



April 2011

Hi Friend of the Historical Society,

Reminder:

***Saturday, April 9, 2011 at the Lower Merion Academy
Annual Meeting, Election of Officers and Directors
followed by a Lecture and Open House***

Free to the Public

Light refreshments will be served



The Annual Meeting will begin at 1:00pm with the election of officers and directors followed by a report from the President.

This is an updated report from the Nominating Committee with Ted Goldsborough as Chairperson. The Committee nominates the following slate of Officers for a two-year term:

President: Gerald A. Francis
Vice President: Bruce D. Reed
Treasurer: Samuel Adenbaum
Corresponding Secretary: Stephen P. Selinger
Recording Secretary: Barbara McElroy

*Note: Although not up for election, Ted Goldsborough remains as our **Immediate Past President***

The Committee also nominates the following slate of Directors for a three-year term:

Class of 2014: Ken Brier, Sarah E. Francis, Ross L. Mitchell

Leaving Your Legacy

Starting at 2:00pm, certified genealogist Susan S.Koelble will join us as our guest lecturer. Susan's talk entitled *Leaving Your Legacy*, explains why it is important to record family history and events and will offer suggestions for getting started including how to use pedigree charts and family group sheets. She will also discuss the importance of organizing a family history to pass on to future generations. Her talk will be followed by a question and answer session.

Next on the agenda will be a tour of the Lower Merion Academy and of the Cynwyd Train Station.

Join us this Saturday and while you are there, you can **become a member** and you can buy a copy of our recently published book **[Lower Merion and Narberth.](#)**



Wanted



Have you seen an original, nearly century-old Merion Road-Light in your neighborhood? The Lower Merion Historical Society and the Township's Historical Commission need your help! In 1915 the Merion Civic Association installed 124 new electric street lights to "adequately illuminate" the roadways of Merion making them "safer for pedestrians and vehicle travel". They were fabricated at least in part by the Smyser-Royer Company of York, PA and quickly "declared by experts as being unusually distinctive and of artistic design, and yet meeting every practical requirement of radiation." In cooperation with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, another eleven were soon installed at the stations within the boundaries of Merion.

Today only one complete example remains that we are aware of, recently restored by its owner, it is located on Winding Way in Merion Station. Another Road-Light post, missing its distinctive lantern head, stands on Hazelhurst Avenue, not far from Merion Tribute House, but those are the only know examples remaining. If you know of any others, or anything more about the story of these important pieces of the Township's early 20th Century history, please e-mail us at LMHistory@Comcast.net.



Building Photographs - To preserve Today for tomorrow's history

Our April pictures are from www.lowermerionhistory.org/buildings/, where it is part of our future history:



The Palmer Seminary on Lancaster Ave at City Line is pending re-zoning so that it can be converted from a non-taxpaying use to an apartment house.

[Click here](#) for more photos and information on the zoning change.

The May issue will have a status report concerning the Cynwyd Train Station and the Cynwyd Heritage Trail .

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.

