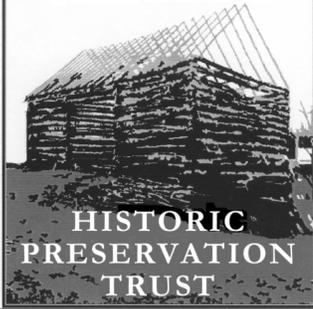


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Letter from the President ...

Historic buildings play a special role in creating the distinctive character of each community.

Historic preservation is about protecting, promoting, and using historic places. It is also about the power of place, places that matter because they help tell the story of our community, of who we are and where we come from.

What makes our community truly unique is its rich architectural heritage ... the old homes and buildings that tell the story of the community's past, that continue to bring pleasure in the present, and will, if properly cared for, inform and inspire the future.

It's a beautiful exercise to imagine the life of a home — not only the lives of those who live and once lived there, but also the life of the house itself. Historic homes, in particular, have a vivid story to share.

The Trust's decade of house tours has spanned three centuries of structures; featuring 64 historic homes, including seven Revolutionary War headquarters; eight barns, four churches, three schools, including two 'one-room' schoolhouses; a spring-house, a museum, a mill and a special historic playhouse.

It is wonderful to live in a community that has people who cherish their historic homes and then allow others

the opportunity to enjoy them! The generosity of owners who open their homes to us is what makes this annual event such a success. These buildings represent the commitment of their owners and stewards to preserving an important part of the region's history..

Remembering the mission of the Trust, "*to preserve and protect our historic resources for the benefit of present and future generations*", I am asking you to support the Trust's historic preservation efforts.

For historic preservation to matter, and for our local history to be meaningful, it needs to be supported. *How can you help?*

Please consider a donation to the Living History Center at Duportail Capital Campaign, the purchase of tickets for the 10th Annual Historic House Tour on September 27th or the Trust's Fall Lecture Series.

A community that respects its history respects itself. History Matters ...

Pattyje Benson
President
Tel: 610.644.6759

WE WELCOME OUR NEWEST TRUST BOARD MEMBERS AND CELEBRATE FORMER MEMBERS

The words of Vince Lombardi, "*The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual*" are never truer than when speaking of the members of the Trust's Board of Directors.

The Trust welcomes three new board members along with two returning 'former' members.

Elizabeth "Libby" Brinton, a long-time Tredyffrin resident, brings her enthusiasm for local history, historic architecture and genealogy to the Board. Retired from Kistler-Tiffany, Libby served as a member of the Tredyffrin Township Planning Commission for 12 years.

Jane Hileman is the founder and CEO of the American Reading Company, headquartered in King of Prussia. A former teacher and reading specialist, Jane brings her experience in literacy education and background in business development to the Trust.

Jim McKinley is a long-time Tredyffrin resident and a public relations professional with an extensive corporate background. An avid reader, writer and traveler, Jim has a keen interest in history and was a founding member of the in Mt. Kisco Historical Society.

We are pleased to welcome back two prior Trust Board members to the Board. **Robert Wise, Jr.**, historic preservationist and principle of Wise Preservation Planning, was the founding President of the Trust. Bob served in that role for several years, later worked on the Building Committee and continues to serve on the Trust's Capital Campaign Committee.

Previously serving on the Board as the Trust's Recording Secretary, long-time Tredyffrin resident **Pearl Nudy** returns to the Board. Pearl hosted her own local cable TV show for many years and has been involved with the Berwyn Veterans Memorial. Pearl has a keen knowledge of local history and was a featured interviewee in the documentary, Tredyffrin ... The First 300 years.

In 2014, the Trust also recognizes the contributions of two departing Board members: **Glenna LaSalle Keene** and **Gretchen Kiernan**. Each were designated Director Emeritus for their long-time service and continued interest in and support of historic preservation.

