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Preservation Delaware Annual Meeting in Milton

This year, Preservation Delaware will hold its annual membership meeting in the Town of Milton in Sussex County — at Noon on Saturday, October 21st. In addition to the regular reports associated with the membership meeting, there will be opportunities to view the recently refurbished Lydia Black Cannon Museum and take a guided walking tour of Milton’s historic downtown. A buffet lunch will be served, and there will be a charge of \$25 per person. Please RSVP your plans to attend to 302 651 9617 ext.10 or director@preservationde.org. Additional location, parking, and agenda information will be provided when we hear from you.

Located along the beautiful Broadkill River, Milton was permanently settled by Europeans with land grants from William Penn in 1682 and became a center of Delaware’s ship building industry throughout the 19th century. Milton’s remarkable renaissance is founded in large measure on historic preservation and on the restoration of many buildings from the late 18th and 19th centuries. Milton’s commitment to historic preservation as the engine of its economic and cultural revitalization is reflected in the Town’s museum (where PDI will meet), its National Register Historic District, and the adoption of a Historic Preservation Ordinance.

Plan on making a day or even a weekend out of attendance at the membership meeting. Support PDI and enjoy the many sites and visitor opportunities available in Sussex County. Again, RSVP to director@preservationde.org or 302 651 9617 ext. 10

Gardenscapes September 16th — Register Now!

“Gardenscapes” is a Preservation Delaware event that has taken place all summer long. Mark your calendars now for September 16th 4–7pm for the celebration and culmination of this inaugural event. Artists, art classes, schools and associations from Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Pennsylvania have been represented during “Gardenscapes”, a summer-long festival of art in the Marian Coffin Gardens at Gibraltar. Through the gates and within the walls of this historic garden are commanding vistas, notable trees, shaded walkways, secluded niches, fountains, statuary and, of course, flowers enough to inspire artists of every genre and style. The gardens, designed by Coffin, a pioneer female landscape architect of the early 20th Century, are one of her few intact garden designs remaining, listed on the National Register of Historic Places and a Save America’s Treasures Project, also recently receiving recognition from The Cultural Landscape Foundation. <http://www.tclf.org/landslide/2006/>

Open dawn to dusk, every day, without charge, the public is invited to stroll the gardens and enjoy, possibly seeing an artist at work. The Gibraltar gardens will once again participate on the city of Wilmington art loop on September 8th and will feature information on the unique statuary within the gardens. On September 16th a celebration of Marian Coffin’s 130th birthday will be held at the Delaware Center for Horticulture with a Garden Party and Silent Auction of artist’s work and additional items to benefit the ongoing restoration of the Gibraltar Gardens. Attendance is limited and please return the following invitation below with payment ASAP. See you there! : Return to: PDI, 1405 Greenhill Ave., Wilmington, DE 19806

____ # of tickets to “Gardenscapes” Sept. 16th event (\$60.00 per person)
 ____ Additional contribution towards Gibraltar Gardens
 Name(s) _____
 Address _____
 (e-mail) _____
 Additional parking and event information will be provided by e-mail prior to the event. Tickets will be held at the door, no sales day of.
 Checks made out to Preservation Delaware,
 Signature _____
 Charge my VISA/MC _____ / _____ / _____ / _____
 Exp. _____ / _____ \$ _____
 Full address required

Artists Participating in Gardenscapes

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| Amparo Rivera | Kristeena Crabb |
| Mimi B. Johnson | Cynthia Back |
| Veronica Mauro | Susan Cathcart |
| Michael Tavani | Diane Cannon |
| Cynthia Black | Carol Lummus |
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High Hopes

by Trent Margrif

Over 160 people attended the recent statewide preservation conference in Dover. I am pleased with such a large turnout, and it was also great to see dozens of first time attendees. Preservation Delaware and its statewide partners intend to continue our shared resources for future conferences, and continue the cycle of every 18 months, so look for the next conference in Fall 2007. What themes or topics would you like to see addressed at a future conference? Please let me know at director@preservationde.org.

Preservation Delaware, Inc., continues to strive to improve our capability as Delaware's only statewide preservation organization. Thanks to the generosity of the Freeman Foundation, Preservation Delaware, Inc., was one of only eight non-profits in the state to participate in four sessions of Standards for Excellence training, held recently in various Sussex County locations. We hope to eventually receive certification through this program. The Standards for Excellence are an ethics and accountability code for the nonprofit sector. You can find more information at www.standardsforexcellence.org.

