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## Looking Forward to

### The Preservation Loan Fund

The Preservation Loan Fund, now in its third full year of operation, is Landmarks' most successful tool to encourage restoration. At any one time, Landmarks has a loan pool available of approximately \$500,000, providing assistance to neighborhood preservation groups and individuals in Allegheny County who propose feasible restoration projects for historic properties. In 1989, Preservation Loan Fund director Stanley Lowe will be:

- providing technical assistance to the 20 neighborhood groups who are eligible to participate in the \$109 million community reinvestment agreement established in the fall of 1988 by Union National Bank under Mr. Lowe's initiative.
- extending loan guarantees to the Manchester Citizens Corporation for the renovation of five historic houses that will be sold to low- to moderate-income families, in the second phase of the Home Ownership for Working People program.
- supporting the Mexican War Streets Society in its development of a neighborhood park at the corner of Buena Vista and Jacksonia on land donated by Landmarks.
- working with the South Side Local Development Corporation to develop moderate-income housing near the market house on the South Side.
- working with the Braddock's Field Historical Society to continue the renovation of Braddock Library and with the Homestead Carnegie Library to help them secure operating funds.
- supporting Pittsburgh Community Services, Inc. in the Hill District.
- providing technical assistance to over 25 city-wide community organizations for housing and economic development.

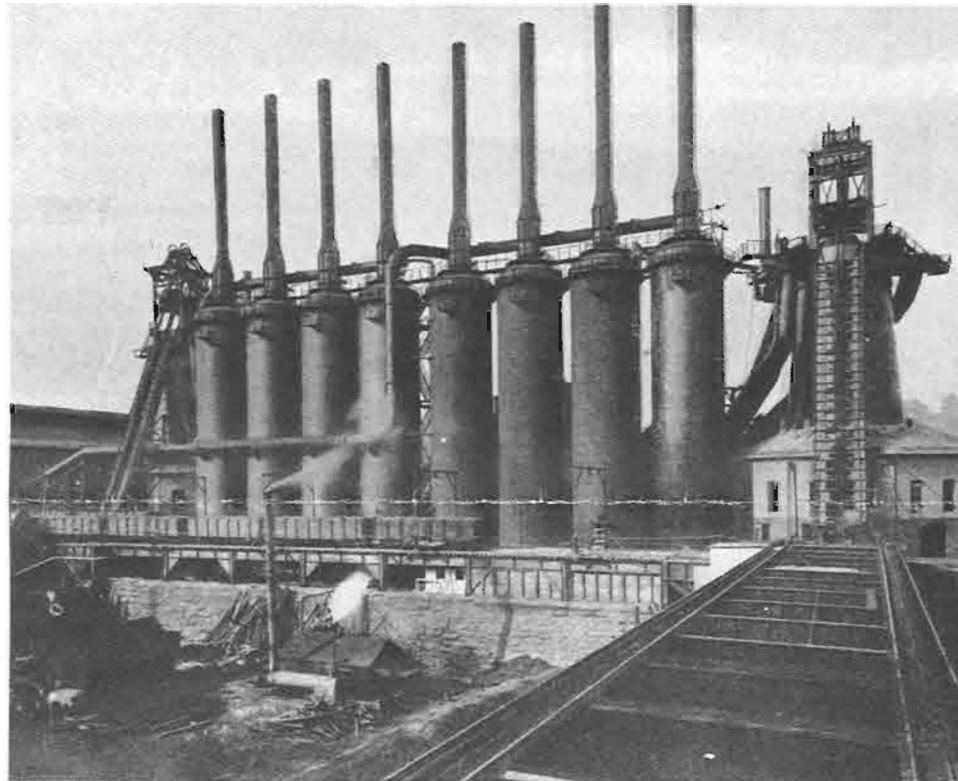
### Advocacy and Analysis

Although it is impossible to forecast all the historic-preservation issues that will challenge us in 1989, we are ready to work to:

- preserve the significant historic buildings along Fourth Avenue that are in the path of a proposed office/retail complex.
- establish a feasible strategy and pilot program addressing the preservation needs of more than 1,200 religious properties.
- offer technical assistance in the continuing renovation of the Court House and Jail.
- complete National Register surveys and nominations for the Hill District, Homewood, and Federal Street/North Avenue area, and expand National Register district designation for the Mexican War Streets if funding can be secured.



