



Springfield Preservation Trust

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JULY 2013

Save the Date: Summer Garden Fundraiser Aug 25

This year's Garden Party Fundraiser is being celebrated in the Colony Hills section of Forest Park at the beautiful home of Peter & Melissa Picknelly. Located at 330 Park Drive, the outdoor event is being held on Sunday, August 25th at 1PM.



The Picknelly's home, situated on a spectacular spot surrounded by Forest Park, was designed in the Tudor Revival style in 1929 by prominent Springfield architect Max Westhoff. Westhoff designed some of Springfield's grandest homes and public buildings.



Come enjoy hors d'oeuvres, wine, wonderful company and help support the important work of SPT. Please spread the word and encourage family, friends, and co-workers to purchase tickets.

Tickets and additional information will be available online closer to the event date at www.springfieldpreservationtrust.org.

Annual Preservation Awards

SPT held its annual Historic Preservation Awards Reception on June 11 in Center Court of Tower Square, 1500 Main Street. The event honored owners who made contributions towards preserving, renovating, and maintaining buildings in the city.



Recognized were:

- Gail Robbins for 436 Central Street
- Lascalles & Cynthia Marsh for 249-259 Bay Street
- Josefina Ventura for 21 McKnight Street
- Garand Court Associates for 319 State Street
- Ayala Enterprise LLC for 282 Central Street
- Leroy and Jane Moser for 1063 Worthington Street
- Maurice and Claire Cahillane for 86 Atwater Terrace
- Honore LLC for 35 Warwick Street
- Cheryl and Steven Piper for 67 Thompson Street
- South Congregational Church for 45 Maple Street
- South Middlesex Nonprofit Housing Corporation for 175 Bowdoin Street



Returning Board Members

Returning to serve on the Board of Directors for the next term is a group of people who have been involved with the Trust over a period of years.

JoAnne Cardell – a Special Education Teacher who has been a board member for over 10 years and clerk for 4 years. She enjoys being a house captain on the house tours, working at the Mattoon St. Festival, and helps the board by keeping a list of monthly tasks. She is the person who answers the emails sent to the trust via the web site. She has always had an interest and love for older homes/buildings. She has been a board member of the East Forest Park Civic Association for the past six years and a member since 1993.

Don Courtemanche – is the Executive Director for the Springfield Business Improvement District and has been on the SPT board for 3 years. He has a strong belief that historic preservation enhances our community. He is a member of the International Downtown Association, Greater New Britain Arts Alliance, and the New Britain Historical Society.

Dr. Robert Holbrook – a retired Dentist who resides in Springfield, he has been on the SPT board for the past 9 years. The Preservation Trust is just one of the many boards he belongs to: The Kimball Tower Condominium Board, The Armoury-Quadrangle Civic Association, The Springfield Museum, The Springfield Exchange Club and The Pioneer Valley Dental Society all bide for his attention and dedication. He joined SPT because he had been involved in the restoration of several buildings and the historical details that are needed for this form of restoration are limited unless you have an organization such as the Springfield Preservation Trust to help and direct you in the process.

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Summer Tours

SPT is partnering with Pro Springfield Media, a nonprofit interested in improving the city's image in the media, to host a free downtown walking tour once a month. The 45-minute tour departs at 12:00 noon from the Monarch Place Plaza on third Thursdays for a guided tour of various areas. Leading the tours is Bob McCarroll. So far, folks have seen Mattoon Street/Apremont Triangle and State Street/Quadrangle. The next three tours will go to Court Square, State Street/Union Street and Bridge Street/Lyman Street



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Michael Marcinkewich – a Financial Accountant for the City of Springfield has been with SPT for the last five years. He moved to Springfield nine years ago and was amazed at the plethora of architectural beauty throughout the entire city. He was honored when asked to become a board member and has taken his hobby of photography to archive the SPT functions over the past few years.

Having lived in Cambridge, Somerville, and Dorchester MA he has seen how other cities save and reused their historical assets and is elated to belong an organization that is doing the same in his new found home of Springfield MA.

Robert McCarroll – a retired Springfield City Planner, resides in an 1870 brick row house in the Mattoon Street Historic District. He has been on the SPT board for more than 35 years and has held the position of Vice President, President, and now Clerk. When not advocating for the preservation of Springfield's historic assets he coordinates the Mattoon Street Arts Festival, serves on the Springfield Historical Commission, and co-hosts the web site www.ChooseSpringfieldMass.com. He has renovated several historic houses. Bob joined SPT because preservation is one of his passions.

Benjamin Murphy, President – is a Community Investment Manager for United Way of Hampshire County. He has served on the Board for 6 years, 1 as Treasurer, 4 as President. He joined SPT because of his interest in the preservation of Springfield's historic places. He always had an interest in old buildings and architecture which led him to get a degree in Historic Preservation at Roger Williams University in Rhode Island. While in Rhode Island he saw how historic properties were valued by policy makers and the general public. His hope was that in joining SPT, he could help foster that same attitude toward Springfield's historic properties. By being an active member of SPT, he has been able to advocate for historic properties and help those in positions of power to better understand the importance of preserving Springfield's unique historic places. He is also a member of Leadership Pioneer Valley.



