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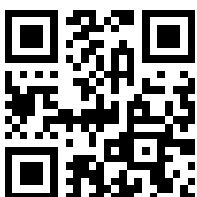
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REMEMBERING DR. JAMES LAIDLAW SANDRA BOSLEY



PHW is saddened to report the passing of one of our longtime supporters and Honorary Council member, Jim Laidlaw. Among his community involvements, he served as Board President for Preservation of Historic Winchester from 1974-1976, and President of the Board of the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley from 2003-2005.

Jim was an accomplished pianist, and my first encounter with him was through the Holiday House Tour. He played piano during the 2005 tour at the DeBerghs' home on South Washington Street. He played, calm and soothing, while I fumbled my way through reading a script at the last moment. This pattern repeated through the years, when he was called on to lend thoughts and guidance to PHW in his capacity as an honorary director. That approach was a common refrain in Jim's life—calm, patient, levelheaded, and always willing to help.

PHW is humbled by the donations made in his memory at the request of his family. We are keeping track of the funds received in his name and will let you know if PHW earmarks a project with them in the future. If you

would like to donate, mark your check in memory of Jim Laidlaw and return it to the PHW office at 530 Amherst St., or write a note to us in the online donation form at www.phwi.org so we can accurately record it. Thank you! ♦

Touring the Historic Homes of Winchester



James Laidlaw (right) plays piano while visitors tour Dick and Pam DeBergh's home Sunday during the Holiday House Tour. For more on the tour, turn to Page B6.

Star Photo by Scott Mason

PHW'S 57TH ANNUAL MEETING

PHW held its first true in-person event in over a year for its 57th Annual Meeting. While the forecast had called for pleasant weather, a very localized downpour also came to visit the outdoor gathering. We persevered, however, and were able to recognize two years of preservation projects for 2020 and 2021. Read on to see who was recognized!

Awards of Merit:

These awards recognize renovations of houses or buildings that contribute to improving the character of their neighborhoods and maintaining the overall historic fabric of the city. In order of nomination:

- **Nancy Murphy, 126 West Leicester Street**

The circa 1870 frame house had many years of neglect and patchwork repairs from the foundation to the roof. While the exterior retains its historic appearance, interior has been reworked into a more modern form.

- **Stephen Von Fange, 501-507 North Cameron Street**

A former gas station and adjoining house were renovated in a modern style just outside of Winchester's Historic District.

- **Karen Darby, 417 Fairmont Avenue**

A circa 1885 T-shaped Italianate home had been covered in pebbledash. The new owner removed it and restored the exterior, finding other historic tidbits hidden under the siding along the way.

- **Betty Laws, 416 South Cameron Street**

This log Federal-style building with Italianate details ca. 1810 received new siding and windows to extend its life and add beauty.

- **Stephen P. Williams, 212 North Kent Street**

A ca. 1900 Italianate house that had been damaged by fire and boarded up for many years has now been restored and looks better than its condition pre-fire.

- **GinTon, LLC, Henkel House, 316 West Boscawen Street**

The Henkel House was in need of work after being vacant for a number of years. After this TLC, the home can continue to function as a viable historic building meeting the needs of modern tenants.

- **Beverley Byrd, 312 West Boscawen Street**

This project is the type where not much about the house changes from the street, but the work to the interior and rear of the building will help it continue to be a useful residence in Winchester.

- **David E. Mitchell, 123 East Cork Street**

This careful restoration focused on the porch and foundation of an early 1800s brick home. The painstaking attention to detail and matching materials is stellar.

- **The Clowser Foundation, Clowser Family Cemetery, 152 Tomahawk Trail**

Thanks to the use of ground penetrating radar, the Clowser Foundation confirmed 16 burials in 15 plots, settling the debate on whether the fenced area was the historic cemetery. As a bonus, the headstones were also located using the same method.

- **Scott Bessette, Philip Williams House, 25 West Piccadilly Street**

This historic tax credit project took a sensitive approach in restoring the historic home for an event center.

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2021 Holiday House Tour Advertising Sponsorship

Thank you for your interest in sponsoring PHW's major fundraising event of the year and helping us keep this community tradition alive! If you need help preparing your ad for our program booklet, please contact 540-667-3577 or phwinc.org@gmail.com. A handsome ad reflects well on both your business and PHW.

In general, your ad should be:

A print-ready **digital** file, full color or black and white.

Minimum acceptable dpi is 300; higher dpi is preferable.

PHW's preferred file formats during booklet creation are **JPG** and **PNG**. We may be able to accept other file types (PDF, TIF, PSD, etc.). If you use PDF, be sure to **embed your fonts**.

Submit your ad to phwinc.org@gmail.com with your business name, mailing address, email or phone number for any questions, and any extra billing instructions for PHW.

Important dates:

All ads must be submitted to PHW no later than **5 PM on October 29, 2021** to ensure your inclusion in the program booklet.

