

Greenbelt Knoll – Philadelphia’s Newest Historic District

Greenbelt Knoll, a modest suburban-style subdivision adjacent to Pennypack Park in Northeast Philadelphia, became the most recent historic district to be listed on the Philadelphia Register of Historic Places when it was approved by the Philadelphia Historical Commission in June 2006. This marks the first time the Commission has approved an historic district since the Old City Historic District was approved in 2004 and brings the number of districts listed on the Philadelphia Register to ten.

Greenbelt Knoll is a residential subdivision created in 1956, by Morris Milgram, a pioneer in the development of racially integrated residential communities. This was Milgram’s first venture and, as stated in the nomination, is historically important “as the first planned integrated suburban development in the city and one of the first in the nation.” Original residents included Milgram himself, U.S. Representative Robert N.C. Nix—the first African American to represent Pennsylvania in the U.S. Congress—and the Reverend Leon Sullivan.

The subdivision consists of 19 parcels, 18 of which are single-family homes setback from Longford Street and bordered by woodlands. Greenbelt Knoll has changed little since architects Montgomery & Bishop with associate architect Harry Duncan,

landscape architect Margaret Lancaster Duncan, and consultant Louis I. Kahn designed it. The mid-century Modern, one-story homes were integrated into the surrounding landscape and arranged so that each house had ample privacy while relating to the other properties in an orderly pattern. Overhanging eaves, large windows, wood siding and decks and patios are characteristic of each home. Charles Fuller, author of the nomination and long-time resident, explains, “Living in Greenbelt Knoll is like living in a forest surrounded by trees, flowers—an occasional wild animal—and quiet.”

The idea of nominating Greenbelt Knoll as an historic district originated with the community as part of its efforts to celebrate its 50th anniversary. At a community brainstorming meeting, resident Art Friedman proposed nominating the neighborhood as an historic district after reading a local newspaper article by Pennsylvania House Representative Michael McGehan about historic designation in Philadelphia. Many residents were present at the Historical Commission meeting in June to support historic designation. Original resident Virginia Barlow was escorted to the meeting by neighbors, and spoke of the importance this neighborhood had for integration in the city of Philadelphia. In a later interview, Fuller added, “I’d like the city and residents of Philadelphia to know that living in an integrated environment can happen, without intolerance and the fears that most people believe will occur.”

Greenbelt Knoll was a major milestone in American open housing and civil rights movements and is an excellent example of the organic vein of mid-20th century Modern architecture. The present and past residents deserve our appreciation for preserving this important housing development and securing its designation as an historic district.

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Architect Louis I. Kahn presenting a signed architectural rendering of a Greenbelt Knoll house to developers George Otto and Morris Milgram. LEFT TO RIGHT: Kahn, architects Newcomb Montgomery and Robert Bishop, Otto, Milgram, and contractor William Jones, c. 1955.

The Architectural Archives, University of Pennsylvania.

Marine Club Protected By Easement

The Marine Club Condominiums at South Broad Street and Washington Avenue, Philadelphia, is the latest property to be protected by a preservation easement held by the Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia. The Alliance now administers nearly 200 easements protecting historic properties throughout the region.

The property was originally designed and built in 1904 as the Marine Quartermaster’s Depot. During World War I tens of thousands of U.S. soldiers were outfitted and equipped by more than one thousand military and civilian workers operating at the Depot. Other activities at the Depot included the production of mosquito nets, mess pans, helmets, uniforms, foot lockers and stoves. Later, during WWII, 6,000 employees worked around the clock making uniforms, tents, lockers and bunks.

When the Marine Corps decommissioned the property, it was converted to market-rate apartments and renamed the “Marine Club”. Now, in keeping with the current demand for condominiums, Marine Club Associates, LP – donors of the preservation easement – is improving and selling the over 200 units as condominiums. The property is a convenient five-minute subway ride from City Hall.

Preservation easements not only protect historic properties in

perpetuity but, in most cases, can provide the property owner with an (often) substantial federal-income tax deduction resulting from the donation of the easement. For more information on preservation easements contact Randy Cotton at randy@preservationalliance.com or 215.546.1146 x 2.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S MESSAGE

Although the City of Philadelphia revised its Historic Preservation Ordinance in 1985 to permit the designation of historic districts, Philadelphia has made less use of historic districts to protect historic properties and neighborhood character than have other cities. A survey conducted several years ago showed that while Philadelphia had 9 historic districts New York had 79, Chicago 53, Cleveland 22, and I’m even told that Phoenix, Arizona, has 25!

