Bob Regan's most recent count), and the 'City of Bridges,' with 446 bridges use and increase tourism. Pittsburgh is monuments to promote their continued significance of lighting these great engineering landmarks. Landmarks also underwrote the funding for the Hot Metal Bridge lighting project for our organization." Mayor Luke Ravenstahl, Arthur Ziegler (speaking), Governor Ed Rendell, and Christine Dougherty, and Landmarks Community Revitalization Committee Chair Luis Rico-Gutierrez and Easement Committee Chair Martha Joudan were among the speakers who shared the following news:

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A Third Historic Pittsburgh Bridge Is Lighted

As the sun set and the moon appeared on the evening of June 12, Governor Ed Rendell, accompanied by Mayor Luke Ravenstahl, asked electricians to light the portals of the Hot Metal Bridge, thus completing a decorative lighting project under the auspices of the Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation. "This is the third bridge-lighting project for our organization," said President Arthur Ziegler. "The first was the Smithfield Street Bridge in 1984. The second, the Roberto Clemente Bridge in 2002, was made possible by a generous grant from Duquesne Light Company, together with a maintenance grant from Governor Ed Rendell through the PA Department of Community and Economic Development." During the bridge-lighting ceremony, former Landmarks scholarship recipient Todd Wilson, a participant at the Roberto Clemente Bridge lighting, this

The portals of the "Hot Metal Bridge" were lit during a celebration on June 12. Vehicular traffic now crosses this bridge, originally called the Monongahela Connecting Railroad Bridge. This view is from Second Avenue on the north side of the Monongahela looking toward the South Side.

Speakers at the Hot Metal Bridge lighting included (left to right): State Representative Harry Readshaw, State Senator Jay Costa, Allegheny County Executive Dan Onorato, Mayor Luke Ravenstahl, Arthur Ziegler (speaking), Governor Ed Rendell, and Christine Dougherty, and Landmarks Community Revitalization Committee Chair Luis Rico-Gutierrez and Easement Committee Chair Martha Joudan were among the speakers who shared the following news:

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From the Heart
Wilkinsburg homeowner Jack Schmitt sent the following email on February 19 to Michael Sriprasert, manager of real estate finance at Landmarks, and to Tom Keffler, property and construction manager:

Michael and Tom: we truly felt that every step of the way your priority was to assure our comfort and confidence. Your creativity, adaptability, and resolution to any concerns or issues that arose were greatly appreciated. You always gave us the sense of inclusion. Thank you for being such genuinely engaged and personable individuals.

We feel your efforts and oversight of this project have achieved the exemplary level of integrity and vision for which PHLF is historically known.

We would also like to mention Eagle Construction, for they have displayed similar qualities. We feel Dwight Quares achieved a high level of quality and excellence. He went above and beyond to give us a beautifully crafted home. He exhibits integrity, dedication, and upstanding character. He is truly a gentleman.

We love our new home!
Thank you for making this journey so pleasantly memorable.

Thanks for the Work
Rick Hawkinsbery sent the following email to Michael on March 8:

I have lived in Pittsburgh for nearly 15 years and have been a PHLF member for a good deal of that time and I am absolutely overjoyed that PHLF has taken an interest in Wilkinsburg. As you know, we are a community with various problems and divisions… but there are more positives about Wilkinsburg than most people know.

This is a community with wonderful diversity (racial, economic, social), great housing stock and community scale, wonderful location, and the best thing is that it is made up of people who love their neighborhoods. …

… I think that the area where PHLF/LCCC has started investing in is a wise choice. It is an area with very interesting architecture, lots of potential, and easy access to the busway. It is linked on either end to Edgewood and Regent Square.

I am very anxious to see work begin on the Crescent Building. That is very interesting architecture, loads of diversity (racial, economic, social), great housing stock and community scale, wonderful location, and the best thing is that it is made up of people who love their neighborhoods. …

Wilkinsburg Revitalization Efforts
Ribbon Cutting Marks Completion of First Phase of Hamnett Place Housing
On June 27, stakeholders in Wilkinsburg’s revitalization efforts came together for a ribbon-cutting event to celebrate the completion of the first phase of restored housing by the Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation in the historic Hamnett Place corridor of Wilkinsburg. Allegheny County Executive Dan Onorato, the keynote speaker, was joined by Wilkinsburg Mayor John Thompson, members of Wilkinsburg’s Borough Council, buyers of the homes, local community groups, and neighborhood residents.

Four homes were targeted in this first phase of restoration, with three homes on Jeanette Street and one on Holland Avenue. These homes were identified in the Wilkinsburg Neighborhood Transformation Initiative, a grassroots initiative led by Landmarks in 2004, because of their architectural quality and significance to the Hamnett Place neighborhood.

When Landmarks first acquired the homes two years ago, little was known about how the real estate market would respond to the restoration of homes in one of the most blighted parts of Wilkinsburg. “We knew that this project needed to push the value of real estate in Wilkinsburg in order to help raise the value of property in Hamnett Place and throughout the Wilkinsburg community,” said Michael Sriprasert, Landmarks’ manager of real estate finance. “With these four homes selling for between $75,000 and $95,000 when the average sale price for homes is around $55,000, we’ve been able to show that there is a market for this type of product.”

By restoring homes in a concentrated two-block area, Landmarks has changed the dynamic, feel, and streetscape of Jeanette Street and Holland Avenue. Once a haven for drug and gang activity with most of its housing either vacant or abandoned, today Jeanette Street is a place where families are living in beautifully-restored homes with manicured yards. The new homeowners are: John Cindric (516 Jeanette), Dorothy Netravali (516 Jeanette), Arthur Ziegler (524 Jeanette), and Jack Schmitt and Erin Cunningham (811 Holland). The restoration of these four homes, Landmarks, in cooperation with Allegheny County, local leaders, and area residents, has begun to transform Wilkinsburg.

Funding for the first phase of restoration in Hamnett Place was made possible by the Sarah Scaife Foundation, Allegheny County Department of Economic Development, Hillman Foundation, Dominion, and Russell W. Coe, a member of Landmarks, along with contributions from several Named Funds at Landmarks. Funding from Mr. Coe and Harry C. Goldby enabled Landmarks to purchase and plant new trees and shrubs on Jeanette Street and Holland Avenue.

