ecumenical service sponsored by the Old St. Luke's Committee, an auxiliary of PHLF formed to raise funds to restore the historic stone church.

Built in 1852, the stones of this simple edifice were all quarried by hand by the men of the congregation. Included in the furnishings of the church is a pipe organ brought across the mountains by mule pack in 1823.

Participating in this year's service were Rev. Norman D. Drysdale, Rev. John N. Yohe, Brother George W. McCormick, Mrs. Joseph W. Lawrence, Mr. David Frankowski, and Miss Kathy Riggs. More than 100 supporters of St. Luke's enjoyed the Easter celebration service.

Manchester Site of National Conference

Over 100 people representing neighborhood organizations from throughout the country, architects, planners, government officials, historic preservationists and businessmen gathered in Manchester, April 6 and April 7 for the first national conference on historic preservation and the minority community.

The conference was sponsored by the Manchester Citizens Corporation in cooperation with PHLF, and the office of Historic Preservation, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission and the Urban Redevelopment Authority of the City of Pittsburgh. Assisting in the conference were the Mt. Auburn Good Housing Foundation, Cincinnati, Ohio and the Society for the Preservation of Weeksville, Brooklyn, New York.

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All Conference sessions were held in Manchester. Friday's sessions took place at the New Zion Baptist Church and Saturday seminars occured at Bidwell Church. Following the seminars, conference participants enjoyed tours of Manchester and the Mexican War Streets.

The Conference opened Thursday evening with a presentation by Mr. Ron Suber, President, Manchester Citizens Corporation and PHLF Board Member.
Arthur P. Ziegler, Jr., President, PHLF also discussed the development of the Manchester Program, the first urban renewal program based on historic preservation in the United States and the marketing program developed by PHLF and the Manchester Citizens Corporation.

During the closing session of the Conference the group agreed to a three-point plan. First, a smaller group will meet in Pittsburgh this spring to continue planning for uniting minorities in an effort to save their historic neighborhoods without being forced out by wealthy buyers. Then conferees plan to lobby at the National Trust for Historic Preservation Convention this fall in San Francisco. Finally, another conference will be held in Cincinnati next year to continue to explore the possibility of forming a new organization.



Panelists Joseph Bell, Carver Bank, Savannah, Georgia; Aubrey Howard, Howard-Doyen Associates, Memphis, Tenn.; and Earl Horde, Dollar Savings Bank, Pgh. Pa. discuss the economics of restoration at Friday's Seminar on Economics.

Conference participants from around the nation enjoy a presentation; the session took place at New Zion Baptist Church in Manchester.





A walking tour of Manchester included a visit to Thomas Mistick's elegantly restored house on Pennsylvania Avenue.

Stanley Lowe, Executive Director, Manchester Citizen's Corp. describes the Manchester Program on a walking tour of Manchester.





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Photo from THE GOOD PROVIDER by Robert C. Alberts

On April 4, 1979, the Old Post Office Museum became the proud recipient of one of the first automobiles in the City of Pittsburgh. It is an 1898 Penhard-Levassor, a gift of William P. Snyder, III. This sporty red French automobile with a "Tumble home body and rear entrance Tonneau"was brought to Pittsburgh by the gentleman in the photograph above, Mr. H. J. Heinz.

It is driven by a 2 cylinder, 4 horsepower Phenix-Daimler engine with a progressive sliding transmission and double chain drive.

We are most grateful to Mr. Snyder for this exquisitely restored vehicle, which was given the A.A.A.A. award of 1935.

We invite you to see this exciting piece of Pitts-burgh's past at the Old Post Office Museum. We are open weekdays 10-4:30; Saturday & Sunday 1-4:30; closed Mondays.

Coraopolis Cuisine: In Search of a Restauranteur

PHLF has recently undertaken a feasibility study on restoring the P&LE station and adjacent freight house in Coraopolis, built between 1895 and 1898 by Shepley, Rutan and Cooledge, the successor architectural firm to that of H.H. Richardson, designer of the Allegheny County Court house. Success of this recycling project is a key ingredient in the borough's economic revitalization because of its location near the center of Mill St.

PHLF has completed its initial studies of possible conversion of the structure to an elegant restaurant, and upon review is quite encouraged.

Structural studies indicate that the building is sound. We have on a schematic basis, designed a 114 seat restaurant and 54 seat lounge, representing 5,210 total square feet. The total project budget for acquisition, site

improvements, parking, furnishings, equipment, and basic construction and renovation totals approximately \$900,000. Alternate plans for a larger restaurant and a banquet hall are also available.

With the guidance of Coraopolis officials and entrepeneurs familiar with this market, we have completed economic analyses. The analysis includes attainable sales projections and a corresponding income statement for a representative operating year.

Neville Avenue Elevation

It appears from these pro formas that with the available funding from HUD through the Coraopolis Economic Revitalization Corporation, in the amount of \$325,000 the project is indeed feasible.

However, a restaurant developer must be located and committed before these public monies can be sprung. We are currently negotiating with a few prospective developers and are very interested in meeting with any other interested individuals and organizations.

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WALKER -EWING LOG HOUSE AVAILABLE

The Walker-Ewing Log House in Collier Township is now available for summer rentals to members by the day, week-end, or week. The house stands on twenty acres of beautiful countryside, with two streams on the property. Our caretaker lives nearby. There are four working fireplaces, a modern kitchen, 1 1/2 baths, and two bedrooms. Rental to members is \$25. per night. There are also special weekend and weekly rates.

