

# ON THE WEST SIDE

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## University City Historical Society

Four vertical panels of historic houses, each showing a different architectural style and restoration progress. The houses are multi-story, with brick and white siding, and some have dormer windows. The panels are separated by thin white vertical lines.

# RESTORATION & RENEWAL IN PROGRESS HOUSE TOUR

Sunday, November 6, 1 to 4 p.m.

Self-guiding walking tour with an after-tour, 4-5 pm get-together of home owners/tour goers/  
contractors and a free drink at Abbraccio, 820 S. 47<sup>th</sup> Street.

Considering adding a bath room? Redoing your kitchen? Restoring your fireplace mantel? Building a deck? Landscaping the back yard? Help may be on the way!

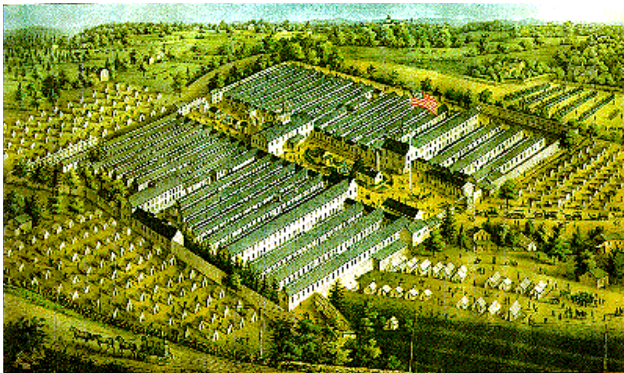
For both old house lovers and would-be or at-present renovators, experience an inspiring look at some current projects, large and small, in University City's historic buildings, including kitchens, baths, fireplaces, new layouts, landscaping, and whole house makeovers. The homeowners will be on hand to share their experiences, offer advice and pass on their recommendations re craftspeople, contractors & suppliers.

Tickets, maps and details available on the day of the tour, at **Calvary Center for Culture and Community**, 48<sup>th</sup> and Baltimore Avenue entrance, beginning at 12: 30 p.m. UCHS members, \$15; non-members, \$20. Tour proceeds benefit UCHS preservation programs.

Public transportation, Route 34 trolley from City Hall/30<sup>th</sup> Street Station and points west. Parking on the street in the neighborhood and free city parking lot, mid block, 4700 block of Baltimore Avenue.

Pre-tour brunch options, post-tour dining in the immediate neighborhood available on request.

## SATTERLEE HOSPITAL



## REENACTMENT

By **Dick Dretsch**, UCHS Board Member

If all goes as planned, the fall of 2006 will see the first **Satterlee General Hospital Encampment** honoring the **Civil War** hospital, at that time the largest hospital in America, that occupied the area north of **Baltimore Avenue** and what is now **Clark Park**. See [www.uchs.net](http://www.uchs.net) "**Satterlee, a Civil War**

**Hospital**" for maps and general information.

This encampment/reenactment will include medical tents, surgeons, hospital staff as well as soldiers and families recreating a Civil War field hospital. This is a very different reenactment from the more common battleground reenactment because it will celebrate all aspects of the Civil War, both its military and civilian dimensions. One might look at it as a window into the "**E.R.**" or "**M.A.S.H.**" of its day. There will be demonstrations of surgical tools, operating and nursing environments, families at site visiting and taking care of their loved ones and soldiers running the hospital as well as troops giving demonstrations as they are encamped at the site. There might be campfire songs, poetry readings and even a re-creation of an early baseball game between regiments for visitors to cheer.

This project is in the early planning stages and we hope to reach out to many other partners for the project. Those who would like to volunteer to help should leave a message for me at [info@uchs.net](mailto:info@uchs.net) or (215) 387-3019.

## A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

for this year's recipients of **UCHS Outstanding Preservation Awards** and the **Preservation Initiative Award**. The first of these are presented to those properties, their owners and those responsible for works of outstanding exterior preservation and/or restoration during the year 2005. These can be institutional or commercial properties or residential or investment properties. Suggestions should be forwarded to **UCHS, P.O. Box 31927, Philadelphia, PA 19104** or [info@uchs.net](mailto:info@uchs.net) with as much information about the properties and their recent improvements as possible.

Nominations for **UCHS Preservation Initiative Award** for 2005 are for programs or activities in **University City** that offer outstanding possibilities for furthering historic preservation efforts or projects.

These awards will be announced and made at next year's **Valentine's Awards Tea** in February

along with the complete listing of those property owners and craftspeople thanked for their **Gifts to the Streets** commendations for historically sensitive façade improvements, including multi-colored paint schemes and those thanked for **Green Gifts to the Streets** in the form of gardening and greening improvements. There is still time for others to be nominated for these citations. Contact us with your suggestions for addresses to be honored..