Richard Scaife Pledges $500,000 for Phase Two of Hamnett Place Restoration
While sitting on the porch of one of the newly-restored homes on Jeanette Street in mid-April, Landmarks Trustee Richard M. Scaife announced another $500,000 gift to the Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation from the Allegheny Foundation to support the second phase of housing restoration in Wilkinsburg. At the time, he was with the new homeowners of the Jeanette Street and Holland Avenue properties, local government leaders, Matthew Groll, executive director of the Allegheny Foundation, and members of Landmarks’ staff.

This significant gift is the largest grant in recent history for the Allegheny Foundation, according to Mr. Groll, and it allows Landmarks to continue its restoration efforts in Wilkinsburg. “We hope to show that Wilkinsburg is a good place to live and attractive to a variety of people,” said Arthur Ziegler, president of Landmarks.

LCCC Helps to Purchase Mower to Maintain Vacant Lots and Urban Gardens
On July 17, Josie Bryant, parish social minister for St. James Church and founder of Stone Soup and Serenity Community Gardens in Wilkinsburg, received something she has been needing for more than five years. In cooperation with Home Depot and St. James Church, Landmarks Community Capital Corporation (LCCC) orchestrated the purchase of a riding lawnmower to help Josie and her volunteers tackle the difficult task of maintaining many of the vacant lots on Franklin Avenue in Wilkinsburg, in addition to maintaining the community gardens she and so many have worked hard to create. “This has been a dream of mine and of Mr. Jerome Garrett’s; he devotes countless hours to working in the gardens. We thank our donors who share in our vision of transforming our community,” said Ms. Bryant.

Josie Bryant with Mayor John Thompson, Home Depot representa- tive Rob Shelton, and LCCC representatives Dr. Howard B. Slaughter, Jr. (far left), and, at right, Michael Sriprasert and Eugene Matta.
Good News for Market at Fifth
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Our Mission

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Now recognized as one of the nation’s most innovative and effective nonprofit historic preservation organizations, Landmarks works to:

• identify and save historically-significant places;
• revitalize historic neighborhoods, towns, and urban areas;
• preserve historic farms and historic designed landscapes; and
• educate people about the Pittsburgh region's rich architectural heritage.

Landmarks includes a nonprofit subsidiary, Landmarks Community Capital Corporation (LCCC), and a for-profit subsidiary, Landmarks Development Corporation (LDC).

Landmarks is chartered to work within 250 miles of Pittsburgh, Pa., although its primary focus is on Pittsburgh and Allegheny County.

PHLF Main Street Programs Serve Armstrong, Westmoreland, and Allegheny Counties

The north side of Grant Avenue, Vandergrift, Pa. Courtesy of Rebekah Kik, architect and urban designer.

Progress in Vandergrift

Landmarks has been working in partnership with the Vandergrift Improvement Program (VIP) for over three years now to realize an ambitious vision for bringing new life and vitality back to Vandergrift’s historic downtown. Shaun Yurcaba, Landmarks’ main street coordinator, has worked with the VIP to focus on steps that will start to change the underlying economics of downtown. This has included bringing buildings back into productive service and working to retain and recruit businesses that will give customers more reason to return.

After a lot of hard work, that vision is now starting to take shape. Work is underway to restore the 143 Grant Avenue building, in the heart of downtown. The plywood that covered much of the original storefront has been stripped off to reveal the original transom windows, which will be restored later this year. The masonry has been repointed, the roof replaced, and the asbestos abated. Apartments are being designed for the upper floors and retail will fill the ground floor.

The former Leechburg Hotel at 125 Market Street. The Stanley Restaurant occupies the ground floor of the otherwise vacant building.

With direct access to the Kiski River, picturesque countryside, abundant trail connections and traditional towns, the FLAG communities have an opportunity to develop into a regional destination. The Leechburg Hotel could be key to this effort. The FLAG effort dovetails nicely with Landmarks’ work on the historic main street in Vandergrift, just across the Kiski River in Westmoreland County.

“With the assistance of Landmarks’ Planned Giving Department (see page 7) and the Revolving Fund established by the Allegheny Foundation, the Vandergrift Improvement Program acquired the former J. C. Penney Building at 134 Grant Avenue (left) and 139–141 Grant Avenue (right). The streetscape rendering (top) includes 139–141 and 143 Grant (below).

VIP Board of Directors. “This is an exciting time for Vandergrift. We appreciate our partnership with Landmarks. It’s been a lot of hard work, but we’re making progress.”

“We care about this place. It’s not just downtown; it’s at the core of who we are,” Meade continued. “We know Vandergrift’s main street won’t come back exactly as it was. But we believe we’re on track and heading in the right direction. Downtown is coming back.”

Eight Main Street Efforts Underway

Landmarks is active in eight Main Street revitalization efforts across southwestern Pennsylvania, drawing upon its depth of experience and expertise to find a path forward that will lead to sustained revitalization. In addition to Freeport, Lecshburg, Apollo, and Vandergrift, Landmarks is at work in Allegheny County in Stone, Swissvale, Tarentum, and Elizabeth.

We will feature work accomplished in the “Allegheny Together” program in the next issue of PHLF News.
Special Projects and Initiatives in Southwestern Pennsylvania

Farm Survey Finished: Washington and Greene Counties

The Washington and Greene Counties Survey of 1,150 farms and farmsteads was completed in July. Sponsored by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission’s Bureau of Historic Preservation and managed by the Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation, the survey documents the agricultural history and resources of these two counties. Hannah Cole, Aaron Collins, and Jeremy Zimmermann, all hired by Landmarks to undertake the survey, did an impressive amount of work. While most of the data will become part of the PHMC’s statewide database, the survey also will provide information that Landmarks can use to identify farms and structures that might be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. State Representative H. William DeWeese and State Senator J. Barry Stout approved grants this year of $5,000 each, resulting in a total of $30,000 that was needed to complete the project. Funding sources for the nearly $100,000 project also included Preserve America, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission’s Bureau of Historic Preservation, and Landmarks.

Elm Street Initiative in Beaver County

As a result of a consulting agreement signed between Landmarks and the Community Development Program of Beaver County in July 2007, Landmarks is acting as the central resource provider for all aspects of Beaver County’s Elm Street Residential Reinvestment Program. This entails preparing nine Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) residential reinvestment grant applications (one for each of the participating communities) and serving as a consultant as Elm Street projects get underway. The participating communities are: Aliquippa, Ambridge, Beaver, Bridgewater, Freedom, Midland, Monaca, New Brighton, and Rochester.