NEEDED

A Garden Club or interested individuals to plant flowers around the shrubbery in the Old Post Office Garden Court. Please call Ellis Schmidlapp at the office, 322-1204.

HOUSE FOR SALE

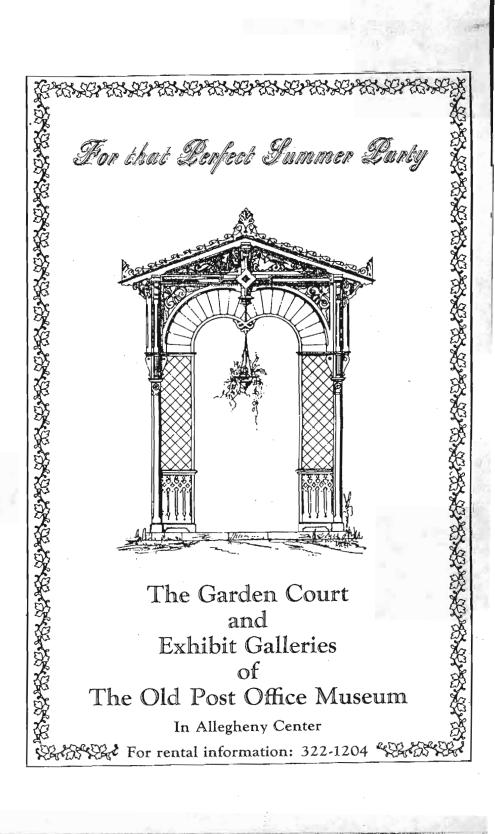
Evergreen Hamlet - a charming Victorian hilltop "Landmark" - 6 bedrooms, 4 spacious public rooms, 6+ acres woods and gardens - \$165,000. 821-3336.

May 19 & 20 Noon until 5 PM daily

Allegheny West opens its churches, mansions Victorian homes and gardens to the public. A turn-of-the-century street festival will feature arts and crafts, music, dance, antiques, unique taste treats, a vintage auto show (Sunday only), and much more!

House Tour tickets (\$3.50) may be purchased at the Springfest Gazebo, corner of Beech and Galveston Avenues, on the days of Springfest; or call 323-8225.





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- May 22 Neville House Auxiliary Annual Meeting 2:00 Oliver Miller Homestead Speakers: Ann Connors, Curator, "The Relationship between the Millers and the Nevilles During the Whiskey Rebellion"; Fred Bolander, "Acquiring Furnishings for the Neville House".
- May 22 Old House Fair Event II 7-9 PM Old Post Office Museum Details on page 1.
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PRESERVATIONWEEK MAY 6-12,1979



PRESERVATION IS GOOD BUSINESS



PHLF needs volunteers to assist in undertaking a four-year, comprehensive county-wide survey of Allegheny County, intended to expand upon the work done by Jamie Van Trump and Arthur Ziegler for Landmark Architecture of Allegheny County, published in 1967. The project will involve travelling the city streets and country roads of the county, locating and recording the historic resources in our built environment. The survey will be expanded to include all of the following:

architecture public sculpture landscaping (parks, gardens, etc.) historic sites engineering technology industry

urban and town planning Using a cut-off date of 1940, we will explore the county in geographic segments. Phase I (1979) will deal with the City of Pittsburgh between and north of the Allegheny and Monongahela Rivers.

The data collected in this Survey can be incorporated into statewide comprehensive preservation planning and local comprehensive planning. Also out of this, historic districts will be defined and candidates chosen for landmark certification under the PHLF Historic Landmarks Plaque program, the Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places, and the National Register of Historic Places. The final product of the four-year project will be a significant new publication of LAAC.

Members and friends of PHLF can participate in the survey in two ways:

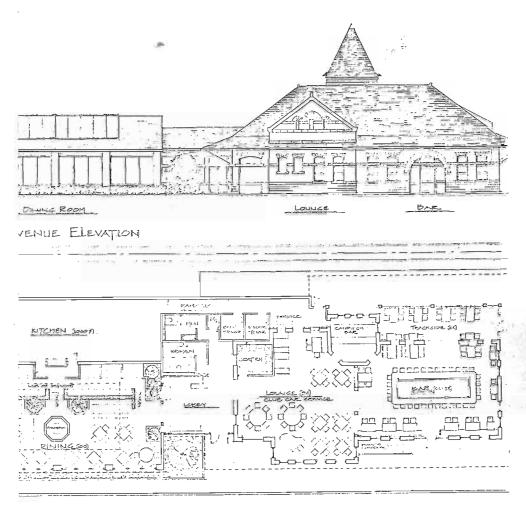
- 1. Alert us to any districts, buildings, monuments, sites or objects with which you are familiar, and provide us with any information you might have concerning them. We have been compiling a file of suggestions for future surveys since LAAC was published in 1967, and would like to continue to collect recommendations from our members. Use the short sample survey form below to record the information and mail it to us.
- 2. We need volunteers to help with both field work and research. More specifically, we need drivers, photographers, researchers, and typists to work beginning in May. A brief training program will be conducted to familiarize the volunteer survey team with the historical background of the area, available research resources, and survey. techniques.

1204 immediately if you are interested in being part of the Survey team.

Please join us in this important project in whatever way you can!

	SAMPLE SURVEY FORM
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