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PRESERVATION VIRGINIA'S 26TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE COMES TO WINCHESTER

Preservation Virginia and Virginia's Department of Historic Resources (DHR) are hosting the 26th Annual Virginia Preservation Conference, *Historic Preservation and Community Engagement: Saving Places That Matter*, September 25-27, at the George Washington Hotel.

Preservation Virginia is a private non-profit organization and statewide historic preservation leader founded in 1889. The organization is dedicated to perpetuating and revitalizing Virginia's cultural, architectural and historic heritage thereby ensuring that historic places are integral parts of the lives of present and future generations. Preservation Virginia provides leadership, experience, influence, and services to the public and special audiences by saving, managing, and protecting historic places, and developing preservation policy, programs, and strategies with individuals, organizations, and local, state, and national partners.

The Virginia Preservation Conference brings a rich mix of professional preservationists, community leaders and historic home owners who believe that historic places contribute to the economic sustainability of local communities. The conference will highlight the values that historic places contribute to Virginia communities—from significant places that tell the story of our history to historic downtowns, rural districts and places of commerce, entrepreneurial and agricultural endeavors. Session topics will include:

- Social Media Panel: The Basics and How to Employ Resources, Best Practices
- Advanced Preservation Law for Architectural Review Boards & Local Government
- Town & Gown: Shenandoah University & Downtown Redevelopment in Winchester
- The Huntsberry Farm at Third Winchester, An Adventure in Archaeology & History
- Emerging Concepts in Cultural Landscape Conservation, and Building Strong Relationships with Local Communities

Registration is limited, so early registration is strongly suggested to guarantee participation. The registration cost is set at \$159.00; Preservation Virginia members receive a 10% discount. Registration costs include registration for all sessions; walking tour of

Winchester on Sunday, Sunday night reception, continental breakfasts, Annual Preservation Awards lunch on Monday, Monday night reception (cash bar), conference materials, and access the conference bookstore. To find additional information or register visit: <u>www.preservationvirginia.org/</u> Conference/

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PHW'S 47TH ANNUAL MEETING

PHW's Annual Meeting on June 5 brought together approximately sixty members at the Hexagon House to elect an excellent slate of new board members. Please welcome new directors Cal Allen, Larry Belkin, Melanie K. Lewis, Nancy Murphy, Rebekah Saunders, Jim Stewart, and Doug Watson. They bring expertise in history, architecture, and hands-on preservation work which will prove invaluable as directors.

Five preservation awards were presented this year. Awards of Merit honored Tommy Beaver's renovation of 18 W. Clifford St and the stabilization of the bell tower at Christ Episcopal Church. Yount, Hyde & Barbour was awarded the Lucille Lozier award for the adaptive reuse of the former PERC Fitness building at 302 S. Loudoun St. Jim Deskins was honored with the Carroll Henkel award for his leadership in economic redevelopment of Old Town Winchester. Last but not least, Wilbur M. Feltner was recognized for pioneering the way for redevelopment in Old Town Winchester with a Lifetime Achievement award.

The last order of business was the drawing of winners for the May Architectural Treasure Hunt. Many thanks are due to the downtown merchants who generously donated prizes: <u>Bluebells</u>, <u>Brewbakers Restaurant</u>, <u>The</u> <u>Dancing Goat Restaurant</u>, <u>Espresso Bar and Cafe</u>, <u>The</u> <u>Final Yard</u>, <u>Eugene B. Smith Gallery</u>, <u>Piccadilly's Public</u> <u>House and Restaurant</u>, <u>The Shenandoah Valley Discovery Museum</u>, <u>The Village Market Bistro</u>, <u>The Village</u> <u>Square</u>, and <u>The Winchester-Frederick County Visitor's</u> <u>Center</u>. Thanks are also due to The Winchester Star for sponsoring the contest form and Karen Helm of the Old Town Development Board for collecting the contest prizes.

Following the meeting, guests had the option to stay at the Hexagon House for a reception or take a walking tour with Ashlee Anderson as her capstone project as PHW's spring intern. Miss Anderson's walking tour of Italianate buildings in Winchester is currently being converted to a self-guided format and should be available through PHW by spring 2012. Congratulations are due to Miss Anderson; now that she has completed her internship and graduated from Sherando High School, she is on her next adventure at college, studying engineering at Virginia Tech. ◆

TREASURE HUNT CONTEST KEY

If you were unable to find some of the details highlighted in the May -June Architectural Treasure Hunt Contest, below is a listing of the locations. Check them out the next time you're downtown!