If you are interested in volunteering your time and talents to historic preservation, let us know — info@tredyffrinhistory.org

Thank you House Tour Sponsors

The Trust recognizes the following individuals and businesses for their generous support of the 9th Annual Historic House Tour, held on September 28, 2013 — the most successful House Tour to date, raising over \$20K! We're hoping to surpass that fundraising effort for 2014!

Sponsorship opportunities remain for the 2014 Historic House Tour, please contact Pattye Benson, Trust President and House Tour Chair for details, 610.644.6759.

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In Memory

In October 2013, the Trust lost our dear friend and Board member, Trish Kreek. Her knowledge of land use and zoning was invaluable. As a Supervisor, she became involved in the broader issues as well – budgets, highway expansion, library additions, parkland acquisitions, and historic preservation. Trish cared about all of those matters. She was a strong and independent voice who made decisions for the good of the entire community.

Trish was one of two members who had been appointed by the Board of Supervisors to serve on the Tredyffrin Historic Preservation Trust Board. She served for more than ten years with the Trust and for six of those years Trish was the Board's Treasurer.

Trish's public service in this community spanned more than four decades. She was appointed to the Township's Planning Commission in 1973 and served as its Chair from 1988 to 1992. She was then appointed to the Board of Supervisors to fill an unexpired term for a Supervisor who had moved from the area. Trish was the fourth woman to serve as a Tredyffrin Township Supervisor.

Tredyffrin grew from a rural municipality into a truly desirable suburban community. Shopping centers, residential communities, sound walls, historic churches and barns have all, in some way, been touched by this extraordinary woman.

We were blessed by her countless hours of commitment to this Board and by her selfless dedication to our community.

Trust Fall Lecture Series

Reservations or questions:
Lecture chair: Polly Hagan, 610.647.1051
Further Information: www.tredyffrinhistory.org

"Musings of a Barn Collector"

Brad Tiffany

Barn Collector ♦ Preservationist

Wednesday, October 22

Historic Duportail House
297 Adams Drive, Chesterbrook, PA 19087
Time: Refreshments 7 PM; Lecture 7:30 PM
Tickets: \$15

"A Fortnight in Chester County ... The Philadelphia Campaign of 1777"

Sean Moir

GIS Analysis ♦ Historic Researcher ♦ Lecturer

Wednesday, November 19

Historic Duportail House
297 Adams Drive, Chesterbrook, PA 19087
Time: Refreshments 7 PM; Lecture 7:30 PM
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We wish to thank the Duportail House Board of Directors for their generosity in hosting the Fall and Spring Lecture Series and helping to fulfill the Trust's mission to educate the public about the preservation and protection of historic and cultural settings.

10th Annual Historic House Tour & Preview Party

Features R. Brognard Okie Homes for Anniversary Celebration

Travel back in time. If you love history and architecture, you will not want to miss the much-anticipated **10th Annual Historic House Tour**. Guests will go behind the front doors of some of the most historic and breathtaking properties in Tredyffrin and Easttown Townships on Saturday, September 27, 12 Noon - 5 PM.

Held annually since 2004, the purpose of the historic house tour is to foster appreciation of historic buildings and neighborhoods and the need for their preservation. The tour showcases history and architectural splendors, and shares elegant examples of beauty, warmth and historic preservation.

To celebrate the tenth anniversary, the 2014 tour will feature majestically diverse historic homes by acclaimed Chester County architect Richardson Brognard Okie (1875-1945) including his personal 18th century residence, 'Hillside Farm' in Berwyn. Okie was noted for his Colonial-Revival houses and his sensitive restorations of historic buildings.

In addition to private residences, the tour will also include the

Great Valley Mill and St. Peter's Church in the Great Valley, where visitors will enjoy Okie's wonderful interior design work. St. Peter's organist/choirmaster Dr. Bruce Glennly will entertain guests with 15-20 minute mini-concerts on the church's Bigelow Opus 30 organ at 1, 2 and 3 PM during house tour day. Guests will tour the 18th century church and enjoy wonderful organ music in a beautiful historic setting. St. Peter's will provide light refreshments.

