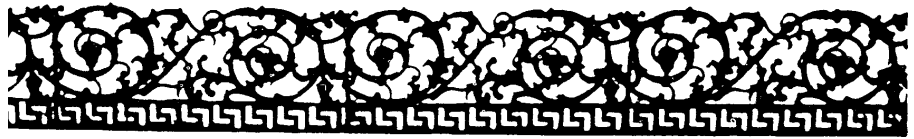


ON THE WEST SIDE

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PORCHES HONORED

A packed crowd of members and honorees at this year's **University City Historical Society's Valentine Awards Tea** on Sunday, February 11, 2007 celebrated "porches reborn" with **Outstanding Preservation Awards** given to two adjoining twins whose historic porches were restored over the past year and a **Preservation Initiative Award** presented to the **Neighborhood Transformation Initiative (NTI)** and the **Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia** for their **Historic Properties Repair Program (HPRP)**. HPRP provides city grants to qualified homeowners of historic properties to restore their porches and exteriors.

Mark Wagenveld and **Theresa Mond** of **4308/10 Osage Avenue** and **Kenneth Thomforde** of **4312/14 Osage Avenue**, along with their local contractor, **Greg Schopp**, of **Schoppworks, Inc.**, were honored for recreating the signature c. 1870's wrap-around **Italianate** porches of their "**Satterlee Heights**" twins, built within the footprint of the **Civil War US Army Satterlee Hospital** of 1862-65 between **43rd and 45th Street north of Baltimore Avenue**. When



final painting and landscaping are completed in the spring, an original architectural composition will again return to the streetscape, which, in recent years, had one porch stripped away completely and the second repaired with unoriginal details. Of special note for UCHS was the agreement of the two property owners to collaborate on these projects and recreate the original architectural statement.

Porch restoration on other historic properties in University City and Philadelphia will also be promoted by the new and unique program of the **Historic Properties Repair Program (HPRP)**. Emerging from a recommendation of the **Historic Preservation Task Force** convened by **Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell** and implemented by **Mayor Street**, it directs, for the first time ever, one million dollars from the **Neighborhood Transformation Initiative** to assist low- and moderate-income homeowners living in historic homes in the city's historic districts to make exterior repairs to their properties in keeping with their historic character. The **National Trust for Historic Preservation** has added an additional \$100,000 to the initiative.

In accepting the award for the Alliance, **Executive Director John Gallery**



praised the efforts of **Randy Cotton** and **Jeff Barr** who make HPRP work on the ground as well as the past and present **NTI Directors, Patricia Smith** and **Eva Gladstein** for assuring its funding. He also thanked **Deborah McColloch** and **Scott Wilds** of the **Office of**

Housing and Community Development for support and assistance in designing and implementing the program. Accepting on behalf of NTI, **Beverly Woods of Powelton** commented that the program of historic preservation was an appropriate and needed complement to NTI's larger program of blight clearance.

Honored also at the tea were a host of property owners and craftspeople, many in attendance, who were responsible for "**Gifts to the Street**" last year in the form of historically sensitive exterior repairs, façade treatments and greening improvements. All have received personal commendations and thanks from UCHS and are listed in this newsletter.

At the celebration, held at "**The Castle**," the home and B&B of **Nick & Ellie Cernansky**, **UCHS President Arlene Matzkin** announced new member benefits: a **Technical Assistance Program** for one-on-one, on-site, pro-bono architectural design assistance for exterior work, a new **UCHS Contractors/Suppliers List** of referrals from UCHS members, and a new UCHS generic date plaque for properties not already covered by those in the **Powelton, Garden Court and West Philadelphia Streetcar Suburb Historic Districts**.

Lamentably, this celebration of historic porches came as a new landlord at **4323 Spruce Street** continued the mutilation and enclosure of an original Italianate porch of 1863, work that might have been checked by a timely consideration by the **Philadelphia Historical Commission** of a local historic district nomination for Spruce Hill submitted some time ago. No matter how dedicated our individual and collective efforts at volunteer historical preservation in the neighborhood, without the needed oversight and protection from city agencies, we still lack that critical tool for providing true stewardship for the historic architecture of University City.

For more information about all the above, consult the websites www.preservationalliance.com and www.uchs.net.

AND IN MAY, 2007



Bartram's Garden Native Plant Sale, 54th and Lindbergh Blvd, Saturday, May 5, 2007, from 10 am to 3 pm in the **Barnyard**. Pick your favorites from a grand selection of natives, including trees, shrubs, perennials, vines, and grasses, plus a selection of herbs, scented geraniums, annual flowers, and heirloom vegetables. Horticulturists will be on hand to answer cultivation questions. Pay by check or credit card.