Landmarks will nominate Homestead's commercial district along Eighth Avenue for listing as part of a National Register District.



Above: The Carrie Furnaces of the Carnegie Steel Company in Rankin, PA (1907). Right: The Carrie Furnaces today, part of the abandoned Homestead Steel Works, several areas of which are under study for museum reuse.

*This past year has been a busy one, as the centerspread article shows, and many of last year's projects will snowball into the New Year. But we also have some exciting new developments and ideas that promise to make 1989 an innovative, refreshing year. The following article highlights what the Landmarks' staff plans to accomplish in seven major program areas.*



### Steel Heritage Task Force

Earl James will continue to represent Landmarks on the 40-member Steel Industry Heritage Task Force. As a result of the federal appropriation of \$350,000 to the Task Force in fiscal year 1989, the Task Force priorities will include:

- publishing the final version of the Steel Industry Heritage Action Plan.
- analyzing the structural conditions of one set of furnaces and several buildings at the Carrie Furnaces and Homestead sites for adaptive use as a museum.
- developing interpretation plans for the same structures.
- developing strategies for acquiring portions of the Homestead Works and/or other sites.
- determining the feasibility of marketing a major tourism initiative for Pittsburgh's attractions which could enhance the future visitation of the steel sites.
- completing a Historic District nomination for the Homestead area, through funding from the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission.

Landmarks will also continue to salvage significant industrial artifacts that can later be displayed outdoors at Station Square in a riverfront walk.

### Schenley Park

Landmarks will continue advocating a restoration plan for Schenley Park as a member of the Schenley Park Centennial Committee, announced by Mayor Masloff in 1988. The Committee will assist in documenting the Park's history, celebrating its centennial in 1989, and developing a long-range plan to improve the condition of Schenley Park through the restoration of its existing historic features.

### Education

Highlights of the new year include:

- the third annual Hands-On History Festival on April 15 in the Station Square Festival Tent.
- three inservice programs for teachers: *Exploring Architecture*; *Pittsburgh Heritage*; and the *Hands-On History Summer Institute*.
- a summer session of *Pittsburgh Heritage* for families, and the *Architectural Apprenticeship* for high-school students later in the fall.
- classroom use of *Portable Pittsburgh*, 13 slide shows, and two exhibits.
- an agenda of membership tours and events, including a walking tour of the new office buildings and corporate suites in Pittsburgh; industrial tours featuring Weirton Steel and Neville Island; an engineering tour of bridges, dams and waterworks; an anniversary tour for Landmarks featuring two-and-a-half decades of neighborhood preservation; a tour in Sewickley of Longfellow, Alden & Harlow houses; and our Twelfth Annual Antiques Show on November 10, 11, and 12.
- We have five major publications in progress:
  - an authoritative book on the work of Longfellow, Alden & Harlow in Pittsburgh and Boston, by Dr. Margaret Henderson Floyd.
  - a photographic book by Clyde Hare documenting Pittsburgh's dramatic growth from the 1950s to the present.
  - a book on Allegheny Cemetery by Walter C. Kidney.
  - a book containing a selection of essays by Walter C. Kidney describing Pittsburgh's present character and past significance, to be released in honor of Landmarks' twenty-fifth anniversary.
  - a pictorial book on the steel industry.

### Historic Properties

We plan to undertake repair work at the Walker-Ewing Log House in Collier Township, and will offer technical assistance to Old St. Luke's, the Burtner House, and the Rachel Carson Homestead Association. The Colonial Dames and Neville House Auxiliary are progressing with the interior restoration of the 1785 house in Collier Township. The Neville House will be open to the public for house tours in June, following the third annual antiques show on the site on June 4.

### Business as Usual

We also will tend to a variety of projects that are best characterized as our "regular work":

- examining emergency preservation situations.
- presenting historic plaques and awards of merit.
- inviting new members and training volunteers.
- promoting our work generally through media campaigns.
- serving on local, state, and national preservation groups and participating in conferences.
- and, always, raising funds to support, continue, and augment our activity.