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Denise Moccia – is a registered dental hygienist who was born and raised in Springfield and resides in the Historic McKnight neighborhood. She has previously served 8 years as a board member of the McKnight Neighborhood Council with her main focus on its historic housing stock. She accepted a position on the board of the SPT two years ago so that she could focus more on advocacy and preservation in the city.

She is a member in the Mercy Warren chapter of the DAR, an organization also dedicated to historic preservation. She is a parishioner of St. Michael's Cathedral in Springfield.

Kathleen Pellegrino – is a Principal of Livingstone, LLC, a financial, construction and educational consultant, and has been on the SPT Board for three years. She has been interested in historical renovation for many years, has restored many properties in the City keeping in mind preservation of the best of historic construction while securing for the future buildings endangered by neglect and or time. Originally a native of the Boston area, Kathleen lives with an appreciation of the beauty of older period buildings, the neighborhood mix of period buildings and the importance for the people of a city to stand proud of their city's heritage. She has lived in Springfield for 50 years and currently serves as a board member of SPT and Director and Clerk of Clinical Support Options CSO. Past board service of non-profits are many. Kathleen is an engineer, a licensed construction supervisor in Massachusetts, licensed Massachusetts real estate sales person and certified public accountant. She lives in a 100 year old home in the Atwater area, has raised four children in Springfield and has 11 grandchildren who were raised in Springfield. She has served on many political committees and truly is interested in serving all the interests of the City of Springfield in addition to her passion for historic preservation.

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Marilyn Sutin – After 32 years, she retired from her position as a Financial Aid Officer at STCC. Her interest in art and design has led her to start a fused glass business making jewelry and small functional items. In May 1980 she went on an SPT guided house tour and has been involved with the Trust ever since. Originally from NYC, she always appreciated New York's architectural history. The tour was a great introduction to Springfield's wonderful historic buildings and she felt an instant connection to the Trust and it's mission. She served on the board for much of my membership tenure ; many of those as Treasurer.

She was the Trust Photographer, Annual Meeting and Preservation Awards Coordinator, designed posters

publicizing trust events, was the Producer of the video 'SPT Homes of the City', and one of the photographers for the Trust's 'Guide to Residential Architectural in Springfield'.

Her current SPT responsibilities include Membership and Editing the Newsletter. She is a member of the Artisans of WMASS, a local organization supporting artists in Western MA, and the East Forest Park Civic Association. She currently lives in a home built in 1950 (the 'new' old) in EFP.

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Gayle White – is a Certified Public Accountant with a Master of Science in Accounting. This is her second year serving on the Board, and her first year serving as Treasurer. She and her husband, COL (Ret.) Stephen White, have been members of the SPT for many years and have opened their home for two Fall tours, and an SPT Fundraiser. Gayle is originally from the Winchester Square (now Mason Square) area of Springfield and has always felt an affinity for historic architecture. She has restored or rehabbed twenty properties, ranging from an 800 square foot log cabin, to an 1899 Tudor with over 6,000 square feet of living space.

We would also like to introduce you to one more new board member:

Robert Louder – just joined the S.P. T. board after being a member for over 10 years. He has owned an antique business for over 18 years, been President of the Armory-Quadrangle Civic Association for 6 years and a board member for over 10 years. He has worked with the Springfield Museum Association in holding summer concerts and has been a member of the Exchange Club of Springfield for over 5 years. "To preserve is to create a history for the future and a footprint for others to follow".

TRUST RECEIVES \$50,000 GRANT FROM MHC

Just as the newsletter is going to print, we have received wonderful news that the Massachusetts Historical Commission has awarded fifty thousand dollars for exterior renovations to 77 Maple Street from the Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund. This fund requires a local match, and SPT will be able to use the fifty thousand dollars received in January from The

1772 Foundation. Our architect, Bill Devlin, will be preparing construction documents for this \$100,000 project which will address both north and south elevations of the building. Work will start in autumn.

The Trust would also like to thank Matt Crouse, of Crouse Landscaping LLC, for volunteering to mow the lawn at 77 Maple Street.

Advertising

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Enewsletter

The cost of printing and mailing our quarterly newsletter is approximately \$1000 a year. In order to use those funds for other projects, the Preservation Trust is going paperless. We are currently working on the set up and will keep you informed as to the transition date; we hope to have the enewsletter up and running by the fall issue. The newsletter will continue to be mailed to those of you who wish receive a paper copy.

Please sign up for the enewsletter at www.springfieldpreservationtrust.org; just fill out your name and email address under the 'eNews Sign-Up' banner on the left side of the page.

You can also find us on FaceBook, www.facebook.com/PreserveSpringfield

Monthly meetings of the Springfield Preservation Trust are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m., at the Mason Wright Retirement Center, 74 Walnut Street. All Trust members are welcome.
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