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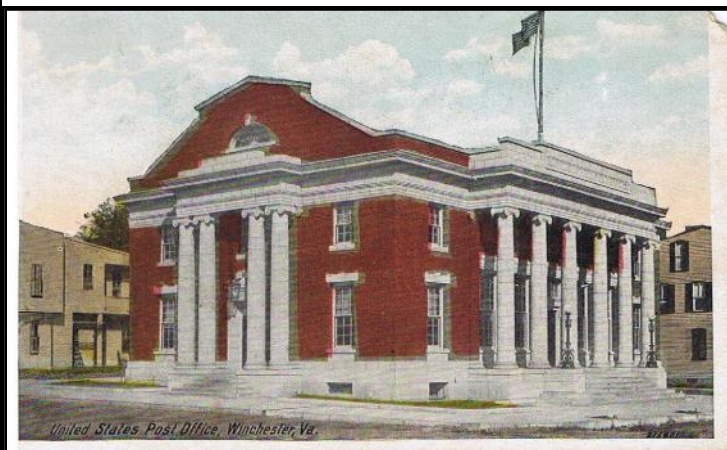
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PHW'S 48TH ANNUAL MEETING VISITING THE OLD POST OFFICE



The Post Office in a postcard circa 1910, looking northeast from the corner of Braddock and Piccadilly Streets.

PHW kicked off its 48th year on June 10 at the newly renovated Old Post Office on Piccadilly Street, now the home of New Lifestyles. The event was a fabulous success with about 60 attendees at the meeting. Frank Wright reported on the state of preservation in Winchester and our activities of the past year, including the Taylor Hotel, Preservation Virginia Conference, Holiday House Tour, Rouss Day, and our Helping Homeowner project house at 134 E. Leicester (See page 3 for the story).

After the presentation and the election of the officers (see the story on page 5) the recipients of PHW's 2012 Preservation Awards were announced. We had an excellent selection of people and projects this year. By category, the recipients are:

Awards of Merit, for renovations that contribute to the streetscape of Winchester:

- ◆ Alec Bouldin and Lindsay Shannon for 427 N. Loudoun St. (See page 6 for an open house event at this location)
- ◆ Tommy Beavers and Scott Moore for 507 S. Loudoun St.

Katherine G. Rockwood Award, for the outstanding renovation of a Jennings Revolving Fund house:

- ◆ Dennis Rhodes III and Richard Johnson, 800 Amherst St., the Toll House.
- ◆ Adams Nelson Management for the Adams family, 311 S. Loudoun St., the Simon Lauck House.

Lucille Lozier Award, for the renovation of an outstanding building that retains 75% for its historic fabric:

- ◆ Shenandoah University, 142 N. Loudoun St., the Solenberger Building.
- ◆ Larry Omps and Lawton Saunders, 144-146 N. Loudoun St., the Mesker Building.

Patron Awards, for people or businesses that have been an outstanding supporter of PHW's goals and programs:

- ◆ Eugene B. Smith Gallery, for his support of PHW's programs through gift donations, being an official source

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ANNUAL MEETING (CONT.)

for selling and framing PHW's Beyer prints "A View of Winchester," and the use of his artwork to promote our historic downtown buildings.

- ◆ Dr. Peter Bullough, for his support of preservation and education activities in Winchester and Frederick County, as well as special recognition for hosting our spring cocktail fundraiser "Manhattan(s) in Winchester" in his New York themed home on Cork Street.

Elsie M. Rosenberger Award, for an unsung PHW volunteer:

- ◆ Sherry Bosley, for her ongoing support in the behind the scenes office tasks at PHW.

Carroll Henkel Award, for leadership in preservation:

- ◆ Vincent Diem, for his support of preservation during his time as Zoning Administrator at the City, as well as his leadership role in the updated architectural survey and recommendations for future survey areas which was completed last fall.

Congratulations to all the recipients, and thank you for the work you do, big and small, to keep Winchester's historic buildings a shining example of positive preservation in our community!