*This agenda forms the basis of our work plan for 1989. We hope to accomplish these projects and others that come as a result of members' phone calls or local preservation need.*

# Looking



*Braddock Library, the first of all the world's Carnegie Libraries to be dedicated.*



*Anderson Manor at 1423 Liverpool Street in Manchester.*



*These houses on Saturn Way in the Central North Side were renovated through the Home Ownership for Working People program.*



*The historic buildings at Western and Galveston Avenues on the North Side are now being renovated.*



*The E & O Brewery at the foot of Troy Hill, North Side.*

## Preservation Loan Fund

Through Landmarks' Preservation Loan Fund, we extended ten loans, totaling \$632,085, in support of the following projects:

- The vacant building at 1417 E. Carson Street was renovated for commercial/apartment use by the South Side Local Development Corporation.
- A fund-raising strategy was developed for the Braddock Library, and initial efforts met with success: Landmarks contributed \$2,500 so the renovation of the reading room could be finished, and the Allegheny Foundation presented the Library with a challenge grant of \$35,000 toward the \$70,000 budget to finish the first phase of the Library restoration.
- Five vacant houses in the Central North Side were renovated and sold to low-income families in the Home Ownership for Working People Program.
- Work was begun on the renovation and development of office space in the historic buildings at the corner of Western and Galveston Avenues on the North Side.
- The interior restoration of Anderson Manor at 1423 Liverpool Street in Manchester was completed.
- The renovation of St. Mary's Priory in East Allegheny as a bed-and-breakfast inn was completed.
- The renovation of commercial properties in the Federal Street area on the North Side was begun.
- The restoration of Nevin Row at Galveston and Lincoln Avenues in Allegheny West was completed.
- The renovation of the E & O Brewery at the foot of Troy Hill on the North Side was completed. A brew pub and office space for incubator businesses will open in the new year.
- The roof restoration of the New Bethel Church in Lawrenceville was completed.

And, most significantly, Landmarks and 18 neighborhood organizations initiated a \$109 million community reinvestment agreement with Union National Bank. Of the \$109 million, \$55 million will be for purchase, rehab, and new-construction financing; \$40 million will be used as construction loans by community development

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organizations for commercial project housing; \$6 million will be allocated second-mortgage financing; and \$8 million will be used to support a female and minority business entrepreneurial pro-

## Steel Task Force

In April, the Steel Industry Heritage Task Force was formed as an outgrowth of the February Allegheny County Steel Preservation Conference sponsored by Landmarks. The purpose of the Task Force is to celebrate aspects of our iron and steel heritage and to link the establishment of a proposed heritage project with the future economic growth of this region. Representing 40 public and private institutions, political leaders, the Task Force set its ambitious, but necessary, agenda for the year in light of the rate of steel-site demolition.

Highlights of the Task Force's accomplishments include:

- developing a formal liaison with the National Park Service's Mid-Atlantic Regional Office for ongoing technical planning assistance.
- securing \$350,000 in federal appropriations for steel-site preservation planning, through the efforts of Senator John Heinz.
- obtaining funding from the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission (PHMC) to hire consultants to evaluate several Mon Valley steel sites for preservation and historic-site interpretation potential.
- participating in community meetings in Swissvale, Rankin, and Homestead to discuss the goals and objectives of the Task Force.
- publishing a Draft Action Plan to submit to community leaders for review and comment.
- obtaining a matching grant from the PHMC to support an historic district nomination for the West Homestead, Homestead, and Munhall areas.



