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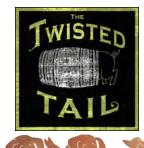
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Scott Quitel, Founder of Land Health Institute





The Society Hill Civic Association (SHCA) is pleased to invite the community to a thoughtprovoking evening on Wednesday, November 19. Scott Quitel, founder of Land Health Institute, will address our General Membership Meeting on connecting with the resiliency of nature in the city.

Scott Quitel, JD, MBA, Certified Arborist, has a diverse background that combines environmental education, ecology, design, planning, liberal arts, law and business. He led the design efforts for the recently opened Washington Avenue Pier — the transformation of the decaying former Immigration Pier of Philadelphia into a natural and historic park upon the Delaware.

The ecological health of our land is in peril. Not only have many species become threatened, endangered or extinct, so have various types of natural habitat. However, just as human ingenuity and zest for ever-improving quality of life inadvertently brought about ecological crisis, those same traits can serve to reverse the downward trajectory. Counterintuitive as it may seem, an ideal place to spark tangible improvement is within the city itself. Scott will discuss how urban dwellers can be real agents of beneficial environmental change, and enjoy their connection with nature in the process.

The meeting will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Zubrow Auditorium on the first floor of Pennsylvania Hospital inside the main entrance at 8th Street near Spruce. All neighbors are invited to attend. Prior to the General Meeting, we will hold our monthly Board Meeting at the Hospital's Great Court Conference Room. Current SHCA members are welcome to attend.

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, December 9, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. SHCA members are invited to the Twisted Tail, 509 S. 2nd Street, second floor, to kick off the holiday season in the good company of friends and neighbors. A cover charge of \$25 per member provides hors d'oeuvres and cash bar at Happy Hour prices.

It's Party Time!

Please RSVP by sending a check made out to SHCA to Matt DeJulio, SHCA Administrator, P.O. Box 63503, Philadelphia, PA 19147, by December 1. Society Hill residents who are not members are most welcome to join us and meet their neighbors — just sign up for SHCA membership at \$50 per household plus \$25 per person cover charge.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Society Hill Civic Association Meetings Wednesday, November 19, 2014

Pennsylvania Hospital 8th & Spruce Streets

Board of Directors Meeting Pennsylvania Great Court Conference Room All SHCA members are welcome.

7:30 p.m. General Membership Meeting Pennsylvania Hospital Zubrow Auditorium All neighborhood residents are invited to attend.

Speaker: Scott Quitel, Founder of Land Health InstituteTopic: Connecting with the Resiliency of Nature

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Materials must be submitted in writing - via mail or email - and must include the name of a contact person. Edited submissions will be considered for publication if the subject matter is community related and if space allows. Otherwise, upcoming events of interest may be listed in the Community Calendar. Letters to the Editor will be considered for publication only if signed and the writer provides contact information.

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Marlene S. Molinoff moved to Society Hill with her husband, Perry, in December 2003. During the first few years of her residency here, she commuted to New York to continue her career as a pharmaceutical copywriter, creative strategist and marketer. More recently, she served as a consultant to several local healthcare marketing groups. During the past few years, she has been writing short fiction. A number of her stories have appeared in national publications. An enthusiastic traveler/ photographer, Marlene has most recently visited Bhutan, Cambodia and the Galapagos. She serves on the Board of Directors of the Wilma Theater and is happy for the opportunity to serve the SHCA as its recording secretary.

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the American **Revolution in Washington** Square has been handsomely renovated, thanks to the generosity of Suzanne and Norman Cohen, along with their family. The Square has gotten more beautiful and more colorful over the last several years, due to the hard work of members of SHCA, which is spearheaded by board member Sissie Lipton. Proceeds

The Society Hill Civic Association is fortunate to recruit talented, hard-working neighbors who love our community and work hard to make it even better. Consider adding your time and talents to an SHCA committee. You'll meet interesting people and make meaningful contributions to Society Hill, one of America's premier neighborhoods. Find a list of all of SHCA's committees at www.societyhillcivic.org.

of the Washington Square Affairs, as well as dedicated monies from association membership dues and gifts from caring neighbors, have funded this transformation.

The next large project is the repair and restoration of the historic fountain in the center of the Square. Work for this has begun and is scheduled to be finished by spring.





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"There are things known and things unknown and in between are the doors."

- Jim Morrison (1943 - 1971)



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ready, Set, Rake! Get involved with neighborhood cleanup on November 15

Then my wife and I first moved to Society Hill in 2005, my first contact with the Society Hill Civic Association came from working with neighbors who were actively removing graffiti and planning the spring and fall Clean-Up Days. Wally Wing, the long-term chairperson of the Clean-Up Day Committee, welcomed me to his committee. Wally is still active; you will find him outside the Superfresh on the morning of November 15, handing out brooms and paper bags to anyone who needs them.

Clean-Up Day is an opportunity not only to spruce up the neighborhood, but to meet and greet others who share the idea that we are all in this together. A beautiful neighborhood reflects the values and participation of all its members - churches, schools, restaurants, hotels and, most of all, neighbors who are the "boots on the ground" every day. This year, I am pleased to announce that the Monaco Hotel reached out and volunteered to make some of its staff available to help out on November 15.

Other businesses and institutions are encouraged to follow this civic engagement. I suggest that we, as a community, expand the practice of Clean-up Day beyond its twice yearly schedule. I encourage all neighborhood residents to go the extra mile on a daily basis: pick up litter, also remember to clean and weed tree pits and sidewalk bricks. And sweep leaves and debris from the front of properties — especially important if homeowners tend to use a rear entrance.

This year everyone also has an opportunity to help plant trees in the neighborhood in association with the Tree Tenders committee on November 15. This community-based street beautification effort pays off: it enhances the quality of life for all residents, is part of what makes our cohesive, historic neighborhood special, and maintains and increases property values.

Mark your calendars! Looking forward to seeing everyone out on the streets on November 15. And on behalf of our Civic Association, I wish all residents a happy winter holiday season!

