

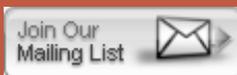


## SPRINGFIELD PRESERVATION TRUST NEWSLETTER

Spring 2015

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*image above is of  
37 George Street  
new to the  
Most Endangered List*

## SUPPORTERS

### MGM Update

On March 19, MGM met with the Springfield Historical Commission and made several new proposals for the four historic properties under discussion.



MGM has proposed to recreate most, but not all, of the United Electric Company lobby in a prominent location at the top of an escalator in its hotel. Character-defining elements would be reused or replicated. Five of the eight archways would remain. The SHC voted unanimously to support the concept and work with MGM on final designs. [read more](#)

### June 7 House Tour Planned

SPT is organizing a house tour of Forest Park Heights on June 7 between 1:00 am and 4:00 pm. The tour will focus on the area north of Sumner Avenue, which was developed in the early twentieth century by the McKnight family. [read more](#)

### SAVE THE DATE

#### Preservation Award Ceremony

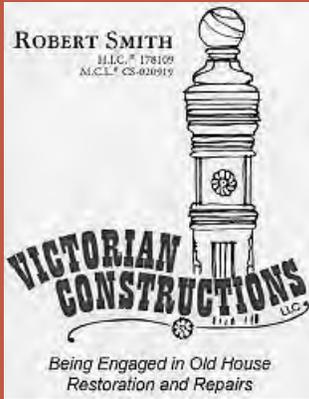
On Wednesday, May 20 at 6:00 p.m., SPT will hold it's annual Preservation Award Ceremony at Tower Square.

The Springfield Preservation Trust honors the people and organizations that help restore and preserve historic structures in Springfield. Every year the Trust showcases exemplary properties that represent the best of preservation in Springfield, as well as honor those who are stewards of historic properties. Please join us to help congratulate the awardees.

### Winter Fundraiser



William J. Devlin  
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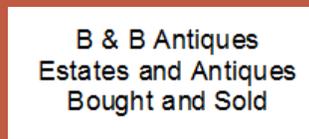
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### Great Success

The 2015 Winter Fundraiser was held on Sunday, February 8th at the home of Dolores B. and Deirdre E. Alton in historic McKnight. Guy Kirkham, a local Springfield architect, designed this grand Colonial Revival style house in 1889 for Charles Hosley, a local jeweler. One of the most interesting things about the house is that many of the fixtures are sterling silver. In the dining room hangs a five pendant Tiffany chandelier.



of Al Dente Catering.

In spite of the weather, over 50 people turned out for this event. Guests had a chance to admire the art work (paintings and textiles) create by Deirdre and her mother, and tour the first floor of the home. Wonderful hors d'oeuvres and a dining table filled with food were once again provided by Cecy Perry

### Annual Meeting

On Sunday, March 8th, the Springfield Preservation Trust held its Annual Meeting at historic South Congregational Church in downtown Springfield. The weather held out and we had a great turnout. The 2014 annual meeting minutes were adopted and 2015 Board of Directors elected. President Don Courtemanche gave a review of the previous years' activities and presented the 2015 Most Endangered List. Bob McCarroll gave an update on the historic properties located within the MGM Casino footprint and Bill Devlin, AIA, gave a presentation on the projects that he has been involved with over the last several decades in Springfield. Many of the historic assets we have grown to love and treasure are still around due to Bill's love of what he does. [read more](#)



### Meet the New board members

On March 8th The Springfield Preservation Trust nominated its 2015 Board of Directors. We asked the new board members to introduce themselves to the our membership. [read more](#)

### 2015 Most Endangered Properties

Each year the Preservation Trust solicits input on identifying properties most at risk. The following endangered properties represent a cross section of Springfield's built environment.

- 25-27 Elliot Street
- Willys Overland Bldg/151 Chestnut Street
- Union House/1143 Main Street
- YWCA Bldg/22-30 Howard Street
- Hale Smith House/2335 Main Street
- Knox Automobile Factory/42 Waltham
- Row House at 174-176 Maple Street/Corner of Central

John Bellows  
Jim Boone  
Shera Cohen  
Don Courtemanche  
Stephen Davis  
Bob McCarroll  
Guy McClain  
Ben Murphy  
Elizabeth Rairigh  
Marilyn Sutin

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Marilyn Sutin, **Editor**

Monthly meetings of the Springfield Preservation Trust are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m., at the Mason Wright Retirement Center, 74 Walnut Street. SPT members are welcome to attend.

- Carriage House at 63 Mulberry
- Carriage House at 81 Florida (new-upgrade)
- 37 George Street (new)
- 240 Longhill Street (new)
- Junior Officers Quarters/1 Armory Square

[Click here for a slideshow of the 2015 Most Endangered List.](#)

## Springfield Armory Alliance's First Fundraiser Kick-Off

"Got A Minute?" That's the title of the Springfield Armory Alliance's fundraising campaign to raise \$12,000.



The four 165-year-old clocks atop the Springfield Armory's National Historic Site's Main Arsenal (Museum) have been stuck at 4:30 (we are not sure if that's AM or PM) for many, many years due to aging, rust, and weather conditions. These are among the few remaining government owned clocks in the City of Springfield with the common factor being that none of them are able work. In essence, time has stood still. It's about time, literally, to get the clock hands moving and the bells ringing. Springfield Armory Alliance is the new non-profit agency that supports the Springfield Armory. One of the Alliance's key missions is to help to fund projects that federal dollars cannot pay for. In fact, the Alliance's very first project will be "Got A Minute?" [read more](#)

## SPT Membership Updated

The SPT Board of Directors recently decided to revise the membership program. The changes are meant to better clarify the benefits for each level and to incorporate additional benefits for the top three levels. The biggest visible change is to the names of the membership levels. The names reflect popular historic architectural styles in Springfield and speak to SPT's advocacy work. Two additional levels have been added to encourage larger corporate donations. [read more](#)

## Contractor's List

Looking for a good contractor? the Preservation Trust would like to continue featuring a list of contractors on our website that are reliable, do a good job, and are sensitive to the wonderful old houses and buildings we cherish so much. If you know a skilled craftsman that you would recommend, please let us know.

Please include the following contact information:

- Name of Contractor or Business:
- Category of work such as electric, plumbing, finish carpentry, roofing, etc.:
- Phone:
- Email/website:

You can mail your suggestions to SPT 74 Walnut St 01105 or email [jimboone@hotmail.com](mailto:jimboone@hotmail.com).

