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Behind the Scenes at PHW

As is usual after our holiday season, we took a small break to regroup, evaluate, and adjust for the next year. While no plans have been nailed down for 2021 events, things are in progress behind the scenes and we will share them with you when the time is appropriate.

The Annual Meeting will be held in some fashion in June. As such, we hope you will nominate people and projects for a preservation award for projects completed between June 2019-May 2021. The nomination form is included inside.

The office remains open to visitors by appointment only. We are not yet comfortable opening up the office to large gatherings yet. In the meantime, we ask that you continue to engage with us through our social media channels.

As we have discovered even before the pandemic, we are best able to answer research and preservation questions via email. While our specialty is architecture and related building history, we may be able to assist with other questions. Drop us a note at phwinc.org@gmail.com and we will do our best to answer your question or at least put you on the right track for your research.

To increase accessibility of our collections, we are captioning our photos on Flickr. To keep the mission from getting stale for us and you, we are using a randomizing program to select an image a day. The images are posted every weekday on our Facebook and Twitter, and sometimes we request your help for identification of subjects.

As the weather is getting warmer, it will be more comfortable to make book or art print sales on the back porch. An order form is included inside. We are able to take cash, checks, and credit cards. Remember to email ahead to schedule a pick-up time.

Stay safe and healthy! ◆

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Scholarship Progress Update

PHW continues to accept donations for the Sherry Bosley Scholarship Fund. We now have our eyes set on the next milestone for funding the scholarship, \$5,000. This will mark the halfway point to endow a scholarship for area students interested in fields pertaining to historic preservation. Thank you to those who have donated through March 15:

\$100+

Ed Acker
Mr. and Mrs. Benham
Roy and Sandra Bosley
Bough & Dough Shop tip jar (2019)
John and Joan Claybrook
Ann and Bob Grogg
Mary Riley
Mr. and Mrs. Schember
Frank and Susan Wright

\$50-\$99

Mr. and Mrs. Barley
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Bough & Dough Shop tip jar (2020)
Kay Hallet
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Tim and Theresa Merkel
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Charles and JoAnn Phares
Jack Phillips
Gary and Laura VanMeter

\$1-49

Ron and Joanna Berg
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Dominion Real Estate, Tess Klimm
Mr. & Mrs. Hamill
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Kula
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Col. and Mrs. Orndoff
Eleanor Rutledge
Nina Smeltzer
Donald Strosnider
Anne Whitacre

If you would like to donate, please send a check to PHW, 530 Amherst St., Winchester, VA or contact us at phwinc.org@gmail.com to arrange for a credit card option. ◆

DONATE TO THE SCHOLARSHIP

Your directed donation to the Sherry Bosley Scholarship Fund will help PHW establish a scholarship to support the education of local students likely to carry on the values of historic preservation.

Every gift counts!

Enclosed is my gift of:

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____ | |

609 South Cameron Updates

As you may know, one of the Jennings Revolving Fund houses, 609 South Cameron Street, was involved in a fire last year. The previous owners, as you may have seen in the local news, asked and were granted permission to completely demolish the structure at the Board of Architectural Review.

At this point, before any demolition work had begun, the owners were approached about selling the property. As per the right of first refusal covenant on the property, the owners were required to offer the building to PHW at the same asking price.

Because of the unique and sensitive nature of this work, PHW's board carefully considered repurchasing the property to allow for greater collaboration on the replacement structure with a future buyer. After a near month-long study, PHW agreed to repurchase 609 South Cameron Street.

To align with our Revolving Fund Sales Policy, the property was offered to a select number of PHW members who may have been receptive to recreate the exterior façade to its appearance in the documented photographs. A small number responded with bids, and in the end we were pleased with the selection of Tommy Beavers and Scott Moore.

At our April board meeting, we met with Tommy and Scott to hear about the rebuilding plans. We have approved the proposed plan to save the structural shell of the front of 609 South Cameron, the removal and reconstruction of the rear addition, and using the remaining decorative elements to recreate the façade ornamentation. The front façade windows are planned to be replaced with salvaged sashes.

