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PITTSBURGH HISTORY & LANDMARKS FOUNDATION

Antiques Show

October 16, 17, 18, 1981

at

STATION SQUARE

Smithfield St. Bridge and E. Carson St.

Admission \$3.00

Friday and Saturday: one to 10:00 p.m. Sunday: one to six p.m. Luncheon Available

A partial listing of dealers

Bette M. Apt
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Robert and Cynthia Baker
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Potomac, MD
Brandagee Antiques, Inc.
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Allan Brink
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New Paltz, NY
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Scenery Hill, PA
Vivian Wilson Cohen
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Sewickley, PA
Ron Cousins
Utica, NY
Bill and Betty Cowden
Bay Village, OH
The Cunninghams
Denver, PA
Sally Ann Decker
Morgantown, WV

Devereaux & Green
Wellington, OH
Duxbury Galleries
Duxbury, MA
East End Galleries
Pittsburgh, PA
Robert H. Eckhardt
Pittsburgh, PA
Fischer and Strassler
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Hudson, OH
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Pittsburgh, PA
J. Thomas Melvin
Bethel, CN
Charles and Grete Miller
Canonsburg, PA
Aileen M. Minor
Bethesda, MD
Margaret Mutschler
Leetsdale, PA
Marshy Hope
Taylor's Island, MD
Paul and Betty Phillips
Monkton, MD
Piper's Antiques
Jefferson, OH
Ellen Roberts Antiques
Bethesda, MD
Duane and Nancy Sand
Stevensville, MD
Shehady's Oriental Rugs
Pittsburgh, PA

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Buffalo, NY
Woody P. Straub
Harmony, PA
The Tail End
Pittsburgh, PA
Terrace Antiques
Wilmington, DE
Tillou Galleries
Buffalo, NY
The Tinker's Dam
Mt. Vernon, OH
The Tuttle
Ipswich, MD
John Veenschoten Gallery
Erie, PA
Walker Valley Antiques
New York, NY
William and Carol Warfel
Manheim, PA
Betty Wyatt Antiques
Bridgeport, WV
Yankee Maid Antiques
Wallingford, VT

Manager: Jack Squires — 412/322-1204

Proceeds from admissions will be used to match a National Endowment for the Arts Challenge Grant to the Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation.

MEADOWCROFT VILLAGE

Old Fashioned COUNTRY FAIR DAY

September 13, 1981

1pm to 6pm

children's activities

apple bob, balloon bust, undog show (any pet but a dog! registration deadline: September 1), traditional American games

activities for all ages

pie tasting contest, sack races, tobacco spitting contest, hay bale throwing contest

Good food from the Country kitchen, or bring a picnic. Crafts demonstrations, tours of the Village, and more!

From Pittsburgh, take Rt. 50 to Avella, turn left, follow signs;

From Wheeling, take Rt. 2 to Rt. 844 to Independence, then follow signs.



ADULTS \$3.00 For information call 587-3412 CHILDREN \$1.00

Morse School: Focus of Controversy



The Morse School, a fine Victorian Italianate structure located at South 25th and Sarah Streets on the South Side, has recently been the focus of great controversy. Originally built in 1874 as a 3 1/2 story masonry, stone and wood structure, it was expanded in 1905 with a compatibly designed annex of masonry, steel, and wood. While this type of school building was not uncommon in the 1870's very few survive in such intact condition. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is currently considering demolition of the structure for construction of new housing. If the building is determined to be eligible for the National Register, the HUD project will be redesigned and the building adapted for re-use. The responsibility for that decision lies with the State Office of Historic Preservation in Harrisburg, which will soon act upon our review which found the building to be worthy of Preservation.



Expressions of Excellence

The Expression of Excellence: A festival of Black, Hispanic and Native American Arts Visual Arts Exhibition is showing now until September 28th at the Old Post Office Museum. Located in the rotunda gallery it is an exiting show of 110 items including painting, sculpture, photography, drawing and the fiber arts of 39 artists from Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia, Washington D.C., and Ohio.