Bob Curley has been a board member for six years, where he co-coordinated Clean-Up Day and participated with Tree Tenders. He is a partner in the law firm of O'Donoghue & O'Donoghue LLP.

Robert Curley. SHCA President

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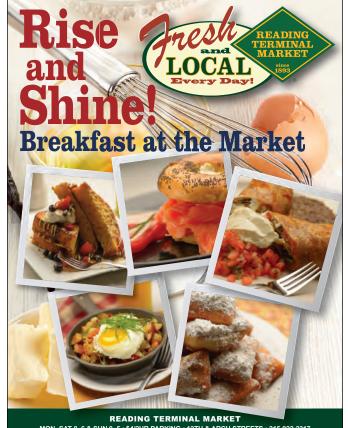
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Fall Clean-Up Day

Put on your work clothes and strike a rakish pose! It's time to get our community ready for winter. Last year's ice and snow taught us how treacherously dangerous accumulated leaves and litter are, as we navigate brick sidewalks and cobblestone streets.

This year, sweeper trucks will be on the streets on Friday evening, November 14, to pre-clean before cars are moved to the alternate side. On Saturday, November 15, we ask you to be a good citizen and sweep around your house and on your block. Remember to get those gutters cleared, as well as nearby walkways and alleys, before the city's sweeper trucks come back sometime between 8 a.m. and noon. Consider stepping up to the plate if you notice your neighbor is away or a rental property needs a little TLC. And let's not forget Three Bears Park! It's worth noting that, because of budget cuts, SHCA is picking up the bill for the sweeper trucks this year, as well as for the paper shredding service.

Trash bags will be available — handed out by SHCA's Clean-Up Day volunteers — at the S. 5th Street Superfresh, from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. Your bagged leaves and street litter, but no household trash, should be left by noon at intersections on Locust, Spruce, Pine, or Lombard Streets, where they cross the numbered streets.

Wherever posted, cars must be moved to the opposite side of the street after 6 p.m. on Friday night, or they could be ticketed on Saturday morning beginning at 8 a.m. Please note that to accommodate Saturday synagogue services, the 300, 400 and 500 blocks of both Spruce and Lombard Streets will be swept by 8:30 a.m. — leaving the south side of these streets available for congregants to park their cars.

All streets will be swept from Front to 8th and from Walnut to Lombard Streets, not including Walnut Street. There will be no parking on either side of the 300 and 400 blocks of Front Street or the 200 and 300 blocks of 2nd Street and Lawrence Court. Although "Other Side Parking" signs will generally read "from 6 p.m. Friday until 3 p.m. Saturday," Society Hill's Block Coordinators are encouraged to remove these signs as near to 1 p.m. as possible — in order to permit cars to be moved back to their usual side of the street between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. and prevent those cars from getting ticketed. A special thanks to our friends at Monaco Hotel for lending a hand to make Society Hill more beauti-fall!

RECYCLING EVERYTHING FROM CRADLES TO COMPUTERS

St. Peter's School Parking Lot 3rd and Lombard Streets November 15, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (earlier if the truck reaches capacity).

SHCA is sponsoring paper-shredding and electronic recycling services on the November 15 Clean-Up Day. The shredding service is for the convenience of Society Hill residents only — sorry, no businesses. It is only for confidential materials; non-confidential papers should be recycled, not shredded.

- Only paper is accepted. No CDs or disks.
- Electronic recycling will take tube TVs, microwaves, computers — anything with a plug. There is a \$20 charge for each TV or computer monitor.
- No large appliances like refrigerators or washing machines. Also no smoke detectors or projection televisions.

This Clean-up Day, neighbors will once again be able to donate new and gently used clothes, coats, books and school supplies to Cradles to Crayons. This non-profit organization will then find area children in low-income and poverty situations and provide the essentials they need to thrive.

If you partake of these special services and are not yet an SHCA member, please consider joining our civic association by simply filling out the form, either on page 29 of this newsletter or online at societyhillcivic.org. Any questions? Call 215-629-1288.



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All Gloria Dei's venerable trees remained standing in Hurricane Sandy, preserving the historic graves below.

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Revelers Raise their Glasses to Roof Restoration

S ociety Hill neighbors love to party! They recently packed the house — the Physick House, that is — in support of the campaign to replace the roof on this 228-year-old landmark. As live jazz filled the air, guests were treated to presentations by professional sommelier Michael Walsh, and Dock Street Brewery's Aleksandr Certo-Ware. A silent auction was held and raised substantial funds. As these pictures show, guests had a wonderful time. To learn more about the Restore the Roof Campaign, go to philalandmarks.org. To make a donation, call 215-925-2251, press ext. 1, then ext. 5, and speak to Jorja. Or mail a check to Physick House Roof Campaign, 321 S. 4th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106. Kudos to Martha Levine, Chair of the Physick House Preservation Committee, for a wonderful event!



Norm and Sylvia Lieberman, Matt DeJulio and Linda Skale



Sommelier Michael Walsh (right) with assistant, pouring and discussing wines.



Bob Boris, Linda Seyda and MK Carmichael



Amanda Aslansan and Darlene Cavalier



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THIS OLD HOUSE

BY CHUCK GROSHONG AND DANIELLE GROSHONG-KEPERLING

Stop 'Demolition by Neglect' from Destroying Your Historic Home

Preservation is not just saving seriously decayed old buildings about to be torn down or abandoned. It also concerns the ongoing preservation of well-cared-for homes by implementing a thorough maintenance plan.

All buildings deteriorate over time: sunlight, weather, insects, animals, vegetation and chemical pollutants affect the physical health of a building.

So does neglect, so much so that there is an official term for letting a historical building rot away without maintenance — "demolition by neglect."

Surely, if demolishing our historical buildings with equipment and wrecking balls is a tragedy, then so is destroying them through neglect.

Without proper maintenance to preserve the original features and traditional craftsmanship that makes your historical home culturally significant, not only is decay inevitable, it can actually be accelerated.

