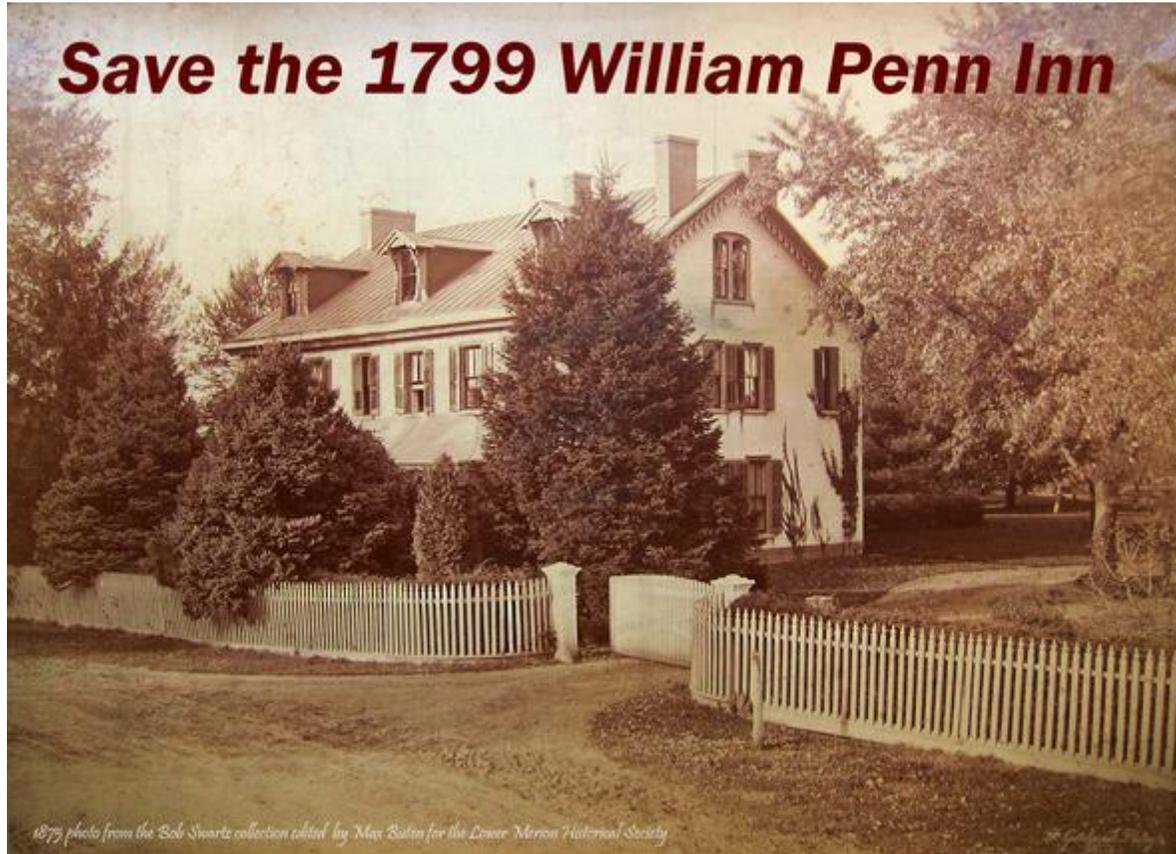




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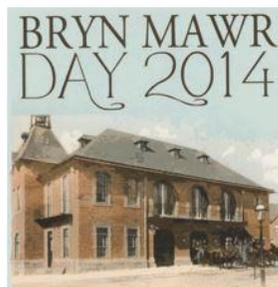


Last month's issue of *Milestones* featured *The Demolition of the William Penn Inn is Another Wake Up Call for Lower Merion*. This teardown will be debated in the coming months. Here is the latest story "[Rare 1875 Photograph is New Face of Campaign to Save Lower Merion's William Penn Inn](#)" and we will keep you posted on all upcoming events.

Look For Us At

Representatives from the Historical Society will be participating at these three upcoming events:

[Bryn Mawr Day 2014](#) takes place on Saturday, September 6th from 9:30am to 2:00pm at the parking lot across from Ludington Library in Bryn Mawr. Also, do not miss the opportunity to get on the bus with Bryn Mawr historian Bobbie McElroy for a tour of some of those local landmarks.



[Friends of Autocar Annual Meeting](#) takes place on Saturday, September 20th from 9:00am to late in the afternoon at the Goshen Fire Company at 1320 Park Avenue in West Chester. Ted Goldsborough will be there sharing his expertise and photos of this once proud industrial landmark.



[Montgomery County History Fair](#) takes place on Saturday, September 20th from 9:30am to 4:30pm at Heckler Plains Farmstead, 237 Landis Road in Harleysville. When you tour through the park, be sure to stop by the historical society's table and say hello to Denise and Jerry Francis.

AND WE CAN'T FORGET...

[24th Annual Harriton Plantation Fair](#) takes place on Saturday, September 27th 10:00am to 4:00pm at 500 Harriton Road in Bryn Mawr. This major event features crafts, antiques, sheep herding, pony rides, children's games, muskets and soldiers, blacksmiths, stone carvers, cabinetmakers, spinners, shep [beehive] weaves, Bluegrass music, falconry and other birds of prey, and much more. Say hello to Bruce Gill, Executive Director, and take a tour of the historic 1704 house.

Schuylkill Valley Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad Memorabilia



Donald Lawler (a volunteer) just completed putting the final touches on the *Cynwyd Station Trailhead* at 375 Conshohocken State Road in Bala Cynwyd. Using materials found in and around the train station, he incorporated these archeological items into decorative art pieces. Some examples are:

- * A wall mount showing various iron hardware used by the PRR.
- * Shadow boxes holding anthracite coal.
- * An original window sash. Found in the 1st floor brick wall (west side).
- * A flue escutcheon (shield) used in a potbelly stove. Found in the 2nd floor ceiling.
- * A mortise-and-tendon beam. Found in the 2nd floor frame structure to support the 2nd floor.

* An outdoor light fixture. An enameled light bulb reflector.

You are invited to stop by the Trailhead and see these special items.

Building Photographs - Preserving Today For Tomorrow's History

The September photo from our [Buildings web](#) shows part of our changing history:

When this photo of an Acme Tea Co. store was taken, about 1920, Best Eggs were 18c, Biscuits 6c, and so on. Acme sold [margarine](#) too; by 1916 they were paying the state for an annual license for the store. The house that Acme surrounded was absorbed by the store, and still is part of it, but it's no longer an Acme. It has been in the Seidel family for 118 years, and been a store for 101 years, on a main street in Lower Merion. Can you figure out where?



Click [here](#) for photos of the handsome-roofed house and the store surrounding it.

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