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*April 2013*

**Announcing the 64th Annual Meeting  
of the Lower Merion Historical Society**

**Sunday, April 28, 2013**

**The Day's Agenda**

The Annual Meeting will be at the **Lower Merion Academy** in the large meeting room on the first floor. It will begin at 11:30am where there will be the Election of Officers and Directors and followed by business reports from the President and the Treasurer. All are invited to attend.

The Nominating Committee recommends 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

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

**Directors for the Class of 2016**  
Max Buten, Pete Hoskins, Leon Levine

*Note: Under the Society's By-Laws, additional nominations shall be accepted from the floor during the Annual Meeting (Article IV, 3)*

Afterwards, you are invited to go to the **Cynwyd Train Station** for an Open House and to the nearby **Cynwyd Station Park** for the First Annual Craft Fair and (Mostly) Native Plant Sale.



Join us for a deliriously good time, perusing the goods of local crafters, from natural beauty products, to jewelry and handmade prints. Buy some (mostly) native plants for your garden. All proceeds go towards the rare native demonstration garden at Cynwyd Station Park. Rain date is for Sunday, May 5th.

### **Fill Out a Quick, 10 Question Needs Survey**

As members, volunteers, and supporters, you ARE the Historical Society. After a strategic planning session a couple of weeks ago, the LMHS board came to the conclusion that we can only stay relevant by meeting the needs of the community. As such, we need to hear from each of you to identify those needs. How are we doing so far? What would you like to see us do in the future? What would you like to do with us?

[START SURVEY](#)

We've made it easy: fill out this 10 question survey honestly. It should only take 10 minutes, and provide Society leadership with some much needed information as we embark in a new period of growth and inclusion.

Thank you so much!

**Building Photographs:  
To Preserve Today for Tomorrow's History**

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



The building on the left held Williamson's restaurant until they moved to the Barclay Building on City Line. The other building is little changed but now has tenants on both floors, with gas meters for each on the sidewalk.

The photo is from a catalog of buildings by Russell Byerley, a woodshop teacher in Lower Merion High School during World War II. He corresponded with many LM students in the armed forces and saved their letters their photos in uniform, which we have organized into 34 binders, indexed and arranged alphabetically by name. After the war he left teaching to become a builder.

[Here are photos](#) from the 50s and the past two years, showing the changes.

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***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.