Finally, don't forget our upcoming events: Gardenscapes on Sept. 16th and our annual meeting on Oct. 21st (see the front page of this newsletter). We hope to see you there!

Update on Gibraltar

In November 2005, Preservation Delaware, Inc. signed an agreement with CCS Investors for the future redevelopment of the Gibraltar property. CCS plans to adaptively reuse the Gibraltar mansion for class A office space. Construction of a new office building on the site is essential to fund the restoration and continued maintenance of the mansion. CCS and PDI have held several community meetings and have received feedback on the proposal. The next steps in this process will be seeking approval for a zoning variance with the city and easement amendment with the state. Preservation Delaware will

continue to operate the Marian Coffin Gardens at Gibraltar, and they will remain open to the public during and following the redevelopment of the mansion.

Preservation Delaware selected the CCS proposal because it was the only proposal received that met all four of PDI's criteria in the 2005 RFP:

- Preservation and restoration of the mansion
- Benefit to the public
- Previous historic rehabilitation experience of the applicant
- Financial ability to carry out the project

CCS Investors have successfully adaptively reused the Garrett House located in Yorklyn, the mansion of the owner of the Garrett Snuff Mill, and the Holladay-Harrington House in Greenville, the original residence of the Holladay family who acquired it from the DuPont Company. Preservation Delaware will continue to keep its membership informed as this project moves forward.

Meet the PDI Board

Rebecca Tulloch retired from DuPont in December of 2004, and is now working as the mediation coordinator for the Office of the State's Attorney in Cecil County, MD. She is a member of the board of the Appoquinimink Boys and Girls Club and the Chester Valley Community Mediation Center of Kent County, MD and volunteers with the Delaware Office of the Child Advocate.

Sylvia F. Lahvis, Ph.D. is serving her sixth year on the board. As chair of the education committee she has chaired the last two PDI conferences and has been working on a program for school children that teaches the importance of preserving the state's cultural heritage and built environment. She teaches American Art and Architecture at the University of Delaware and has published in *Winterthur Portfolio*, *The Magazine Antiques*, and *American National Biography*.

The statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of Delaware's architectural heritage and historic settings.

Preservation Delaware is a statewide partner of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Preservation Delaware Preservation Awards

Call for Nominations

Preservation Delaware, Inc. is the statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of Delaware's architectural heritage and historic settings. Through our Preservation Awards program, we wish to celebrate recent outstanding achievements in historic preservation throughout the First State by honoring individuals, businesses, and organizations that have made important contributions to preservation in Delaware.

Nominations are due December 18th, 2006; and must be submitted using this form. Send to: Preservation Delaware, 1405 Greenhill Ave., Wilmington, DE, 19806 Awards will be presented at a future Preservation Delaware event.

| NOMINATION: | NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY: |
|---|------------------------------------|
| Project Name & Location/Person Nominated _____ | Name _____ |
| Contact person for project _____ | Organization (if applicable) _____ |
| Address _____ | Address _____ |
| Phone _____ | Phone or E-mail _____ |
| Approximate Dates of Project/Program: | |
| Start _____, Finish _____, Ongoing _____ | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects must have been started and completed, or substantially progressed 2003-2006. • Projects must be located in Delaware, the work of organizations/individuals, in state. • Self-nominated or projects submitted anonymously are accepted. | |
| Nomination is submitted for the following category (nominations may be submitted for more than one category, but a separate nomination package must be submitted for every category): | |
| _____ Preservation/Restoration of a significant historic resource; for commercial use | |
| _____ Preservation/Restoration of a significant historic resource; for residential use | |
| _____ Community Impact of stewardship or preservation/restoration of local historic resource | |
| _____ Individual, Corporate, or Organizational Leadership | |
| _____ Local advocacy efforts, media coverage, or community service for historic preservation | |
| _____ Archeological site preservation or protection | |

In addition to this completed form, nominations must include a concise description of the project, program, or efforts (no more than one page) relating to the achievements or impact, including:

- Increased awareness of historic preservation in a community and educational/beneficial impact
- Preservation of significant historic resource or site, significance of site/resource
- Quality of effort, challenges overcome, unique strategies, can project serve as a model
- Total accomplishments and contributions, did project lead to additional preservation efforts

Submission of supplementary materials is encouraged, including photographs, slides, maps, and published accounts. Photographs should be labeled, dated, and appropriate credit listed. These materials will not be returned unless prior arrangements are made, we reserve the right to use all submitted materials in promotional activities, publications, and events.

