2023 Year in Review

PRESERVATION ADVOCACY

Successful Nominations to the Philadelphia Register of Historic Places in 2023:



1700-06 Race Street

former James McGinnis Company Building and Arthur Mallie Residence (1700-02) and the former Ellison Apartments (1706)



1131 S. Broad Street

Boot N Saddle neon sign



5401-03 Vine Street

Home of Crystal Bird Fauset, first female Black state legislator elected in U.S.



764-72 South Broad Street

Prettyman Hall / Circle Mission Church



4949-51 Walnut Street

Paul Robeson House



1621 West Jefferson Street

Dr. Oscar J. Cooper Residence and Office



2022 Policy and Advocacy Priorities

- Published SaveTheRoundhouse.com with support from the DOCOMOMO-Philadelphia Chapter. The site is a gathering place for those interested in the Police Administration Building (aka the Roundhouse), its history, legacy, and efforts to redevelop and preserve this modernist landmark.
- Promoted preservation priorities throughout the primary and general election cycles by co-sponsoring the BUILD Philly Mayoral Forum and publishing "Preservation Prescriptions for a Prosperous Philadelphia" in AIA Philadelphia's Context magazine
- Worked with Preservation Pennsylvania to begin an advocacy campaign that calls for strengthening the Pennsylvania Historic Tax Credit program. Kicked off the campaign with a panel discussion in October that brought together national experts, state legislators, and local developers

Preservation Partnerships:

- **Penn Knox Community Association:** on a preservation strategy for a circa 1897 historic mansion in Germantown on the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf campus
- Friends of the Airy Street Prison: to oppose the demolition of the former Montgomery County Prison in Norristown, designed in the 1850s by Napoleon LeBrun
- Friends of the Tanner House: Continued fiscal sponsorship which allowed the group to receive \$360,000 in grants for stabilization, acquisition, and community engagement for the Henry Ossawa Tanner house in the Strawberry Mansion neighborhood.
- **Marian Anderson Museum:** Serving as the preservation advisor on restoration work.
- **Byberry African American Burial Ground:** Obtained \$10,000 through grants to help support research, community engagement, interpretation and preservation planning.
- Lynnewood Hall Preservation Foundation: Our Director of Preservation Services, Jennifer Robinson, serves on the LHPF board of directors to restore and reopen the 110,000 square foot mansion and 34 acres of green space for community use.
- Philadelphia Fund for Black Sacred Places (PFBSP):

 a three-year project of Partners for Sacred Places and the Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia, working in close collaboration with Black Clergy of Philadelphia and other Black religious leaders, to expand equitable access to quality public spaces in Philadelphia's neighborhoods and support Black congregations' efforts to maintain their properties, cultural centers, and neighborhood landmarks.

Preservation Achievement Awards

- 32 Special Recognition and Grand Jury Award Winners
- 97 Sponsors
- Over 600 Attendees





2023 Speaker Series

- Building Philadelphia Spring Speaker Series featured ten talks that highlighted the theme of the revitalization of historic places. Topics included presentations of Philadelphia's historic streets, Schuylkill navigation, Philadelphia's public art, a selection of historic sites, and more.
- Fall Speaker Series profiled 8 regional neighborhoods: Frankford, Byberry African American Burial Ground, Rose Valley, Frankford, Haddonfield, Powelton Village, Baldwin Park, Lansdowne, and Germantown.



Hassrick House

Architectural Dinner at The Battery Honoring Tom Caramanico







Neighborhood Walking Tours

- Tour Season: May 1- November 15
- 28 Volunteer Guides
- 75 Public Tours and 25 Private Tours
- Over 1200 Attendees!
- Featured special tours included the Hassrick House, Camden, West Chester, Rose Valley, Third Mint of Philadelphia, and Mount Moriah Cemetery.
- New collaboration tour created with the Association for Public Art. Upcoming collaborations with FringeArts and Mural Arts in 2024.
- Added new tours: Tourison East Mount Airy, Central Bryn Mawr, Lansdowne, Powelton Village, University of Pennsylvania, North Philadelphia, and Frankford



Going Uptown Neighborhood Walking Tour



Young Friends of the Preservation Alliance (YFPA):



YFPA Alumni at In With The Old Celebration at the Duke & Duke Boardroom

YFPA Welcomed New...

- YFPA Steering Committee Co-Chairs: Alison Eberhardt and Patrick Bayer
- YFPA Steering Committee members: Ha Leem Ro, Lee Riccetti, and Talcia Brown

YFPA Members...

- Hosted tours of the Masonic Temple, Tacony, the Church of St. James the Less, and Northern Liberties
- Heart bombed Mt Vernon Cemetery
- Co-hosted a lecture, Post Office Designs of the New-Deal Era: Fitting the Building to the Location, with the Lower Merion Conservancy
- Participated in the Byberry Township African American Burial Ground cleanup
- Held happy hour at PHS Pop Up Garden with APT Delaware Valley Chapter and AIA Philadelphia Historic Preservation Committee
- Celebrated ten years of YFPA at In With the Old at the Duke & Duke Boardroom of 123 South Broad Street