The Preservation Alliance believes that the preservation of overall neighborhood character is just as important as the preservation of individual landmark buildings. During the past year we have begun several initiatives to promote and support historic districts; a number of these are described in this newsletter. But no matter how hard we or neighborhood organizations try, historic districts will not increase unless the Philadelphia Historical Commission responds to nominations for new districts.

There are now four historic districts awaiting action by the Philadelphia Historical Commission: Spruce Hill, nominated in 2002; Overbrook Farms, nominated in 2004; a small portion of East Falls, nominated in 2005; and Parkside, nominated in 2006 (see story page 2). In addition, the Alliance is working with representatives of the Awbury Arboretum neighborhood and expects that a nomination for that area will be submitted in September. These five districts would provide protection to approximately 3,400 historic properties.

No action has yet been taken by the Historical Commission on any of these nominations. Nor has the Commission given any indication to the community organizations that nominated these districts when it intends to take any action on them.

Philadelphia lags woefully behind other cities in the use of historic districts to protect historic resources and the character of its neighborhoods. It is time for the Philadelphia Historical Commission to respect the efforts of those communities that have spent time and money to prepare historic district nominations and bring all of these nominations to the Commission for action within the next six months.

JOHN ANDREW GALLERY
Executive Director



The Brentwood in the proposed Parkside Historic District.

Dominique Hawkins, AIA

Parkside Historic District Nominated

The grand houses along Parkside Avenue, across from Fairmount Park's Memorial Hall, are familiar to most Philadelphians. Many of these incredible examples of 19th century architecture have been rehabilitated by the Parkside Historic Preservation Corporation, under the leadership of James Brown IV, who began working in the area in the 1970s. Although Parkside is a National Register District, such designation provides no protection to the historic properties from future alterations or the impacts of change that might be induced by the nearby development of the Please Touch Museum and the MicroSoft School of the Future. The idea of a local historic district was initiated by the Parkside Historic Preservation Corporation in 2005 to address these issues.

Working with the Parkside Historic Preservation Corporation, the Preservation Alliance prepared an historic district nomination that is also intended to establish a new model for historic district nominations through the use of digital photography and GIS mapping. The nomination, which covers the area from Parkside Avenue to Viola Street,

and from Belmont Avenue to 41st Street, was submitted to the Historical Commission in June 2006. This is the first predominantly African American low and moderate-income neighborhood to be nominated as an historic district since the Diamond Street Historic District was approved in 1990.

Parkside was developed from 1890 to 1900 by a small group of builders of German descent after temporary buildings constructed for the 1876 Centennial had been removed. The large amount of available land allowed for the development of large elaborate three-story houses and apartment buildings in a Flemish-revival architectural vocabulary that is unique in Philadelphia. As noted by architectural historian George Thomas in the National Register nomination, "The Germanic architectural styling ... departed from the 'high style' English taste generally taught in architectural histories, but it was indeed a national middle-class style much in evidence at the end of the century." The architectural character of the district remains largely intact and many of the most significant buildings have been restored by the Parkside Historic Preservation Corporation, often

working in partnership with Pennrose Properties.

For the Alliance, the development of this historic district nomination provided an opportunity not only to support the efforts of the Parkside Historic Preservation Corporation but also to demonstrate a new approach to historic district nominations using current technology. Dominique Hawkins, AIA, principal of Preservation Design Partnership, and Judy Peters, a preservation specialist with expertise in state-of-the-art GIS-mapping techniques, worked closely with the Historical Commission staff to identify the information would be included in an historic property data-base that could be integrated with property data files being developed by the City of Philadelphia. A project team of community residents and six University of Pennsylvania historic preservation graduate students used personal digital computers (PDAs) and digital cameras to survey 161 parcels in two days.

The Alliance hopes that this format for historic district nominations will be used by other communities. We are prepared to train residents or staff in its application and to lend PDAs to undertake field surveys in this new format. If interested, contact Patrick Hauck. The project was supported by grants from the William Penn Foundation and the National Trust For Historic Preservation.

Awbury Arboretum Survey Completed By Alliance Interns

After completing the Parkside Historic District nomination, the Preservation Alliance was interested in further testing this new approach to preparing historic district nominations. Several organizations participating in the Alliance's workshops for community organizations or attending the Historic District Council expressed interest in district nominations. The Awbury Arboretum neighborhood in northwest Philadelphia, already a National Register District, was selected because the majority of residents supported the idea of inclusion on the Philadelphia Register and over half of the houses in the proposed district are already individually listed on the Philadelphia Register.