Landmarks’ staff has met several times with the Borough Managers and/or Mayors, Council members, and interested community residents to help them decide on one project to undertake in the Elm Street designated area of their community. (Since full Elm Street designation has not yet been granted by the DCED, each community is limited to one project.) When a consensus is reached in each community, Landmarks will help prepare project estimates and submit DCED applications for each of the nine communities.

Midland, Beaver County

Landmarks is working on its second Campus Heritage Grant from the Getty Foundation, to be completed in March 2009. As a result of the $200,000 grant, Landmarks is preparing preservation plans for California University of Pennsylvania, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Seton Hill University, and Washington & Jefferson College that will help those institutions manage and preserve their historic structures and landscapes. “About half of the work is completed and we have prepared and submitted an Interim Report to the Getty,” said Eugene Matta, director of real estate and special projects at Landmarks. “Next steps include completion of site work with recommendations; preparation of final report drafts to be submitted to the colleges for review and feedback; public meetings at each college; and the preparation and publication of Final Reports for each college.” Tom Keffer, Albert Tamler, and Ron Yochum are also involved from Landmarks; Ellis Schmidlapp of Landmarks Design Associates Architects and Landscape Designer Ron Block are serving as consultants.

Work Underway at Four Universities/College

Above: Breezedeal Alumni Center, 1868, Indiana University of Pennsylvania.
Landmarks Awards $84,700 to 11 Historic Religious Properties and Technical Assistance to 4 More

Restoration work is well underway at 11 historic religious properties in Allegheny County, thanks to matching grants awarded by the Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation on February 7. “Each of this year’s grants, ranging from $3,200 to $10,000, is matched by the congregation,” noted George C. Dorman, chair of Landmarks’ Historic Religious Properties Committee, “and the funds are being used to restore stained glass and repair masonry, roofs, parapets, and bell towers. Our committee received 35 applications, and thanks to the contributions we received from private foundations and members, and from general funds budgeted by Landmarks, we were able to assist 15 churches.”

The following 11 churches are receiving grant awards:

- Epiphany Church, Lower Hill
- Episcopal Church of the Nativity, Crafton
- Grace Episcopal Church, Mt. Washington
- Hazelwood Christian Church, Hazelwood
- Incarnation of the Lord Church, Observatory Hill
- Mr. & Mrs. Henry L. Hillman Presbyterian Church, Mt. Lebanon
- Presbyterian Church of Mt. Washington, Mt. Washington
- Riverview United Presbyterian Church, Observatory Hill
- Sacred Heart Church, Shadyside
- St. Matthew Lutheran Church, East Allegheny
- Trinity Cathedral, Downtown

Benedictine Sister Florence Lynch, CEO of Angels in Overalls, volunteered to oversee replacing a wooden ramp with an enclosed electric lift at Incarnation of the Lord Parish. The church, designed by Carlton Strong in 1925, is located at 4071 Franklin Road on the North Side. Other parishioners have volunteered to help, so the total project cost will come in at least $35,000 below the $100,000 low-bid estimate.

Receiving technical assistance are:

- Everlasting Covenant Cathedral, East Liberty
- Greater Pittsburgh Gospel Deliverance Center, Bloomfield
- Second United Presbyterian Church of Wilkinsburg

An energy audit, funded by the Saxon Family Foundation, is being conducted for:

- The Pittsburgh New Church, Point Breeze

Tom Keffler, property and construction manager at Landmarks, has already completed technical assistance consultations with Greater Pittsburgh Gospel Deliverance Center and Second United Presbyterian Church. He advised them on how to prioritize their projects, create a master plan and budget, and he estimated costs and prepared a list of appropriate contractors. Tom recommended that both churches reapply for grants in 2009.

Allow me to express my gratitude for the extra effort your committee put into raising additional funds. I would have sent a thank you note even if we didn’t receive the award.

It simply made me feel good from the fundraising letter and the pleas on your website that you were trying to help as many as possible.

-Jim Herbst

Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation

2009 Grant Application Deadline: Nov. 3, 2008

We welcome applications from architecturally-significant historic religious properties in Allegheny County that provide community services in their neighborhoods, have active congregations, and are able to match Landmarks’ grant.

For more information, contact: Carole Malakoff, coordinator, Historic Religious Properties Program: 412-471-5808, hrp@philorg, or visit www.phil.org.

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Roof repairs are complete on the Presbyterian Church of Mt. Washington. Owners. To make a tax-deductible donation for our 2009 program, please mail your check to:

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Historic Religious Properties Program
100 W. Station Square Drive, Suite 450
Pittsburgh, PA 15219-1334
Gift Annuities Provide Benefits for You and Landmarks

Despite a recent reduction in the rates paid by charitable gift annuities, for preservation-minded people who wish to maximize the value of current resources and make a gift to Landmarks, this planned gift can be a great tool. Here’s how it works:

- In return for $10,000 or more, Landmarks provides you and/or a spouse with lifetime income at highly competitive rates determined by the American Council on Gift Annuity.
- Not only does your payment generate income, but some of that income may be tax-free. If the annuity is funded with appreciated securities or real estate, capital gains are spread out over the lifetime of the income beneficiary. You may also receive an immediate federal income tax deduction for the present value of your gift.
- Gift annuities may also be structured to provide a higher immediate federal income tax deduction while deferring income payments until you are in a lower tax bracket. There are also gift annuities whose income can be targeted for a specific payout period, such as the four-year period when a grandchild might be attending college. A gift annuity is also a great way to create a Landmarks Named Fund without losing the income-generating capacity of your assets during your lifetime.

For more information on charitable gift annuities, contact Jack Miller, Landmarks’ director of gift planning: jack@phlf.org or 412-471-5808, ext. 538.

Creative Gift Strategies Stimulate Vandergrift Development

Last year, former Vandergrift resident Jeanette M. Elliott decided to do something special for her community. She knew that the Vandergrift Improvement Program (VIP) was working with Landmarks to develop a preservation strategy for the Olmsted-designed community. She also knew that the VIP had an interest in acquiring the former J. C. Penney Building in the heart of the Grant Avenue business district, a building that she had come to own (see page 4 photo and page 10 story).