*An electric furnace (c. 1915) at the Braeburn Alloy Steel plant in Lower Burrell. The furnace remains, but is not in operation.*

# Back on

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## Advocacy and Analysis

In 1988 we have:

- completed our studies and supported the creation of the Schenley Park Centennial Committee by Mayor Masloff; we continue to work with the committee to document the Park's history and develop a long-range plan for the Park, including physical improvements, maintenance operations, and Park programs.
- helped organize and fund a workshop on the preservation of religious properties.
- organized meetings on the proposed downtown mall and its implications for historic buildings on Fourth Avenue.
- supported preservation of the Whiteside Memorial Building on the North Side.
- investigated the controversy over the St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Sewickley and expressed concern over the church building project.
- written to the State to urge caution in granting mining permits near the Isaac Meason house in Fayette County.
- salvaged artifacts from the steel, electrical goods, and dredging industries.
- offered preservation and consulting services for the Court House through the County.
- participated in preservation conferences throughout the year, both at the state and national level, and spoken on the topics of industrial heritage, minorities in preservation, financing historic-preservation, river-front land use, and historic preservation education.
- served as delegate on town planning and preservation on a U.S.-Latin American preservation exchange.

## Education

- More than 12,000 students, teachers, and families gained an appreciation of local history and architecture through our student/teacher workshops, tours, exhibits, special events, and publications.
- Sue Donley, education consultant to Landmarks, taught two teacher in-service courses, *Exploring Your City* and *Exploring Your Neighborhood*, an *Architectural Apprenticeship* for high school students, and hands-on history workshops at Wools-lair Gifted Center and Banksville Gifted Center.
- Hundreds of students, teachers, and families participated in the second annual Hands-On History Festival on March 26. Eighty-one students entered the Great Pittsburgh Bridge-Building Contest and all participants enjoyed playing old pioneer games, guessing mystery artifacts, building straw towers, and riding in antique automobiles.
- Sue Neff led 28 students and teachers on an eight-day summer adventure in the *Pittsburgh Heritage* workshop.
- *Portable Pittsburgh* — a treasure chest of Pittsburgh's history — was developed and nine docents were trained in the art of unpacking the treasure chest and on conducting

an hour-long hands-on lesson for elementary students covering 200-years of local history! Since the program's debut in November, *Portable Pittsburgh* has traveled to seven schools with reservations for 1989 coming in daily.

- Our two traveling exhibits, *Architecture: The Building Art* and *Landmark Survivors*, continued "on the road again," visiting nine schools and senior-citizen residences.
- With the help of our 14 tour docents and 65 office volunteers we led close to 135 private group tours of the city, presented slide shows to 18 local organizations, and hosted 11 membership tours and the Neville House and Landmarks annual antique shows.

Our membership enjoyed, in particular, the evening walking tour in the Bloomfield-Friendship neighborhood and the Industrial Pittsburgh bus tour through Homestead, Braddock, Hazelwood, and the South Side. Over 925 members and friends attended our monthly tours in 1988!

Congratulations are in order for members Josephine Pettibon and Dwight Fong. They each attended nine tours out of a possible 11, and each will receive a complimentary membership for 1989!

- *Hands-On History Inspiration* was published. The 16-page booklet contains "recipes" for 12 classroom projects on local history and architecture.
- *Majesty of the Law: The Court Houses of Allegheny County* was released on September 24 in honor of the Court House centennial and the County bicentennial. Donald Miller of the *Post-Gazette* wrote of the publication: "In several ways, personally, typographically, historically, this is PHLF's most beautiful book, an homage to the author and the master [Richardson]."
- Partial funding was secured and work was begun on three new books: one on the architectural legacy of Longfellow, Alden & Harlow; one on Allegheny Cemetery; and one featuring the photographic collection of Clyde Hare.