And, from 1:30 to 3:30 pm take in the **Linnaeus 300 Panel Discussion and Garden Walk** from the **Coach House**. Get the dirt on **Swedish** botanist **Carolus Linnaeus**, who dubbed **John Bartram** "the greatest natural



botanist in the world." **Bartram Curator Joel T. Fry, Dr. Alfred E. Schuyler** of the **Academy of Natural Sciences**, and **Dr. Karen Reeds**, curator of the current exhibit at the **American Swedish Historical Museum** celebrating Linnaeus's 300th birthday, will dish about the botanical links between these two great men of science, and then lead a garden walk highlighting plants with a Linnaeus connection. Light refreshments. The program is free, but RSVP is required at amcdowell@bartramsgarden.org or (215) 729.5281 x103.

Using public transportation? Take **No. 36 Trolley** from City Hall to 54th Street. Cross railroad bridge to Garden entrance on left



Please join the **Friends of Clark Park**, with support from the **University City District**, on Thursday, May 10, 2007 at **43rd Street & Kingsessing Mall** from 5:30 to 8:00 pm to **Celebrate the Treasure** with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, entertainment, and a live auction at 6:30 pm. Proceeds from the celebration pay for supplemental park maintenance: mowing grass, weeding, edging walkways, fertilizing, mulching trees, emptying trash cans, and seasonal clean-ups.

You should have received your invitation by now and you can purchase tickets by May 1 at www.PartyTicketsOnline.com

SPRUCE HILL

MAY FAIR

in **Clark Park, 43rd & Baltimore Avenue**, Saturday, May 12, 2007, 11 am to 4 pm. Enjoy entertainment, food, community associations, gifts, plants, books, white elephants with information and items for sale from **UCHS** at this annual community get-together.

UCHS will be offering reproductions of period maps from our 1895 real estate atlas for University City, member discounted tickets for our **May 20 House Tour**, date plaques, books and other member benefits. While you are in the park, check out, near the **Gettysburg Stone**, the "re-stored" **Satterlee U.S. Army Hospital** historic marker paid for by UCHS and the **Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission** with installation courtesy the **University City District**.



PRESERVATION ALLIANCE HOMEOWNERS WORKSHOPS

will be held throughout the month of May, 2007.. Attendees will have a great opportunity to learn about the best practices for the research, restoration and maintenance of historic homes. These workshops are free and open to the public, but reservations are required. To reserve a space, or for more information, please contact **Patrick Hauck, Director of Neighborhood Preservation Programs**, at 215-546-1146 x 4 or patrick@preservationalliance.com.

LECTURE WORKSHOPS AT CLIVEDEN, 6401 Germantown Avenue

(Workshops at carriage house: enter property through the gate at **Cliveden & Morton Sts**)

Inspecting Historic Houses

-Wednesday May 9 at 7:00 PM

Buying Historic Houses

-Wednesday May 16 at 7:00 PM

Financing Historic House Rehabilitation

-Wednesday May 23 at 7:00 PM

How to Plan for Historic House Rehabilitation

-Wednesday May 30 at 7:00 PM

"HANDS ON" WORKSHOPS IN WEST FAIRMOUNT PARK, The Sheep Barn, Fairmount Park Historic Preservation Trust, Inc, 2020 Chamounix Drive, West Fairmount Park

Windows and Shutters: Reglazing and Basic Repairs

-Thursday May 10 at 6:30 PM

Exterior Painting

-Thursday May 17 at 6:30 PM

Wood Flooring: Interior & Exterior Repairs

-Thursday May 24 at 6:30 PM

Flat Plaster: Repair Techniques

-Thursday May 31 at 6:30 PM

(For directions, visit www.preservationalliance.com)

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 thanks those responsible for the “**Gifts to the Streets**”
 given by those below during **2006**

These exterior preservation efforts enrich us all. **THANK YOU!**

445 S. 44th Street – Daniel Thut & Karla Hernandez, 626 S. 42nd Street, new roof, porch repair and multicolored paint with **Jeff Strong**, 4100 Haverford Avenue

429 S. 45th Street – Victor A. Brubaker & Nissa C. Blocker, porch repair and multicolored paint in coordination with twin

431 S. 45th Street – Zhou Jumin, porch repair and multicolored paint in coordination with twin

229 S. 46th Street - Horizon House Inc, 120 S 30th St, 19104, multicolored paint

235 S. 46th Street - Susan Kay Weiler & Bert Takashi Tanoue, restoration of metal detailings on Locust Street facade

255 S. 46th Street - Amishi Jha & Michael Bonnano, multicolored paint

1001 S. 46th Street – Donald Gensler & Maria Paz Gutierrez, front porch restoration and multicolored paint with **BDC, Inc, Rod Boston**, 4723 Springfield Avenue, 19143