The Awbury district is a beautiful enclave comprised of approximately 80 acres that contain a collection of 34 houses designed



Cope House in Awbury Arboretum.

by renowned 19th and early 20th century architects, surrounded by landscapes also designed by important designers of their day. Starting in the mid-19th century as cluster of estates and homes belonging to the Haines family, Awbury eventually evolved into a collection of private homes surrounded by a publicly accessible arboretum in the early 20th century.

The proposed district is bounded by the R7 SEPTA line, Chew Avenue, Haines Street, Ardleigh Street and the Arboretum property line northwest of Washington Lane. This area is slightly larger than the National Register District and incorporates land contained in the original boundaries of the Arboretum that was sold off and developed for housing in the 1940s and 1950s. Although the majority of the 42 structures included in that portion of the proposed district are non-contributing

resources, any future development of the area would fall under the jurisdiction of the Historical Commission, thus protecting the overall character of the district.

The survey of historic resources for the Awbury district was undertaken by Reagan Baydoun and David O'Malley, both graduate students in the University of Pennsylvania Historic Preservation program using the same mapping technology and data collection techniques that were developed for the Parkside nomination. Dominique Hawkins AIA and Judy West, consultants to the Alliance for Parkside, trained the students and helped organize the survey data. With the assistance of Awbury Arboretum residents and the support of the staff of the Arboretum, the historic property inventory and survey portion of the historic district nomination was completed in a matter of days. In addition to buildings, the Awbury survey contains eight significant landscape features, including stone walls, a meadow, a water-course and pond, lawns, gardens, fields with arrangements of specimen trees, rail fences and footpaths.

The project was made possible by a summer intern grant from the Samuel S. Fels Fund and by a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development obtained with the assistance of Representative Babette Josephs.

Historic District Council Meets Quarterly

To encourage the development of historic districts and to support neighborhood organizations in local and National Register Districts, the Preservation Alliance organized the Historic Districts Council in 2005. The Council is an informal network of organizations representing historic districts that meets quarterly to discuss issues of common concern. Since its formation, the Council has heard presentations on the status of historic district nominations by Jon Farnham, Acting Historic Preservation Officer for the City of Philadelphia; on Conservation Districts by members of the City Planning Commission staff; and on the use of new technology in preparing historic district nominations by Dominique Hawkins, AIA, of Preservation Design Partnership.

A good example of the benefits of the Council occurred earlier this year when three community organizations found they had similar concerns about plans of PennDOT and SEPTA to alter historic streets in their neighborhoods that were located in the City's Historic Street Paving District. As a result of coordinated action by the community organizations and the Alliance, it was possible to present strong opposition to these changes when they were presented to the Historical Commission.

The Council is open to participation of neighborhood organizations in local and National Register Historic Districts. For further information contact Liz Blazeovich, Advocacy Associate, at Liz@preservation-alliance.com.

ADVOCACY UPDATES

Considerable progress has been made in preserving many of the historic properties that have been the focus of the Preservation Alliance's advocacy efforts in recent years. This includes good news about a number of properties previously listed on our Endangered Properties List.

Dilworth House

A new proposal for the house of former Mayor Richardson Dilworth (listed as an Endangered Property in 2004) has been presented by the property owner, John Turchi. While earlier proposals, designed by the noted architect Robert Venturi, called for the complete demolition of the house or all but the façade, the latest proposal preserves the front portion of the house and places a new condominium tower on the rear portion of the site. This would require the demolition of the rear

wing of the house, which is not visible from 6th Street and Washington Square.

Both the Alliance and the Society Hill Civic Association were encouraged that the new plans included the preservation of the front portion of the property. However, both organizations still have concerns about various aspects of the new plan and have been discussing these concerns with Mr. Turchi to see if this new proposal could lead to a design all parties could support. The proposal is scheduled for review by the Historical Commission at its September meeting.



Perspective view of Dilworth Condominium, Venturi Scott Brown Associates.

Venturi Scott Brown Associates

Presser Estates

Plans for the rehabilitation of the Nugent Home for Baptists and the Presser Home for Retired Music Teachers in Mt. Airy (listed as an Endangered Property in 2004) —now called Presser Estates—moved forward with approval of zoning variances by the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The plans proposed by Nolan Properties and Visionary Development call for the full restoration of the historic Nugent and Presser buildings with conversion to residential use, and the construction of three new apartment buildings on the site. A large portion of the site will be maintained as open space. The current plans and zoning variances were supported by the Alliance and the three community organizations that have worked so diligently to preserve these properties: West Mt. Airy Neighbors, West Central Germantown Neighbors, and the Pomona Cherokee Civic Council.



