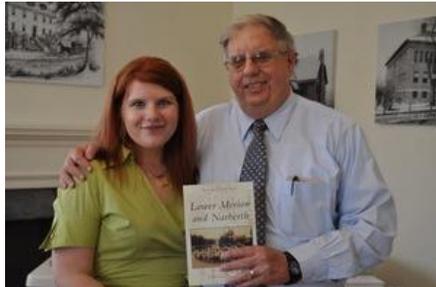




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Hi Friend of the Historical Society,

Our new book, *Lower Merion and Narberth* is a great holiday gift for you, for your family, and for your friends and neighbors. ALL proceeds go directly to the Cynwyd Train Station Capital Campaign that will help complete the revitalization and renovation of the 1890 Pennsylvania Railroad depot.



For ordering information check out our website: <http://lowermerionhistory.org/gifts.html>

Preserve America Grant: A Progress Report



The U.S Department of Interior has designated Lower Merion a *Preserve America Community* and awarded the Township a *Preserve America Grant* to fund the development of interpretive materials for the Cynwyd Heritage Trail.

The Historical Society is volunteering its resources and doing the research in support of this grant program. These signs will provide users of the trail with information about the heritage of this 19th century industrial corridor. The scope of this project is:

- (12) Twelve individual 24" x 36" interpretive signs located along the 2 1/2-mile long trail. Interpretive topics include Clegg's Mill, West Laurel Hill Station and the Pencoyd Ironworks, etc. Signage will be graphically consistent with the guidelines established by the Schuylkill River Heritage Trail.
- (5) Five 4'x6' identical trailhead signs located at Cynwyd Station, Bala Park, Barmouth, Righters Ferry Road and Rock Hill Road. Trailhead signs will include a map of the trail, an explanation of the trail and will also show connections to surrounding trails and amenities.
- (5) Five 24" x 36" interpretive panels highlighting the rail history of the trail and the renovation of Cynwyd Station. These panels will be placed at Cynwyd Station in the new vestibule and in the renovated waiting room.

For additional updates on the Cynwyd Heritage Trail, go to www.CynwydHeritageTrail.com

Cynwyd Heritage Trail and Cynwyd Station Tour



Sunday, January 9, 10:00 a.m.

Meet at the Cynwyd Station on Conshohocken State Road, Bala Cynwyd
Free! Audience: Adults, children ages 8 & up

Cosponsored by the Lower Merion Conservancy, the Friends of the Cynwyd Heritage Trail, the Lower Merion Township, and the Lower Merion Historical Society

With the Cynwyd Station's renovation nearly complete and the Cynwyd Heritage Trail about to be constructed come see two incredible projects. We will spend a few minutes touring the completely renovated Cynwyd Train Station with Lower Merion Historical Society's Sarah Francis. Then hike with Nancy Winkler of the Friends of Cynwyd Trail and Chris Leswing with Lower Merion Township to hear about the trail and what's to come along in the next several months. When we reach the river you can opt to cross the river for lunch or hike back with Conservancy Conservation Director Patty Thompson. Meet at the Cynwyd Train Station for this unique blend of history, environment, and exercise. Registration is required to join us for lunch. Visit www.LMConservancy.org and click on 'Events' to register.

Request for Library Materials

Do you have a Main Line phonebook from 2005 or before? If you do, we would like to have it for our General Reference Collection. If you wish to donate it to the Historical Society, please email us at LMHISTORY@comcast.net us and we can make arrangements to pick it up or you could bring it to the Lower Merion Academy. Thank You.

Building Photographs - To preserve Today for tomorrow's history

Our December picture from www.lowermerionhistory.org/buildings/, where it is part of our future history:



The former

Kirsch Chevrolet showroom at 214-216 Bala Avenue in Bala.

Photos from 1950 and today with an addition. The current owner has applied to change the building again.



The January issue will have an update to our Cynwyd Train Station Capital Campaign and a story about the preservation and archival work that our volunteers are performing with the W. Robert Swartz Photo Collection.

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.