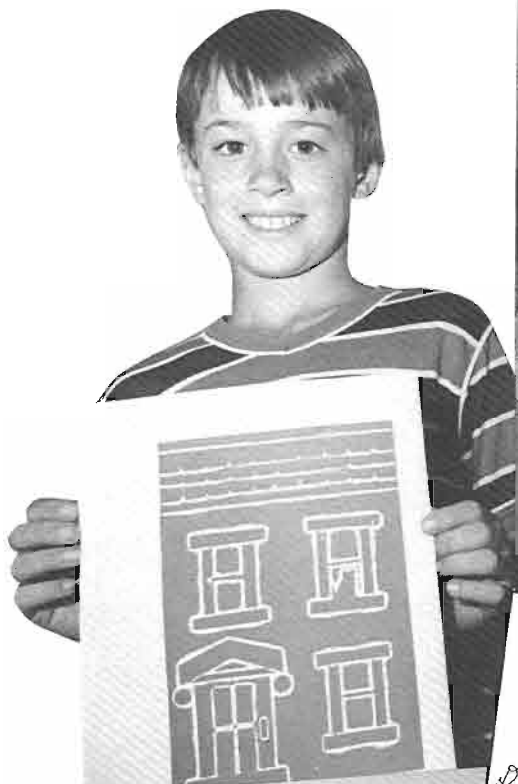


## Continuing Support

Throughout the year we were supported by an active Board of Trustees, loyal membership, and many funding organizations. We extend a sincere thanks to all who have been part of our accomplishments in 1988 and look forward to a healthy and spirited new year. Best wishes to all!



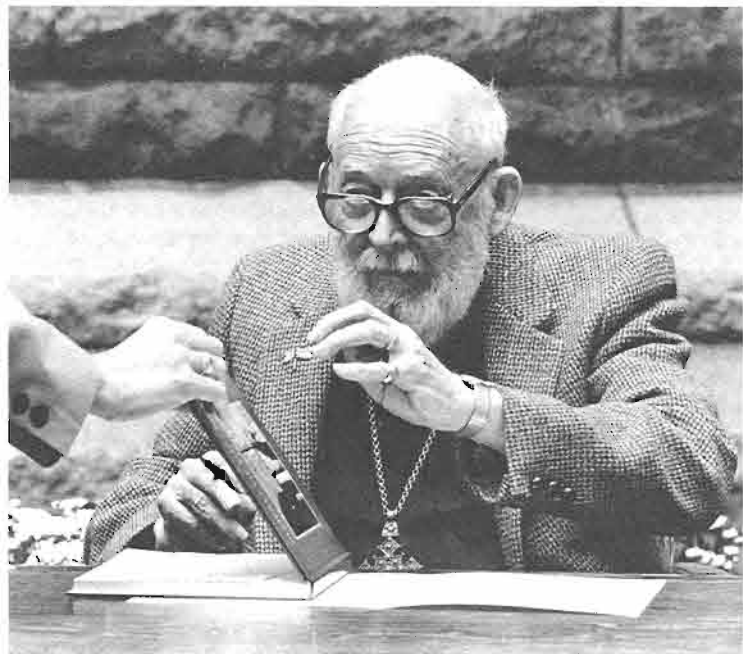
Chairman of the Board Charles Arensberg presents copies of *Majesty of the Law* to Commissioners Flaherty and Foerster. Jamie Van Trump autographs a member's copy.



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 Oct. 10, 1988

Dear Mrs Mead,  
 I really enjoyed what you told me. I learned alot from you the history of Pittsburgh is very interesting. I liked all the neat things that you brought in to show us.  
 Sincerely,  
 David Livingston

Above: Photos showing our education programs and a student thank-you note for Portable Pittsburgh. Below: The Bloomfield walking tour.



# PHLF PUBLICATIONS

Since its the time for holiday shopping, it is well to remind members that Landmarks has many publications worth buying, giving as gifts, and reading. With more than 20 titles, our publications include major books such as *Landmark Architecture: Pittsburgh and Allegheny County*; *Majesty of the Law: The Court Houses of Allegheny County*; and *Life and Architecture in Pittsburgh*. Also, we have a delightful series of pamphlets titled "The Stones of Pittsburgh" by James D. Van Trump.

Our publications beautifully illustrate and describe the history and architecture of the Pittsburgh area and the value of using the local community as a classroom for learning.

Members receive a 10% discount on all prices listed below. Call Shirley Kemmler (471-5808) and place your order today.

We will do our best to get the publications to you for a holiday or New Year's gift. Our major books include:

**1. Landmark Architecture: Pittsburgh and Allegheny County**  
*Walter C. Kidney*

This is the most comprehensive account of the architecture of Pittsburgh and its county that has been published to date. *Landmark Architecture* has two main sections: a handsomely illustrated essay on the architectural history of Allegheny County and a guide to more than 750 pre-1940 landmarks worthy of preservation.