We ask all sponsors to remit payment no later than **December 31, 2021**.

Thank you for your interest and support of this cherished local tradition!



I would like to reserve my space in the 2021 booklet at the following ad size(s):

Full Page Ad (receives 4 complimentary House Tour tickets)

5x8 inches (1500x2400 pixels at 300 dpi)

_____ Major Sponsor (1): \$500 (back cover)

_____ Advertising Sponsor: \$250/ad (interior pages)

Half Page Ad (receives 2 complimentary House Tour tickets)

5x4 inches (1500x1200 pixels at 300 dpi)

_____ \$150/ad (interior pages)

Business Card Ad (receives 1 complimentary House Tour ticket)

2x3.5 inches (600x1050 pixels at 300 dpi)

_____ \$75/ad (interior pages)

Mailing address: _____

Any additional instructions for PHW: _____

Holiday House Tour Volunteer Update



Please help us update PHW's volunteer database in 2021 to prepare for the Holiday House Tour. Check all that interest you!

- I am interested in acting as a docent
- I am interested in participating as a costumed caroler (your information will be passed on to Winchester Little Theatre)
- I am interested in providing musical accompaniment on _____ instrument
- I am interested in acting as a ticket seller at a house during the tour
- I am interested in being placed on the volunteer decorator list
- I am interested in chairing a house
- I am interested in volunteering my time and expertise in _____
- I cannot volunteer my time, but I have included a donation of _____ to support PHW

Name _____

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City, State, Zip _____

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Thank you for your support of the goals and programs of PHW!
*Please return this form to PHW, 530 Amherst St., Winchester, VA 22601.
Let us know if you changed addresses!*

HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR 2021

PHW is currently in the process of securing homes for the 2021 tour. Of the three secured to date, we are thrilled to be able to share that none have been open for the Holiday House Tour before. We hope to have the full house lineup ready to announce on our website in September. We will be reaching out to past sponsors soon, but a form is enclosed if you would like to advertise in the tour booklet.

Be sure to mark your calendars now for the tour on December 5, between noon and 4 PM. Tickets may be limited this year or some other safety measures may need to be in place, so keep an eye on our website www.phwi.org for the latest information.

Likewise, planning is underway for the Bough & Dough Shop, to be held at the Hexagon House again. Many favorite artists are lined up for the shop, which is tentatively scheduled for November 15-December 5 to coincide with advance ticket sales for the house tour. The shop will be limited in size to the kitchen area (usually the PHW library) and the greenery on the back porch. Exact days of opening are TBD. Again, like the tour, please watch our website www.phwi.org for updates and information in the fall.

One of our challenges, particularly since we scaled back on our volunteer needs in 2020, is that we are looking for volunteers able and willing to act as docents, or tour guides, in the houses. Enclosed is a volunteer form insert, which we hope you will utilize. The House Tour is such an important event, we hope you will contribute in any way you can. ♦

ANNUAL MEETING (CONT.)

Belchic Award:

This award is named in honor of Ben Belchic, a founding member of PHW. Ben Belchic was also an active member of the Winchester-Frederick County Historical Society, so the Belchic award recognizes a significant contribution to understanding Winchester's history.

This year we were proud to recognize the work of Mike Robinson, who has been bringing Winchester's history to a wider audience through his [Facebook page Winchester Tales](#), subsequently expanded into a five-volume set of books with more on the way.

Patron's Award:

This award recognizes a person or business which has been an outstanding supporter of the goals and programs of PHW. This award usually recognizes a financial component.

This year, we were honored to recognize Margaretta Barton Colt, who has long been a supporter of the history and architecture of Winchester. Her involvement with PHW started in our Kurtz Cultural Center days during the publication of [Defend the Valley](#), for which she commissioned the painting "Winchester & Frederick County, Virginia" by Page Huff Dillon. That may sound familiar, as the painting has reentered our day to day lives again through the [Shenandoah Valley Tapestry Project](#), which recreated the painting in needlework. Most recently, you can find out more about the tapestry and the houses included in it at www.svtapestry.com. ♦



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Did you find a stash of PHW materials and don't know what to do with them? Contact the office to arrange for a donation or copying of materials for our historic files. We are especially interested in early (1960s-1980s) PHW newsletters, mailers, programs, etc.

West of the Blue Ridge Blog Series: The PHW office will be closed one Friday a month for the next year. Never fear, we'll be preparing a blog post in advance of those days, drawing on some of the exhibits hosted at the Kurtz Cultural Center.

Now-November: PHW welcomes donations of gently-used paper bags to replenish our Bough & Dough Shop supply. A contactless drop-off bin is available on the back porch of the Hexagon House.

Nov. 15—Dec. 5: PHW plans to host the Bough & Dough Shop at the Hexagon House to coincide with Holiday House Tour ticket sales. Details TBA.

December 5: Save the date for the Holiday House Tour, noon-4 PM. 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

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