Nominations will be considered by a jury of preservationists. We reserve the right to consider projects not formally nominated, and not to place awards in every category. Award recipients will be notified no later than March 1st, 2007, and any publicity regarding the award will be asked to be held until a future Preservation Delaware event or awards ceremony.

Past Award winners:

2001: Robin Brown, F. Brooke Clendaniel, Lamborn Library Building, Little Creek Friends Meeting House, Victoria W. Owen, Rehoboth Art League Homestead Garden Restoration, Ellen Slade, Richard Urban, Wilmington Renaissance Corporation, Historic Red Clay Valley, Inc.

2000: The Trustees of New Castle Common for Old Town Hall, Phillip Cartanza for the Cherbourg Round Barn, the Georgetown community, Kent County historic properties tax credit program, Rep. Roger P. Roy & Senator Patricia M. Blevins

1999: James Shinn & B. Frank Shinn Paint Company, Patrick Hauck, Sydney Spruance, Rep. Deborah Capano, Roger Jones, Rep. Joseph DiPinto, Rep. David Ennis, five founding board members of Preservation Delaware Don Homsey, Mary Jane Elliott, Linda Boyden, Kim Burdick, and Bill Sellers.

American Farmland Trust's National Conference in Delaware

From *Fields of Plenty* by Michael Ableman, Chronicle Books 2005

When American Farmland Trust was founded in 1980, saving American farmland was an innovative idea. Today, every state has some kind of program to support farmers and farmland, and more than half the continental U.S. has publicly funded farmland protection programs. Even the federal government has joined the bandwagon—first the U.S. Department of Agriculture and now the Department of Defense are authorized to purchase conservation easements on farmland.

The competition for land first felt 25 years ago has grown exponentially. Sprawl has become a concern of communities across the nation. Agriculture increasingly is practiced in an urban context. Global markets have changed the structure of our nation's food and farming system. The public demands higher standards of environmental quality and food safety. Given all these pressures, fewer young people and beginning farmers are entering agriculture. Half of America's farm operators are age 55 or older and manage more than half of all acres in production. Since land is most vulnerable when it changes hands, millions more acres will become at risk in this generation—and the challenges to saving it are more complex than ever.

The theme of the 2006 "Farming on the Edge" conference is "**The Next Generation**"—the next generation of national farm policies, farmland protection programs, community plans, production practices and markets, and the next generation of farmers themselves. The 2006 conference is hosted by the Delaware Department of Agriculture. "Livable Delaware" initiatives, protective strategies to curb sprawl and the Department of Agriculture's protection of 442 farms and nearly 80,000 acres have made Delaware a visionary leader in farmland preservation. The core workshop and keynote sessions of the conference will be held **November 13–15 in Newark, Delaware**, with special bus tours and other activities scheduled before and after. We expect to draw 500 planners and policy makers, farmers and ranchers, land trusts and conservationists, agricultural educators and economic development experts.

The Mid-Atlantic region's knowledgeable and seasoned experts will be featured in more than 30 workshops, keynote sessions, panel discussions and bus tours. Workshop presenters include agricultural educators and researchers; conservationists; economic development officers; farmland protection program managers; farmers, ranchers and foresters; land trust staff and volunteers; planners; and local, state and federal officials and policymakers. For more information, <http://www.farmland.org/conference2006/>

More Delaware Farmland Protected

Delaware Agricultural Lands Preservation Foundation announced 21 farms have been selected for preservation at a cost of more than \$15 million to save 2,373 acres of prime farmland. The preservation program was started in 1991 and helps provide funds to purchase farmland throughout the state. Last year, Gov. Ruth Ann Minner and the Delaware General Assembly established a permanent funding source for the program. Nationally, Delaware ranks first in the percentage of land that is permanently preserved, at 6.4 percent, 82,317 acres total. You can find more information at <http://www.state.de.us/deptagri/aglands/lndpres.shtml>

Farmland Preservation Progress in Sussex County

At an early May 2006 Sussex County Council meeting, county officials approved \$650,000 to save 500 acres of farmland throughout the county. The allotment was part of a team effort with the Sussex County Land Trust, Delaware Agricultural Lands Preservation Foundation, and other agencies. The 500 acres are located on working farms in the Milton, Bridgeville, and Seaford areas.