## PRESERVATION CRISIS, TOO

*In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, our immediate thoughts and efforts must be directed toward those whose lives are still at risk. But it is not too early to begin planning the massive effort that will be required to restore the hard-hit communities of the Gulf Coast. This effort will necessarily involve billions of private and public dollars, both from the United States and abroad.*

– *Richard Moe, President, National Trust for Historic Preservation*

UCHS supports the National Trust's efforts to insure that the architectural heritage of **New Orleans** and the **Gulf Coast** is not lost forever in the rush to rebuild after this season's devastating hurricanes. The historic vernacular architecture of the region is part of what makes the area so unique, and is integral to the communities that live there. To aid in these preservation efforts, UCHS will match members' donations to the **National Trust's Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund** up to a total of \$2500. Simply make a donation before December

15, online at [www.nationaltrust.org](http://www.nationaltrust.org) or by mail to **National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1785 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20036-2117**. Then send a copy of your receipt or cancelled check to **UCHS at info@uchs.net or PO Box 31927, Philadelphia PA 19104**. UCHS will make a matching donation to the fund.

## KIRK & NICE DISPLAYS

University City's **Eva Brothers**, whose family are long-time residents of **Spruce Hill**, has organized a number of events for **Kirk and Nice Funeral Home**, the oldest in the United States. From Nov. 1 to Nov. 5, a replica of **Abraham Lincoln's** coffin and archives of the funeral home will be on display at their office at **80 Stenton Avenue, Plymouth Meeting**, weekdays from 9:00 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, from 10:00 a.m. until 3 p.m. These move to their branch at **333 County Line Road, Feasterville**, from Nov. 8 until Nov. 14 at the same hours, including Sunday from 10 to 3.

On Thursday, Nov. 3 at 7:00 p.m., **Kirk and Nice in Plymouth Meeting** will host **Ms. Jane Peters-Estes**, speaking on "**Grave Matters**," a look at Victorian mourning customs. Admission is free and includes refreshments. **R.S.V.P. (610) 832-2064 or evabros@aol.com**

## HOLIDAY HOUSE TOURING

For those who need a house tour "fix" during the holidays, consider **Historic Harrisburg Association's 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Candlelight House Tour, "A Bellevue Fantasy"** on Sunday, December 11, 2005 from 1 PM – 6 PM, Admission: \$15.

Tour homes in an area that reflects the genius of two of America's pioneer advocates for urban beautification and landscape conservation: **J. Horace McFarland** and **Warren H. Manning**. Homes in **Bellevue Park** were either individually commissioned or built by contractor-developers on speculation along a contoured terrain, winding streets, and well-established landscaping. The resulting effect is one of placid beauty in the midst of the hustle and bustle of a busy urban center.

Carriage rides and carolers, cookies and cocoa

will enhance your experience of one of Harrisburg's most refined neighborhoods decked out in its holiday best. For additional information, go to [www.historicharrisburg.com](http://www.historicharrisburg.com).

## NEW WELCOME PACKETS

have been designed (with help from **UCHS' Sylvia Barkan**), printed and stuffed by the **University City District** and **UCHS** with a new collection of informational and discount pieces from University City contributors. These include the new **UCD Visitors Guide**, information about city services, **UCD** programs, **LUCY** bus schedules, info re **International House**, **USP**, **University of Pennsylvania Museum**, **East Africa Resource & Study Center**, **Calvary Center**, **UC Arts League**, **Penn Presbyterian Medical Center**, **UC Green**, **University Square**, **UCnet**, **PhillyCarShare**, **Curio Theatre Company**, **Drexel's Pig Iron Theatre Company**, **Strikes Bowling Lounge** and the local **Boy Scouts**.

Tickets include two-for-one or discounts from **Ben and Jerry's**, **Cereality**, **The Marvelous**, **Monarch Hardware**, **The Jumping Bean Coffee House**, **Metropolitan Bakery**, **Abbraccio** and **The Bridge Cinema de Lux**.

A complimentary membership in **UCHS** is available, along with information and order forms for our books, date plaques and **Windows: Repair or Replace** brochure.

These packets are available to individuals from **UCHS**, and in multiples to businesses and community institutions to distribute to new neighbors from the **UCD, 3940 Chestnut Street, (215) 243-0555**.

A welcome to the neighborhood from the **UCD** and **UCHS** appears on the packet's back cover and the front carries the message "**Welcome to the Historic Streetscapes of University City**" and images of historic residences from each of **University City's National Register Districts**, **Powelton**, **Garden Court** and **West Philadelphia** "**On the West Side**" is printed by **University Copy Service, 3819-33 Chestnut Street, (215) 898-5320** Full services are at [www.ucscopy.com](http://www.ucscopy.com).

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