The final award presentation segment was undertaken by Sandra Bosley for the "Uncovering Your Hidden Gems" photo contest that PHW and the Old Town Development Board hosted this May for National Preservation Month.

At the end of the contest, we had almost 80 photos submitted. The PHW judging panel narrowed this slate to six top winners. Voting was very close, with a tiebreaker vote separating the first and second place winners.

Sharing third place honors:

- ◆ Michael Foreman, "Hollingsworth Cemetery"
- ◆ William Henkel, "Shutter Locks at 316 W. Boscawen"
- ◆ Karen Oleksa, "Time and Place in Winchester, Old Court House Civil War Museum"
- ◆ Christy Oseth with two photos, "Abrams Delight" and "First Presbyterian Church"

In second place:

- ◆ Jenny Brockwell with two photos, "Dome of Handley Library" and "Spiral Staircase Descent at Handley Library"

In first place, taking top honors for PHW's Choice:

- ◆ Bill Jarvis, "Tying History Together Through Architecture," a view of Christ Episcopal Church through the stained glass window at Parish Hall.

Judging was very difficult based on the quality and variety of entries we received, and to that end, the Old Town Development Board and PHW pooled resources to provide honorable mention prizes for the other contestants.

Thank you again to all the entrants for sharing your vision of Winchester, and to our prize donors and suppliers EBS Gallery, One Upon a Find, Total Image and Workingman's Store, and Winchester Parking Authority for helping us reward the contestants. This was truly a special contest!

See all the contest entries at the PHW website, www.phwi.org/contest12.php ◆

MAY BOARD RETREAT

In lieu of a regular board meeting this May, the PHW Directors headed out to Historic Jordan Springs for a retreat to crystallize the goals of the organization. Led by our facilitator Deborah Hilty, Curator of Education at the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley, we experienced the most productive retreat in years.

Our top goal remains education, but to carry out all our plans, we realize we need your help more than ever. Our four hour session produced a plethora of ideas for events, topics, activities, and connections in the community, far more than the board and Sandra Bosley alone can accomplish. Program ideas, committee members, speakers on

preservation topics – all are needed! Contact us if you can help, even to sit in for a brainstorming session.

One easy way you can help will be to watch your mailbox and inbox for membership feedback surveys, which the Membership and Special Development committee will use as a basis for planning future events.

To learn more about Historic Jordan Springs, visit them at their newly redesigned website historicjordansprings.com. To volunteer your time, ideas, and expertise, on history and preservation, contact PHW at (540) 667-3577 or phwi@verizon.net. ◆

HOW I SPENT MY SUMMER VACATION BY NANCY MURPHY

Summers are a time for slowing down, seeking the shade of a sprawling shade tree and sipping iced lemonade on the porch. Not so in my case. The summer of 2012 transported me backward in time to bygone Winchester on the first day of October 1894. No, my time travel wasn't fever induced, brought on by vicious winds, lengthy power outages and relentless sun. It was, rather, the exact date that was carefully inscribed with chalk in the attic of a clapboard house at 134 East Leicester Street.

My journey began when Frank Wright, President of Preservation of Historic Winchester (PHW), tasked me with revitalizing a Façade Improvement Program. The program's mission was to assist historic district homeowners who because of age, disability or financial circumstances were unable to maintain the exterior of their homes. One such structure in dire need was a Victorian farmhouse on the corner of Kent and Leicester streets.

The house had been repainted so many times that the layers were now too thick to expand and contract with the changes in temperature. The paint was failing – all the way back to bare wood. With just the push of a putty knife the paint chips flew off the house, revealing beautifully preserved 118 year old siding made of heart pine. The craftsman whose labor created this home had taken the time to treat every inch of every piece of wood with boiled linseed oil. All the siding was a lovely rich red-brown, still true with sharp edges, no rot, no bows, no nail pops. Massive pieces of solid wood had been fitted into fascia boards, rimmed with dozens of hand carved brackets. Still standing into its second century, the façade remains a feat of fine craftsmanship, especially considering the tools available to the time period. See [Woodworking Tools 1600-1900](http://freepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wakefield/history/27238-h/27238-h.htm) by Peter C. Walsh at <http://freepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wakefield/history/27238-h/27238-h.htm>