Kent County Passes Coastal Zone Protection

Recently, Kent County passed a Coastal Zone Protection Overlay Ordinance. The ordinance restricts development between Delaware Route 1 and Route 9 to one single-family home per five acres, and between Route 9 and the coast to one home per ten acres. The county previously allowed between one home per acre and one per four acres, depending on the type of waste water system installed. The new ordinance aims to keep traffic down to avoid the need to enhance or build new roads, to continue to encourage growth in the country growth zone and promote tourism. Kent County's coastal zone is more than 110,000 acres, of that more than 43,000 acres are eligible for development. The rest is comprised of small towns, wetland and federally and state protected open spaces.

Transportation Enhancements Projects

Transportation Enhancements funding can be used in Delaware for a number of historic preservation purposes, including rehabilitation of historic depots, scenic easements and historic acquisitions. Some recent examples of uses of transportation enhancement funding include:

- 2003 scenic easement acquisitions along Route 9 in New Castle and Kent Counties and Cooch's Bridge Scenic Easement
- 2004 Reynolds Tract Scenic Acquisition near Hockessin, historic preservation of the exterior of the Sterling Building in Delaware City, Fenwick Lighthouse Improvements, Laurel Train Station Renovations, and Lewes Shipwreck Research and Recovery
- 2005 Sharp Property Conservation Easement near Odessa and Georgetown Train Car Restoration.

For more specific information about funding levels on these and other projects go to www.enhancements.org. We will continue to cover future transportation enhancement projects. For more information on this program go to www.deldot.gov/static/Community_programs_services/te/ or contact the State Transportation Enhancement Coordinator at 302 760 2178.

Friends of Wilmington Parks Adopts "Sugar Bowl" Project

The Friends of Wilmington Parks identified its next significant architectural project in Brandywine Park: the reconstruction of a domed structure commonly known as the "Sugar Bowl" pavilion. Friends of Wilmington Parks will conduct fundraising and oversee management of the multi-year project, partnering with the Delaware Division of Parks and Recreation and a dedicated group of local professionals. The original Sugar Bowl pavilion, named for its domed roof's likeness to a sugar bowl lid, was completed in 1902 and demolished in stages mid-century after suffering irreversible damage. When completed, the pavilion overlook will be a landmark to anchor the north end of the park. Friends of Wilmington Parks is a nonprofit organization devoted to the preservation and restoration of the Wilmington State Parks, for more information go to www.friendsofwilmingtonparks.org or call 302 656 3665.

Regional APA Conference

The Delaware/Maryland Chapter of the APA (American Planning Association) will be holding their 2006 conference October 4–6 in Wilmington. Co-sponsored by the Delaware Humanities Forum and the AARP, it will feature nationally-recognized speakers, innovative breakout sessions, and exciting mobile workshops. Key speakers include John Byrne, William Novelli, and John Nordquist. John Nordquist, the President and CEO of the Congress for New Urbanism and former Milwaukee mayor, is best known for his work promoting alternatives to sprawl. There will be mobile workshops and breakout sessions will focus on our aging population, regional planning, the environment, professional development and regional transportation. For more information please visit the conference homepage at www.ipa.udel.edu/delapa.

Heritage Tourism On Line

The following is a partial list of resources available for those looking to learn more about heritage tourism or hoping to start heritage tourism programs in their own area. Compiled by the New Jersey Historic Preservation Office.

Advisory Council for Historic Preservation www.achp.gov/heritagetourism.html

Center for Tourism Policy & Research www.sfu.ca/~dossa/heritage.htm

Cultural & Heritage Tourism Alliance www.chtalliance.com

Federal Preservation Institute <http://fpi.historicpreservation.gov>

International Trade Administration <http://tinet.ita.doc.gov>

National Endowment Humanities www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/historicplanning.html

National Geographic Society www.nationalgeographic.com/travel/sustainable

National Park Service www.nps.gov/phso/sources/linksht.htm

Preserve America Program www.preserveamerica.gov

National Trust for Historic Preservation www.nationaltrust.org/heritage_tourism/help

Partners in Tourism www.culturalheritagetourism.org

Travel & Tourism Resource Association www.ttra.com

Travel Industry Association of America www.tia.org

World Travel & Tourism Council www.wttc.org

HISTORIC SUSSEX

Historic Sussex is a private, not-for-profit coalition of local historical societies, museums, community historic preservation boards, historic sites, public officials and private citizens who have a shared interest in preserving historic, archaeological, scenic, and cultural resources in all of Sussex County.