354 pages; 20 color and 745 b/w photos; \$34.95

**2. Life and Architecture in Pittsburgh**  
*James D. Van Trump*

*Life and Architecture in Pittsburgh* combines a memorable selection of 64 essays by Jamie Van Trump, Pittsburgh's supreme architectural historian. In vivid prose, Jamie recounts stories of mansions and mansion builders, of Pittsburgh architects and their landmark buildings, and of life in the East End of Pittsburgh in the early 1900s.

395 pages; 95 b/w photos; \$12.95

**3. Majesty of the Law: The Court Houses of Allegheny County**  
*James D. Van Trump*

Pittsburgh's three courthouses are documented in this handsomely illustrated publication. The greater part of the book covers the present Court House and Jail, Pittsburgh's only buildings of international fame, telling of their construction year by year, then discussing their history and summarizing critical opinion regarding them.

191 pages; 113 b/w photos and illustrations; \$19.95

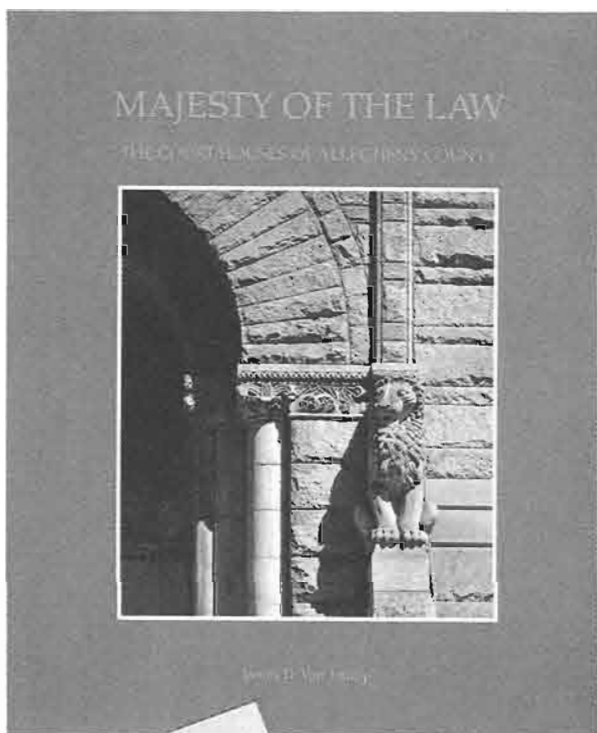
**4. Sarah: Her Life, Her Restaurant, Her Recipes**  
*Sarah Vukelich Evosevich*

*Sarah* is the compelling story of Sarah Vukelich Evosevich, proprietress of Sarah's Ethnic Restaurant on the South Side. The memoir is an inspiring story of the evolution of a Serbian farm girl into an American businesswoman. Included, too, in the publication are a collection of recipes by Sarah adapted for home use.

192 pages; 65 b/w photos and illustrations; \$18.95

**5. Pittsburgh in Your Pocket: A Pocket Guide to Pittsburgh-Area Architecture**  
*Walter C. Kidney*

About 65 architectural landmarks in and around Pittsburgh are described, illustrat-



ed, and placed in historic context. The miniature guide is just a sampling of the local architectural attractions, of course, but it does give a sense of the city and the region.

36 pages; 68 b/w photos; \$4.75

**6. Hands-On History: An Introduction to Classroom Methods for Local History Research**

Created as the course manual for an intensive five-day teacher institute, this curriculum contains essays, worksheets, exercises, and bibliographies. The materials provide information on using primary sources for historical inquiry.

100 pages; \$2.50

*If you would like us to mail you a complete listing of Landmarks' publications, please call Shirley Kemmler (471-5808).*

## A Tribute

Three trustees of the Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation passed away recently, and our staff and fellow trustees are deeply saddened. Let us now pay tribute to each of them.

Kathleen Casey Craig, a resident of Sewickley Heights, became a trustee of Landmarks soon after the founding of the organization in 1964. For over two decades she loyally supported the work of Landmarks. She was particularly interested in our Distinguished Lecture series and publications program. Always gracious and always wise in preservation matters, Honey Craig will be greatly missed by our staff and trustees.

