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SPT members are welcome to attend

When
Third Wednesday of each month at 6 PM.

Where
Currently these meetings are virtual. Please email info@springfieldpreservation.org for more information.

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ABOUT THE SPRINGFIELD PRESERVATION TRUST

The mission of the Springfield Preservation Trust (SPT) is to preserve and protect properties in Springfield, Massachusetts which have architectural, historic, educational, or general cultural significance for public edification and enjoyment.

SPT believes historic preservation is an important part of making Springfield a great place to live, work, and visit. Historic Preservation is crucial to tourism and economic development and creating a unique sense of place. It’s a means of creating jobs, attracting investment, generating tax revenue, and supporting small business.

For 50 years, SPT has been an independent voice supporting historic preservation. Over the years we have held countless events to showcase how our old buildings can be part of our modern lives and show off the historic places that make Springfield unique. We’ve helped pass legislation on the state and local levels that averts the needless loss of historic places. Our online resources help homeowners with restoration and educate the public on the beauty, quality and value of older homes. These activities have helped save and restore Springfield’s threatened historic treasures so that they are here for future generations to enjoy.

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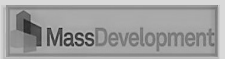
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PRESERVATION AWARDS 2022

The SPT held its annual preservation awards ceremony in person only at the former Elias Brookings School November 10 property owners were recognized with awards.

103-107 Florida Street for removal of nonoriginal siding by Jim and Meredith Boone

211 Worthington Street for restoration of painted wall signs by City Mosaic.

134 Oak Grove Avenue for removal of nonoriginal siding by Tommie Lee Burton

85 Westminster Street for rehabilitation by Cindy Albino, Pedro Morales, and Miguel Rodriquez

161 Longhill Street for rehabilitation by Sandra A. Collins

222 State Street for rehabilitation by Springfield Museums (that it is the George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum).

131 Bowdoin Street for restoration Richard Gray, Jamie Gray, and John Gray

173 Thompson Street for exterior restoration by Lawrence Picard

93 Bowdoin Street for restoration by Keith Gromacki and James Parciak

120 Harvard Street for exterior restoration by Charles Muthua

177 Springfield Street for rehabilitation by Spencer Johnson and Salma Taylor

The Edward Sims Award for Stewardship went to Diane Le Valle-Craig and Wanda Le Valle for 170-172 Buckingham Street.

The Robert Holbrook Award for Stewardship went to Joseph and Kathleen Pellegrino for 43 Atwater Road.

The George Pooler Award for Stewardship went to Ray and Margaret Pellerin for 229 Longhill Street.

The Donald Courtemanche Award for Excellence went to Home City Development Inc. for renovation of the Elias Brookings School, 367 Hancock Street, into housing.



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THE JOSIAH DWIGHT HOUSE, SPRINGFIELD, MA

Article Courtesy of Derek Strahan/Lost New England

Despite being one of the oldest cities in Massachusetts, Springfield does not have any known surviving colonial-era buildings in the city. In many ways, this was due to the economic prosperity that Springfield experienced in the late 19th and early 20th century, when many historic colonial homes in the downtown area were lost to new commercial developments.

However, at least one colonial-era home from Springfield is still standing, although no longer in the city. The Josiah Dwight House, which was built around 1754, once stood on the west side of Main Street, between Bliss and Howard Streets. It was probably the last remaining colonial building in Springfield, and it remained here until 1950, when it was dismantled and rebuilt in Deerfield.



Image Courtesy of WPA

The house was originally owned by Josiah Dwight, a member of one of the most prominent families in the Connecticut River Valley during this time. After his death in 1768, Josiah's son Thomas inherited the house, and he lived here until his own death in 1819. During this time, Thomas Dwight enjoyed a successful career as a lawyer and politician, including as a state representative, state senator, and one term in the US House of Representatives from 1803 to 1805.

The house stood at its original location throughout most of the 1800s, but by the end of the century its South End location was no longer the desirable residential location that it had been a hundred years earlier. So, at some point around 1890 it was moved around the corner, to the north side of Howard Street, and converted into a two-family home. Among its owners during this time was George J. Seuss, the grandfather of Dr. Seuss, who used it as a rental property.

In 1917, the *Springfield Republican* identified this house as the only surviving colonial-era building in the city, while also acknowledging its deteriorated condition. It stood here for several more decades, but by the late 1940s it was threatened by demolition. To prevent this, Henry and Helen Flynt, the founders of Historic Deerfield, purchased it and brought it to Deerfield. This process involved meticulously dismantling, documenting, and reconstructing it at its new site.

Today, the Dwight House stands among the many other historic colonial homes at Historic Deerfield. However, the one part of the house that is not original is, ironically, its most distinctive architectural element. The original doorway, with its ornate scroll pediment, was removed in 1924, and it is now on display at the Winterthur Museum in Delaware.



Image Courtesy of Derek Strahan

SPRINGFIELD HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING JAN. 26, 2023

Springfield Historical Commission helps home owners in historic districts make appropriate changes. On January 26, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall SHC will have a public meeting about new construction guidelines. Please attend and learn about the new houses guidelines in order to fit into a historic district.



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ANNUAL MEETING 2023

Currently Springfield Preservation Trust will hold its annual meeting in person at the Willys-Overland building. It will be held on February 26 at 1pm. The meeting will be open to SPT members and the general public. The annual meeting will feature an overview of the past year, election of the board, and announcement of the 2023 Most Endangered List. If Covid-19 rises it will be changed to a virtual format

Following the meeting will be a 7 minute talk by Joy Martin. She will be discussing a project by Davenport Companies. For this event we will need people to pre-register so please email info@springfieldpreservation.org by February 24. More details coming soon.

1400 & 1414 STATE STREET

The Isolation Hospital at 1414 State Street is a 1930 Art Deco building, which is a rare style in Springfield. The Hospital is the largest Art Deco building in the city. Springfield. It was used to house patients with contagious diseases, such as tuberculosis. The building was designed by local firm Kirkham & Parlett—which designed many buildings. Though not currently being used, the building remains in good condition and all of its architectural elements are present. The site at 1400-1414 State Street is currently listed for sale.

SPT has been advocating for this building by nominating it to the Most Endangered Historic Resources List for Preservation Massachusetts, where it currently is listed. Additionally the zone change for this building has been denied. Additionally SPT has assisted making a preliminary local historic district report for Springfield Historical Commission, which will be sent to Massachusetts Historic Commission. If you want to advocate with us please email advocacy@springfieldpreservation.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Image Courtesy of Kira Holmes

"LOST COLONIAL-ERA BUILDINGS"

The Josiah Dwight House, featured in an article in this newsletter, was one of the many important historic buildings that once stood in Springfield. Join Springfield historian Derek Strahan for a virtual lecture as he explores the history and photographs of some of the other lost colonial-era buildings from Springfield's past. The lecture will take place on January 19 at 7 p.m. by Facebook Live.

FREE ADMISSION DAY

All day on January 14 members of Springfield Preservation Trust may visit Springfield Museums. Visit the 2022 SPT Preservation Awards a collaborative exhibit between SPT and Springfield Museums in the Wood Museum and then explore the other museums. Show your membership card or membership confirmation receipt at the admission desk in the Welcome Center to receive free admission. Thank you Springfield Museums for this partnership and membership perk for SPT members.

MORE EVENTS COMING SOON

Events for the Winter will be added to the Trust's website. Check our website <https://springfieldpreservation.org/>, Facebook, Instagram, or call SPT at 413-747-0656 to learn about events. Additionally, if you have program ideas or questions please email info@springfieldpreservation.org.



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