Historic Sussex maintains a close, working relationship with Preservation Delaware, Inc and cooperates with this statewide, private organization on a wide variety of activities in support of our overriding goal of protecting irreplaceable historic and cultural resources. Our major focus is on the rapidly disappearing historic fabric of Sussex County and the pressing need to rally citizens who are committed to finding creative and economically productive ways to preserve and protect historic resources in the county's cities, towns, and countryside.

OUR GENERAL GOALS INCLUDE:

- A continuing, thorough inventory of historic, cultural, and archaeological sites in Sussex County
- An early warning system to detect and respond to threats to sites and resources
- Sound and effective Local and County policies to protect historic resources and build on their proven potential to promote economic and community development — in comprehensive plans as well as implementing ordinances
- Continuing education and advocacy respecting the economic and community development potential of historic preservation programs, such as Historic Districts, Heritage Tourism, Main Street, Scenic and Historic Byways, and Rural Conservation
- Creation and staffing of a Sussex County Office of Historic Preservation
- A partnership and outreach program with higher education institutions and the county's school districts

For additional information, please contact Dan Costello, Preservation Delaware Vice President, at danofbethany@aol.com or Trent Margrif, Preservation Delaware Executive Director, at director@preservationde.org and (302) 651-9617.

A House in Need of a Family

By Cara Lee Blume, Ph.D., DNREC, Cultural Heritage Program Manager

When Hetty Ann Cannon married Elijah H. Warrington in 1842, they settled down on property that Hetty Ann had inherited from her father, Jeremiah. For the first 10 or so years of their marriage, they lived in a small three-room, two-story house that had been moved onto the property from somewhere else. The paneled end-wall, boxed staircase, elegant window cases, beaded weatherboard and large cooking fireplace with surviving crane suggest that this house (the Warrington House near Laurel) was built before the end of the 18th century, perhaps by Hetty Ann's grandfather, Joseph Cannon.

In the decade before the Civil War, the Warrington's added a four-room, two-story main block that superficially resembled the standard farmhouse found throughout Kent and Sussex Counties, but with a profusion of Italianate brackets in four different sizes and designs. Owned by the Warrington family until 2000, when it was purchased by the Delaware Division of Parks and Recreation, the Warrington House preserves both the 18th century appearance of the interior of the rear wing and the mid-19th century character of the exterior and second floor of the main block.

Today, the historic home is in need of modernization and tender loving care. Located on as much as 10–20 acres of land (the size of the associated property is negotiable) in rural southwestern Sussex County, the Warrington House is within 30 minutes of Rehoboth and Ocean City beaches and provides easy access to Trap Pond State Park's canoeing and hiking opportunities. The Division of Parks and Recreation is looking for a resident curator or curators to renovate the house in return for the right to live in the house rent-free for life. To learn more about Delaware's innovative resident curatorship program, log onto the Division's website at www.destateparks.com/curator or contact me at (302)739-9191 or cara.blume@state.de.us.



Delaware's New Listings in the National Register of Historic Places

by Robin Bodo, Historian, Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs.

Five properties were listed in the National Register during the first half of 2006. The Foord and Massey Furniture Company Building at 701 Shipley Street in downtown Wilmington was listed on March 24, 2006 because it is a locally important example of Collegiate Gothic style architecture. Constructed in 1916 as a showroom and warehouse, the building is proposed for redevelopment into apartments and to take advantage of the state and federal tax incentives for rehabilitation. The nomination was prepared by Sheryl Jaslow of Powers and Company in Philadelphia.

Also in Wilmington, the stately Italianate mansion built in 1864 by the carriage manufacturer John Merrick that now houses the Wilmington Club, was listed on April 19, 2006. John Merrick, who made his fortune in the carriage industry, built his house at 1103 Market Street before the construction of Rodney Square when large, elaborate mansions like this one were the dominant feature on the landscape in this section of town. This brownstone house is being carefully conserved by the Wilmington Club who has been in residence in this building since 1900. Debra Martin, Preservation Planner for the City, authored the nomination.

