



SPRINGFIELD PRESERVATION TRUST NEWS AND EVENTS

April 2002

Annual Awards Presentation

The Springfield Preservation Trust is holding its Annual Awards Presentation this month to coincide with National Preservation Month. This years award recipients will be recognized in a ceremony on May 22nd at 6:00 p.m. in the Lobby at Tower Square, 1500 Main Street. An exhibit of photos of the 2002 award winning properties, as well as previous preservation successes [and loses], will be on display from May 18 through May 31. Please join us as we congratulate this years winners:

Carlo DiLizia - 152 Westminster St
Domingo & Carlene Kane Diaz - 16 Ridgewood Terrace
Hampden Saving Bank - 19 Harrison Ave
Immaculate Conception Church - 25 Parker St
Ted Jarrett - 72 Westminster St
Mass #1 Limited Liability Corp - 23-29 Federal St
Michael Noonan - 81 Mulberry St
Paramount Realty Investment LLC - Hippodrome
Adam Garcia Ramirez - 123-125 Mulberry St
South Congregational Church - 45 Maple St
Springfield Fire Department - Sullivan Fire Station
Springfield School Department - Van Sickle School addition
Springfield Parks Department - Trolley Pavilion in Forest Park
Richard Marker & Dale Thompson - 91 Mulberry St
John Tansey - 187 Bowdoin St
Valley Real Estate - Maple High Apartments

Refreshments will be served

Spring House Tour

The Maple Hill Historic District, created in 1978, will be showcased in this years spring tour. "Ice Tea Social on Maple Hill" will feature some of the largest and most elaborate homes in the city. The tour is Sunday May 19th, from 1:00 - 4:00.

Advance tickets can be purchased at 'Flowers Flowers' on Sumner Ave and 'The Flower Box' on Carew St. Tickets will be available on the day of the tour at 'Child and Family Services' on Pine St. Price of tickets are \$10.00 for Trust members and \$15.00 for the general public.



Refreshments will be served in the garden patio of 327 Maple St.

Designer Show House 2002

The Springfield Preservation Trust is planning a major fundraiser this coming September. 75 Mulberry Street, an elaborate 2 ½ story, 16 room brick and shingle Queen Anne built in 1889, was home to Edmund Harvey Smith until his death in 1932. It remained vacant for many years, eventually became a boarding house, and is once again a single family home. This is a very exciting and ambitious project; we have the opportunity to showcase a wonderful home in a great city neighborhood and hopefully raise enough money to continue with our preservation efforts in the city. Many events are planned around the show house, we hope we can count on your support. Please mark your calendars; show house dates are September 15th through October 13th.



Advocacy Update

A hearing for oral arguments was held on 3/19/02 and we now await a final decision by the judge. As you recall, SPT filed a lawsuit last year against Springfield Library and Museums Association and the Diocese of Springfield. Both SLMA and the Diocese are exempt from restrictions that apply to other residents in the Quadrangle - Mattoon Street Historic District. SPT is arguing that the exemption provision is unauthorized by the Historic Districts Act, which provides guidelines for a municipality to set up an historic district. We are also arguing that subsequent application of this exemption to properties acquired by SLMA undermine the purpose of the statute. The integrity of the statute, as well as the district, is at stake.