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Cultural Resource Notice An Underused But Important Preservation Tool of the PA Department of Environmental Protection

Who knows better than we do? We, who live in Chester County's boroughs and townships . . . who wake each morning in century-old houses . . . who cross stone bridges traveling to work . . . who walk our dogs in fields dotted with weathered barns. Who knows better than we the beauty of the built reminders of our common history? And who understands the importance of preserving those resources more than those of us who live among them? Historic preservation is local. Historic preservation is a textbook, grass-roots endeavor that trickled up, capturing the attention of county, state and federal officials.

Today, historic preservation is impacted by a number of separate government agencies, each with unique processes and requirements. How familiar are you with what might be required of your municipality by the PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) in a land development project? Up for a pop quiz?

True or False:

- a) During a land development project, a review of historic resources is often required by DEP.
- b) The municipality routinely receives copies of all correspondence between the DEP and the applicant regarding historic resource reviews.
- c) The municipality, at its own discretion, may or may not choose to monitor the review for correctness.

- d) Involving the PHMC in the project is done at the discretion of the applicant.
- e) PHMC requirements are only shared with the applicant and DEP.
- f) The Chester County Conservation District has responsibility for appropriate execution of DEP permitting requirements.

Answers: a) True, b) False, c) False, d) False, e) True, f) True

Feeling comfortable with your answers? How many answers are you sure of? How many are just a guess? The Spring 2012 Workshop will answer those questions and more.

Save The Date!

Saturday, March 17th, 8 am – Noon, CCHPN will hold its annual Spring Workshop at Longwood Gardens. This will be the third workshop in our series on government agencies and the role they play in historic preservation. Workshop participants will hear first-hand how the DEP Cultural Resource Notice process can play a critical role in the protection of historic resources. Most importantly, participants will discover how best to work with the DEP so that historic assets can be effectively planned for within your municipality during land development projects.

Join us in the Founders Room of the Terrace Restaurant at Longwood

“Cultural Resource” is a catchall term for historic, archeological, and otherwise significant buildings, places, and objects.

The Chester County Historic Preservation Network is an affiliation of local organizations and individuals dedicated to promoting, protecting, and preserving Chester County's historic resources and landscapes through education, facilitation, and public and private advocacy.

Gardens, who have generously provided this venue for our workshop CCHPN President Bruce Knapp will open the Workshop at 8:30 am with a brief welcome and the introduction for Longwood Gardens' Executive Director Paul Redman. Paul will discuss the recently completed Route 52 Re-Alignment Project.

Karen Marshall, Chester County Heritage Preservation Coordinator, will introduce the morning's Case Study, a simulated 10-Lot Subdivision Project. Dominic Rocco, a DEP representative, will walk through the DEP permitting process and explain the role of the Cultural Resource Notice, focusing on how the review process works and how results are used at the state level.

Gaye Lynn Criswell of the Chester County Conservation District will discuss the county level review process. Susan Zacher, a Historic Resource Specialist, formerly at the Bureau of Historic

Preservation, will share her experience coordinating agencies when environmental reviews involve historic resources.

The Workshop will close with what promises to be an energetic Q&A session. Guests will be encouraged to tour the gardens after the workshop.

Who Should Attend?

The Spring Workshop is best attended by Historical and Planning Commissioners. Zoning officers and Township Managers may also be interested. Participants will come away with knowledge that will allow them to effectively partner with State and County agencies as land development projects are proposed in their municipalities.

- Sali Cosford Parker
CCHPN Board Member

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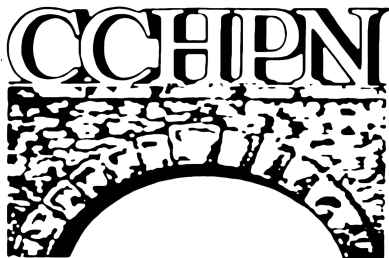
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Spring 2012 Workshop

Cultural Resource Notice

The DEP's Powerful Preservation Tool

New Venue!

Longwood Gardens
Founders Room
(in the Terrace Restaurant)
1001 Longwood Road
Kennett Square, PA

Fees

Member: \$15.00 - either dues-paid individual or municipality/organization
Non-member: \$20.00

Fees include workshop registration and breakfast. Lunch is not included. Register early to ensure your spot! No refunds can be given. For more information, call: 1-877-44-CCHPN (1-877-442-2476)

Additional information is on the next page.

Each attendee gets access to Longwood Gardens for the day!

March 17, 2012, Saturday - Rain or Shine!