Nugent Home for Baptists, part of Presser Estates.

ADVOCACY UPDATES



Independence Square Security

Community and political leaders expressed opposition to the Independence National Historical Park's plans to build a six to eight foot high fence across Independence Square (listed as an Endangered Property in 2004) in response to an Environmental Assessment report issued for comment by the Park Service. In very well researched articles by Stephan Salisbury in the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, Senator Arlen Specter, Congressman Chaka Fattah, Congressman Robert Brady, Governor Ed Rendell, Mayor John Street and State Senator Vincent Fumo all were quoted as being in opposition to the plan. Opposition to the proposal has been led by the Independence Mall Business and Residents Coalition (IMBARC), which questions whether any of the security measures are necessary or appropriate. The Coalition has prepared a plan, designed by landscape architect Laurie Olin, which would allow free access through the Square. In a letter to the National Park Service

on behalf of the Alliance, John Andrew Gallery, executive director, stated that the proposal to build a fence "alters the character and significance of Independence Hall and Independence Square as symbols of liberty and freedom. It is inappropriate." In addition, he questioned the need for security systems at all indicating that no substantive evidence has been presented that "any historic or purely symbolic sites anywhere in the United States have ever been the object of terrorists attacks or even considered as potential targets." The risk of leaving the sites unprotected" Gallery stated, "is minimal." The Alliance, IMBARC and others also expressed concern about the Park Service's failure to seek City approval of the plans. The City of Philadelphia is the owner of Independence Square and the buildings within it.

In response to the extensive expressions of public concern, the Park Service extended the period for comments on the plan until September 1, 2006.



Strawbridge & Clothier Buildings Listed On Philadelphia Register

At its June 2006 meeting, the Philadelphia Historical Commission voted to list the Strawbridge & Clothier Department Store (801-23 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania) on the Philadelphia Register of Historic Places. The Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia prepared the nomination with the help of the Philadelphia Historical Commission staff. The Alliance initiated the nomination as a result of numerous phone calls and emails from members expressing concern about future of the building as a result of Federated Department Store's decision to close the Strawbridge's store.

The Strawbridge & Clothier Department Store consists of two buildings; the west building, designed by architect Addison Hutton in 1903, and the main building, designed by Simon and Simon in 1929. Both buildings represent simplified forms of the Italian Renaissance style, employed during the turn of the 19th and 20th centuries.

The Strawbridge & Clothier Department Store was started by the Quaker firm of Justus Strawbridge and Isaac Clothier. Throughout its history the store raised the bar for department store standards across the U.S. It was among the first stores to establish a one-price policy, the first to install elevators inside the store (1868), the first Philadelphia store to begin a radio broadcasting station, WFI (the forerunner of present day WFIL). In addition, Strawbridge and Clothier were well known as benevolent employers; the store boasted the first Relief Association (1880), which paid health and death benefits to members, had an early Savings Fund Association for their employees, and became the first large department store in Philadelphia to give its workers a half day off on Saturday (1890).

Subsequent to the designation by the Historical Commission, the Strawbridge's building was purchased by the Pennsylvania Real Estate Investment Trust (PREIT). This bodes well for the preservation of the historic buildings.



The main Strawbridge building (ABOVE) was designed by Simon and Simon, the west building (TOP) was designed by Addison Hutton.



Historic Streets Saved

When PennDOT and SEPTA proposed repaving sections of three streets in the Historic Streets District, community organizations in each of the three neighborhoods began working together and with the Alliance to raise concerns about these proposals and advocate for the retention of Belgian block paving in all three areas. The proposals for repaving included sections of Germantown Avenue in Chestnut Hill and Mt. Airy and Chester Avenue in West Philadelphia.

Community organizations and residents from all three areas supported one another's concerns in presentations to the Historical Commission. In response to these concerns the Historical Commission retained an independent engineering firm to evaluate the proposals and the prospects for preserving the historic paving. The Commission's final decision retained the historic paving on Germantown Avenue in Mt. Airy and on Chester Avenue, but allowed for modifications of the paving pattern in Chestnut Hill to correspond with previous repaving of Germantown Avenue in that area. The arrangement approved continues the use of Belgian block along the sides of the street with concrete in the center where the trolley tracks are located.