The third property in Wilmington to be listed this year is the Bellevue Range Rear Light. The steel structure is located on Cherry Island and is similar in design to the other skeletal rear lights that are in more accessible locations, like Liston Range Rear Light located west of Port Penn and easily seen from Delaware Route 1 near the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal Bridge. Range lights operate in pairs and are aids to navigation in inland waterways like the Delaware River. The U.S. Coast Guard nominated the Bellevue Range Rear Light to the National Register as part of their responsibilities under Section 110 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended to identify, nominate, and preserve historic properties within their jurisdiction. This property was listed on April 26, 2006.

Located on Welsh Tract Road near Newark, the Charles and Edith Liedlich House was listed on the National Register as a locally important example of the Craftsman style of architecture. Charles Liedlich was a local builder who designed this stylish home for his family in 1919. Listed on April 19, 2006, the property was identified as part of the Section 106 compliance for a recent project on Interstate 95 and the nomination was written by Courtney Clark of John Milner Associates.

Hickman Row Historic District, 1-117 Hickman Road in Claymont, was listed in the National Register on June 23, 2006. Designed and built in 1919 as worker housing for Worth Steel Company's African American workforce, the two blocks of row houses look like inner city housing unexpectedly placed in the suburban landscape of northern Brandywine Hundred. The people who came here were generally from Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi as part of the Great Migration, a larger historical trend beginning in the 20th Century for African American families leave the Deep South and to head to the industrial centers of the north looking for work and better living conditions. The strong sense of community that developed at Hickman Row continues to this day.

For more information about the National Register program contact me directly at robin.bodo@state.de.us or call 302 736-7400. Or check out the Division's web site at www.history.delaware.gov.





Downstate Historic Building Losses Mounting Due to Development Pressure

Robin Bodo, Historian, Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs.

The National Register listed Camden Historic District lost an important component with the demolition of the A. Jackson House. Demolished by the owner, who also owns the neighboring lumber yard, the demolition was inadvertently triggered by the Camden building inspector as part of an effort to have the property owner invest money in fixing the building. Forcing the issue with a “fix or demolish” with a reluctant owner can cause the opposite of the desired result. Although members of the local historical society tried to stop the demolition in progress and succeeded in halting the process for a few days, ultimately the town had to honor the demolition permit and the building was lost.

Milton lost an important historic resource over the July 4th weekend with the collapse of Milton School #196 C due to demolition by neglect, when a property is abandoned and has no maintenance. Built in the 1920s as part of the rebuilding of the state’s segregated education system, the school was built with funds from philanthropist and industrialist Pierre S. duPont. The building was owned by a trust set up to care for an elderly woman. The three acre parcel upon which the building sat is located along the recently developing Route 16 corridor at the northern end of town. Local historian and town councilman, Nobel Prettyman, whose grandmother taught at the school and briefly attended elementary school here, spearheaded the effort to list the building on the National Register and a nomination was prepared by Sussex County Preservation Planner Brian Page. But the Trustee objected and State Historic Preservation Officer Timothy A. Slavin was pursuing the matter with the Trustee when the building collapsed in the storms.

Demolition by neglect is a problem that continues to plague Delaware’s historic properties, and much of the nation. A webpage of the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation has an excellent commentary on the action in their state and mentions the laws and programs of other states concerning demolition by neglect, also including links to the ordinances of Washington, DC and Detroit: <http://www.cttrust.org/index.cgi/1050>

Additionally we have learned that the Jehu Reed house was granted a demolition permit by Kent County in April of 2006, it still stands currently but perhaps not for long. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1973, this is a well known property currently covered in ivy and not maintained along Highway 1/113 in the Little Heaven area. Below is a brief amount of history available from the National Park Service website. If you are interested in assisting with preservation efforts for the Jehu Reed House please call Amanda Deschenes at 302 684 2646.

Little Heaven. **REED, JEHU, HOUSE**, U.S. 113 and DE 8, 1771. Brick (partially Flemish bond with glazed headers), 3 stories, L-shaped, low hipped roof, interior end chimneys, paired brackets under cornice, paired round arched 3rd-floor windows, porch with ornate ironwork; building lengthened with 3rd floor and porch added, 1565. Georgian and Italianate elements. Illustrates expansion and changing styles: owners included Jehu Reed, pioneer known for scientific agricultural techniques. *Private; not accessible to the public.*

Annual Report

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| September Garden Party Event Sponsors: | |
|---|--------|
| Buccini Pollin | \$5000 |
| Gilbane Building Company | \$5000 |
| Duffield Associates | \$2500 |
| WSFS Bank | \$2500 |
| Brandywine Fine Properties | \$1000 |
| New Castle County | \$1000 |
| Setting Properties, Inc. | \$1000 |
| CCS Investors | \$1000 |