Not only did Jeanette agree to sell the building at an affordable price, but she directed all of the proceeds from the sale to Landmarks to create a gift annuity that will provide her with income for the rest of her life and create the Jeanette M. Elliott Vandergrift Preservation Fund that will generate income to support preservation efforts in Vandergrift.

The story might have ended there, were it not for Vandergrift residents Jim Caporali and Tom Scanga who also owned a historic building on Grant Avenue that the VIP considered important to Vandergrift’s economic development (see page 4 photo). After hearing Jeanette’s story, Jim and Tom decided to follow her lead and sell their property to the VIP at a below-market-value price. Since the VIP is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, Jim and Tom will receive a federal charitable income tax deduction for the difference between the appraised fair market value of their property and the amount the VIP paid them for it.

Then, following Jeanette’s lead, they each directed their share of the sale price to establish their own charitable gift annuity, the proceeds of which will eventually be added to Landmarks’ Jeanette M. Elliott Vandergrift Preservation Fund, in effect, helping to endow that Fund. Unlike Jeanette, however, Jim and Tom chose to create what is known as a Flexible Deferred Charitable Gift Annuity so they can maximize their tax benefits by deferring any income until after they retire.

“Without the charitable intent of these three generous people, we could never have pulled off these deals,” said VIP President Meade Jack. “Now, the

New Gift Annuity Rates

In response to changing economic conditions, the American Council on Gift Annuities has adjusted the rates that it recommends that charities use in providing income payments to donors. Effective July 1, 2008, the following rates are in effect:

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Heathside Cottage for Sale

On July 1, a gift conveying Heathside Cottage to Landmarks was completed, enabling Landmarks to market for sale the fully updated, remodeled, and protected property.

Built around 1862 by bridge engineer James Andrews in what is now the Fineview neighborhood of Pittsburgh, the mid-Victorian brick cottage is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, protected by a Landmarks preservation easement, and featured in Rick Sebak’s 1997 WQED documentary “North Side Story.”

“[T]his charming little cottage,” wrote James D. Van Trump in Landmarks Architecture of Allegheny County (PHLF, 1967), “seems all the more exotic, even dreamlike, perched above the Pittsburgh hills…To come upon it now rather blows one over, as must all rather forceful and sudden confrontations with the past, in desolations…of such purity.”

Heathside Cottage is a model of mid-Victorian design, with delicate gable- and side-pitched roof, and diamond-patterned sash windows. It is adjacent to an urban garden, looks out over the city, and is less than ten minutes from downtown Pittsburgh.

“[Heathside Cottage’s former owner] spent 15 years restoring this historic treasure,” said Landmarks President Arthur Ziegler. “Now we will do our best to find an owner who shares her enthusiasm for the uniqueness of this property.”

For detailed information about the property, including price, interior and exterior photographs, and a panoramic view from the nearby overlook, visit: http://www.phlf.org/2008/07/09/heath-side-cottage-for-sale-416-catoma-st-fineview/.

LHS EVENT A BIG HIT

Despite a Pirates’ loss to the Yankees, more than 120 Heritage Society members and Morgan Stanley North Bay Group guests enjoyed Landmarks’ annual recognition event at PNC Park on June 25. We thank all of our Heritage Society members for their commitment to our mission. Visit http://plannedgifts.phlf.org/society-event.php for more about this special event underwritten by The North Bay Group of Morgan Stanley of Great Neck, NY.

Landmarks Board Chair Mark Bibro.

Pirates great Bill Virdon displays his Historic Landmark plaque replica as Landmarks Board Chair Mark Bibro looks on.

Bill and Shirley Virdon (center) with Mimi Howard, Matt Thompson, and Alan Greenberg (left to right) of the North Bay Group of Morgan Stanley of Great Neck, NY.

416 Catoma Street, Fineview.
Community Revitalization

The project at 5000 Penn Avenue had been four years in the making and without LCCC’s support, we couldn’t have done it. This project represents a vision to create density for the corner of Penn Avenue and Gross, which will help to bring people back to this community. Thanks to LCCC for understanding the concept and design of these units, and for acting so quickly to help get this project underway.

—Jeffrey Donney, Executive Director, Friendship Development Associates

We were given a very narrow window of opportunity with which to purchase a bar on Penn Avenue that had become troublesome for its owners to manage, and a concern for surrounding neighbors. When the bar’s owners came to us in May, and asked if there was any way we could buy the establishment, we had to be able to act quickly. Fortunately for us, LCCC rose to the occasion.

—Rick Swartz, Executive Director, Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation

This was another source of funding that we were happy to receive so that we are able to complete the YMCA Loft and the Rippey Street Project.

LCCC is a great organization and provided a wonderful opportunity for ELDI.

—Madame Myer, Executive Director, East Liberty Development Inc.

LCCC’s financing allowed Hosanna House to make a much needed investment that allowed our organization to leverage hundreds of thousands of dollars that would impact the community. The timelines and the sensitivity to the needs of Hosanna House as a nonprofit were greatly appreciated. Without LCCC’s investment, we would not have been able to accomplish the investment.

—Leon Haynes, Executive Director, Hosanna House Inc.

Sarah Scaife Foundation Grant Gets LCCC Going

A generous $500,000 grant from the Sarah Scaife Foundation to Landmarks, payable in two installments in 2008 and 2009, is providing the operational support needed to successfully establish Landmarks Community Capital Corporation (LCCC), a new nonprofit subsidiary of the Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation. “This grant underwrites the beginning of what will be a huge and effective preservation and urban revitalization effort in western Pennsylvania,” said Dr. Howard B. Slaughter, Jr., CEO of LCCC. “We also thank the FHLBank Pittsburgh (Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh) for awarding LCCC a grant to support operating costs,” said Howard. “During our first year of operation, we have selected board members (see page 3), established a Minority Research Policy Group to advocate changes on behalf of minorities in the areas LCCC serves, introduced Save-A-Lot grocer to the Hill District, and extended several strategic, community-oriented loans in Pittsburgh, among other activities.”