Community groups responsible for achieving this preservation victory include the Chestnut Hill Historical Society, the University City Historical Society, West Mt. Airy Neighbors, Penn Knox Neighbors, and Philadelphia's Historic Northwest Coalition.



The Lazeretto

One of the historic sites of greatest concern to the Alliance and others in the preservation community is The Lazeretto, the nation's only surviving example of an early quarantine station (listed as an Endangered Building in 2003). An appropriation of \$2 million by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania provided funds to Tincum Township to acquire the ten-acre site and the 1799 Lazeretto building from a private owner. However, this grant had to be matched and the cost of acquisition and stabilization of the building exceeded \$2 million.

To proceed with acquisition of the site the Township found it necessary to use funds from a bond issue to finance a new fire sta-

tion and evacuation center. Now the Township intends to proceed with the construction of the fire station to be located on half of the Lazeretto site, thereby blocking any public view of the building from major streets and compromising the ability to restore and interpret the site.

The Alliance is working with The Lazeretto Task Force, a coalition of historians, interested citizens and preservationists, and the Tincum Township Commissioners to explore alternative solutions to the fire station location and to raise funds to secure the full site for preservation. For further information contact Randy Cotton (randy@preservationalliance.com).

LIKE TO DO RESEARCH?

WANT TO HELP PROTECT AN HISTORIC PROPERTY?

Although a large number of historic buildings in Philadelphia are protected by historic designation, many, like Strawbridge and Clothiers, were never included on the Philadelphia Register and lack protection against demolition or inappropriate alteration. The Preservation Alliance is endeavoring to submit nominations for important buildings to be added to the register each year. However, to do so we need assistance in gathering information and helping to prepare the nomination forms.

If you like to do research and are interested in helping protect an historic building, we need your help! We have a list of buildings that we would like to nominate to the Philadelphia Register of Historic Places—one of which might be in your own neighborhood.

CONTACT Liz Blazevich, Advocacy Associate at Liz@preservationalliance.com for further details and to volunteer.

First Homeowner Workshops Completed, Second Series to Begin

In April 2006, the Alliance initiated its first series of workshops for homeowners of historic properties. The workshops are designed to provide technical knowledge about various aspects of maintaining and restoring historic residential properties. Two parallel sets of workshops were presented, one set being held in Northwest Philadelphia at Cliveden of the National Trust and the other in West Philadelphia at the Calvary Center for Community and Culture. A total of over 350 people attended the 8 workshops, and over 200 of those people attended two or more sessions. Workshop topics, all of which were presented by preservation professionals, included: working with architects and contractors; roofing on historic buildings; historic windows; and masonry and pointing. The Preservation Alliance is very grateful for the generous donation of time and professional talent from the presenters at the workshops. Special thanks to: Rachael Simmons

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The next in the series of Homeowner Workshops will take place in September, including a special set of "hands-on" workshops to be held at The Sheep Barn in West Fairmount Park. Homeowners, architects, designers, craft and trades people who have ideas for future program topics or are interested in volunteering as presenters may contact Patrick Hauck, Director of Neighborhood Preservation Programs at 215.546.1146 x4 or patrick@preservationalliance.com

Homeowner Workshops Set for September

Sponsored by The Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia, in collaboration with the Fairmount Park Historic Preservation Trust, Chestnut Hill Historical Society, Cliveden of the National Trust, the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Germantown Historical Society and

University City Historical Society. The workshops are FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, but reservations are required. To reserve a space, or for more information, please contact Patrick Hauck, at 215.546.1146 x4 or patrick@preservationalliance.com.

LECTURE WORKSHOPS AT CLIVEDEN

- Researching The History Of Your Home
Wednesday September 6 at 7:00 PM
- Energy Efficiency in Historic Houses
Wednesday September 13 at 7:00 PM
- Painting Your Historic House
Wednesday September 20 at 7:00 PM
- Historic Plaster
Wednesday September 27 at 7:00 PM

NEW! "HANDS-ON" WORKSHOPS IN WEST FAIRMOUNT PARK

- Repairing Historic Windows
Thursday September 7 at 6:30 PM
- Making Wood Repairs
Thursday September 14 at 6:30 PM
- Maintaining Historic Porches
Thursday September 21 at 6:30 PM
- Masonry and Pointing
Thursday September 28 at 6:30 PM

WORKSHOP LOCATIONS

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For directions contact the Preservation Alliance, or visit our website at www.preservationalliance.com

Historic Properties Repair Program in Demand

Early this year the Preservation Alliance launched its Historic Properties Repair Program (HPRP) and early indications show a great demand for the program. The program is funded by \$1 million from the City of Philadelphia's Neighborhood Transformation Initiative and an additional \$100,000 from the Preservation Development Initiative of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The purpose of HPRP is to provide grants to assist low- and moderate-income homeowners of historically certified properties or properties in historic districts to make exterior repairs to their homes so that the historic character of their property and the neighborhood can be maintained.