1006 S. 46th Street – Melani Lamond & Brian Ratigan, porch roof restoration

1122 S. 46th Street – Andre Griffin, porch restoration with **Frank A. Arnold, Frank Arnold Construction**, 3234 Kensington Avenue, 19134

424 S. 47th Street – Don Gillis & Margaret Kasschau, new conservatory roof and flashing with **Russell Roofing**, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, Oreland, Pa 19075

426 S. 47th Street – Jack & Sue Siler, new conservatory roof and flashing with **Russell Roofing**, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, Oreland, Pa 19075

601 S. 48th Street – Judith Russack, multicolored paint in coordination with twin

603 S. 48th Street – Cathryn & Laval Miller-Wilson, multicolored paint in coordination with twin

806 S. 48th Street – C & B.E. Stetzenmuller, 31 Narbrook Park, Narberth, PA 19072, multicolored paint with **Bill Bradley**, 280 Barnesbury Road,

Langhorne, PA 19047

901 S. 48th Street - Sheldon Schwartz, Suite 2, 428 N 34th St, 19104, restoration of the porches and multicolored paint

4325 Baltimore Avenue – Arlene Caney, 433 S. 45th Street, restored front porch and multicolored paint with **Victor A. Brubaker**, 429 S. 45th Street

4701 Baltimore Avenue - Gary Bronson & Fred Wolf Jr, restoration of the slate roof and flashing

4711 Baltimore Avenue – Marrie Baldos, 116 W Allens Lane, 19119,

237 Buckingham Place - Daniel Thut & Karla Hernandez, 626 S. 42nd Street, multicolored paint

3304 Baring Street – Roy & Hope Yaffe, multicolored paint in collaboration with twin

3306 Baring Street – Elizabeth Brenda Thompson, multicolored paint in collaboration with twin

4900-02 Cedar Avenue - 4900 Cedar LP, multicolored paint in collaboration with twin

4910 Cedar Avenue - Solomon Hunter Jr, 810A N 26th St, 19130, multicolored paint in collaboration with twin

4918 Cedar Avenue – Jessica De Groot & Jeffrey Lutzner, multicolored paint

257 S. Farragut Terrace – Steve & Nancy Hornberger, multicolored paint

4808 Florence Avenue – Joshua Nathan Johnson & Jessica Baumert, restoration of the bay and multicolored paint

4810 Florence Avenue - UCRPLP, 6 Presidential Blvd, Bala-Cynwyd, PA 19004, restoration of the bay and multicolored paint

4332 Larchwood Avenue – Frank & Linda Chance, restored front porch in collaboration with twin

4334 Larchwood Avenue – Jennifer Klapper, restored front porch in collaboration with twin

4339 Larchwood Avenue – Sam & Fenella Long, restored front porch and multicolored paint

4417 Larchwood Avenue - Michael Mullins & Frances Balamuth, multicolored paint with **Keu Painting**, 7957 Loretto Avenue, 19111

4429 Larchwood Avenue – Ted & Carol Smith Daniels, multicolored paint

4917 Larchwood Avenue - George Balgobin, multicolored paint in collaboration with twin

4938 Larchwood Avenue - Leonard & Frances Shenfelder, multicolored paint

4940 Larchwood Avenue - Eva Recio-Gonzalez & Carlos Gonzalez-Ferrin, multicolored paint

4517 Locust Street – Sara Jaffee & Thomas Price, restored front porch with **Greg Schopp**, 1009 S. 48th Street

249 S. Melville Street - Jan-Ivar Bruaroey & Holly Monheimer, multicolored paint

4310 Osage Avenue – Mark Wagenfeld & Theresa Mond, restored front porch in collaboration with twin with **Greg Schopp**, 1009 S. 48th Street

4312 Osage Avenue – Kenneth Thomforde, restored front porch in collaboration with twin with **Greg Schopp**, 1009 S. 48th Street

4623 Osage Avenue – Brett Sweitzer & Lisa Mathewson, multicolored paint

4630 Osage Avenue – Bryant Simon & Anne Marie Reardon, multicolored paint with **Luis Ribeiro, Fine Painters**, 437 S. 49th Street, 19143