The application is planned to be heard at the May Board of Architectural Review to modify the demolition scope and the rebuilding and reconstruction of the details as outlined in the covenants held by PHW. This is fairly new territory for the Jennings Revolving Fund, as in other cases when the house in question has been damaged severely by fire or other accidents, complete demolition for complete rebuilding has been approved. We hope to follow along and document the process over the anticipated six to eight months of construction. We look forward to seeing the final product! ♦



Ca. 1976
Before purchase by the Revolving Fund



Ca. 1985
After restoration following Revolving
Fund purchase



April 2020
Showing damage after fire (photo provided
by Tim Youmans)



Preservation of Historic Winchester

Hexagon House ♦ 530 Amherst St. ♦ Winchester, VA 22601

NEWS

Spring 2021

Nonprofit Org.
US Postage
PAID
Permit No. 34
Winchester, VA

UPCOMING EVENTS

May is National Preservation Month! Celebrate by shopping in a historic main street, taking a self-guided walking or driving tour, eating at a restaurant in a historic building, researching a historic building, and sharing stories of what you learned about the places you love.

Do you have research materials you have gathered about a historic place in Winchester or Frederick County? Did you find a stash of PHW materials and don't know what to do with them? Contact the PHW office to arrange for a donation or copying of materials that will go into our historic files.

May 28: PHW preservation award nominations should be returned to the PHW office at 530 Amherst St., Winchester, VA 22601 or by email at phwinc.org@gmail.com.

June 5: Clowser Memorial Service at the Clowser House, 152 Tomahawk Trail, in Shawneeland.

June: PHW's 57th Annual Meeting. Details TBA.

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 \$30 Family/Business \$55
 Corporate \$100 Other

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

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PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC WINCHESTER AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

Nominations should encompass work completed or expected to be completed within the past two calendar years (June 2019-May 2021). You may nominate an unlimited number of projects and nominate your own projects. See a list of past winners at www.phwi.org/awards.php. Nominations should be submitted **before May 28, 2021** for best consideration for an award in 2021. Return forms to PHW, 530 Amherst St., Winchester VA 22601.

Nominations may be submitted for the following categories:

- o **Lucille Lozier Award:** For the renovation of a significant structure retaining 75% of the historic architectural fabric.
- o **Katherine G. Rockwood Revolving Fund Award:** For outstanding renovation of a Jennings Revolving Fund property.
- o **Elsie M. Rosenberger Award:** For the unsung volunteer or volunteers who selflessly contributed to the activities of PHW.
- o **Ben Belchic Award:** For significant contribution to understanding Winchester's history.
- o **Carroll M. Henkel Award:** For outstanding leadership for historic preservation in the Winchester-Frederick County area.
- o **Patron's Award:** For that person or business who has been an outstanding supporter of the goals and programs of PHW.
- o **Award of Merit:** Houses or buildings whose renovation contribute to improving the character of their neighborhoods and maintaining the overall historic fabric of the city.

Nominee: _____

Contact Person: _____

Telephone/Email: _____

Address: _____

Briefly describe the project/activity for which the individual/organization is being nominated. Please include before and after pictures, if available, for rehabilitations.

PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC WINCHESTER BOOKS AND ART PRINTS

Use the form below to order books or art prints to pick up at the PHW office. Pick-ups can be scheduled through the week between 10 AM to 3 PM. Return forms to PHW, preferably by email to phwinc.org@gmail.com to confirm items are in stock, order total, and pick-up times.

All prices include sales tax for your convenience.

BOOKS:

Winchester: Limestone, Sycamores & Architecture (1st edition)

\$36.86 x _____ = \$ _____

Winchester: Limestone, Sycamores & Architecture (Revised 275th edition)

\$26.33 x _____ = \$ _____

Why Old Places Matter (limited quantity, below list price)

\$36.86 x _____ = \$ _____

Winchester Tales Vol. 1 & 2 (set, limited quantity)

\$26.33 x _____ = \$ _____

PRINTS:

A View of Winchester

\$200.07 x _____ = \$ _____

Community Food Store

\$78.98 x _____ = \$ _____

ORDER TOTAL: \$ _____

PREFERRED DATE AND TIME OF PICK-UP: _____