



December 2012

Happy Holidays from the Lower Merion Historical Society

Our 200-year-old Lower Merion Academy at sunset with a lit candle at each window



'Tis the Season for Giving

The historical society has 25 special collections that include more than 35,000 items that record and preserve the heritage of the Township of Lower Merion and the Borough of Narberth. Listed are some of the people who volunteer their time and talent to help catalog our library materials and do the research in order to answer questions submitted by our library patrons.

Thank you!

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We Gratefully Accept Donations



Our library holdings continue to grow thanks to the generosity of the community. The following individuals have recently made a donation to the Society to help enlarge our Special Library Collection of books, manuscripts, photographs and maps. Donating your historic materials will help ensure its preservation for the next generation:

John W. Alexander, Jr.
Marilyn Malamud Bergman
David Byerley
Lillian Harris & Lin Harris Bass
Frances Denson
Art Hindle
Bea & Alan T. Kirk, Jr.
William W. McKay
Elaine J. Neumann
James Oswald
Erik Panichi
Kent Slavin
Barbara & Paul Wilson
Alan Wood

And Let's Not Forget...In Memoriam
Dick Jones (2006)
Bill Harris (2010)
S. Hamill Horne (2007)
W. Robert Swartz (2008)
Mary Wood (2012)

Revitalization of the Cynwyd Train Station A Holiday Gift Opportunity

[Our Capital Campaign](#) is still ongoing and we are getting closer to completing this 5-year long renovation. Funding to close out any project can be the hardest money to raise. We still need your financial support to purchase a HVAC system for the first floor area and a commercial dehumidifier for the basement area, as well as pay for some sustainable stormwater amenities to protect the building from future water damage. The station will not be open to the public and serve as a trailhead to the Cynwyd Heritage Trail until we are able to implement these final items. Please make a donation and help us cross the finish line on this project. Send us a check, or submit a donation online on our homepage. Remember, all donations are **tax deductible**.
Note: The Cynwyd Train Station volunteers and donors will be a separate THANK YOU and will be listed in an upcoming issue of *Milestones*.



The 4:55pm train has just arrived at the station

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[The Cynwyd Train Station](#), located at 375 Conshohocken State Road in Bala Cynwyd, is now available for lease. This prime space is 640 square feet and is located on the first floor of the building. *Cynwyd Train Station* is a stop on SEPTA's *Cynwyd Line*, with a SEPTA parking lot, a municipal parking lot (Cynwyd Station Lot 15 with short & long-term metered parking and permit parking), a trailhead for the *Cynwyd Heritage Trail*, and is adjacent to the Township's

Cynwyd Station Park. Contact Lisa Berger Baskin for further details. We are looking for a business that would complement the *Cynwyd Heritage Trail* by providing an amenity to users of the Trail.

Best Wishes

The Historical Society's Executive Board of Directors would like to wish you a joyful and happy holiday season. Best wishes from:

President: Gerald A. Francis

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Immediate Past President: Ted Goldsborough



Directors: Max Buten, Pete Hoskins, Leon Levine, Ken Brier, Sarah E. Francis, Joanne Murray, Anna O'Hora, Maria Wells

Building Photographs: To Preserve Today for Tomorrow's History

This photo from [our Buildings web](#) is part of our changing history.



In 1848 Abraham Levering named this property Illinova. Two of his sons lived on the property, one on each side of the turnpike. By about 1857 this part belonged to another family – first William G Leshner and later *Miss* Kate Leshner. By 1926 it became Margaret Taylor's store.

The building is now twice as wide but one third of it is the same. Click [here](#) to see how what hasn't changed.

The January issue of Milestones will have a story about Lower Merion's Historic street signs and an update on Bala Avenue re-zoning.

Favorite Links

- [Lower Merion Historical Society's Website](#)
 - Our [Preserve America Website](#)
 - [Membership Information](#)
 - [Buy Our Books](#)

MISSION STATEMENT OF THE LOWER MERION HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Lower Merion Historical Society is an organization dedicated to *Preserving Our Past For The Future*. This is accomplished by stewardship of local history, education of the community, preservation of historic resources and outreach to promote awareness of the cultural heritage of the Township of Lower Merion and the Borough of Narberth.