Senator James A. Romanelli became a trustee of Landmarks in recent years. A master of ward politics who represented the South Side for 16 years, Senator Romanelli actively supported Landmarks' efforts to renovate historic structures on the South Side through the Preservation Loan Fund, and also always was happy to participate in our Station Square and Three Rivers Regatta parades. He not only supported our work in Pittsburgh, but helped us in our relations in Harrisburg. We will miss his courage and leadership.

Gilmore Williams was a founding trustee of the Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation. He was active in researching and promoting black history and was one of the founders of the Western Pennsylvania Research Historical Society. He was particularly interested in Landmarks' educational programs.

We deeply appreciated the time Honey Craig, James Romanelli, and Gilmore Williams devoted to Landmarks and to the cause of historic preservation in Pittsburgh. Landmarks truly benefited from their insight, leadership, and loyalty.

## Awards of Merit

The time is here to nominate individuals and groups for Landmarks' Awards of Merit. Any citizen of Allegheny County may make such a nomination. Criteria are as follows:

1. An award may be given *only* for a project within Allegheny County, or to a person or group active within Allegheny County.
2. An award may be given for:
  - a full restoration of a building, group of buildings, neighborhood, public area, garden, scenic area, etc.;
  - an adaptation of such an entity in such a way as to preserve its original character while integrating new elements into the whole;
  - the careful maintenance of such an entity;
  - the stabilization of the condition of such an entity in a way that makes future restoration possible.

Such an award will be given *only* when the work is substantially complete or, in the case of the last two, when continuation is reasonably certain.

3. An award may be given for activities that significantly promote awareness of and concern for the history and historic character of the Pittsburgh region, its architecture, its neighborhoods, its industries, or any other element that has made it as it is.
4. An award may be given for historical research or publication that
  - introduces a little-investigated aspect of the history of the Pittsburgh region;
  - investigates a more familiar aspect of our regional history in unprecedented depth;
  - presents a broad area of our regional history in an outstandingly lucid, publicly-accessible manner. The work may be in the form of the written word, recordings, photography, or any other useful medium.
5. An award may be given for the preservation of archival material, art, artifacts, etc. that contribute to the knowledge of and feeling for the history and historic character of the Pittsburgh region.
6. An award may be given for significant assistance to Landmarks in its ongoing work or individual programs.

The Award of Merit Committee will be meeting soon, so mail your suggestions promptly to Earl James. They should be accompanied by enough information to allow a decision to be made. The awards will be presented on the Distinguished Lecture evening, on February 15, 1989.

## Welcome New Members

- Ms. Audrey Bachman
- Ms. Christine A. Bishop
- Ms. Muriel Bohn
- Ms. Emily Bowers
- Frank Brown & Family
- Ms. Linda G. Citron
- Mr. & Mrs. S. A. Davis
- Ms. Judy Hawk & Family
- Mr. & Mrs. Jay Jarrell & Family
- Thomas A. Josephi
- Ms. Judith Lewis
- Ms. Marie K. Luckman
- Ms. Blythe T. Merrill
- B. C. Moore
- Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Nothmann & Family
- Mrs. Gladys T. Nothmann
- Peter Oresick
- Ms. Anne Marie O'Toole
- Ms. Judith A. Rearick
- Ms. Linda S. Ruhl
- Ms. Janet E. Schlarb
- George C. Schmidt III
- Ms. Kate Banov Silverman
- George W. Starz
- William E. Strickland, Jr.
- Ms. Josephine R. Turchick
- Ms. Kathleen Wagner
- Ms. Debra Young
- Bill Zain
- Gary Zak

### CHRISTMAS VESPERS

at Old St. Luke's  
Sunday, December 18, 3 p.m.  
Seasonal Devotions  
of Prayer and Scripture  
accompanied by  
Harpsichord, Flute, Guitar  
and organ (1823 instrument)  
Old St. Luke's Church is in Scott Township,  
just off Greentree Road near Route 30.  
Members of Landmarks are invited  
to the Christmas Vespers Service.



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