- 8:00a Coffee and camaraderie
- 8:30 **Welcome**, Bruce Knapp, CCHPN
- 8:40 **Route 52 Re-Alignment**, Paul Redman, Longwood Gardens
- 9:00 **Introduction to Case Study**, Karen Marshall, Chester County Facilities and Parks Department
- 9:10 **DEP Cultural Resource Notice**, Dominic Rocco, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
- 10:00 Break
- 10:15 **County Reviews**, Gaye Lynn Criswell, Chester County Conservation District
- 10:45 **Coordinating Agency Reviews**, Susan Zacher, formerly of the Bureau for Historic Preservation
- 11:30 **Case Study by Tables and Q & A**
- 12:00 **Adjourn**

This event is co-sponsored by Longwood Gardens.



Registration Form

RSVP by March 10, 2012

Municipality/Organization _____
 Primary Contact Person _____
 Email Address _____
 Street Address _____
 City/State/Zip Code _____
 Telephone _____

If you would like to include your membership dues with your registration, please check below:
 Individual (\$20.00)
 Municipality/Organization (\$85.00)

Make checks payable to CCHPN

Names of Attendees - Municipality/Organization Members *May include Supervisors, commission members, staff, etc. Up to four at membership fee, others at non-member fee*

_____ @ \$15.00
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Attendees - Individual Members

_____ @ \$15.00
 _____ @ \$15.00
 _____ @ \$15.00

Attendees - Non-Members and additional attendees from Municipality/Organization Members

_____ @ \$20.00
 _____ @ \$20.00
 _____ @ \$20.00

Total amount of check for registration fee(s) and/or Membership fee(s) \$ _____

Mail form and check to: CCHPN, PO Box 174, West Chester, PA 19381. Thanks!

Workshop Information

Location:

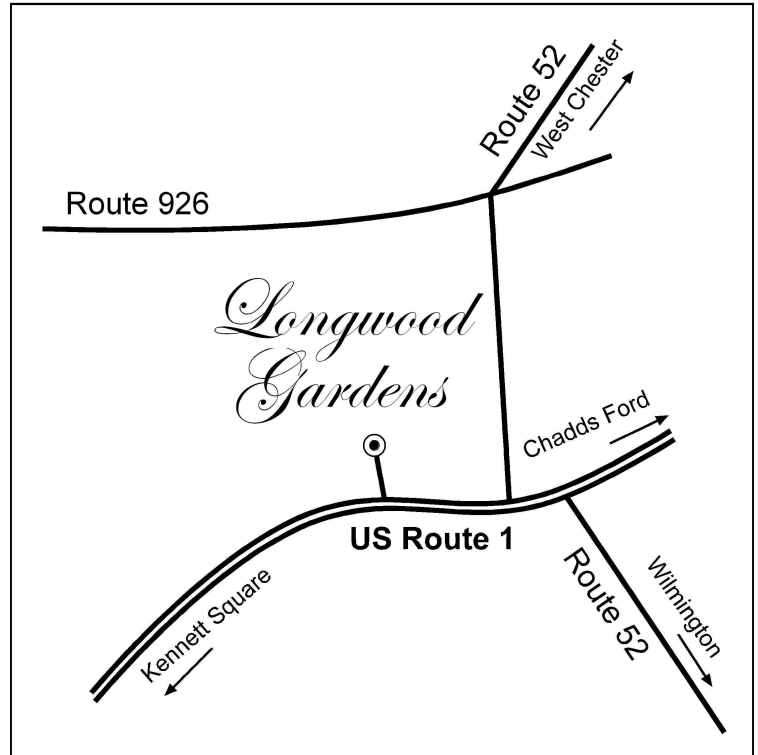
Longwood Gardens is located on US Route 1, about 3 miles northeast of Kennett Square, PA.

The workshop will be held in the **Founders Room** of the **Terrace Restaurant**.

Enter at the Main Gate, proceed through the Visitor Center, and walk to the Terrace Restaurant. The Founders Room is on the upper (main) level of the restaurant.

Parking is free.

Registration provides attendees with access to the Gardens for the day of the Workshop.



All are welcome to the 2012 Spring Workshop!

Please pass along this information to anyone you know who may be interested. This newsletter with this registration form is available on our website, <http://www.cchpn.org/newsletters.htm>

We look forward to seeing you!

Introducing Our Newest CCHPN Board Members Rob Lukens, Ph.D. & Gail Brown

Rob Lukens, Ph.D.

Rob's first experience in museums and public history came as a volunteer at Chester County Historical Society (CCHS) nearly twenty years ago. Later, he interned there, and then worked as the organization's Collections Manager from 1998-2003. Following employment at other venues, he returned to CCHS on October 1, 2011, when he replaced Kimberly Hall as the President. Between his times at CCHS, Rob served as Chief Curator and Head of Collections at the Chemical Heritage Foundation in Philadelphia, and from 2005 to 2009, he led Historic Yellow Springs, Inc. From 2009 to 2011, Rob was the Exhibits and Education Director at the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center in Washington, D.C.

