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PHW'S 45TH ANNUAL MEETING

PHW rang in its 45th Annual Meeting on June 28th at the Hexagon House to overcast skies and light drizzle. The weather did not deter attendance, however, with nearly 60 PHW members and guests on hand to partake in the day's activities. Richard Bell, PHW's incoming President, reviewed the past year and presented the 2009 Annual Awards. This year's election of board



*Maral Kalbian accepts the Carrol H. Henkel
Award from Richard Bell.*

members saw Jack Helm stepping down and the addition of Karen Clay, Rob Hustick, Mark Lore, and Dan McCoig. Richard Bell was welcomed as PHW's next President. Frank Wright remains on the Board in the Past President position. All other officer positions remain the same.

The Annual Meeting is also the time to celebrate the 2009 Preservation Awards. Awards were chosen from nominees put forward by the membership and PHW's directors. This year's winners are:

Lucille Lozier Award

Debra Johnson and Richard Oram, The Union Bank Building

Carroll H. Henkel Award

Maral Kalbian, for her expertise in historic tax credits

Ben Belchic Award

Warren Hofstra, for his lecture series "Our Community, Our State, Our Nation: American History in the Modern Era"

Elsie Rosenberger Award

Edwin and Betty Orndoff, for their dedicated volunteer service to the Holiday House Tour and other PHW activities for over thirty years

Awards of Merit

- Walter Jackson Helm, renovation of 119 South Washington Street
- Dan and Lisa McCoig, renovation of 35 West Piccadilly Street
- Harry and Debbie Smith, renovation of 106 North Washington Street
- Paul and Anna Thomson, renovation of 15 South Braddock Street

PHW also presented a new **Lifetime Achievement** award to E. E. Bayliss, Jr. Mr. Bayliss was instrumental in the success of PHW's Revolving Fund program. He was an active and involved PHW member throughout the organization's history. Unfortunately, Mr. Bayliss passed away before the Annual Meeting. Shotsie Bayliss accepted the award in his place. ♦

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REVOLVING FUND SPOTLIGHT

THE GRANT FAMILY PROPERTIES AND JOSIAH MASSIE'S HATTER SHOP

The next three buildings purchased by the PHW Revolving Fund were the first to venture away from PHW's initial target area of South Loudoun Street. They were also some of the first properties bought with a commercial use in mind instead of a residential use. The Grant Properties at 20-22 and 24 South Kent Street were the first of many buildings PHW's Revolving Fund purchased on South Kent Street.



20-22 S. Kent Street c. 1977

The Federal-style duplex at 20-22 was built by Mrs. Lucy F. Sloat in 1883. Mrs. Sloat is mentioned in the souvenir book Sheridan's Veterans by Francis Henry Buffum as being one of the ladies of Winchester who provided flowers from their gardens during events celebrating the end of the Civil War in 1885. Her contribution was fondly remembered by the author as the Valley had been suffering a drought at that time, but



20-22 S. Kent Street in 2008

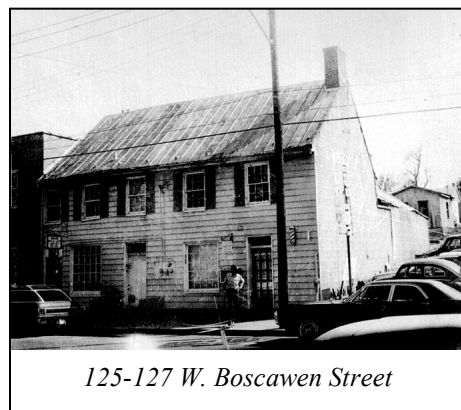
Mrs. Sloat, along with several other fine ladies of Winchester, pulled together bouquets from their depleted gardens. Presumably, Mrs. Sloat's flowers originated from the garden at South Kent Street.

The Italianate townhouse at 24 South Kent was built by Stewart and Jennie Grant, also constructed in 1883. Stewart Grant operated a livery and sales stable in Winchester according to the Cartmell's Shenandoah Valley Pioneers and Descendents. Mr. Grant's grandfather, also named Stewart Grant, was a respected merchant and served in the War of 1812. The Grant family heirs purchased the duplex at 20-22 South Kent in 1938.



24 S. Kent Street in 2008

Josiah Massie's Hatter Shop at 125-127 West Boscawen Street was built c. 1810 by John Slagle, who sold it to Josiah Massie in 1815. Mr. Massie could lay claim to several "hatter's



125-127 W. Boscawen Street

shops" around downtown Winchester, including one at the current site of another Revolving Fund property, the Huntsberry Building (157 N. Loudoun,) but the Boscawen location may be the last extant building he used for his shop. William Greenway Russell recalls the log and weather-board building being "much improved" by a subsequent owner, William Diffender, who owned the property from 1838-1863. He is most likely referring to the large additions to the rear of the property, noted as a kitchen wing in PHW's survey of the building. The building housed commercial enterprises until it was purchased by the Revolving Fund in 1978.