This celebration of Black, Hispanic and Native American arts is being presented by the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, the Manchester Craftsmen's Guild, the National Council of Negro Women, the Hill House Association and Program to Aid Citizen Enterprise.

Have You Visited Meadowcroft Village This Season?

Remember, it's a beautiful place to spend a day with the whole family or with a group of friends, touring the fifteen restored village buildings, watching the craftspeople at work, and feeling what life was like in pioneer days.

It's a great place to walk, observe nature on 200 acres of wooded land, and, as the Greater Pittsburgh Road Runners Club proved with their 6 mile race on July 19, it's a great place for cross country running!

Bring a picnic, or enjoy good food from the Country Kitchen. Meadowcroft Village is less than 40 miles from Pittsburgh. See our Calendar of Events in this issue for the Special Events this season.

Visit the Miller Schoolhouse, the Blacksmith Shop, the general stores and the Cobbler's Shop. See the magnificent David Dow Carriage Collection. You'll be glad you made the trip.

NEEDED

Caretaker Needed at Meadowcroft Village, Avella, PA. Three bedroom log house, with fireplace, central heat complete kitchen.

Duties include security, garbage removal, occasional maintenance on house and grounds. Rent: \$125 monthly plus utilities. For information call David Kahley at 322-1204.



Volunteers to help with the Antiques Show at Station Square October 16, 17, 18. Please call Mrs. Emerick at 322-1204.

Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre Plaque Dedicated



The Classical Romanesque Building at Wood and the Boulevard of the Allies that is the home of the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre has been designated an historic landmark by Pittsburgh History & Landmark Foundation. The structure, erected in 1895, is a handsome design of Pompeian brick with stone facing on the lower two stories and terra cotta trim. Actually consisting of two identical seven story structures, the composition features a boldly articulated arcade at the sixth story and banded stonework on the first and second stories, as well as a profusion of Classical moldings throughout. Many pittsburghers know and love the building for the great stone cartouche at the first floor level on the corner.

The Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre for several years has been restoring the exterior of the building, including the removal of the blue metal facing that covered a portion of the first floor. The Ballet has also renovated the entire interior for offices and practice rooms.

In dedicating the plaque, Arthur Ziegler pointed out that the Ballet's commitment to restoring this building preceded Renaissance II and set an example that is being widely followed throughout downtown today.

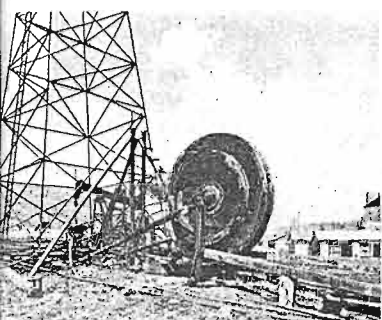
The plaque was accepted by Lottie and Leon Falk and members of the Ballet Board and Company. A room was also dedicated at the same time to benefactor of the Ballet, Louis Caplan.

SURVEY NEWS



P St. Paul's Baptist Church (1874) in Oakmont is a rare Gothic Revival design of the simplest variety, designed by William Kerr.

The Kellerman House (c. 1800 with a 1904 addition) in McKeesport is one of a handful of log houses remaining in Allegheny County. This one is threatened with demolition.



Oil rigs with wooden fly wheels such as this one (c. 1896) were common in South Fayette Township during the oil excitement of the 1890's.

The Allegheny Survey has passed the half-way mark in its four-year effort to document every significant pre-1940 site in the County! 54 City of Pittsburgh neighborhoods and 44 County municipalities have been surveyed, and well over 4,500 sites have been recorded. The survey team is currently working on the 25 City neighborhoods south of the Ohio and Monongahela Rivers, to be completed by early October.

The finds have been as varied as the 1894 East Pittsburgh plant of Westinghouse, the Finnish Temperance Hall of 1905 in Glassport, a wood trestle deck bridge of 1880-1899 and an 1896 oil well dating to the days of the Oil Excitement in South Fayette, and a few eighteenth century log houses in outlying areas such as McKeesport and Pleasant Hills.