What you need to know about developing a maintenance plan for your home

Maintenance isn't just preservative; it's preventative, too. The National Park Service's Preservation Brief #47, "Maintaining the Exterior of Small and Medium-Size Historic Buildings," notes that, "Work done on a crisis level can favor inappropriate treatments that alter or damage historic material." It also states, "It is enticing to read about 'maintenance-free' products and systems, particularly waterproof sealers, rubberized paints and synthetic siding, but there is no such thing as maintenance-free when it comes to caring for historic buildings. Some approaches that initially seem to reduce maintenance requirements, over time actually accelerate deterioration."

Regular maintenance also preserves your finances. Restoring historical architectural features is far costlier than maintaining them. A maintenance plan with a qualified contractor helps distribute both big and small improvement projects over time. This helps homeowners to budget and prepare for spending.

Your maintenance plan should be as unique as your home. In addition to keeping with preservation standards, a solid plan should be customized to your building's individual needs and architectural features

The maintenance plan must also be methodical. It needs to be organized so that care is seamless and proper attention is always given to the most critical areas. Include descriptions and photos of architectural features, a prioritized schedule for recommended repairs and documentation of all work done. Be sure to include a method for your contractor to notify you when it is time to do a particular project.

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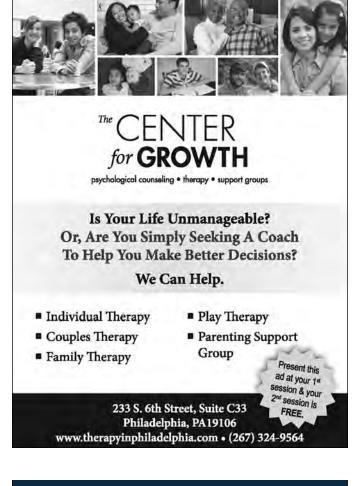
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BY JIM MURPHY

The Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts Historic Landmark Building

If you asked me to rank Philadelphia's mustsee sights, the unique Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts (PAFA) building on N. Broad Street would easily top my list of buildings.

To me, this one-of-a-kind creation, primarily designed by famous Philadelphia architect Frank Furness and located just up the street from City Hall, should be number one on every Philadelphian's bucket list. It's that spectacular.

Interesting Oddities:

Furness' name is really pronounced

"furnace." I just learned the correct pronunciation about two years ago while viewing a Penn website on Furness' superb campus library — now the Fisher Fine Arts Library. Most Philadelphians I know still mispronounce it.

Decorated war hero. Furness is the only major architect to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor. He was cited for bravery at the Battle of Trevilian Station, Virginia, on June 12, 1864. Captain Furness commanded Company F of the Sixth Pennsylvania Cavalry, also known as Rush's Lancers, during the Civil War.

The gorgeous Grand Stairhall was not Furness' original design. Instead, says Harry Philbrick, director of the museum at PAFA, the stunning stairhall sweeping up to the gallery level was the steering committee's idea, and it worked. Furness' design was a more conventional up-and-back stairway

Five Innovations to Look for:

A trend-setting truss. Furness installed a massive steel truss, typically used on bridges, along the north side of the building. Why? He wanted to install brick on the outside wall of the gallery above the large windows, and glass can't hold up brick. Besides supporting the secondfloor galleries, the truss allows the lower part of the wall to be a non-load bearing or "curtain" wall. As historical architect George Thomas explains, "Curtain walls are integral to virtually every modern skyscraper, pointing out just how revolutionary and future-oriented this building was."

Furness' futuristic plan. While the building opened five years before the Brush Electric Light Company — a PECO predecessor — went into business, Furness's drawings show he designed for the new power source.

A passive ventilation system. Not only did Furness provide abundant lighting with a gallery skylight, his mostly glass roof above it also acts like a greenhouse. George Thomas, now writing his latest book on the architect, says Furness "designed a mechanical sash system that opened up large panels of the roof to let out heat."

A large freight elevator. Controlled with ropes, it opens to the street and the gallery from the back of the building. The elevator transported large equipment, as well as horses, which were brought in twice a year as subjects for student projects. Horses don't do steps well.

Industrial touches. Look carefully and you'll see that Furness placed pistons, gears, cogs, drive shafts and more, as ornaments, inside and outside of the museum. He also used the four card suits — hearts, clubs, diamonds and spades — in many places.

Unfortunately, Furness' reputation suffered greatly in his later years, as more "modern" architectural styles became popular. Many of his most notable works were torn down.

But do yourself a favor. Visit this marvelous building soon. Experience its beauty, workmanship and technology. And enjoy the fact that you are standing inside a truly amazing "factory for fine art." Eclectic, engaging and exceptional: this Frank Furness masterpiece is my alltime favorite building in Philadelphia



"Born to Bend," a sculpture by KAWS, a world-renowned artist, will be on the front facade of PAFA's Historic Building until January 4, 2015.

FAST FACTS

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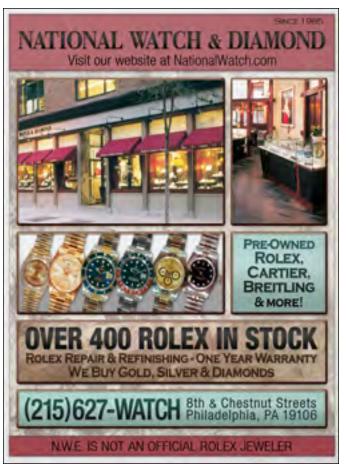
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BY DIANA BURGWYN

Applause: The Do's, the Don'ts and the Whys

In the 18th and 19th centuries, classical music was considered more an entertainment than an art, and knowledgeable audiences were expected to applaud whenever they wanted to express their appreciation, even while the music was being played. Indeed, Mozart wrote gleefully to his father when one of his compositions was interrupted by constant applause.

Attitudes changed drastically in the 20th century when classical music was seen differently as a hallowed form of art. With this reverence came restrictions. People were not to applaud between movements of a symphony, but wait until the end of the last movement. The same applied to concertos. Even if the first movement featured a dazzling cadenza for the soloist that practically begged for applause, audiences were to sit on their hands. Stricter still was the dictum that until the conductor lowered his arms at the end of a piece, silence was to be maintained. Whatever happened to spontaneity?