“When LCCC was created in October 2007,” said President Arthur Ziegler, “our first step was to transfer Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation’s Preservation Loan Fund to this new nonprofit so that it could be administered by Howard and operate on a larger scale. The Preservation Loan Fund is an outgrowth of the original grants that the Sarah Scaife Foundation gave to our organization in the late 1960s to establish revolving funds for neighborhood work; we have been circulating those funds ever since.”

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LCCC Introduces Save-A-Lot to the Hill

One of LCCC’s goals has been to help bring a quality grocer to a Centre Avenue site in the Hill District. LCCC CEO Dr. Howard B. Slaughter, Jr. and City Councilwoman Tonya Payne introduced Save-A-Lot to City and County officials and community representatives and business leaders during a January 29 meeting. They announced that the St. Louis-based Fortune 100 subsidiary company was interested in opening a store in the Hill. Save-A-Lot is the nation’s largest and fastest growing edited assortment grocery chain with close to 1,200 stores in 39 states from Maine to California, including a store in Wilkinsburg. Save-A-Lot has a strong national urban presence in many communities.

Several months later, on April 12, Save-A-Lot executives met with Hill District residents to answer questions and provide information. Hill District Councilwoman Tonya Payne, who organized the community meeting with LCCC, was encouraged by the positive responses.

On August 9, she hosted a Supermarket Community Meeting at Duquesne University, and representatives from both Save-A-Lot grocery store and Kuhn’s Market gave presentations. "We wanted to get the discussion started and to bring a financially stable and qualified grocer to the table,” said Howard. “After years of having no grocery store in the Hill, it is great to have serious expressions of interest from Save-A-Lot grocery store and Kuhn’s Market.”

The former YMCA (120 Whitfield Street, East Liberty) is being converted into condominiums and retail space.

Landmarks provided technical assistance to Hosanna House when it was renovating the Horner School.

• At 5000 Penn Avenue in Bloomfield, three new loft-style townhouses are being constructed, thanks, in part, to a $462,000 loan from LCCC’s Urban Economic Loan Fund. Friendship Development Associates (FDA) purchased the vacant lot in 1999, and almost a decade later, on April 16, city officials, project sponsors, and neighborhood residents participated in a groundbreaking celebration for the $800,000 project. On July 17, FDA signed a sales agreement for the first of the three units. FDA is working with architect Hammer-Mann Designwerks of Friendship and contractor TEAM Construction and Development (South Side). The three-story units will have nine-foot-high ceilings and will feature flexible space on the first floor with options for studios, dens, and integral garages. Kitchen, living room, and bedroom spaces will be on the second and third floors. Units will be sized at 2,118 square feet, 1,898 square feet, and 1,793 square feet, and priced at $208,000, $190,000, and $180,000, respectively.

"The development will help fill a blighted vacant lot along the Penn Avenue corridor,” said Howard, “and will be attractive to employees at the new Children’s Hospital, just a few blocks away.” 5000 Penn Avenue will open in 2009.

• In June, LCCC loaned $85,000 to the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation (BGC) to acquire Pap’s ’n Us at 5106 Penn Avenue. Upon learning in December 2007 that the bar was to be sold to a North Side tavern owner, the community began to organize in opposition to the transfer. “Our loan made it possible for BGC to buy the bar and eradicate the problem,” said Howard. BGC is seeking a minority business to purchase the building so the expanding business corridor along Penn Avenue can be strengthened.

For more information on LCCC’s loan fund, visit: www.landmarksccc.com.
Landmarks Scholarship Celebration: Gifts Totaling $78,865

Help Program Expand

About 150 people attended the Landmarks Scholarship Celebration on June 3, sponsored by PNC, BNYMellon, Chatham University, and the David and Janet Brashear Foundation. Guests toured the Alexander M. Neper House of c. 1903 and the Betty and Irving Abrams House of 1979–82, both on Woodland Road, and met in the newly-renovated Mellon Board Room (formerly an indoor swimming pool) of Andrew W. Mellon Hall to hear scholarship recipients and others speak. David Brashear, Landmarks trustee and scholarship program founder, announced the four students who were selected out of 36 applicants this year to receive $4,000 scholarships for college tuition and book expenses:

- DaVina M. Gilvarty of Shenley High School, who will be attending Seton Hill University;
- Christa L. Puff of Aliquippa High School, who will be attending Georgetown University;
- Sarah J. Rogers of Woodland Hills High School, who will be attending Fordham University; and
- Scott A. Schorr of Mt. Lebanon High School, who will be attending Emory University.

Since 1999, Landmarks has committed $116,000 to the Landmarks Scholarship Program, thanks to funding from the Brashear Family Named Fund, as well as from several trustees, and the donors listed here. Of the 29 scholarship recipients, 16 are Pittsburgh Public School graduates and 13 are graduates from other schools within Allegheny County. The June 3 event helped raise awareness about Landmarks’ Scholarship Program, served as a reunion for former scholarship recipients (15 of the 29 were able to attend), and resulted in the creation of a special Scholarship Fund at Landmarks. “The new Landmarks Scholarship Fund is a vehicle for collecting more resources on an ongoing basis for our scholarship efforts,” said David Brashear.

The day after the event, Steven Albert, a scholarship recipient in 1999 and now an associate architect at Perfido Weisskopf Wagstaff + Goettel, wrote in an email to Louise Sturgess, “It is truly special to be involved with Landmarks, and to help us, whether we settle here or not, stay connected with Pittsburgh and the places that we love.”

Landmarks Trustee Betty Abrams talks with guests in her Woodland Road home.

Vandergrift’s J.C. Penney Building: Westmoreland County Students Propose Solutions

Twenty-one teams of middle and high school students from 13 different schools in Westmoreland County participated in Landmarks’ twelfth annual Architectural Design Challenge during the 2007–08 school year. Following an orientation tour in September 2007, teams built scale models of the vacant building at 134 Grant Avenue in Vandergrift, Pa., showing how they would restore the façade in keeping with the Vandergrift Historic District Design Guidelines and renovate the interior to house a community fine arts and education center, gallery, and mini-bistro. “The purpose of the design challenge,” said Main Street Coordinator Shaun Yurcaba, “was to involve students in the revitalization program that is underway in Vandergrift (see pages 4 and 7).”

Students presented their models to a jury of architects and community residents on February 25 and 26, 2008, and awards were announced, and several models were then displayed in the Grant Avenue office of the Vandergrift Improvement Program. One teacher summed up the significance of the program by saying: “My students spend hundreds of hours on the project—that says it all!”