Information about the program was mailed to the owners of 12,000 properties designated as historic by the Philadelphia Historical Commission. Homeowners in over 70 National Register historic districts in the city are also eligible, so additional brochures were distributed or mailed to

such neighborhoods as Overbrook Farms, Parkside, and other sections of West Philadelphia and Germantown.

To date, more than 250 homeowners have requested additional program information and over 140 of these meet the income, historic designation, ownership, and project eligibility criteria. The applications have come from throughout the city, with concentrations from these historic districts: Diamond Street (North Philadelphia), Parkside and other sections of West Philadelphia, Overbrook Farms, Girard Estate, Manayunk, and Queen Village. Typical projects are masonry repairs and re-pointing; repairs to the rain-water conduction systems; porch and exterior woodwork restoration and associated painting; roof replacements. The typical applicant is either employed in a low- or moderate-income job or is on a fixed income (retired or public assistance). What all have in common is an appreciation of their historic property and a desire to do the "right" repairs. For further information about HPRP grants contact Randy Cotton, Associate Director, at 215.546.1146 x2 or Randy@preservationalliance.com.



HPRP consultant Jeff Barr inspects property with homeowner.

Young Friends Plan New Programs

The Young Friends of the Preservation Alliance have re-launched and charted a new course supporting the Preservation Alliance's efforts and preservation issues of interest to the Delaware Valley's 20-35 year olds.

The Young Friends regrouped in 2005, after a brief hiatus, with a strong new steering committee dedicated to creating events that bring young Philadelphia-area residents together. Through events and networking opportunities, the Young Friends hope to reach out, not just to those involved in the historic preservation profession, but to professionals in all fields.

A three-part Saturday Salon Series was the Steering Committee's first program to highlight historic neighborhoods and the preservation issues that face them. These well-attended Saturday Salons provided Young Friends a unique opportunity to get to know not just the relevant preservation issues, but each other. Each Salon began with brunch at a neighborhood restaurant hosted by local preservationists and community leaders and was followed by a walk-

ing tour through the neighborhood highlighting the preservation issues discussed at brunch. Neighborhoods visited included Queen Village and Northern Liberties. The third Saturday Salon Saturday will visit Fairmount/Brewery Town in September. The Young Friends have a number of other events planned for the fall including a trolley tour hosted by brewery historian Rich Wagner and a private reception with National Trust President, Richard Moe.

The Preservation Alliance Young Friends is comprised of a diverse group of young professionals and students with a passion for preservation. The group has successfully grown to include many new members seeking ways to celebrate and preserve the historic character of our region.

Become a part of the Young Friends of the Preservation Alliance, be involved in future events, and don't miss the opportunity to expand your network of contacts and knowledge of this great region's rich history! For further information or to join contact Pippa Liebert at Pippa@preservationalliance.com.

NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION



Panel Discussion, Friday November 3rd: EMPOWERING NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS Led by John Andrew Gallery, Executive Director, Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia To register: WWW.NTHPCONFERENCE.ORG

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Old House Fair Returns in 2007

March 17, 2007 9AM to 5PM at Germantown Friends School

Over 50 booths representing vendors, products, services and information pertaining to old houses will be featured. In addition the Fair will include a variety of presentations and demonstrations by the vendors and other historic preservation specialists concerning preservation practices, products and services. A central demonstration area will be the site of hands-on workshops by specialty craftspeople.

If you are interested in being a corporate sponsor, a vendor, a presenter or a volunteer for this great event, contact Patrick Hauck, Director of Neighborhood Preservation Programs at 215.546.1146 x4 or patrick@preservationalliance.com.

New Awards for Historic Property Owners

In conjunction with the Old House Fair, the Preservation Alliance will present Awards of Recognition to property owners —particularly homeowners—who have shown exemplary stewardship in historic preservation through renovation or maintenance of their property. Has the former eyesore in your neighborhood become the shining star on the block? Are you aware of someone who has done such a great job restoring their home that they deserve an Award of Recognition? Do you deserve one yourself? Help us identify candidates for these awards to be given as part of the Old House Fair by submitting a nomination. Nomination forms can be found on the Alliance's website at www.preservationalliance.com.

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