4714 Osage Avenue – Sean & Charlene McGrew, multicolored paint

4520 Pine Street – David Stone & Robin Aronson, porch restoration with **Ed Doty**, 4526 Pine Street, 19143

4804 Regent Street – Joshua & Jesse Block, new roof and porch reconstruction

4504 Springfield Avenue - Nolton Conyers, cleaned façade, multicolored paint scheme and new front garden

4604 Springfield Avenue – Lewis & Abbie Wendell, restoration of porch roof and multicolored paint

4708 Springfield Avenue - Barbara Church-Kattan, 2946 Seaford Ct, Wantagh, NY 11793, multicolored paint

4712 Springfield Avenue - Howard Deck & Marvin Brown, 4813 Trinity Pl, 19143, multicolored paint

4718 Springfield Avenue - Richard Rosenthal & Janet Shilling, multicolored paint

4724 Springfield Avenue - Philip & Deborah Zuchman, multicolored paint in collaboration with twin

4726 Springfield Avenue – Joan Wells, multicolored paint in collaboration with twin

4804 Springfield Avenue – Angie & Paul Coghlan, bay restoration with **Louis Tannen**, 4716 Windsor Avenue, 19143

4501 Spruce Street – Brice & Samantha McNamee, multicolored paint

4639 Spruce Street - Scott & Nancy Steketee, 4414 Moraga Ave, Oakland, CA 94611, multicolored paint

214 St. Marks Square – Mark Biscone, restoration of front porch with MJBC Construction

4808 Trinity Place - Sung Chi & Hsing Lin, 4539 Larchwood Ave, 19143, multicolored paint

4809 Trinity Place - Mary Hindman & Donald Drake, multicolored paint

4718 Warrington Avenue – Bennie & Tammy Lai, restored front porch

Green Gifts to the Streets (continued)

4400 block of Samson Street Garden –Marie McCullough, 4442 Sansom Street, 19139, new community garden

4625 Springfield Avenue, St. Francis de Sales garden - Sue Weiler, design and project manager; **Fr. Zachary W. Navit, Pastor; John Baldassari**, landscape contractor; **Michael Nairn; Christine Ethier; Bruce Shultz; Mark Focht**, Executive Director of Fairmount Park, new design & landscaping for parish events

4704 Springfield Avenue – Ron Giemza & Mike Clark, new front garden

224 St. Marks Square – Luisa Boverini & Jeffrey Heit, side tree lawn treatment with **Stephen McCoubrey**, 222 S. 42nd Street, 19104

Volunteer pruning in University City – UC Green Pruning Club and individual voluntary pruning efforts, **Johannah Fine**, 4823 Windsor Avenue; **Joe Shapiro**, 4744 Osage Avenue, **Alex Brown**, PECO Energy Arborist; **Winnie Harris**, UC Green

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thanks those responsible for the

“Green Gifts to the Streets” given below in **2006**

These greening improvements enrich us all. **THANK YOU!**

33rd & Race Streets, Summer-Winter Garden – Terry Michovic, Joe Revlock, new landscaping, public pathways and infrastructure improvements
409 N. 36th Street – Janet & Seymour Stotland, landscaping of side yard
431 S. 43rd Street – Judy Dawson-Jones, new front yard and side tree lawn
43rd and Baltimore Avenue, Clark Park – Friends of Clark Park, Joe Shapiro, Chris Leswing, Molly Roth; Takkeem Morgan, PHS; Lisa McDonald Hanes, PHS; John Fenton, UCD, new trees, gardens, kiosk and planting plan bulletin board
200 block of S. 46th Street – Elizabeth Schlingmann, Andrew Zitzer, Noga Newberg, Kyle Cassidy, landscaping and street trees with the Spruce Hill Community Association Block Improvement Program and UC Green
47th and Gray’s Ferry Avenue, Gray’s Ferry triangle – Amanda Leon, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society; Howard Neukrug, Philadelphia Water Department Watersheds Program; Amanda Benner; UC Green; Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, new landscaping and storm water control project
48th & Baltimore Avenue, Calvary Center - Beth Van Horn, 825 S. 48th Street; Joyce White, 823 S. 48th Street; Jim Kurtz, 820 S. 48th Street; Michael Williams, 825 S. 48th Street; Lynn Grant, 823 S. 48th Street; Cedar Park Neighbors Block Improvement Grant Program; Paul Kuhn, Curio Theatre, 4740 Baltimore Avenue, 19143, trash screen, gardening plan and landscaping
49th & Baltimore Avenue, Cedar Park– Cedar Park Neighbors, Carol Walker; Maureen Tate; Monica Alison, Trina Dow; Holman Massey, Eliot Stern, Linford Martin, Renee Warnick, Wayne Marquardt, Angie Coghlan, Laura Raymond, Josh Synder & Lydia Fisher,