Many of the students discovered that “You can always do something amazing to something old.”

Above left: Monessen Middle School's design for the "Galleria" won First-place Overall and the Student Choice Award. Left: Belle Vernon High School's "Grant Street Cultural Center" won First-place Overall.
Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program:
Corpororate Support to Landmarks Helps Pittsburgh Public Schools

Contributions from seven corporations to Landmarks in the fall of 2007 made it possible for 10 Pittsburgh Public Schools to participate in a series of 35 field trips and school programs from December 2007 through June 2008. Landmarks’ “Building Pride/Building Character” Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program gave students the opportunity to explore their school, neighborhood, and city, and use architecture to connect themes in math, reading, science, social studies, and art. In the process, students became more “connected” to their school and community and benefited from the interdisciplinary approach and real-world application of classroom knowledge.

Teacher comments reinforced the importance of Landmarks’ program:

• “Honestly, the students raved about the experience. I don’t remember a more enjoyable field trip with more positive student response in my years of teaching.”
• “Pittsburgh opened up to these children through this trip.”

TO SUPPORT THE PITTSBURGH HISTORY & LANDMARKS FOUNDATION’S “BUILDING PRIDE/BUILDING CHARACTER” PROGRAM, VISIT WWW.NEWPA.COM, GO TO THE EITC WEBSITE (BY PLACING E I T C IN THE SEARCH BAR AND HITTING GO) AND COMPLETE THE APPLICATION (APPENDIX I EIO) FOUND IN THE EITC BUSINESS GUIDELINES. THE EITC PROGRAM IS ADMINISTERED BY THE PA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, CONTACT LANDMARKS’ GENERAL COUNSEL ANNE NELSON: ANNE@PHLF.ORG; 412-471-5808, EXT. 545.

Education News

Oppenheimer Grant

For the third consecutive year, the Alfred M. Oppenheimer Memorial Fund of The Pittsburgh Foundation has awarded Landmarks a $15,000 grant to support educational programs such as school tours, as well as walking tours for adults, with the goal of involving more young people as docents.

If you are young—or young at heart—and are interested in learning about Pittsburgh and leading tours for Landmarks as a volunteer, contact Mary Lu Denny: marylu@phlf.org; 412-471-5808, ext. 527. We would love to have you join our docent corps of 30 people, spanning the ages of 27 to 80 plus.

Walton Gift

Trustee Ellen Walton and her husband Jim contributed a gift of stock to Landmarks this year, with a value of just over $10,000, in honor of Louise Sturgess, executive director of Landmarks. Louise’s primary responsibility is overseeing the educational program serving more than 12,000 people each year. This generous gift is being used to support Landmarks’ Scholarship Fund (see page 10) and Education Fund. In a letter of thanks to Ellen, Louise wrote: “You have always been a champion of our educational programs and your support encourages me every day… I am deeply touched and honored by your gift.”

Downtown Dragons Website

Visit www.phlf.org/dragons/ to explore an interactive website featuring 25 Pittsburgh places. Designed by Jesse Wilson with animation by Kevin Run, the website was funded in part by the Alfred M. Oppenheimer Memorial Fund of The Pittsburgh Foundation.

Teacher Inservices

In June and July, a total of 22 teachers participated in two week-long summer classes offered by Landmarks through the Allegheny Intermediate Unit. Education Coordinator Mary Ann Eubanks was the instructor for “Pittsburgh Heritage II,” and Karen Brean and Margie Howard, both of CTAC, joined Mary Ann as instructors for “Exploring Your Neighborhood.” Teachers completed family histories and neighborhood notebooks and learned how to connect classroom curricula to the built environment. The classes received top reviews:

• “Visiting Wilkinsburg had an emotional connection for me since most of my family grew up there and I lived there until around 12 years of age. The changes that we saw taking place due to the efforts of PHLF [see page 2] are exciting and gave me hope…”
• “As a teacher of U.S. History I have felt the need to incorporate as much local history as I can into the curriculum. This helps students make connections to larger events, while discovering what is in their own backyard….Thank you for providing such a wonderful experience…”

Following a tour of Pittsburgh aboard Molly’s Trolley, one student wrote: “I saw a lot of cool stuff and did a lot of cool things. First we visited the City-County Building and saw where they have meetings. It was very cool and we saw [Councilman Doug Shields (below left)].” Another student wrote: “My favorite part of the trip was riding the Duquesne Incline [below right]. I had so much fun everywhere you took me. Thank you for taking me 5 places. Everywhere I went I learned so much about Pittsburgh. Thank you again.”
Worth Noting

Henry Hornbostel Creek, Emory University

Four years ago, in March 2004, Emory University’s Board of Trustees approved official names for the four watercourses on the University Campus near Atlanta, Georgia. Henry Hornbostel Creek was named in honor of the Pittsburgh architect who planned the campus in 1914 and designed 10 of its buildings and three bridges. Hornbostel used this creek to define the northern boundary of the Quadrangle. He designed a bridge over which students pass from their dormitories to class. A portion of the creek flows through a small but beautiful section of natural ravine in front of Cox Hall, and another short segment flows below the track field. Unfortunately, much of the remainder of the stream has been diverted into underground pipes to allow for subsequent developments on campus.

We thank Architect David Vater, a trustee of Landmarks, for sharing this information with us. Scott Schorr, one of our scholarship winners (see page 10), is attending Emory University; we have assigned him the task of photographing Hornbostel Creek for our archives.


Placecards: Pittsburgh

$19.95

To order your box of beautifully-produced placecards describing 48 distinctive Pittsburgh places, visit: www.placecards.com. The note cards are a wonderful educational resource for schools or are perfect for putting in your pocket or purse as you tour the city. Funding was provided by The Heinz Endowments and VisitPittsburgh.

Travel card designer Kevin Keim, who is based at the Charles Moore Foundation in Austin, Texas, is from Narrota Heights.

The ABC Book of American Homes

By Michael Shoulders, with illustrations by Sarah S. Brannen.

Published by Charlesbridge: www.charlesbridge.com $7.95

This tour of house types—one for each alphabet letter—would complement any elementary-school unit on community.