While shifting paint one brushstroke at a time from a heavy bucket onto the side of a house, one is presented with a lot of time to ponder. My imagination leapt backward to a younger Winchester. I wondered what this corner must have looked like as the house took shape, rising from its sturdy stone foundation to metal roof. One day while climbing into the attic to retrieve a broken window, I stumbled across the initials "E. G." and beneath them the date "October 1, 1894". I've seen similar markings before when a builder proudly signs completed building. Having discovered this finish date, it was now possible to research



134 E. Leicester, freshly painted thanks to PHW!

the homeowners and perhaps glean a sense of what living at their street address may have once been like.

After many weeks spent painting under a hot sun, it was a delicious treat to enter the air-conditioned Handley Library and descend the stairs to the Stewart Bell Archives. It was like Christmas to peel back mysteries and discover the names of homeowners in the 1898 City Directory and the 1900 Federal Census. On April 7, 1892, Virginia native James W. Taylor purchased the land at the intersection of Kent and Leicester for the sum of \$305. By the fall of 1894 the house was complete. James and his wife Mary were able to move in with their six children ranging in ages from 5 to 16. According to census records, Mr. Taylor was a merchant with a place of business on Water Street. By 1910 he was listed as an officer of the city. What happened to him after that remains clouded. Following World War I, Mary was widowed and had mortgaged another home at 104 North Braddock. She lived with three of her grown children: Minnie H. (no occupation), Eva H. (a public school teacher) and Harmon H. (a coal miner, then a painter).

The city newspaper offers a glimpse into Winchester living at the turn of the century. One editorial topic of the day was concerned with the "wheelpople" who might endanger pedestrians. It appears the city council was forced to take action to require all bicyclists be outfitted with bells, whistles and lanterns. The Winchester Evening Star in 1896 paints a vivid picture of the danger:

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HOW I SPENT MY SUMMER VACATION (CONT.)

“Horsemen at full gallop, both drunk and sober, are not unfrequently seen even on Main Street, to the jeopardy and fright of women and children. Bell, lanterns, and whistles would cut a figure in these cases that all could appreciate. Let neither one wheel or many, nor the iron shod hoof of the quadruped creation, be allowed to trample and crush us without proper warning. Let no guilty or reckless person escape, even if whistles, bells and lanterns give the city at all hours of the day and night a holiday appearance, and raise the serenade of sweet sounds to that height that even cause the electric lights to quiver, or drown the tender hum of the foraging horse flies in the Market square, and mellow the hoarse notes of the most robust and musical frogs in the town run.”

And so, after several months – including 35 windows, 48 shutters, seemingly endless hinge replacements, 4 doors, 1 attic window repair and numerous glass replacements, 1 screen replacement, 1 basement entry rebuild, and only a single 911 call later – my project was finished. For this I

would also like to extend a very special thanks to: Tommy, Gill, Filimon, and Debbie. Thank you as well to everyone who attended the St. Patty’s Day Poker Party and the Manhattan(s) in Winchester events this spring. You helped make this project possible!



Do you want to see more old places receive new faces through PHW? This program needs your support through membership volunteerism and project donations. Contact the office at (540) 667-3577 to volunteer. Monetary donations can be made through the PHW website at www.phwi.org or by check made out to PHW and delivered to 530 Amherst St., Winchester, VA 22601. ♦

PHW WEB STORE OPENS

The PHW website has a new addition this August with an online store. The store is currently in an open beta test as a venue for PHW items like notecards and Beyer prints of “A View of Winchester” as well as donated items (see the article below on what in-kind donations PHW needs most). This area will also house ticket sales for upcoming events like the Holiday House Tour.

Proceeds from the store will be used to fund PHW projects like the repainting at 134 E. Leicester St. (see page 3 for the story) and other such activities and events.