Some authorities date the change in etiquette to Richard Wagner. Audiences in his opera house in Bayreuth, Germany, maintained a hushed, reverent silence throughout; even the rustle of a program was frowned upon. But the most extreme exponent of music-as-religion was the flamboyant conductor Leopold Stokowski, who tried, and failed, to eliminate *all* applause at Philadelphia Orchestra concerts.

In truth, there are legitimate reasons for such seemingly arbitrary rules. Every movement of a symphony relates to the other movements. When the work is heard as a whole without the interruption of clapping, the overall effect is much more powerful. Several seconds of silence at the end of a piece, especially if it is quiet and contemplative, reverberate in memory and are as precious as the music itself. Individual songs in a cycle together form a story, a mood, that is broken by applause before the last song is completed. Chamber music, the most intimate of instrumental forms, should be heard as an inseparable whole.

But there have always been exemptions to this rigidity. At an opera, clapping and shouts of "bravo" (or "brava" if the singer is a woman) are expected and desired at the end of a clearly defined aria. Ballet was and is an even looser form; it's fine to acknowledge a perfectly executed pirouette or arabesque while the orchestra is playing. No wonder even President Barack Obama once said that he didn't know when to clap during a classical music performance. There are no definite answers for him or anyone else. Certainly no performing musician approves of chatting, cell phones, or rustling programs and the like. But they are not unified in terms of applause. Many, whom I will call the accommodationists, feel that hindering audiences from expressing their enthusiasm when they want to is unfair, intimidating and self-defeating in that it turns off potential new attendees. Furthermore, they maintain it causes audiences to feel like outsiders rather than participants in the musical experience. Among these are such well-known musical figures as conductor Leonard Slatkin, pianist Emmanuel Ax and critic Alex Ross of the New Yorker.

On the other side are the purists or, less flatteringly, the elitists. Holdouts for strict adherence to the rules about applause include conductors Daniel Barenboim, Pinchas Zuckerman and Riccardo Muti, whose glares, gestures and chiding words about misplaced applause are, to say the least, embarrassing to the perpetrators.

So what is a poor audience member, unfamiliar with the particulars of applause, to do? One answer is to clap when you want to do and ignore the stares of hostility. Another is to assume that most of the audience members know the rules, and follow their lead.

Recently, I watched Philadelphia Orchestra conductor Yannick Nézet Séguin as the audience began to applaud at the end of the rousing first movement of the Khachaturian Piano Concerto. He stood patiently facing the musicians without acknowledging or denying the applause, and then went on to the next movement. No applause was heard at the end of the second movement. But when the work was completed, he slowly lowered his arms and turned graciously and gratefully to the wildly enthusiastic audience, at which point practically everyone rose to their feet cheering. Now that's the way to educate without intimidating.

Diana Burgwyn has been writing about music for many years as a critic, feature writer and program annotator. Currently she writes for the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, the Curtis Institute of Music and *Opera Philadelphia*.

OUT AND ABOUT

Philly Gets Healthier...

Congratulations are in order as "Philly Is Walking In The Park" celebrates its second anniversary! This physician-led, Society Hill community walking program offers neighbors self-paced physical activity and camaraderie in the serenity of beautiful, historic Washington Square.

The founding director of the walking program and the free medical speaker series, "Society Hill – Hot and Healthy" is Lisa D. Unger, M.D., F.A.C.P., a board certified internist with advanced training in the field of nutrition. A Society Hill resident for more than 25 years, she also serves on the SHCA Board of Directors.

In addition, Dr. Lisa Unger and Lisa Eizen coordinate occasional "CommuniTEAS" for walkers at local venues. These feature presentations by doctors on topics related to preventative health and nutrition. Everyone is invited to meet the group at the fountain in Washington Square at 8 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for 30 minutes of exercise.



Bonnie Halda

is a freelance photographer specializing in historic buildings and the urban environment. She's also a historical architect with the Northeast Regional Office of the National Park Service.









These Philly Walkers are also volunteer greeters for the "Society Hill – Hot and Healthy" speaker series held at The Athenaeum of Philadelphia. Pictured L to R: Sue Carroll, Sylvia Lieberman, Tom Carroll, George Kelley, Christine Calbry and Sue Binswanger.

OUT AND ABOUT

...Step by Step!



Lisa Eizen: "The best way to start the day is with a walk through beautiful Washington Square-and the health benefits are a bonus!"



Giuliana Pierson: "As a new member, I was really welcomed by the other walkers, and now I really feel part of the group."



Mira Zorovich: "It's not imposing, so free, so wonderful and available when you want it. I can see improvement in myself."



Dr. Lisa Unger: "Walking is the best way to stay healthy for life! I love leading these enthusiastic walkers in our beautiful Society Hill neighborhood."



George Kelley: "I feel that the social stimulation aspect of the walking program is so worthwhile because of interesting conversation and new friends."



Barbara Levy: "My first time walking I couldn't make it around the park once. Within six weeks I could walk the full 30 minutes. As a result, my stamina is back."



Talula's Daily, 208 W. Washington Square, was the setting for a CommuniTEA with a presentation on "Vanquishing Viruses: Update on Ebola and Influenza" by Dr. John J. Stern, Chief, Division of Infectious Diseases, Pennsylvania Hospital.



A recent "CommuniTEA" featured a presentation by Dr. Lisa on "Weight Loss and Healthy Lifestyle Tips" held at The Bagel Factory, 510 Walnut Street.

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4th Street in Society Hill! Built in 1829, the home's namesake is Judge John Cadwalader, best known for his prestigious legal career including one term in the U.S. House of Representatives and serving as a United States District Court Judge for the Eastern Region of Pennsylvania. The residence is five floors plus basement and has potential for two parking spaces and a pool. 9,003 sf

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THE FOOD TRUST NEWS

Headhouse Market Open for Holidays

Like everyone else, the Food Trust and Headhouse Farmers' Market merchants are gearing up for the holiday season. The good news for Society Hill is that the Market will be open right up until Christmas weekend.

