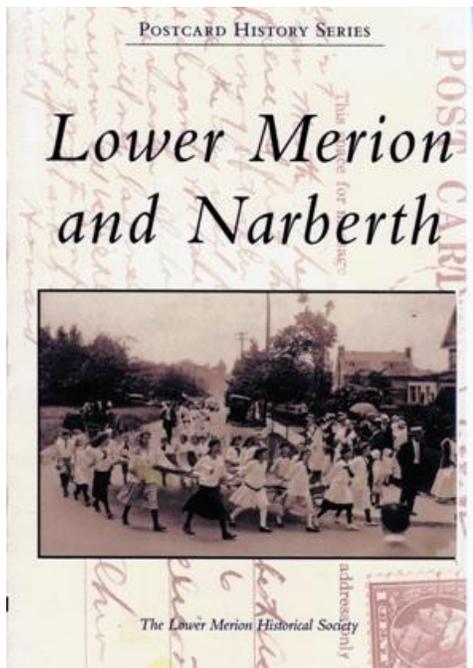




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Hi Friend of the Historical Society,

The Lower Merion Historical Society, located at the Lower Merion Academy, is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. For more than 60 years our volunteers have provided educational programs, made our extensive resources more accessible to the public, and promoted the preservation of historic treasures.



Lower Merion and Narberth

It has been a long time in the making, but the Historical Society has come out with its first publication in ten years, *Lower Merion and Narberth*. The book focuses on the period between 1900-1950, a time of dramatic transformation in the township from farmland, to industrial powerhouse, to premier residential suburbs. With almost 200 images from postcards, advertisements, and real photographs, authors Jerry and Sarah Francis sought to tell the little-known stories of the working class, who comprised the majority of the township's population.

ALL proceeds will go directly to the benefit of the Cynwyd Station Capital Campaign, which will help complete the revitalization and renovation of the 1890 Pennsylvania Railroad depot.

**The official book launch is scheduled for:
Sunday, October 24, at 2 p.m.**

**at the Lower Merion Academy
506 Bryn Mawr Avenue in Bala Cynwyd**



Jerry and Sarah will present a slide show of their favorite images, answer questions, and sign books. Tours of the 1812 school building, a previous historic restoration project of the society, will gladly be given. The event is free.

Cynwyd Train Station Update

In 2007, engineers for both SEPTA and Lower Merion Township agreed that the Cynwyd Train Station building was in danger of complete collapse within two years. Now three years later, the first caretaker in half a century moved into the second floor of the newly renovated, green building that will soon serve

as the only trailhead for the Cynwyd Heritage Trail. It was an amazing feat for the Historical Society (which used almost its entire endowment to finance the project), the township, SEPTA, Stumpo Construction (our general contractor), and the dozen individuals and companies that have donated materials, time, and funding. But alas, the work is not yet done.

With the launch of our new book, we are gearing up our capital campaign to raise the remaining funds required to complete the revitalization, so the station's first floor will be outfitted for a tenant, and the shell to be returned to its original 1890 appearance and former glory as the center of Bala Cynwyd. Please help us finish the job we have already devoted so much time and love to, so that the station can continue to serve the community.

- Visit LowerMerionHistory.org to buy a book or make a donation.
- Visit CynwydHeritageTrail.com to learn more about the story of the Cynwyd Train Station and the components of the green renovation.

The November edition will highlight the thousands of Building Photographs on our web site - what we've photographed and why - as we try to preserve the look of our township and borough **today**, for our future history.

Also, there will be an update on the Cynwyd Heritage Trail and the work that we are doing for the *Preserve America Grant*.

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.