Preserve America Communities

The federal government has designated Pittsburgh and Ambridge as “Preserve America Communities.” Lynn Scarlett, deputy secretary of the Department of the Interior, formally announced the designations in Pittsburgh on April 17, and also announced a grant for Washington County, already a Preserve America community. Landmarks was one of several organizations to write a letter of support for Pittsburgh’s application. Preserve America communities can apply for federal funds supporting heritage tourism, preservation education, and planning.

New National Register Listing

On December 28, 2007, Shannon Hall, the former Try Street Terminal Building of 1921–22 at 600–620 Second Avenue, was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The designation made it possible for the developer, Try Street Terminal Associates, to receive a 20% tax credit for the certified rehabilitation of the income-producing property. TKA Architects and Massaro are to be credited. Since July 2007, the Art Institute of Pittsburgh has leased the building for student housing.

Allegheny General Hospital Restores Aebleri Building

Allegheny General Hospital (AGH), owner of the Aebleri Building at 122-124 E. North Avenue, is working with Landmarks to find a new use for the c. 1880–1890 buildings. Earlier this year, as a result of meetings between Landmarks and the Urban Redevelopment Authority, AGH commissioned Landmarks Design Associates Architects to study the building and fully restore the exterior. Bridges Company—a contributor to Landmarks’ EITC program (see page 11)—served as contractor. Landmarks underwrote the cost of preliminary design studies in 2007 that convinced AGH to undertake the work.

Beneficial Building Opens

Owen’s Cleaners, Carson Street Deli, and Cardinal Resources LLC occupy the handsomely-restored Beneficial Building of 1881 at 1505-07 E. Carson Street. In 2006, Tek Development Group and South Side Local Development Company purchased the vacant building, with the help of a $250,000 loan from Landmarks. The total project cost was just over $4 million. The project team included UpStreet Architects (Indiana, PA), historic preserver consultant Michael Eversmeyer, and General Construction. City Theatre is now leasing the six residential units for out-of-town performers. One 2,000 square-foot upper-floor commercial space is still available.

Waldorf School Completes Exterior Renovations

During the summer of 2007 the Waldorf School of Pittsburgh completed extensive restorations to the exterior of its Second-Emperor mansion of 1867, originally built for Henry Lynch, thanks to a $300,000 grant from the R. K. Mellon Foundation and an $85,000 Keystone Historic Preservation Grant from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

Located at 201 S. Winebiddle Street in Bloomfield, the Waldorf School building was most recently known as Victoria Hall. Landmarks’ Old House Fair was held there from 1995 to 2001. In 2003 the Waldorf School purchased the property and now serves 120 students (pre-K through grade 5). Roof work by Bell Industries of Pittsburgh included replacing the deteriorated roofing of the building’s box gutters with copper and repairing slate shingles and downspouts. Recovery Painting of Verona, repaired wooden components, replicated numerous historic wooden architectural details, and applied a fresh coat of paint.

Students from the Architectural Studies Program at the University of Pittsburgh are partnering with the Waldorf School to have the building listed on the National Register of Historic Places. They presented their research about the house and neighborhood during a public presentation on July 31.

A $5,000 grant from Landmarks in 2003 helped fund the design of a distinctive façade for the Bulgarian Macedonian National Educational and Cultural Center.

Cultural Centers Bring National Recognition to Region

During a membership event on April 20, friends of Landmarks toasted the Bulgarian Macedonian National Educational and Cultural Center (449-451 W. Eighth Avenue, West Homestead). The Bulgarian Macedonian Center is the recipient of a Save America’s Treasures grant, and President Patricia Penka French is working to raise about $50,000 more to match the grant.

Members also were entertained at the National Carpatho-Rusyn Society (913 Dickson Street, Munhall). The Society is restoring the former St. John’s Byzantine Catholic Cathedral, designed in 1903 by Titus de Robula. National Vice-President Maryann Svak chairs the Restoration Committee. Already, they have repaired the building to the point where public events can be staged. A museum is planned.

Demolished: Point View Hotel

The historic Point View Hotel of 1832 at 3720 Brownsville Road in Brentwood was purchased by CPM Development, demolished in March 2008, and is being replaced by a three-story medical office building. Landmarks tried to arrange a final tour of the building in order to document it, but the developer never responded to its request. The significance of the hotel was described in the April 2007 issue of PHLF News.

Corrections to PHLF News

Page 4: Farms in Washington and Greene Counties were surveyed; Westmoreland County, instead of Washington County, was mistakenly stated in both a sub-title and in the opening paragraph.

Page 21: In Al Tannler’s review of Romy Wyllie’s book on Bertram Goodhue, the photograph shown at the bottom of the page was not the William A. Huff house in Greensburg, Pa. The photo shown, by Rick Fatica, is of Charles Groveower’s house in Athens, Ohio. Bertram Goodhue designed the Groveower house in 1889 and Ralph Adams Cram sent a photograph to Huff as an example of good Colonial Revival design.

This early postcard view (right) shows the William A. Huff house (1899–1901), now the YWCA of Westmoreland County. William S. Huff sent this image to Albert M. Tannler at Landmarks.
Two Books to Be Released on October 28


Education and His Windows was written by Albert M. Tannler, historiographer of the Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation, and exploits the personal history of Charles J. Connick, who spent 22 of his first 32 years living in Pittsburgh; 12 of those years were spent living and working there until his death in 1945. He moved permanently to the Boston area, although he maintained strong ties to southwestern Pennsylvania and, between 1911 and 1941, returned periodically to design extraordinary windows for ten architecturally-significant landmarks: First Baptist Church; First Presbyterian Church (Edgewood); Gordon Chapel (Church of the Ascension); First Presbyterian Church; First Baptist Church; First Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh (Stephen Foster Memorial); Calvary Episcopal Church; East Liberty Presbyterian Church; and the University of Pittsburgh (Stephen Foster Memorial, Cathedral of Learning, and Hinz Memorial Chapel). Connick’s years of apprenticeship and documentation of his work in and near Pittsburgh,British scholar Peter Cormack has written a foreword to the book, and previously unpublished photographs of Connick and his early work, as well as new information concerning his career and craft, are included. Contributions from The Charles J. Connick Stained Glass Foundation in Boston and from Landmarks’ members are helping undertake publication costs. Connick Book Contributors