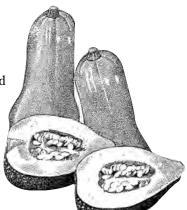
Whether you plan to order your Thanksgiving turkey from the Market, provision for appetizers, side dishes or dessert, or simply pick up a nice hostess gift, like chocolates or gourmet coffee, the merchants will be ready for you. Seven merchants, along with the Heart Food Truck, will be well-supplied with ingredients for your holiday celebration. Note: the Market will be open Wednesday, November 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., but will be closed on Sunday, November 30.

In the run up to Hanukkah and Christmas, the Market will remain on its usual Sunday schedule — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. — on December 7, 14 and 21, with 25 merchants committed to those dates. Says Katy Wich, Manager of the Farmers' Market Program for the Food Trust, "This is a great time to stock up for holiday parties. Things like charcuterie, smoked scallops, pickles, cheeses and pies are in plentiful supply. There will be bountiful greens and root vegetables, and you can make a beautiful crudité tray with apples, pears, carrots and beets." It's also a source for presents and stocking stuffers for the foodies on your gift list.

Katy adds, "We routinely see about 3,000 customers come through the Headhouse Market each week, so we are motivated to keep the Market open and well-provisioned through the holiday season."

One item that remains available into late fall is butternut squash. Headhouse Market Manager Lisa Kelly offers the recipe reprinted below, which she created to showcase this seasonal ingredient.

For further healthy recipe ideas and details on all the Farmers' Markets operated by the Food Trust, see thefoodtrust.org.



BUTTERNUT SQUASH PASTA SAUCE WITH ITALIAN SAUSAGE

Serves 4

- 1-2 tablespoons olive oil (or more as needed)
- 1¹/₂ pounds bulk sweet Italian sausage
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- salt

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- 4 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 1 bay leaf, fresh or dried
- 4 to 6 sprigs fresh sage leaves cut into chiffonade (about 2 tablespoons) or 2 teaspoons dried sage
- 1 tablespoon dried thyme or 2 tablespoons of fresh thyme leaves
- 1 cup dry white wine
- 2 cups chicken stock
 - (separated into 1½ cups and ½ cup)
- 2 cups roasted/mashed butternut or kuri squash (see note for instructions)
- $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ cup half and half or whole milk
- 1 pound pasta, cooked
- Romano or Parmigiano cheese, for grating

- **To prepare squash:** Heat oven to 400°. Cut squash in half, remove seeds and lay cut side up in baking dish. Pour ½ cup water around squash and bake 1 1½ hours until squash is totally soft. Cool, scoop flesh and mash. One large squash should yield enough for this recipe.
- 1 Heat olive oil in a large skillet or saucepan over a medium or mediumhigh flame. Crumble and brown sausage in batches, adding oil as necessary. Drain the cooked crumbles on paper towels and set aside.
- **2** Lower flame slightly, add onion to pan with a few pinches of salt. Cook until softened but not browned, adding a touch more oil as necessary.
- **3** Add chopped garlic, bay leaf, sage and thyme and stir, cooking until fragrant about 30 seconds.
- **4** Raise flame slightly, keeping an eye on the garlic so it doesn't burn, then deglaze pan with wine, using a wooden spoon to scrape up all the tasty bits on the bottom of the pan. Lower flame slightly and allow wine to reduce by about half, stirring often.
- 5 Add 1½ cups chicken stock and roasted/mashed squash. (Hold onto other half cup of stock for later if needed.) Stir everything together, add sausage back into pan, reduce flame to low and add milk. Stir to combine, taste and add extra chicken stock if it's needed to loosen sauce. Simmer on low for 15 minutes or so (stirring often), remove bay leaf, then serve with pasta and tons of grated cheese.



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PHILLY FOOD LOVERS

BY KERI WHITE

Spitalieri's Authentic Italian Fare

Spitalieri's, an authentic Italian BYO, can be found on Passyunk Avenue, steps off South Street, in the space formerly occupied by Gnocchi. We popped in for dinner one recent Friday evening.

Joanna Spitalieri, who co-owns the restaurant with her mother, Jeannie, greeted us warmly. She was particularly welcoming when she found out we were from the neighborhood, and was thrilled that we had received a recommendation from a Society Hill regular.

The 40-seat room is inviting; its cool blue tones create a calm, relaxing atmosphere. Large, framed abstract paper cutouts adorn the walls, and the comfortable leather seats and banquettes complement the décor.

The Spitalieris and Chef Sam Miller are committed to sourcing locally. They deliver down-to-earth home cooking that is family friendly. All pastas arrive fresh from Talluto's on 9th Street. Fresh produce comes from Anastasio's on Christian Street, and the bread is delivered daily from Sarcone's, also on 9th Street.

Speaking of bread, ours was accompanied by a delightful basil-infused butter. We ordered the special flatbread as an appetizer for the table; the crust was light and crispy, topped with fig, ricotta, sliced strawberries and arugula. We also shared "Gino's bites," delicious crostini toasts topped with marinated chunks of filet mignon, toasted garlic, dill pickle, aged balsamic vinegar and fresh arugula.

Main dishes are traditional Italian. We sampled the linguine with white clam sauce; the perfectly cooked fresh pasta gave this perennial favorite added appeal. The chicken parmigianino offered a well-executed version of this classic. I hesitated over ordering the eggplant parmigianino — it's a dish that I love to eat, but hate to make. I use this love/hate relationship as one of my prime criteria when ordering in a restaurant. Their version, however, is made from a recipe passed down from Spitalieri's Sicilian grandmother and contains hard-boiled eggs, which I don't like. I discussed this at length with Spitalieri, who assured me that the eggs did not stand out, but promised that she would bring me something else if I didn't like the dish. Turned out that wasn't necessary.