The public has a rare opportunity to tour beautiful private residences featuring outstanding historic preservation, restoration, and interior design and landscaping styles. Discover the rich, architectural heritage of the area as you explore private residences, some with outbuildings including stables and a springhouse, and tour a historic church, a mill, and much more!

The featured properties span 18th, 19th and 20th centuries and visitors are invited inside for a glimpse of what it is like to live, work, and worship in these unique historic structures. Each property has generations of original stories to tell.

With the cooperation of generous homeowners, many volunteers and supportive individual and corporate sponsors, you can experience the buildings that make this area distinctive and beautiful.

The self-guided tour allows individuals to witness three centuries of architecture and is the primary annual fundraiser for the Trust, an organization dedicated to preserving and protecting historic and cultural resources and educating the public about the preservation and protection of historic and cultural settings.

All proceeds from the tour will benefit the Jones Log Barn rebuilding project in Chesterbrook. When completed, the Jones Log Barn will join two National Historic Register buildings – Duportail House and the Federal Barn – and will serve as the 'Living History Center at Duportail'.

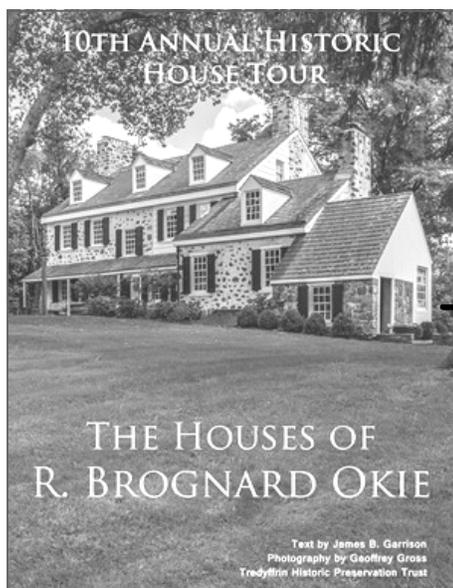
Discover the beauty of historic preservation by visiting the treasured properties of the 2014 House Tour. The historic properties and gardens will be open from 12 Noon to 5 PM on Saturday, September 27, rain

or shine. Duportail House (297 Adams Drive, Chesterbrook) will be the ticket pick-up point for the house tour tickets.

Knowledgeable guides staff each home on the tour and house tour admission includes individual house history booklets with map and parking details.

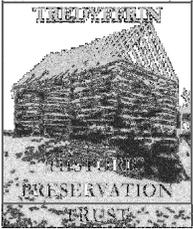
To celebrate a decade of house tours, the public is invited to attend the **House Tour Preview Party** on Sunday, September 21, 5 - 8 PM at the Duportail House in Chesterbrook. An evening of hors d'oeuvres, drinks, live music by 'The Bugundy's' and lots of fun, the Preview Party will celebrate the homeowners and the homes featured on the tour and serve to thank the individual and corporate sponsors who make the annual tour possible. *Attendees will get a sneak preview of the beautiful homes featured on the 10th Annual Historic House Tour!*

House Tour tickets (\$35), Preview Party tickets (\$30); Combo Ticket (\$60). For further information and to purchase tickets, please visit the website, www.tredyffrinhistory.org



We are grateful to architect and writer James Garrison and photographer Geoffrey Gross for commemorating the decade of Trust house tours in the special anniversary publication, 'The Houses of R. Brognard Okie'. Their words and photographs document the history and architectural splendors and share the beauty and warmth of the tour's featured homes. These buildings represent the commitment of their owners and stewards to preserving an important part of the region's history.

Limited copies of the anniversary publication will be available for purchase at the House Tour Preview Party on Sunday, September 21 and at Duportail House, the day of the House Tour on Saturday, September 27. Price: \$10



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