- 1. Brick cornice and entablature at Piccadilly Printing Co., 32 E. Piccadilly St.
- 2. Grate under front porch, Godfrey Miller Home, 28 S. Loudoun St.
- 3. Hiram Masonic Lodge pediment, 118 N. Loudoun St.
- 4. Rouss City Hall, construction date block, 15 N. Cameron St.
- George Washington Hotel, decorative belt course, 103 E. Piccadilly St.
- 6. Door knocker, 157 N. Loudoun St. (A second eagle door knocker was found by intrepid treasure hunters at 108 W. Cork St.)
- 7. Wachovia, parapet decorative elements, 201 N. Loudoun St.
- 8. Union Jack Pub, lion's head parapet cap, 101 N. Loudoun St.
- 9. Luciole, construction date in lunette above the Cork St. side window, 139-141 S. Loudoun St.
- 10. Murphy Beverage Company, bull's eye window block, 167 N. Loudoun St.
- 11. Fanlight and window, the Weaver Building, 1-3 S. Loudoun St.
- 12. Espresso Bar and Cafe, window hood, 163-165 N. Loudoun St. ♦



PATSY CLINE HOUSE READY FOR VISITORS



The Patsy Cline House, 608 S. Kent St.

Celebrating Patsy Cline completed a major milestone in their vision of keeping Patsy Cline's legacy alive in her hometown. Patsy Cline's home at 608 South Kent Street opened as a house museum on August 2 after a multiple-year fundraiser and renovation project. Now tourists can enjoy the fruits of CPC's labors with docent-guided tours of the home where Patsy Cline lived at the start of her musical career.

The house tour includes the living room, dining room, a bedroom, and kitchen. The docent-guided tours will take about 35 to 45 minutes. The home is furnished with authentic memorabilia and period pieces, reflecting Patsy Cline's life from 1948 to 1957 when she called 608 South Kent Street home. Don't forget to mark your calendars for a special ceremony on September 3 to commemorate the opening of the house, coinciding with the annual visit of the Always Patsy Cline Fan Club to Winchester.

For more information, call 540-662-5555 or visit <u>celebratingpatsycline.org</u>. Hours through October 31 are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors 65 and older, \$4 for ages 11 to 18, and free for military and ages 10 and under. ◆

CIVIL WAR WEEKEND: "WAR ON YOUR DOORSTEP"

WINCHESTER AND-FREDERICK COUNTY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24-25

Civil War Weekend is a special annual event that offers rare opportunities to see many of the historic sites related to the seven major battles that took place in Winchester and Frederick County. This year, Civil War sites throughout the Winchester and Frederick County area will once again join together to provide unique opportunities to experience the area's remarkable wartime story. From military, civilian, and medical living history demonstrations, to youth activities such as Civil War-era games and an overnight camp-out with reenactors, to battlefield, cemetery, and historic building tours, Winchester and Frederick County's Civil War story will come to life in unforgettable ways. Events include:

- Book Signing with Civil War Winchester author Jerry Holsworth (Winchester-Frederick County Visitors Center and Civil War Orientation Center)
- Guided Tour of the Trenches at Cedar Creek, Artillery and Cavalry Demonstrations, and Youth-Parent Overnight Camp (Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation Headquarters)
- Kernstown Battlefield Tours, Medical Presentations, and Relic Show (Pritchard-Grim Farm on the Kernstown Battlefield)
- Home-front Fashion: Living History and Presentation (Newtown History Center)
- Walking Tour of Stonewall Cemetery (Mt. Hebron Cemetery)
- Confederate Drill and Medical Program (Old Court House Civil War Museum)
- A Saturday Social at Rose Hill (Rose Hill Farm Museum of the Shenandoah Valley)
- Stonewall The Man, the Christian, the Soldier (Stonewall Jackson's Headquarters Museum)
- "That Basin of Hell": A Walking Tour of the Third Winchester Battlefield

For questions on the Civil War Weekend in Winchester and Frederick County, email <u>theder@svbf.net</u>. ◆





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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 24-25: Civil War Weekend

Winchester and Frederick County's dramatic Civil War story comes to life during Civil War Weekend, as historic sites throughout the area join together to provide opportunities to experience the area's remarkable wartime history. See the article on page 3 of this newsletter for a description of the events.

September 25-27: Preservation Virginia Conference

Registration is now open for the 26th Annual Virginia Preservation Conference: Historic Preservation & Community Engagement: Saving Places that Matter.

Dates: September 25 – September 27, 2011

Location: George Washington Hotel, Winchester, Virginia Cost: \$159.00; Preservation Virginia members receive a 10% discount

Registration includes: Registration for all sessions; walking tour of Winchester on Sunday, Sunday night reception, continental breakfasts, Annual Preservation Awards lunch on Monday, Monday night reception (cash bar), conference materials, and access the conference bookstore.

Online registration, preliminary program, and more information at: http://www.preservationvirginia.org/Conference/

GET YOUR NEWS BETWEEN NEWSLETTERS; FIND PHW ON:

December 3-4: Holiday House Tour

\$25

\$100

The 36th Annual Holiday House Tour is set for December 3 and 4, but we need your help to make it happen! We are looking for homeowners in the Washington, Stewart, West Boscawen, and Wolfe Streets neighborhood to open their homes for the tour, as well as committee members, house chairmen, decorators, and docents to man the event.

Contact the PHW office at (540) 667-3577 or phwi@verizon.net if you'd like to help! •



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