

SPRINGFIELD PRESERVATION TRUST

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JOIN US AT HOME IN SPRINGFIELD: Friends gather on a porch on Maplewood Terrace in Forest Park.

SEPTEMBER 29: "AT HOME IN FOREST PARK" SELF-GUIDED WALKING TOUR

Our rousing success in last autumn's "At Home in Downtown" has inspired the Trust to host a second "At Home" tour on Sunday, September 29 between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Highlighted this year is Forest Park Heights, now commemorating its tenth anniversary as an historic district.

Visiting 14 houses and an apartment in the Forest Park Heights neighborhood, the Tour will feature residences on Forest Park Avenue, Florentine Gardens, Longhill Street and Bellevue Avenue.

In addition to these homes, Park Memorial Baptist Church and Faith United Church will open their sanctuaries to tour-goers.

Tickets for the self-guided walking tour may be purchased in advance for \$6.00 per person from Longmeadow Flowers in Downtown Springfield, West Springfield and Longmeadow. Tickets will be available for \$7.00 on the day of the tour at 87 Maplewood Terrace, off Forest Park Avenue. As usual, the Trust members will receive a \$1.00 discount; just identify yourself at time of purchase.

Many thanks to Bob McCarroll for coordinating the tour, Anne Rice for publicity, Marilyn Sutin for brochure photography, Ed Lonergan for research, Wilfred Stebbins, tickets and to Bank of Boston/Western Mass for underwriting brochure costs.

SPT ANNUAL MEETING: A LOOK AT RESTORATION

Members convened on the evening of June 19, 1985 to review the accomplishments and cast a glance toward future issues and projects for the Trust. The site for the meeting was the Zorzi development project on Main Street. Madeline and Peter Zorzi treated members to a guided tour of the restoration, a fascinating look at work in progress.

Education VP Bob McCarroll remarked on the success of both the Fall downtown walking tour and the Spring historic house tour; treasurer Wilfred Stebbins summarized the Trust's healthy financial statement; and Advocacy/Restoration VP Jim Boone commented on the positive preservation events of 1985, including the restoration work begun on the old "Y". Donald Campion talked about the CMC Development and their involvement with downtown restoration. Special welcome to new Board Directors, TERI WARD and TERESA PFEIFER.

SPT Board of Directors meet the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m., Forest Park Library. PLEASE COME! We value your input.

October 2
November 6
December 4

SPRING HOUSE TOUR GREAT SUCCESS

Over 300 people enjoyed good weather and great houses on the Ninth Annual Historic House Tour on May 5. This year's tour was underwritten by CMC Development with whose financial assistance the Trust was able to produce a quality tour brochure.

Houses ranged from an 1835 Greek Revival on Central Street to a 1927 Tudor Revival on Maple Street. Besides the quality of the homes, it was particularly gratifying that all houses were provided by Trust members.

Special thanks goes to all the home owners; Bob McCarroll for his super job as tour director; Marilyn Sutin whose skill as a photographer adds so much to the posters and tour guide; to Ed Lonergan for his interesting research, and to the bus tour guides Jim Boone, Bob McCarroll, Donald D'Amato and Hilton Abbott whose knowledge of the city and witty style contribute so much to the tour. Thanks also to John and Tina Bellows for handling tickets and Anne Rice for publicity.

SUMMER PICNIC

The Annual Preservation Picnic was hosted by Maury and Ellie Dashevsky at their country home in Conway on August 11. Trust members toured the newly constructed log house, went wading in a nearby babbling brook, and shared in a scrumptious pot luck picnic.

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McKnight Survey: A Neighborhood United by its Past

Proceeds from the 1985 Historic House Tour will fund the completion of the McKnight Neighborhood survey and research, Trust officials announce. Ed Lonergan, who has accomplished most of the survey work performed in Springfield, is under contract with the Trust to complete the survey. In 1976, half of McKnight became Historic Register, but the remainder of the neighborhood did not undergo survey in that year. Because the same developers and builders conceived and created the entire neighborhood, it is important that National Register status and protection belong to all of McKnight.

The McKnight Neighborhood Council has thanked the Trust for the Trust's contribution, and professionals from the State Historical Commission have approved the proposed boundaries of the extended National Register District.

McKnight is the largest and most complete Victorian neighborhood in this city. Its existence is just one of the reasons why Springfield earned the title, "The City of Homes".

* An exhibit of interest to Trust members, "Berkshire *
* Lost" is at the Chesterwood Museum in Stockbridge, MA *
* through October 31. Featured are photos and artifacts *
* from buildings like the H.H. Richardson-designed Church *
* of the Unity in Springfield, which was razed. *

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