125-127 W. Boscawen Street in 2008

This property features a unique covenant due to the building's commercial nature: An optional storefront design featuring an alternate three door and two large-paned window configuration, which was the design at the building's purchase by PHW in order to accommodate two shops on the first floor (see photo, above).

20-22 South Kent and 125 West Boscawen Streets are in use today as law offices. 24 South Kent Street is currently for sale. ♦

BRICK BY BRICK

RESTORING PATSY CLINE'S CHILDHOOD HOME

Patsy, her mother, her brother and sister made their home at 608 South Kent Street from November 1948 to June 1957. The family home tells Patsy Cline's story during the decisive years of her early career; it is where she lived when she signed her first record contract with 4 Star Records, when she debuted in Nashville on the Grand Ole Opry, and when she recorded her trademark song, "Walkin' After Midnight". The house stands as an important destination for Patsy Cline fans and admirers hoping to know "first hand" the story of Patsy's early years. Her home is already recognized throughout the world as a significant monument along the Patsy Cline pilgrimage. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the Virginia Landmarks Register. Celebrating Patsy Cline is presently raising funds to rehabilitate the house so it can be opened to the public.

Help make this dream a reality by purchasing a commemorative brick for the sidewalk in front of the house. Your brick will serve as a lasting reminder of your support and a permanent part of the outdoor landscape. Each brick will be engraved with a name of your choosing. Order forms may be downloaded from the PHW website at <http://www.phwi.org/events/PCHBricksOrder.pdf>

For more information on the **Brick-A-thon Campaign**, contact Celebrating Patsy Cline, Inc. PO Box 3900, Winchester, Virginia 22604 or visit them online at www.celebratingpatsycline.org ♦

THE WAY IT WAS: 106 NORTH WASHINGTON STREET



106 North Washington Street, one of the 2009 recipients of a Merit Award, is pictured on the left with stucco siding in 1984. During Harry and Debbie Smith's renovation, the history of the house and its additions could be clearly seen in the original clapboard siding and limestone foundation. The image on the right is how the house appears today. ♦

Interested in seeing other images from PHW's files? Visit www.phwi.org/games.html for a slideshow of images from Winchester in 1976!

Check each item that you are willing to volunteer your time and return to **PHW, 530 Amherst St. Winchester, VA 22601**

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Holiday House Tour

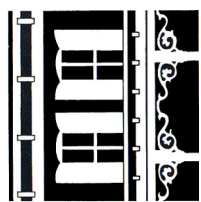
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- ☐ House Chairmen
- ☐ Decorators
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Civil War Walking Tours

Winchester, Stephens City, and Middletown are offering guided walking Civil War tours through October. Reservations are required, and tours cost \$5 per person.

Old Town Winchester Tours

1st Fridays, 6:00pm

2nd Saturdays, 10:00am

For reservations call 540-542-1326

Meet your guide at the Kurtz Building, 2 N. Cameron St.

Stephens City Tours

4th Saturdays, 10:30am

For reservations call 540-869-1700

Meet your guide at the Newtown History Center, 5408 Main St.

Middletown Tours

3rd Saturdays, 11:00am

For reservations call 540-869-6998

Meet your guide at the Farmers' Market, 2325 First St.

INSIGHT Citizen's Academy

Get to know your local government! This 12-week INSIGHT Citizen's Academy provides area residents an opportunity to discover their City government through interactive, hands-on experience and to gain exposure to the wide range of government services, programs, functions and challenges. To ensure a spot in the

program, please register by August 12, 2009. Call Amy Simmons (533-0603) for more information.

Boots and Hats for Patsy Cline

The Winchester-Frederick County Convention & Visitors Bureau and Celebrating Patsy Cline, Inc. announce the first annual "Boots-n-Hats for Patsy Cline" event to be held Friday, September 4 at 7:00 pm in The George Washington Hotel, 103 E. Piccadilly St., Winchester.

Tickets for the event cost \$50 and can be purchased at the Winchester-Frederick County Visitor Center, 1400 S. Pleasant Valley Rd., Celebrate at 1 S. Cameron St. and at The George Washington Hotel, 103 E. Piccadilly St. Call 542-1326 for details. Proceeds from ticket sales will benefit the Patsy Cline Historic House restoration.

Summer 2009 Places that Matter Photo Contest

The National Trust for Historic Preservation and Fireman's Fund Insurance are hosting a Summer 2009 Places that Matter Photo Contest. Submit photos of your favorite places and be eligible to win one of three digital cameras. You may enter as many digital photos as you wish between now and Tuesday, September 15, 2009. Visit <http://www.preservationnation.org/take-action/this-place-matters/> to add your photo! ♦

DON'T FORGET TO VISIT US ONLINE AT WWW.PHWI.ORG FOR THE MOST CURRENT NEWS AND EVENTS!

ARE YOU A PHW MEMBER?

Preservation of Historic Winchester, Inc., is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting Winchester's architectural heritage. PHW depends on income from membership and contributions to achieve its goals. *All contributions above membership are tax deductible.*

Join today by completing this form and returning it to PHW, 530 Amherst St., Winchester, VA 22601.



____ Individual

\$25

____ Corporate

\$100

____ Family/Business

\$45

____ Other

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