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Landmarks thanks the following high school and college students for their volunteer help this year: Jenna El-Wagaa (Pitt); Sandra Hardkopf (Ellis); DeShawn Haynes (Penn State); Alyssa Hopper (Pitt); Carolyn Mazzella (Pitt); Lauren McConnell (Pitt); Sara McGuire (Duquesne); Katelyn Ruth (Pitt); Jane Schmidlapp (Johns Hopkins), and Lindsey Yogan (Penn State). In addition to helping with tours, publications, and research projects, several of the interns photographed historic sites in Pittsburgh and added them to the National Trust for Historic Preservation’s “This Place Matters” website. Google “This Place Matters” National Trust.
In Memoriam

David H. Miller 
(1920–2008)

In a letter of October 25, 2007 to members of The Society for the Preservation of the Duquesne Heights Incline, President David Miller wrote: "Passing the Torch—After 44 years it is time for the Reescuers of the Duquesne Incline to hand it over to Administrators and Preservers. Now the transportation facility so desperately needed by residents of Duquesne Heights has become an historic remnant of the city's past, appreciated by a great many Pittsburghers..." David Miller died on June 7, 2008. During his lifetime he was highly respected as an innovative, forward-thinking engineer for Jones & Laughlin Steel Corporation (1946–1983) as the director of the Public Parking Authority of Pittsburgh (1970–75); as a member of the City's Historic Review Commission (1980–2001); and, along with his wife Ruth, as the person most responsible for saving the Duquesne Incline. “The Duquesne Incline simply would not be here today without the vision, determination, and volunteer commitment of David and Ruth Miller,” said Landmarks Trustee David Vater. “The Millers made it their avocation to see that the Incline was saved, restored, and of service to residents of Mt. Washington and others." David Miller was one of the nine founding members of the Society for the Preservation of the Duquesne Heights Incline, and he served as its president from 1964 until 2007. “He had a wonderful patience and methodical mind,” said David Vater, “and was able to tackle complex problems and move ahead.”

Just when the Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation was being formed in 1963–64—at a time when historic preservation was not a popular movement—David Miller recognized that the Incline of 1877 needed to be saved. He worked patiently to accomplish that goal. As a result, Pittsburgh has a more reliable means of public transportation and a priceless, historic landmark.

Robert L. Digby (1931–2008)

Known simply by one name—Digby—he was a man full of energy and wit and so knowledgeable about theater, art, history, and Heinz Memorial Chapel. As a docent/coordinator at Heinz Chapel, Digby orchestrated up to 200 weddings a year and greeted thousands of visitors. His role was a wonderful mix of some of the things that Digby loved most: Broadway tunes (played on the organ) and friends reminiscing in a beautifully crafted place of stone and stained glass.


Members are vital to the work and growth of Landmarks. Many members volunteer their time to help with educational programs, office work, and preservation projects. By joining, each member demonstrates his/her belief in our mission—and contributes to a strong, collective voice for historic preservation in Pittsburgh.

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Free Friday Downtown Walking Tours
August: Fourth Avenue and PPG Place
Meet at Noon in the parklet at Fourth Avenue and Smithfield Street
September: Revitalizing Fifth and Forbes Avenues
Meet at Noon at the clock in Market Square

Lecture and Church Tour: “Scottish Glass in Pittsburgh”
Sunday, September 7
2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
East Liberty Presbyterian Church
116 S. Highland Avenue
Scottish stained glass artist Rona Moody will share insights on the glass craft and the 20th-century stained glass window in the East Liberty chapel designed and made by fellow Scot, Henry Wynd Young. A tour of the church, designed by Ralph Adams Cram and dedicated in 1935, will follow. If you like, you can climb up into the spire! Members: $5  Non-members: $10 Paid reservations by Wednesday, September 3

Walking Tour: Four Oakland Landmarks
Sunday, September 11
2:00 to 5:30 p.m.
Meeting location: Mellon Institute for Industrial Research; grand stairs, Fifth Avenue entrance
Tour leaders: Louise Sturgess, Al Tannler, and Mary Ann Eubanks
We’ll explore the insides and outsides of Mellon Institute, Alumni Hall (formerly the Masonic Temple), the Pittsburgh Athletic Association, and Soldiers’ and Sailors’ National Military Museum and Memorial, whose cornerstone was laid in 1908, on the occasion of the city’s 150th anniversary.
Members: $5  Non-members: $10 Paid reservations by Wednesday, September 17

Bus Tour: “Elm Court” and Historic Butler
Friday, October 17 (Note date change)
Noon to 6:15 p.m.
Meeting location: Outside The Shops at Station Square, across from the parking garage
Tour leaders: Lu Donnelly, Mary Ann Eubanks, and Al Tannler
Thanks to the generosity of the owner, we have been given permission to visit “Elm Court,” designed in 1929 by Janssen & Cocker, Lu Donnelly, in Buildings of Pennsylvania: Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania (forthcoming), calls it “one of the finest estates in Pennsylvania.” The 40-room mansion stands on 9.3 acres landscaped by Ralph Griswold.
We will also visit St. Paul’s R. C. Church of 1911 by John T. Comes with extra-ordinary stained glass windows made by German artist Leo Thomas; view buildings in The Diamond, the center of the Butler National Register Historic District; take tea at the c. 1810 Maharg Farm House, renovated in 1934 by Brandon Smith in what is now the 50-acre Scaup Conservancy, and drive through part of the grounds and view the mansion on the nearby Phillips estate.
Members only: $65  Limited to 33 people. This tour is not handicap accessible. Paid reservations by Wed., Oct. 8

Special Event: Author’s Reception/ New Members’ Reception
Tuesday, October 28
5:30 to 7:00 p.m.
Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation Offices
Meet author Al Tannler, who will be autographing copies of Charles J. Comnick: His Education and His Windows in and near Pittsburgh (see page 13). The Whirled Press guidebook will also be available for purchase. New members will be escorted on an office tour, including visits to both the James D. Van Trump Library and the Frank B. Fairbanks Rail Transportation Archive.
Members: Free  Non-members: Joint

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Special Sunday events are being held at Woodville Plantation (1373 Washington Pike, Bridgeville, Pa.) on September 7, 21, and 26; October 26; November 2 and 23; and December 7 and 14. For details: www.woodvilleplantation.org or 412-221-0348.

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