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CELEBRATING AMERICA'S TREASURES

As preservationists know, May is National Preservation Month. It is a time to reflect on our successes and to educate others why preservation is such a positive for our community. This year's theme is "Celebrating America's Treasures." Most of the time, when you think of these activities, you think of organization-driven events. But what can you do, as an individual, to celebrate National Preservation Month this May?

- Participate in the Architectural Treasure Hunt Contest, sponsored by PHW and the Old Town Development Board (see enclosed flyer for details). You just might be surprised by the hidden treasures downtown.
- Share your special "Places that Matter" at the National Trust for Historic Preservation's website, www.preservationnation.org/take-action/this-place-matters/.
- Visit the embodied energy calculator at www.thegreenestbuilding.org to see how much embodied energy is "stored" in your house. There is even a calculator to put that abstract amount of energy into gallons of gasoline! This embodied energy—and its loss when a historic building is demolished—is a compelling component why "the greenest building is one already built."
- Vacation with a historical theme. Check out some activities at www.virginia.org. If you prefer the Civil War, try the events page at <http://www.shenandoahatwar.org/>.
- Take a walking tour. Ashlee Anderson will conduct a walking tour to showcase her work during her time at PHW on June 5, following the Annual Meeting business agenda. If you like Italianate buildings, you don't want to miss it.
- Donate to a preservation project (one good project is described below).
- Join or renew your membership to PHW. If you are a current member, sign up as a volunteer for our special events the next time you renew. ♦

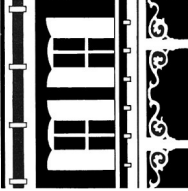
HOPEWELL PLASTER PROJECT UPDATE

The Simple Gifts dinner on March 26th was a success. About 20 guests attended the dinner and presentation by David Logan. As you may recall, the event was held to raise funds for the plaster restoration project at Hopewell Meeting House in Clear Brook.

If you missed the event, you can still get involved. The Hopewell Plaster Project is accepting donations to meet their \$100,000 goal. Please send donations to:

Hopewell-Centre Society of Friends
Carol F. Melby, Clerk
3240 Cedar Creek Grade
Winchester, VA 22602

Thank you to all those who attended the dinner and to those who sent in donations!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

May—Architectural Treasure Hunt Contest

Look for the architectural details, fill out the enclosed contest form and e-mail, snail-mail, or hand deliver your answers to PHW by 5 p.m. on Friday, June 3rd, to be entered in the drawing for prizes! See the enclosed flyer for contest details.

May 21—Fort Loudoun Day

The French and Indian War Foundation will host their Annual Fort Loudoun Day activities from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Take a tour of the Fort Loudoun site with Norman Baker. The well at 419 N. Loudoun is open all day. For more information on the French and Indian War Foundation, visit frenchandindianwarfoundation.org.

May 21—Rouss Day

Join the City with its celebration of Charles Broadway Rouss. Take a guided tour of City Hall, enjoy discounted prices at downtown restaurants, attend the rededication of Rouss Fire Hall and see Old Jake. For a full schedule of activities, visit www.winchesterva.gov.

June 5—PHW's Annual Meeting

PHW's 47th Annual Meeting will be held at the Hexagon House on June 5th at 3 p.m. The business agenda, including

the yearly report, awards, and election of Board members, will last about one hour. After business is adjourned, guests can enjoy a light reception. Alternately, they can enjoy a walking tour of Greek Revival and Italianate structures, led by Ashlee Anderson, PHW's student intern.

Donation Requested

PHW is in need of a filing cabinet to hold the updated architectural inventory forms. It is estimated that a three-drawer lateral file similar to one already at the office is needed. It is important to have these files organized and accessible for research. Contact Sandra Bosley at 667-3577 or phwi@verizon.net if you are interested in donating.

Mesker Update

The Board of Architectural Review conceptually approved the remediation plan of the spot blight at 146-148 N. Loudoun, known as the Blind Faith building on April 21. As reported in PHW Newsletter Vol. 33.3, the building contains the remnants of the only known Mesker façade installed in Winchester. The project is slated to retain and restore the Mesker façade in a historic tax credit project, while new construction will be added to the rear. We wish you success in your endeavor! ♦

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.



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