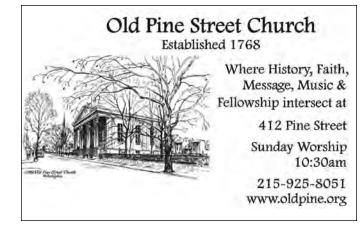
The menu contains several other interesting dishes. For appetizers, stuffed peppers with risotto, as well as sausage, broccoli rabe and mozzarella flatbread are offerd. The escarole and beans with leafy greens is another option. There are also soup and salad selections, as well as a variety of entrées, including cheese ravioli, meatballs and spaghetti and acorn squash risotto. While the menu is not extensive, there is certainly sufficient diversity to meet most preferences, and the staff seemed willing to accommodate special requests.

We were all too full to sample dessert, but the homemade sweets menu offered up cannoli dip, cheese pie with fig sauce, pizzelle cookie sundae and warm chocolate bread pudding. Next time, we'll save room!

Claire Batten and **Keri White** are the dynamic duo behind Philly Food Lovers. They are business partners in KCC, a marketing consultancy and copywriting agency. For more of both of their writings on food, visit phillyfoodlovers.com.



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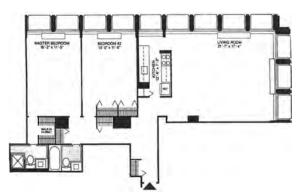


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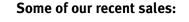


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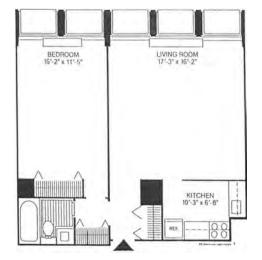


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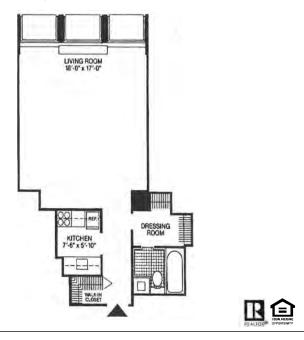


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SAFE AND SOUND IN SOCIETY HILL

BY MARILYN APPEL AND MARTHA LEVINE

How South Street Affects Society Hill

n September 15, SHCA's Safe & Sound Committee Chairs Marilyn Appel and Martha Levine set up a meeting with Captain Brian Korn of the 6th Police District, Captain Frank Milillo of the 3rd Police District, SHCA president Bob Curley and South Street Headhouse District director Mike Harris. The topic: Discuss how the South Street corridor affects the quality of life in Society Hill - the impact on crime, vandalism and graffiti. It has been observed that as people leave South Street, often after bars close at 2 a.m., there is an increase in crime in Society Hill. We said we wanted more police presence here to protect us. We know there are many officers on South Street, but we have few here in our neighborhood.

The lively exchange among the participants resulted in these points:

- Weekends are the most troublesome for crime. On weekends, the 3rd Police District patrols, which usually extend north to Lombard, will now go as far as Spruce Street. Therefore, the 6th and 3rd districts will collaborate to oversee revelers leaving the bars heading elsewhere.
- There will be more consistent patrols by bike officers and officers in cars.
- Recently, the police have placed undercover officers to survey the area from 12 midnight to 8 a.m. on weekends.
- Cameras on South Street have helped to catch criminals and deter crime. Police encourage residents to install cameras to help law enforcement solve crimes. The Safe Cam program is recommended. Homeowners



register their cameras with the police, so that police can contact them for footage if a crime occurs near their home. Visit phillypolice.com for more information.

• Mike Harris said they are trying to attract a higher level of businesses to South Street. Also, SSHD hires off-duty officers to monitor their special events. The special events do not seem to be a problem, though.

We are very fortunate that the 6th and 3rd Philadelphia Police Districts are closely aligned and headed by commanding officers that know each other well and have worked together for some time. Although you might not see them, our officers are out and available, including bike officers Hettinger, Sprouls, Keenan and Downey.

Marilyn Appel has served as chair of our 6th District's Police District Advisory Council since 1980. **Martha Levine**, an active SHCA board member, has created and chaired many projects, such as Welcome Baskets, Block Coordinators, "Fix the Brix" and the Franklin lights restoration project. She also co-chairs the yearly house tour.



6th District bike patrol Officer Charles Hettinger is assigned to Society Hill.





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One Bedroom with Alcove and Balcony

One bedroom plus alcove, one and a half bathroom with a private balcony providing Washington Square and city skyline views. The residence has an open floor plan, perfect for entertaining. The bedroom has an updated ensuite bathroom and a walk-in and wall closet. 1118 sf **\$375,000**



South-facing one bedroom with wonderful city views to the south and a large, private balcony. The residence has an open floor plan, completely renovated kitchen, hardwood floors, laundry room with washer and dryer and spacious bathroom. 928 sf \$339,900



ON OUR SHELF

BY RICHARD DE WYNGAERT

The holiday season is fast approaching. Hopefully, this column will suggest the perfect gift for friends and family — books to make them smile and, if well chosen, broaden their perspectives. Happy reading!

Fiction



Gutenberg's Apprentice by Alix Christie

Alix Christie, a master printer herself, has written a gripping novel about the making of the Gutenberg Bible, the first book ever printed, which was one of the most momentous events in history. It is a story of invention, intrigue and betrayal.

The Original Folk and Fairy Tales of the Brothers Grimm: The Complete First Edition translated by Jack Zipes

An ambitious and magnificent accomplishment, this represents the first complete English translation of the original 156 Grimm Brother fairy tales from the 1812 and 1815 editions. They are accompanied by sumptuous new illustrations

from award-winning artist Andrea Dezso.

Juvenile Fiction

Evil Librarian by Michelle Knudsen

This is a very, very funny novel about a "super cute" young male librarian, who many of the girls in the school have a crush on. But he is actually not interested in education; rather he is a demon intent in sucking the life force out of the entire student body. Lots of high school drama and comical angst!