As we move into the final phase of the survey, which includes 85 municipalities, we welcome volunteer help of all kinds. Photographers, researchers, and field workers have been a tremendous help to us all along. In Upper St. Clair, a group of volunteers completed the entire survey. Why not work on the survey in your neighborhood? Contact Eliza Smith at 322-1204 for more information.

Annual Festival at Old St. Luke's

On Saturday, August 15, the Old St. Luke's Auxiliary of PHLF held their Annual Festival at Old St. Luke's Church. The Festival Chairman was Mrs. Paul N. King, and the event was very successful despite rainy conditions. Festival workers and those attending donned umbrellas and enjoyed the day's offerings. A white elephant sale, crafts sale, and food fair were held and a \$30 gift certificate for the Grand Concourse restaurant was raffled off.

PHLF gave the church a display case which was refurbished by Auxiliary members and now holds a dress and bonnet worn by Jane Lea Nixon, baptized in 1774 and buried in St. Luke's cemetery. She was the settler's child born in the Chartiers Valley. The latest charter member of the Auxiliary is Mr. Levi Bird Duff, whose great great grandmother was Jane Lea Nixon.

The restoration of the church is still in progress; a new door is now being fabricated for the cellar and construction of restrooms and a bride's dressing room (also a community meeting room) will follow.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| September 11-12-13 | Carson & Barnes 5-Ring Circus Station Square, details p. 6. |
| September 12 | PHLF tour of 2 historic homes & log house, Pgh. southern suburbs leaves Old Post Office 1 p.m. Call 322-1204 |
| September 13 | 1-6 p.m. Country Fair Meadowcroft Village |
| September 19 | "Lavender & Old Lace" luncheon & fashion show, sponsored by Neville House Auxiliary |
| October 11 | 10-5 Corn Husk Festival Meadowcroft Village |
| October 12 | 1-6 p.m. Corn Husk Festival Meadowcroft Village |
| October 16-17-18 | Antiques Show at Station Square details p. 1. |
| October 18 | Calvary United Methodist Church-Northside will present in concert at 2:30 p.m. Mr. Bernard Goldberg-principal flutist for the Pgh. Symphony for 34 years |
| November 7 | At 1 p.m. PHLF Bus Tour of "Old Allegheny"
- Emmanuel Episcopal Church Richardson's "Brick Oven Church."
- Calvary United Methodist famous for it's Tiffany windows, Pastry and Coffee.
- Beech Street Restoration House Tour
* Cost \$10. |
| November 22 | At 2:30 p.m. Concert Series Mary Demyan presents Appalachian and English Folk Music. Calvary United Methodist Church |
| December 12 | At 1 p.m. PHLF Holiday Tour
- St. George Antiochian Orthodox
- Rodef Shalom Temple
- East Liberty Presbyterian Coffee & Desert
* Cost \$15. Call 322-1204 |

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Advance reservations may be made by calling P.H.L.F. at 322-1204 or sign up at the Cornerstone Shop in the Freight House Shops.

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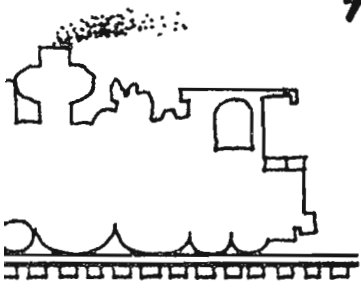
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The Neville House Auxilliary of Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation is sponsoring, "Lavender and Old Lace," a benefit Luncheon and Fashion Show to be held September 19th at the Grand Concourse Restaurant, one of Pittsburgh's largest and most unique restaurants located in the Station Square Complex formerly known to Pittsburghers as the Old P&LE Railroad Station.

Lunch will be served at 12:00 Noon in the spacious Main Dining Room and River Room of the restaurant.

For that "Touch of Class" in Fall Fashions, the Freight House Shops of Station Square, will present for your enjoyment their fine collection of designer clothes. If you are wondering what the key element in this year's fall wardrobe will be, you are sure to find the answer here.