Rob is no stranger to Chester County. A former resident of West Chester, he has contributed more than 75 articles on the county's heritage to the *Daily Local News*, an effort he's continuing today on a monthly basis.

In 2011 he received his Ph.D. from Temple University in American History, and portions of his dissertation, researched in the CCHS's collections, were published in *Pennsylvania History* and contributed to his work as guest curator of CCHS's exhibition *Chilling Reality: Chester County's Arctic Explorers*, which opened in fall 2010.

Rob was a member of the West Chester Historical and Architectural Review Board, was a Commonwealth Speaker with the Pennsylvania Humanities Council, and is currently on the board of the Chester County Conference and Visitors Bureau.

Rob lives with his wife Rebecca and their two children, Abbie and Finley, in North Wilmington, Delaware, but plans to move back to Chester County soon.

Gail Brown

Larry and Gail Brown moved from Williamsburg, Virginia, to East Coventry Township in May of 2003. Gail was recruited by a Township Historical Commission Member, Mrs. Mary Ann Keen, to serve as a volunteer for the summer 2003 Town Tour and Village Walk at Frick's Locks Village. Gail began attending Historical Commission meetings the summer of 2003 and became a member of the Historical Commission when she achieved the one year residency requirement. She served as Historical Commission Chairman from the fall of 2006 through 2009. Gail currently serves as Vice Chairman of the Historical Commission.

Gail also has served as a member of the Frick's Lock's Stakeholders from August 2007 to the present. This partnership between Exelon; Township, County and State Government officials and consultants; the Schuylkill River Greenway Association; and Preservation Pennsylvania has resulted in proposed \$3.8 million rehabilitation by Exelon of Frick's Locks National Register-listed Historic Village.

Gail has attended Chester County Historic Preservation Network-sponsored workshops and events through the years and found them a valuable tool and resource in preservation education and applications within our Township. It is Gail's goal as a member of the Chester County Historic Preservation Network to support the continued education, recognition, and coordinated support to all the professionals and volunteers within Chester County who work for the preservation of our history.

Historic Preservation Awards



The West Chester Downtown Foundation announces the Second Annual Historic Preservation Awards to recognize projects and individuals who have worked to preserve the character and history of the Borough of West Chester, Pa. Help recognize these individuals by submitting a nomination.

Nomination Forms Available April 2nd, 2012
For full details visit DowntownWestChester.com

Awards Ceremony to be held
October, 2012

Help Us Become a Bottoms-Up Organization!

We know that every step taken toward historic preservation starts with dedicated and passionate people. Over the past 20 years, CCHPN has worked to network these locals together by providing information, contacts and education.

All Preservation Is Local!

In the past, CCHPN solicited ideas, interests and topics from our members and affiliates and then selected and organized workshops, lectures and recognition ceremonies. But while we have been getting larger, more recognized, and more respected, it has also become more difficult to maintain that local networking. So, we are asking you to join us as volunteers helping us achieve our mission.

CCHPN has seven Committees which serve as the operational arms of the network. They are where ideas are raised, evaluated and, after Board approval, acted on. CCHPN is looking for energetic and interested persons to become members of these committees.

Programs & Education Committee: Selects topics, plans and organizes all aspects of a lecture, workshop or other activity from “soup to nuts”. It holds monthly meetings. Contact Steve Brown at sbrown@bernardon.com.

Volunteer Recognition Ceremony Committee: CCHPN is the only organization that annually honors Chester County municipalities and individuals for their efforts in historic preservation. This event (held in the Summer) has become so large that a special committee is being formed to organize it! Meetings held as needed. Contact Karen Marshall at kmarshall@chesco.org.

Communications Committee: Covers CCHPN’s newsletter, the website and other communication tools. We are looking for members to help us become more effective in reaching and supporting our preservation community. Meetings held as needed. Contact Matthew Roberson at meroberson@gmail.com.

Membership Committee: Tracks and updates current memberships and solicits, plans and organizes annual membership drives and outreach efforts. Meetings held as needed. Contact Bob Layman at blayman@westtown.org.

Municipalities Committee: Identifies, in conjunction with the Membership Committee, issues and needs specific to Chester County’s boroughs,

townships, and city. Many ideas for programs are generated by this committee. Contact Kathryn Yahraes at kyahraes@aol.com.

Development Committee: Identifies new outreach needs and areas including legislation, sponsorships, grants, partnerships, governance and other opportunities to promote the mission of responsible historic preservation. Meetings held as needed.