History

How We Got to Now: Six Innovations that made the Modern World by Steven Johnson Steven Johnson, author of Where Good Ideas Come From, has written a book chronicling six important innovations in science and technology

that have fundamentally shaped our world, but are largely unrecognized or taken for granted. Johnson conveys how critical it is for our society to recognize both how and why new ideas emerge, and to cultivate, not girdle, a fertile infrastructure.



Biography

Dr. Mutter's Marvels by Cristin O'Keefe Aptowicz

A wonderful, superbly crafted biography that brings to life the overlooked influence and astonishing career of one of the real innovators and fathers of modern American medicine. Since Mutter was chief of surgery at Jefferson Medical College, this book should be on the reading list of any Philadelphian with an interest in medicine and science.

Literary Collection

The David Foster Wallace Reader, Little Brown and Company

This volume presents a wonderfully eclectic selection of David Foster Wallace's writing written by one of America's most talented and creative and influential writers of his generation.

Culinary



Cookbook Book by Annahita Kamali

This stunning book has beautifully reproduced the pages and recipes from over 100 revered and influential cookbooks, which have contributed to and shaped the way we create and cook in the kitchen. The art and design of this book are exemplary. A simply beautiful gift for cooks, cookbook collectors and those who love culinary traditions.

Juvenile Nonfiction

Thomas Jefferson: President & Philosopher by Jon Meacham

This is a handsomely illustrated adaptation of Jon Meacham's bestselling *Thomas Jefferson*. *The Art of Power*. Although expectedly less compelling and nuanced than his wonderful biography, the vision, guiding principles and rich story of a very complex man, our third President, shine forth.

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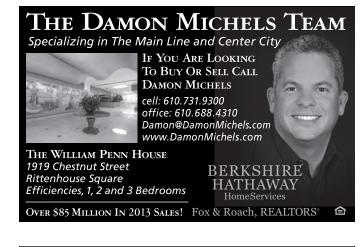


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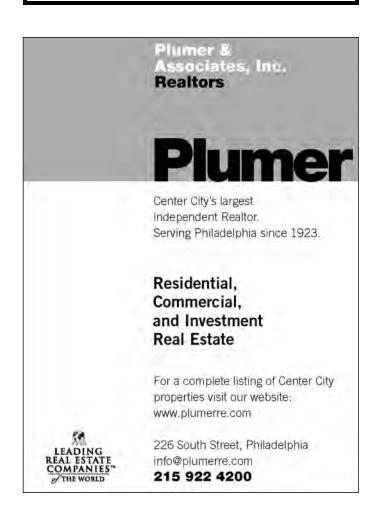
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SOUTH STREET HEADHOUSE DISTRICT

BY CLAIRE BATTEN

Lights, Camera, Action!

Historic Shambles Puts on Fashion Show Spectacular

Yes. I confess. I love *Project Runway* and *America's Next Top Model*. Admit it, many of you do, too. I was therefore excited to receive a VIP, catwalk-side ticket for South Street Headhouse District's (SSHD) first **Fashion Under the Shambles**, which took place in September.

The Shambles is a perennially popular venue in the city for parties and soirees. It's not unusual to be heading to the dry cleaners on the weekend only to be serenaded by a string quartet warming up for a wedding. Yet, I was still blown away by this mid-week transformation.

In detail, the historic Shambles was turned into a sophisticated outside runway, under the direction of event planner Jessica Scott. Hundreds of tiny lights sparkled over high-top tables decorated with oversized black bows.

Emcee for the show was America's Next Top Model finalist, Cory Wade Hindorff, who incited the crowd to a frenzy of enthusiasm. DJ Patrick Feliciano provided high-octane music from KBM Productions. As the music pumped, the crowd cheered, clapped and hollered. Models in all shapes and sizes strutted their stuff on stage, sporting the widest array of clothes and makeup imaginable, ranging from vintage and punk rock to stylish, original, men's and women's wear. Indeed, there was something for all ages, incomes and tastes.

Elena Brennan, owner of shoe boutique Bus Stop on 4th Street, was one of the event's main

Saturday, November 15th "Life in a Jar," The Irena Sendler Project

National Museum of American Jewish History 101 South Independence Mall East

Historic Congregation B'nai Abraham presents the compelling story of three high school students from Kansas who uncovered the remarkable saga of Irena Sendler, a Polish Catholic social worker who rescued more than 2,500 Jewish children from the Warsaw Ghetto during the Holocaust. She buried the lists of the children's names in jars in the hopes of reunitingthe children with their parents after WWII.

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coordinators. She says, "We wanted to excite the rest of the city with the diversity and creativity of the South Street District's fashion scene. The show created unexpected and innovative collaborations between 21 boutiques and salons. And, most importantly, the audience loved it!"

Brennan, chair of SSHD's marketing committee, continues, "Historically, 4th Street was always the place to come for expert tailoring and to buy fashion fabrics and accessories. This event confirmed that our neighborhood is still a hotbed of art and fashion. The outdoor runway show was an absolutely brilliant evening."

The highlight of the evening for me aside from the outré styling, which included a young man wearing four-inch heels —

occurred once the show had ended. Mike Harris, Executive Director of SSHD, held his young daughter's hand as she sashayed, beaming, down the catwalk in her party dress. An event like no other, it brought together all walks of life under the arches of the Shambles in celebration of a shared passion — for fashion and creativity.

If you are interested in booking the Shambles for your very own private outdoor runway or event, contact Krystal at SSHD by calling 215-413-3713.

The Ten Commandments of Management

K. Palmer Hartl is a long-time Society Hill resident, as well as an ordained Episcopalian priest, who has served as a priest associate at Christ Church since 1999. He has recently published *The Ten Commandments of Management*. Using proven business models mixed with appropriate Biblical references, this book provides the ten things managers need to know how to do to become more effective, productive and successful. The book ties together Palmer's two worlds — the church and his work as a consultant to management. The work is available in bookstores, as well as on Amazon.com.







Fashion blogger Style Maniac said, "This was the best Philadelphia Collection event l've attended!"

Conrad Booker, the renowned fashion stylist, was invited to showcase two haute couture looks, which were designed and handmade in Booker's Philadelphia studio. Booker designed these outfits from head to toe, including glasses, shoes, accessories and handbags.





