



*March 2011*

Hi Friend of the Historical Society,

***Save the Date - Mark Your Calendar***  
*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*



Our *Annual Meeting and Elections* will be from 1:00pm to 2:00pm. The two items on the agenda are the *election of Officers and Directors* followed by a *Report from the President*.

Only Historical Society members can vote at this election. If you have not already, now is the time to [become a Member](#) of the Historical Society.

This is the 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, Denise H. Francis, Ross L. Mitchell

Continuing Directors:

**Class of 2012** - Dennis Montagna, Joanne Murray, Anna O'Hora

**Class of 2013** - Sarah J. Bonnice, Max Buten, Leon Levine

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

## ***Leaving Your Legacy***

After the Annual Meeting, 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.

Susan has over twenty-five years of professional experience and has served on the Board of Directors of The Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania (GSP) where she has worked as co-coordinator and counselor for GSP's Summer Camp series.



## ***The 2011 Preservation WatchList (13th Annual)***

The Historical Society wants to recognize the efforts of the Lower Merion Conservancy to preserve and to protect our housing landscape.

The *Preservation WatchList* is an important advocacy tool used by the Lower Merion Conservancy to assist the community in preserving the built environment of Lower Merion and Narberth. While the list helps prioritize Conservancy efforts, it also calls attention to larger issues such as neighborhood quality of life, improvements needed in existing public policy, and the problem of *demolition by neglect*. The ultimate goal is to generate awareness that promotes positive action.

The WatchList was coordinated by Lori Salganicoff, the Historic Preservation Director at the Conservancy. The Historic Preservation Advisory Committee, a group of architects, realtors, preservationists, and historians, helped craft this list and included: Kathleen Abplanalp, Suzanna Barucco, Christian Busch, Jeff Cohen, Taryn D'Ambrosi Trexler, Gerry Fisher, Gerald Francis, Philip Franks, Jeff Groff, Christine Jones, Keith Jones, Elise Kemery, Jeff Levine, Dennis Montagna, Martha Moffat, Karen Nagel, Sarah VanLandingham, and Jean Wolf.

The 2011 Preservation WatchList is as follows:

1. Historic Windows (they define a building's character, but are often unnecessarily replaced)
2. Bala Avenue Commercial Corridor (once and future Main Street, but without preservation protections - *see picture below*)
3. City Avenue Mid-century Moderns (the last remaining elements of the "Golden Mile")

4. Traditional Street Signs (character-defining features of our landscape that may soon be lost)
5. Barnes Foundation (what happens to the historic Merion campus if the collection moves as planned?)
6. Inwood Farm Barn (Conshohocken State Road at Spring Mill Road, Gladwyne)
7. Mill Buildings (the few remaining along Mill Creek and Gulley Run face economic and stormwater challenges)
8. Lewis House (1231 Montgomery Avenue, Wynnewood)
9. Miller-Bell House (335 Righters Ferry Road, Bala Cynwyd)
10. Odd Fellows Hall and Cemetery (324 Righters Mill Road, Gladwyne)
11. Gerhard Building (135 Bryn Mawr Avenue, Bryn Mawr)



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## ***Building Photographs - To preserve Today for tomorrow's history***

Our March pictures are from [www.lowermerionhistory.org/buildings/](http://www.lowermerionhistory.org/buildings/), where it is part of our future history:

*Two houses that have been demolished without replacement so that a neighbor can add the lot to his garden.*



[1210 Rock Creek Road, Gladwyne](#)



[317 Mallwyd Road, Merion](#)

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The April issue will have the results of our Annual Meeting and a status report concerning the Cynwyd Train Station and the Cynwyd Heritage Trail .

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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.