Organizations:

Association of Delaware Home Builders
 Brandywine Conservancy
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 The Committee of 100
 Delaware Agricultural Museum
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| PDI Financial Activities for the year ended June 30, 2005 | | | |
|---|-------------|-----------------------|---------|
| Income | | Expense | |
| Membership | 26,230 | Payroll Expenses | 77,170 |
| Contributions/Grants | 26,444 | Bank Charges/Audit | 4,835 |
| Fund Raising(net) | 30,451 | Property Maintenance | 12,453 |
| Program Income | 25,337 | Insurance | 1,205 |
| Investment Income | 116,452 | Prop.Taxes/Utilities | 15,722 |
| TOTAL: | 224,914 | Lawn Care/roof repair | 36,570 |
| | | Office Expenses | 3,771 |
| Total Assets: | \$3,166,507 | Postage/Printing | 10,239 |
| Liabilities & Net Assets: | \$3,166,507 | Travel/conf. fees | 5,022 |
| Revenue vs. Expense: | \$6,922 | Program Expenses | 21,250 |
| *Audit Copies for FY05 available by request, completed by Cover & Rossitor | | Depreciation | 28,853 |
| | | Misc. | 902 |
| | | TOTAL: | 217,992 |
| *As of 1/31/06 the endowment levels with the Delaware Community Foundation are as follows: Gibraltar Gardens Endowment: \$665,555 Preservation Delaware General Operating Endowment: \$454,827 Delaware Preservation (Revolving) Fund: \$106,767. | | | |
| PDI Financial Activities for the year ended June 30, 2006 | | | |
| Income | | Expense | |
| Membership | 26,810 | Payroll Expenses | 109,848 |
| Contributions/Grants | 31,611 | Bank Charges/Audit | 5,445 |
| Fund Raising(net) | 38,229 | Property Maintenance | 15,279 |
| Program Income | 48,526 | Insurance | 10,303 |
| Investment Income | 91,443 | Prop.Taxes/Utilities | 14,846 |
| TOTAL: | 236,619 | Bookkeeper/interns | 5,478 |
| | | Office Expenses | 3,653 |
| Total Assets: | \$3,183,649 | Postage/Printing | 8,478 |
| Liabilities & Net Assets: | \$3,183,649 | Travel/conf. fees | 5,297 |
| Revenue vs. Expense: | \$19,841 | Program Expenses | 8,386 |
| *unaudited, audited copies FY06 available by request, completed by Cover & Rossitor by 2007 | | Depreciation | 28,390 |
| | | Misc. | 1,375 |
| | | TOTAL: | 216,778 |

July 2004 to June 2006 Outreach List; Brief Summary

Nationally the Executive Director represented Preservation Delaware at Lobby Day in Washington DC, National Trust preservation conferences, and additional regional preservation conferences. There is continued correspondence with partners in other states by phone, e-mail, sharing of information by mail, etc. Best practices in similar situations.

Statewide outreach and presentations to individuals, governments, and organizations in the following communities. New Castle County: Ardens, Claymont, Delaware City, Elsmere, Glasgow, Hockessin, Middletown, New Castle, Newark, Odessa, Pencader, St. Georges, Townsend, Wilmington, Yorklyn. Kent County: Bowers Beach, Camden, Cheswold, Clayton, Dover, Felton, Frederica, Harrington, Milford, Smyrna, Wyoming, Sussex County: Bethany Beach, Bethel, Bridgeville, Dagsboro, Fenwick Island, Georgetown, Henlopen Acres, Laurel, Lewes, Millsboro, Milton, Ocean View, Rehoboth Beach, Seaford

Major projects and programs
 Continued maintenance and operation of the historic Marian Coffin Gardens at Gibraltar, free and open to the public. Tours to more than 800 individuals, weddings, and wedding photos within the gardens. Numerous events including three successful Greens Sales. Estimated attendance from July 2003 to June 2006 total of 8,000 individual visitors.

Held statewide preservation conferences in Wilmington in October 2004, 120 attendance, and Dover in May 2006, 160 attendance. Held Commission Assistance and Mentoring training through National Alliance of Preservation Commissions in Delaware City in August 2004, 50 attendance, historic tax credit workshop in Wilmington October 2005, 50 in attendance.