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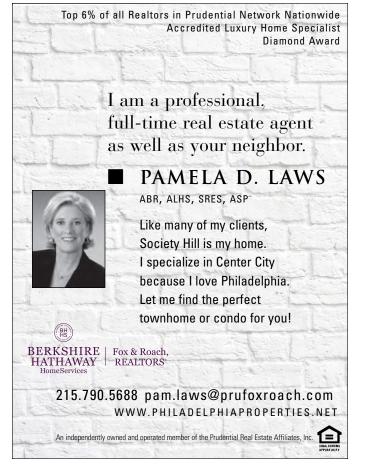
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2015 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

BY MATT DEJULIO

Support SHCA in 2015

We are excited this year that a growing list of area restaurants and businesses are providing special benefits to residents who show a current SHCA membership card. For instance, Bistro Romano, M restaurant and Positano Coast are offering 10 percent discounts on dining. Read more about this in the next issue of the *Reporter*.

If you enjoy strolling through beautiful Washington Square, walking on well-lit, graffiti-free streets and being kept well-informed, thanks to the *Reporter* and SHCA's weekly email blasts, then it behooves you to support the organization that provides these benefits.

The SHCA helps protect your real estate investment by funding many of our community improvement projects, as well as providing subsidies to neighbors who plant trees and fix their sidewalks. We help enhance your quality of life when we advocate on your behalf regarding zoning matters, real estate taxes, crime problems and traffic issues. All this, and more, is accomplished through the hard work of our dedicated board of directors, committee members and, most importantly, your membership dues!

You should have recently received a membership renewal notice in the mail. It's important to return your annual dues before December 31 to be eligible to win a gift certificates from one of two local restaurants. New members this year who joined after July 1 will be grandfathered through 2015.

Besides the gift certificate, we encourage your membership with several other perks. For instance, the highly desirable SHCA List of Contractors is only available to current members, and if you contribute at the \$100 Federal Friend level or above, you will recieve a copy of Philadelphia Historical Commission's *Register* of Buildings in the Society Hill Historic District.

SHCA is happy to report that 100 new members decided to support our civic association this year, bringing total participation to 1,042! While this is slightly down from last year's all-time high by 34 non-renewals, it's ahead of 2012.

Email Matt DeJulio at mattdejulio@aol.com with questions or comments, which will be shared with board members representing every quadrant in our unique, historic neighborhood.

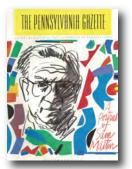
Matt DeJulio is a retired publishing executive. He has served SHCA as its administrator since 2001.

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Lilyan Maitin: An Artist's Wife Reflects



Sam Maitin, 1928-2004

It's been some years since beloved Philadelphia artist Sam Maitin died, a fact that makes his widow sad. But the home that they shared is alive with color and memories. Sam's bright paintings, collages, dimensional art, bold anti-war posters and prints enliven the house he bought in 1960, long before the neighborhood was fashionable.

"It hadn't been lived in during the previous 12 years," Lilyan relates. "Lucky for us, his brother, Irv, was the architect. We were married in Sam's studio. Our main worry was that the old floor might cave in. Relatives worried that it wasn't a safe neighborhood. It just never occurred to either of us. The area was racially mixed, had ethnic diversity and was an interesting part of the city. Mayor Richardson Dilworth lived on Washington Square, and he encouraged people to move in and redevelop the area. We were among the pioneers, living alongside the old-timers of many backgrounds."

In those days, the area was called Southwark. "Sam voted to keep the name and was angry that it became Society Hill, which he thought was pretentious," says Lilyan. "In the mid-70's, local landlords raised the rents and tried to drive out families who had lived here their whole lives. Along with a friend, pediatrician Len Bachman, Sam and several others organized a group called Save Our Neighbors. After a long battle with the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority, the city was ordered to build low-income housing on the last remaining lots in Society Hill."

He was often called "Good Neighbor Sam" because of his numerous acts of kindness. Lilyan fondly remembers her husband's many charitable acts and community activism. "Like Tolstoy and Sam's father, who was a Russian immigrant, Sam believed that we were put on earth primarily to help other human beings. He often made artworks to promote Philadelphia nonprofits — ones he felt to be worthy organizations. He worked hard on behalf of SANE, the National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Environment."

Sam's uplifting and optimistic art can be found throughout the city, where its presence is cheerful and heartening. Huge multi-color murals and sculptural constructions enhance a branch of the Free Library, the entrance of Academy House, the Annenberg School of Communications, the Christian Association on Penn's campus, Abington Hospital, the YM-YWHA, Children's Hospital, Temple University Dental School, Lincoln High School, the Please Touch Museum and the Fleisher Art Memorial, to name but a dozen. "That's why people considered Sam a Philadelphia institution himself," laughs Lilyan.

Lilyan had some training herself as an artist and, as needed, spent time in the studio with Sam whenever she wasn't working as an administrator in the art department at then-named Smith, Kline & French Laboratories.

"Sam also worked on behalf of other artists," she notes. "One of his major achievements was keeping the Louis I. Kahn Collection intact. Others wanted to split it up, but Sam felt strongly that it should be complete and remain in Philadelphia, and he worked arduously and passionately for several years to save it. Thanks to Sam, the Kahn Collection is now owned by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and housed at the University of Pennsylvania Architectural Archives, where scholars from around the world can see it."

Sam's own papers, memorabilia and other objects related to his art career and activism, are included in the Archives of American Art at the Smithsonian in Washington. His work may be found at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the James A. Michener Museum in Doylestown and the Woodmere Art Museum in Chestnut Hill, as well as museums nationally and internationally, including the Tate Modern in London.

"My children, Izak and Ani, and my five grandchildren often visit," says Lilyan. "The oldest loved their Zayda, and Sam encouraged them to use his art materials. The two youngest, who were born after he died, are named after him. The



Nanny Lily and Sammy.

are named after him. They loved his humor, exuberance and exciting stories."

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