To visit the store, go to www.phwi.org/shop.php or look for the “Shop” tab in the PHW web navigation. ♦

WHAT TYPES OF DONATIONS DO YOU ACCEPT?

As you may have heard earlier this year during our call for donations, PHW is empowered as a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit to accept in-kind donations as a tax-deductible contribution. There are a few items that PHW is especially interested in:

Architectural Salvage – Pieces removed during renovation can be donated to PHW to be resold.

Research Materials – Images or photos of Winchester and

Frederick County and some local history books.

Gift Cards – Cards to major stores to keep our expenses down for necessary purchases.

Collectibles – Art, collectibles, furniture, and other such miscellanea will be considered on a case by case basis.

Please contact the PHW office at (540)667-3577 or phwi@verizon.net to see how you can contribute. ♦

THE SAMUEL NOAKES HOUSE

Do you read the PHW blog? If not, you don’t know what you’re missing. John Chesson has opened his project at the Samuel Noakes House at the corner of Braddock and Cork Streets to virtual hardhat tours. He is documenting the step by step process of upgrading the building to modern standards through photographs and video. PHW has been

posting weekly updates on the work. This is a fantastic opportunity to see a project when it is impractical to host tours—but the catch is that it is impractical to translate it to the printed version of the PHW newsletter. If you don’t visit the PHW site or the Facebook page, give it a try sometime—you could be amazed at what you find. ♦

WELCOME SHARON COLLETTE

PHW welcomed one new director to the board this June. Sharon Collette is joining the team with a specialty in fundraising. Sharon, the Program Director at Shenandoah County Free Clinic, has been involved in numerous organizations. She is a member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals for Winchester Frederick County Area, a member of the Rotary Club, and Chairman of the Shenandoah University Athletic Association Cash Party Live and Silent Auctions.

Most recently, she has worked with the Shenandoah University Athletic Association, serving as a Board Member and Chairperson for annual Cash Party Silent and Live Auctions. The 2011 Cash party raised over \$34,000, and the 2012 Cash party raised \$40,000.

We are looking forward to seeing her deft hand in our future fundraising events at PHW. Be sure to thank Sharon for coming on board when you next see her! ♦

THANK YOU FOR YOUR 2012 MEMBERSHIPS

Your membership dollars keep PHW an active and vital organization. Thanks to everyone below for their renewals or for joining PHW from January-June 2012!

Welcome new members !

Mary L. Tucker
Sharon Collette
Martin Wagner
Tootie Rinker
Mr. and Mrs. Philip S. Shenk
Kay Hallett
Thomas and Deanna Stouffer
Barbara Swink
Jenny Brockwell
John P. Chesson, M.D.

Thanks for your renewals!

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Bernard & Jenny Dupuis
Lawrence and Blair Belkin
David Logan - Vintage Inc.
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Kee Construction Inc.
Calvin H. Allen Jr.
Nancy Murphy
George and Patricia Glass
Mr. John H. Rosenberger, II
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Va. Department of Historic Resources
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UPCOMING EVENTS

August 5: Open House at 427 N. Loudoun St.

Stop by the 2012 PHW Merit Award winning property at 427 N. Loudoun St. for an open house from 1-4 PM. Contact Lindsay Bouldin for more information at 540-662-4500 or lindsaybouldin@premieremove.com.

September 23-25: Preservation Virginia Conference in Leesburg

Preservation Virginia's annual conference is once again in Northern Virginia. If you enjoyed last year's event in Winchester, please check out the slate of panel offerings for this year's conference in Leesburg at their website, www.apva.org.

November 2: Memberfest at the EBS Gallery

Mark your calendars to a memberfest event, slated to be held during First Friday in November at the Eugene B. Smith Gallery. Look for more details closer to the event.

December 8-9: Holiday House Tour

Planning for the 2012 tour is underway. We are always looking for volunteers to help with the event; if you'd like to be added to our volunteer list, please contact the office at 540-667-3577 or phwi@verizon.net to let us know what talents you'd like to lend to the effort. ♦

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.

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