PLEASE NOTE: Information in this PDI Post represents a partial annual report provided to current members. A complete annual report will be presented at the annual meeting in Milton on October 21st. Those unable to attend this meeting and wishing a copy please contact Trent Margrif at Preservation Delaware, director@preservationde.org

Future events on the Past

Sept. 12–14 “World Canals Conference” Industry to Recreation: Greening the Coal Canals. Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.
<http://www.canals.org/wcc/>

Sept. 16 “Gardenscapes”; see front page and send your registration in now!

Sept. 27 Delaware Association of Non-Profit Agencies, Annual Conference, Newark, www.delawarenonprofit.org.

Sept. 28 – Oct. 1, W3R, A Revolutionary Weekend ; Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route 1 800 489 6664 or www.w3r-de.org 225th Anniversary of the Yorktown Campaign, Symposia, Reenactments, Theatre, 18th Century Music, Guest Lectures, & More. Wilmington.

Oct. 4–6 “From Urban to Suburban and Back” Delaware APA Conference, Co-sponsored by Delaware Humanities Forum and AARP, Wilmington, www.ipa.udel.edu/delapa/

October 12–13 “Advanced Training Workshop for Historic Site Managers: Historic Landscapes” www.aaslh.org Washington, DC ; <http://www.aaslh.org/workshop.htm>

October 21, Preservation Delaware annual meeting, Milton, noon to 2pm, see front page and RSVP by October 13th if you plan to attend, director@preservationde.org

October 25 “Sustainable Delaware: Designing Communities and Buildings for America’s Future” Jointly sponsored by the Sea Grant Program, University of Delaware, and AIA Delaware. Lewes, call 302 654 9817 or <http://www.aiadelaware.org/events.html>

October 31–Nov. 6th National Trust Conference in Pittsburgh

Another reminder of the National Preservation Conference coming to Pittsburgh October 31–November 5, 2006. The Conference will not be closer to Delaware in the foreseeable future. Every year preservation experts, professionals working in related fields, and community leaders all gather at the conference. Meet the nation’s leaders in preservation advocacy, community development, commercial revitalization, real estate development, architecture, historic landscapes, heritage education, and more. Don’t miss this opportunity to attend the National Preservation Conference in Pittsburgh, a city known for its strong preservation work ethic and innovate public/private partnerships. Register online at www.nthpconference.org or call 1 866 805 5725.

November 5–8, Rail-Volution, Building Livable Communities with Transit, Chicago, 1 800 788 7077 or www.railvolution.com

November 13–15, American Farmland Trust’s National Conference, Newark, Delaware; www.farmland.org/conference2006

May 2007 Scheduled reopening of Nemours Mansion & Gardens, www.nemoursmansion.org 1 800 651 6912



Look for Wendy's Garden Update at www.preservationde.org

Friends of Gibraltar Gardens

With the goal of opening The Marian Coffin Garden to the public, PDI launched a capital campaign and a major restoration project in 1998 to restore the gardens to their original plan. The project was completed in 1999 and included restoration of the pool, fountains, ironwork, and walkways. The Marian Coffin gardens at Gibraltar are committed to preserving and promoting the design style of Marian Cruger Coffin and the historical landscape that was the estate of H. Rodney Sharp Sr. through education and entertainment within the garden.

Please join us in this mission; all donations are tax deductible to the limits of the law. All proceeds solely benefit the garden. You will receive correspondence about the garden and invitations to events and activities via email. If you have enjoyed your garden experience in the past and look forward to your next visit, please consider contributing to its operation. Send your check to: Preservation Delaware, Attn: Wendy Gentry, 1405 Greenhill Ave., Wilmington, DE, 19806 garden@preservationde.org

Friends of Gibraltar Garden Support Levels

- | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bronze | \$30.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Gold | \$100.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Silver | \$50.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Platinum | \$250.00 |

Total Donation: _____

Name: _____

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1405 Greenhill Ave. Wilmington, DE 19806

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| ___ \$50 Household | ___ \$100 Government Agency |
| ___ \$100 Supporting | ___ \$250 Business Partner |
| ___ \$500 Patron | ___ \$1,000 Corporate Cornerstone |
| | ___ \$ Corporate Keystone |
| ___ I'd like to volunteer or contribute in kind donations. | |
| ___ Add me to the advocacy/current events e-mail list. | |
| ___ Young Friends of Old Buildings (for young adults). | |
| ___ Enclosed in my employer's matching gift form. | |



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