The theme, "Lavender and Old Lace," will be carried out in the centerpieces which members are busy making and also in the added attraction of "Old Time" fashions also to be modeled that afternoon.

A Pittsburgh Landmark, the Neville House in Woodville was built in 1785 by General John Neville, a Virginian sent here by General George Washington to collect taxes in Western Pennsylvania. Aside from having historical significance, Neville House is one of the few remaining eighteenth century houses in Allegheny County and believed to be the only Virginian style home in the Pittsburgh area.

The Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation acquired the property and in 1976 the Neville House Auxiliary was formed to aid in the maintenance and restoration of this historic structure. Major exterior restoration has been completed and funds are now needed to renovate the interior. Neville House will someday be operated as a Community Center and Museum, a place where school children and adults can tour and learn to appreciate a part of Pittsburgh's early history and local history as well.

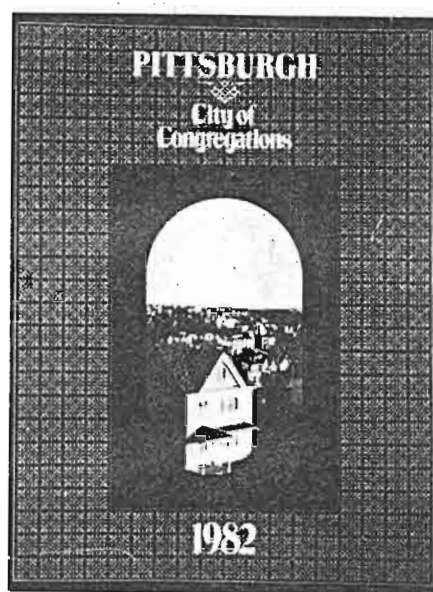
The General Chairwoman of this event is Mrs. Eleanore Fatigati of Bridgeville, PA.

Tickets are now on sale for this benefit luncheon for \$15.00. There will be tables to seat parties of 8 and 4. Reservations must be made by calling the Reservation Committee: 921-9969; 276-3228; 341-2739; 344-5217; 343-6954.

SEPTEMBER 19, 1981
(12:00 NOON)

DONATION \$15.00

Pittsburgh: City of Congregations



Pittsburgh: City of Congregations is the title of the 1982 historic calendar. Its founding families were hard working, enterprising, and religious builders of industries, homes, schools, and churches. Their religious values shaped the life of Pittsburgh and we became the "workshop of the world" and home to thousands of immigrants. This ethnic heritage is part of life in Pittsburgh today, and this 1982 calendar tells the story.

The calendars will be for sale starting in October at the Old Post Office Museum Gift Shop and at the Cornerstone at Station Square.

STATION SQUARE

**Summer Artifact,
Antique & Collectable Sale**

Featuring artifacts from the
Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Collection
Antiques and collectables by quality dealers
Arts and Crafts

**Continuing Every Sunday
Through September**

**at the
Station Square Expo Center**

(the warehouse adjoining the Grand Concourse parking lot)

Noon - 5:00 pm



NEW PUBLICATIONS

A committee of friends of Peter Berndtson, through Pittsburgh History & Landmarks has published **ORGANIC VISION**, written by Donald Miller & Aaron Sheon. The book sets forth the ideas and the architecture of the late Peter Berndtson.



FAMOUS MEN AND WOMEN OF PITTSBURGH is the result of an outstanding and scholarly series of lectures given during the Bicentennial years of 1976-77. Sponsored by PHLF and the Pittsburgh Bicentennial Commission, the series covered some well known Pittsburghers and many others whose contributions are not well known; their accomplishments are significant to our city and to the nation. This publication celebrates their achievements in the fields of art, music, medicine, literature, industry, education and science.



Both of these books are available at the Gift Shop at the Old Post Office Museum and at the Cornerstone Shop at Station Square. You may also order by mail from PHLF, 1 Landmarks Square, Pittsburgh, PA 15212.

PLEASE SEND THE FOLLOWING:

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