Contact Bruce Knapp at bknapp@paolibattlefield.org.

Section 106 Review Committee: Secures information on current and potential Sec. 106 reviews, PA Project Path notifications and dissemination of information, concerns and timetables. Meetings held as needed.

Contact Tom Scofield at twscofield@comcast.net.

This is YOUR opportunity to bring your skills and enthusiasm to our county-wide effort.

- Bruce Knapp
CCHPN President

CHESTER COUNTY

PRESERVATION FAIR

Second Annual!

This year we'll have two programs of presentations and demonstrations:

<p>Preserving Our Heritage</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><i>Topics may include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning for Historic Sites Project Fundraising Grassroots Organizing Architectural History 	<p>Hands On History</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><i>Topics may include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Window Repairs Floor Patching & Refinishing Planning your Rehab Project Choosing the Best Glues, Epoxies, & Sealants
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Come and find all the **trades** and **services** you need for your historic house, barn, church, mill, office, or site.

Plus there will be food, games for the kids, and tours of the historic village

Location: at Yellow Springs Road and Art School Road off Rt. 113 between Lionville and Kimberton

Historic Yellow Springs, Inc.

Saturday, April 21 9am - 5pm

1695 Art School Road, Chester Springs

Joshua Sharpless Homestead Listed on the National Register of Historic Places

On December 15, 2011, the Sharpless Homestead was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The property is located on Birmingham Road in Birmingham Township and in the Brandywine Battlefield National Historic Landmark. It is comprised of four buildings constructed with serpentine stone: a multi-additive farmhouse, stable, smokehouse, and springhouse. The Sharpless Homestead is one of the largest collections of serpentine stone buildings in Chester County.

The property is significant under Criterion C for architecture in the context of serpentine stone construction in the county. The stone was likely quarried from Brinton's Quarry nearby, the best known serpentine quarry in the county. The house was constructed in several building campaigns, with multiple types of masonry that reflect the development of the use of serpentine as a building material. The northeast section, the earliest phase, was constructed with rubble serpentine stone. The southeast section was constructed circa 1785 and exhibits one face of dressed stones, giving it a formal appearance. The west section was constructed in two campaigns; the earlier stonework (circa 1795) was built with coursed serpentine. In 1860, the west end of the house was built with highly decorative hexagonal stones. The property also includes a stable constructed entirely of serpentine stone: a rarity.

The Date for the 2012 Chester County Preservation Fair is Announced: April 21st

The second annual Chester County Preservation Fair is coming on April 21, 2012, at Historic Yellow Springs, Inc. This conference and trade show is co-sponsored by CCHPN and HYS and serves to promote historic preservation and to educate the public and professional and volunteer preservations, while highlighting the talents and capabilities of local tradespeople and service providers. It is the only event of its kind in Chester County.

This year will feature an two tracks of presentations and demonstrations: "Preserving Our Heritage", focusing on heritage development, planning, and supporting services for owners of historic sites; and "Hands On History," a series of practical demonstrations on such things as window repair, floor repairs and refinishing, and other skills for those who own and work on historic buildings.

Meet a number of trades people and preservation professionals working in our region. Tour the village of Historic Yellow Springs. Enjoy the walking trails that link the wonderful spring houses.

There will be games for kids and plenty of delicious food.

If you would like to participate in the Fair as either a volunteer or exhibitor, please contact Matthew Roberson at meroberson@gmail.com.

We hope to see you there!

- Matthew Roberson
Fair Coordinator

The property appears to have been settled by Abraham Davis, who constructed a house circa 1730. Susannah Davis, a widow, lived here during the 1770s, and during the Battle of the Brandywine the house was called one of the two "Widow Davis" houses.

In 1784, Joshua Sharpless purchased the farm from the Davis family and initiated 133 years of ownership by the Sharpless family. Sharpless was the first important headmaster at Westtown School and played an important role in negotiations with the Indian Chief, Cornplanter, that led to the establishment of the Tunesassa School for Indians in western New York. The western section of the house was constructed during the ownership of Aaron Sharpless, another headmaster at Westtown. A historic sketch of the property was drawn in 1838 by a grandfather of Philadelphia councilman Thatcher Longstreth. Aaron's son, Isaac, the last Sharpless to own the property, was a long-time president of Haverford College.

The following individuals should be noted for their assistance with the nomination: Samuel and Joao Walker, the owners, John Milner, and Jane Dorchester. Unfortunately, Samuel Walker died on November 17 before the property was listed. Wise Preservation Planning, LLC, prepared the nomination with the help of the local supporters. It is the 24th successful nomination drafted by the company.

- Seth Hinshaw
Wise Preservation Planning



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To download a Directory of local preservation trades and services, please visit:

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