

SPRINGFIELD PRESERVATION TRUST

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Fall Walking Tour: September 25, 1988



Explore Atwater Neighborhood Full Of Grand Homes Like This

The fifth annual At Home House Tour has been set for Sunday, September 25. It will showcase the Atwater Park area off Springfield Street, near BayState Medical Center. Although not a designated historic district, Atwater Park contains some of the best early twentieth century houses in the City. A "house-hunting" committee composed of Jim O'Connell, Teresa Pfeiffer, and Sue Ellen Lovejoy are looking for houses to open and have already had five committed. We hope to have at least a dozen homes.

As usual, the tour will take place between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. . It is again sponsored by Bank of Boston. Tickets can be purchased at Longmeadow Flower Shops in West Springfield, Longmeadow, and Downtown beginning in mid-September and on the day of the tour **ALONG SPRINGFIELD STREET.**

Anyone interested in working on the tour or opening their home should contact Bob McCarroll at 736-0629.

Annual Meeting And Picnic Scheduled: August 28

The Annual meeting and Pot-Luck Picnic will be held on **SUNDAY, AUGUST 28th.** at 2 p.m. at Steve Haddad's house, 146 Longhill Street. Members planning to attend should call Steve at to tell him how many will be in their party and what dish they will be bringing.

"VALLEY VICTORIANS" Back By Popular Demand

A second series of lectures on Victorian culture will be presented on Wednesday nights in September and October in the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum. Trust members are encouraged to register early as the Spring series sold out. S.P.T. is co-sponsoring the September 21st. lecture by well known expert on Victorian Decoration, Roger Moss. Tickets can be purchased separately for this event (\$4.50 for Trust members; \$5.50 for others,) on the night of the lecture in the Museum of Fine Arts, but space is limited, so plan to come early (6:30). Dan Sotak-Cooper and Jim Boone will each present a talk in the series.

September 14: "Victorian Interior Design," instructor John Burrows.

September 21: "Painting the Town Victorian: How to Choose Historical Colors", instructor, Dr. Roger W. Moss.

September 28: "The Insides and Undersides of Victorian Furniture: Popular Styles of 19th-Century Home Furnishings", Dan Sotak-Cooper.

October 5: "The Do's and Don't's of Furniture Conservation at Home: Zip Strip Vs. Butcher's Wax", instructor Gail E. Nessell.

October 12: "Social Historians Examine Victorian Life in Springfield", moderator Wayne Phaneuf, with panelists Frances Gagon, Lawrence Gormally, and James C. O'Connell.

October 19: "Springfield's Victorian Houses: A Detailed Look at the Minute and Majestic", instructor James Boone.

Historic Commission Seat For Trust Deliberated By City Council

The Trust continues its efforts to have one of the seats on the Historic Commission designated for the Trust. All the City Councilors agreed to co-sponsor the ordinance change, but at the last moment it was tabled and sent to committee because of an error or misunderstanding as to how the proposed change was written up. Hopefully the Planning Committee will meet soon, the proposed ordinance wording will be cleared up, and it will go back to the Council for approval.

The Trust feels strongly that full participation on the Commission by a Trust person will be a great aid to the Commission because of the historical, restoration, and over-all expertise that we have.

Spring Tour A Success

The twelfth annual Historic House Tour on May 1 drew over 500 people, a larger than usual number. All buses were filled, and many tour-goers had to wait for later buses or drive themselves. Proceeds from the event will go toward another nomination to the National Register (see related article).

Thanks go to those who opened their buildings: Bill Guzy and Ted Devanski in McKnight, John and Mary Margaret Young in Forest Park Heights, Steve Haddad on Mattoon Street, Tom and Liz Sharpe on Mattoon, Leslie Clement in Maple Hill, Noyes Associates with Classical High School, Philip and Denise Sindell in Ridgewood, Ring Nursing Home in Ridgewood, and the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum. Special thanks go to Shawmut Bank for sponsoring the tour for the third year and to all who worked on the tour.

Bob McCarroll Honored By Mass. Historical

Bob McCarroll received a Massachusetts Historical Commission 25th. Anniversary Award at a day-long conference in May celebrating preservation across the state. The citation especially praises Bob's success in moving "preservation concerns to the forefront of the planning process". Mentioned were the creation of the Trust and the Historical Commission, Bob's leadership in pursuing National Register listing and creating local Historic Districts, and the revision of statewide legal tools for preservation through efforts originating with the Bowles House case.

The awards were presented at a reception at the New Bedford Whaling Museum, a very appropriate place to celebrate Massachusetts rich history and the contributions people like Bob have made in preserving and generating enthusiasm for our priceless heritage.

SPT Calendar

Meetings at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Forest Park Library:

September 7
October 5

Annual Meeting and Pot-Luck Preservation Picnic
August 28

AT HOME in Atwater Park House Tour
September 25

Victorian Lecture Series:
September 14 - October 19



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