Marianne & John Valentino, Judy Elsey, Resources for Human Development; UC Green, Cross Baltimore Tree Tenders, redesign, greening and renewal of Cedar Park
4617 Cedar Avenue – Theresa Sims & DeBorah Giles, Sims, Giles and Associates, new wooden garden fence on Baltimore Avenue replacing chain link
4502 Chester Avenue – Erica Susa Franklin-Binns, 4811 Huron Avenue, San Diego, CA 92117, new front yard plantings
4504 Chester Avenue – Ed & Amy Werner, new front yard plantings
4712 Chester Avenue – Park Pleasant Nursing Home; Carol Dubie, new landscaping and patio garden,
4400 block of Chestnut Street – Betsy and Bill Magill, 4428 Chestnut Street, 19104, with UC Green and Spruce Hill Community Association Block Grant Program, block greening improvements
4646 Locust Street – Linda Amsterdam, new front yard
200 block of S. Melville Street – Monica Calkins Wagner, 223 S. Melville, 19104, with UC Green and Spruce Hill Community Association Block Grant Program, block greening improvements
4200 block of Osage Avenue – Veronika Simon; Stephen McCoubrey with the Spruce Hill Block Improvement Grant Program, block greening improvements
4300 Osage Avenue – Eli Massar with Steve McCoubrey, new landscaping and storm control garden,
44th and Osage Avenue - Bill Varerio & Glen Sacks, 420 S. 44th Street; Michael Karp and Bill Groves, University City Housing with Spruce Hill Community Association Block Grant

UCHS HISTORIC HOUSE TOUR, Sunday, May 20, 2007, 1 - 5 p.m. UNIVERSITY CITY MANSIONS



Sunday, May 20, 1 – 5 p.m. – “University City Mansions” will take you inside some of the unique single houses that stand out from the crowd of University City’s more typical historic townhouses and twins. Most had notable Philadelphia architects working in architectural styles ranging from Italianate, Queen Anne, French Renaissance, and Garden City revivals. Some are private homes, while others are now B&B inns, a fraternity, a spectacular condo, a restaurant and other adaptive reuses.

UCHS Members Discounted Advanced Sale Tickets, \$20 Each.
Orders And Payment Must Be Received By Friday, May 18
To Permit Confirmations To Be Returned
All Tickets On The Day Of The Tour: \$35/Each
For more tours of Philadelphia Open House,
www.friendsofindependence.org

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AS A UCHS MEMBER, PLEASE RESERVE ____ TICKETS FOR THE UCHS HOUSE TOUR AT THE DISCOUNTED RATE OF \$20/EACH. MY CHECK TO “UCHS” FOR THE FULL AMOUNT IS ENCLOSED.

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U C MANSIONS

This year's **University City Historical Society's Spring house tour**, part of the **Friends of Independence Park's "Philadelphia Open House"** collection of area house tours, will feature over a dozen of the single, stand-alone "mansions" of the western part of University City. On Sunday, May 20, from 1 to 5 pm, tour visitors will be able to see the interiors of some of these unique historic structures, many still used as private homes, others used for sympathetic adaptive reuses, but all fascinating for their architectural features and interior appointments. They will offer new surprises for both first-time and veteran tour-goers.

The general public can purchase advanced-sale tickets for \$30 each from www.friendsofindependence.org along with tickets for their other tours. But for UCHS members, new or current, there is a discounted rate of \$20 each using the flyer/sign up on page 7, quite a bargain for a household. UCHS's other membership benefits can be found at www.uchs.net.

The tour's starting point on May 20 will be the

Restaurant School at 4207 Walnut Street, where advanced sale buyers can pick up their tickets/map/site descriptions and where day-of-tour tickets will all be priced at \$35 each.

Come join in one of University City's most popular events.

AND SPECIAL THANKS

To those who recently renewed their dues and also gave generous extra contributions as **Sustainers of UCHS; David Adelman, Campus Apartments; Michael Hardy & Barry Grossbach; Elizabeth Bressi-Stoppe, University of the Sciences in Philadelphia; Douglas Metcalfe & Brian Lahmann; Brian Ratigan & Melani Lamond; Arlene & Don Matzkin; John & Betsy McCoubrey; Suzanne & Jack Minnis; Mark Wagnveld & Theresa Mond; Stephen Wagner** or as **Friends of UCHS: Martha Dooley; Kevin Fisher & Kathy Dowdell; Robert & Geraldine Giuntoli; Winnie Harris; William F. Hooper; Michael Jones; Kenneth & Jean Mitchell; Jeff Saven & Phoebe Qi.**

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