

# ON THE WEST SIDE

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## UCHS ANNUAL AWARDS

By Mark Wagenfeld, UCHS Board Member

A mansion and 25-unit condominium, restored flagstone sidewalks, two front porches and a virtual tour of West Philadelphia's architectural treasures were honored this year as the **University City Historical Society** presented its annual awards at its **Valentine's Awards Tea** on Sunday, February 10, 2008.



**Campus Apartments** received an **Outstanding Preservation Award** for its conversion of the former Penn offices and adjoining c. 1904 **French Renaissance** mansion, designed by **Horace Trumbauer**, at 4200 Pine Street.

UCHS said the developers had not compromised the original architectural details of the site as they converted the offices into living units. Special thanks also went to project architects **Kevin Angstadt** and **Tim Peters** of **Qb3**, a five-year-old architectural firm. All but two of the 25 units have been sold so far, said **Matt Kelly**, the project manager for Campus Apartments. The mansion is also listed for sale.



Neighbors on the 200 block of **St. Marks Square** were honored for joining forces to salvage slate flagstones that were being ripped up along **Walnut Street** and stocking them until they could be re-laid,



taking the place of missing and broken flagstones on both sides of St. Marks. "We had all but one or two (neighbors) participate," said one of the organizers, **John Hanson**, who accepted the award for the block. "It was a huge block effort and we're really happy."

At **4516 Locust Street**, the UCHS awarded **Jet Foncannon** and **Richard Rasmindarya** an **Out-**



**standing Preservation Award** for the rebuilding, restoration and painting of their porch. The award cited "special attention paid to highlighting the original architectural details," with thanks going to the builder,

**Greg Schopp**, of **Schoppworks, Inc.** "We restored it as it was in 1906 - with one exception," said Foncannon. "The ceilings in that time were painted sky blue. We didn't like that look, so we went with varnish."

A preservation award for a restored exterior also went to **Jon Wagner** and **Julie Marquart**, owners of **4626 Cedar Avenue**. They rebuilt their porch and restored the bay window. "I saw that house in its early condition," said UCHS president **Belynda Stewart**, in saluting the couple for their efforts. "You've done a great job."



**Joseph Minardi**, a photographer/graphic designer from **South Philadelphia**, was honored with a **Preservation Initiative Award** for "**West Philadelphia, Streetcar Suburb**," a photo essay on **PhillySkyLine**, <http://phillyskyline.com/photo/joeminardi/streetcarsuburb/> that Minardi narrated at the awards event. The society said the images "vividly remind us of the architectural and landscape riches which continue to surround us and are critical

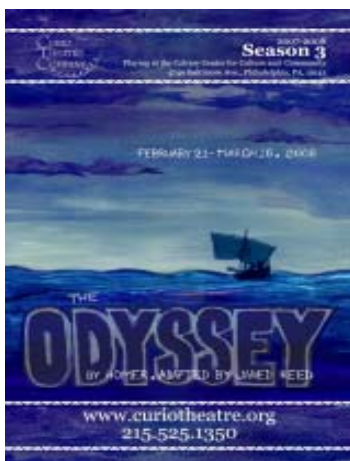
to our quality of life.” It called the essay, which Minardi is hoping to publish in book form, a “major contribution to the appreciation of the architectural heritage of University City.”

The awards were presented at **The Castle**, the bed and breakfast and home of **Ellie and Nick Cernansky**, at **930 S. 48<sup>th</sup> St.** The awards committee was made up of society vice president **Stephen Wagner** and board members **Mo Phillips** and **Greg Olivieri**.

The society also recognized many West Philadelphia blocks and addresses as “**2007 Gifts & Green Gifts to the Street,**” for projects including historically sensitive exterior repairs, restorations, multi-colored paint schemes and greening improvements. These are itemized in this newsletter.

## AN ODYSSEY TO A NEW SPACE

**Paul Kuhn  
& Jared Reed,  
Curio Theatre**



Curio Theatre Company presents *The Odyssey* by **Homer** in a world premiere adaptation by **Jared Reed**. Curio veteran **Jennifer Summerfield** (*Catch-22*, *The Green Bird*) joins **Artistic Directors Paul Kuhn** and **Jared Reed** to dramatically present this classic work at the **Calvary Center** February 21 to March 15, 2008

The *Odyssey* tells the tale of Odysseus’ ill-fated journey home after the end of the **Trojan War**. This fast-paced spoken-word performance tells an exciting and moving story of heroism, enduring love, reunion, and reconciliation, as audiences relive the journey of a man seeking to reclaim his life after war. Curio adapted and performed *The Iliad* in 2002, dubbed “a great story, well told” by the *Philadelphia Inquirer* and toured to numerous venues, including the **University of Oxford, UK** where their performances were sold out. They continue with its sequel in the same spirit, as a dramatic recitation accompanied by a subtle soundscape created by the actors themselves. After more than 2500 years, this work remains poignantly relevant and personally illuminating.

This production will be Curio’s first in their new

space at the **Calvary Center, 48<sup>th</sup> & Baltimore Avenue** – the awe-inspiring sanctuary of the Church, unused for 25 years, and now in restoration. Curio is working with the Calvary Center to fully transform the sanctuary, complete with 25 foot **Tiffany** stained glass windows, into a professional theater venue in West Philadelphia. The *Odyssey* will be performed in the space ‘as is’ while additional funds are raised to complete the renovations. This is an opportunity to see this groundbreaking company in a truly amazing setting, and a chance to share in their most exciting phase of growth and development to date.

Check out [www.curiotheatre.org](http://www.curiotheatre.org) or call (215) 525-1350 for details and ticket sales. This is the last week to check out the historic drama and dream of others in the future in the “new space.”



## OLD HOUSE FAIR

The **2008 Old House Fair**, one of the longest running house restoration-themed fairs on the **East Coast**, will take place on Saturday, March 22, 2008, from 9 am to 5 pm. Presented by the **Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia**, the Fair will be held at the **Germantown Friends School**, located at **31 West Coulter Street**. General admission is \$10. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.preservationalliance.com](http://www.preservationalliance.com), or at the door.

Designed to connect owners of older and historic homes who are interested in repairs, major restoration, landscaping, or interior design, with the appropriate professional resources, the 2008 Old House Fair will provide attendees a special opportunity to directly and freely interact with business and trade professionals operating in the greater Philadelphia metropolitan region.

The Fair will feature 75 booths of professional vendors, consultants & specialists, along with a select group of local and state preservation and design organizations.

Professionals will offer hands-on demonstrations

pertaining to their skills, services or products throughout the day in a centrally designated demonstration area. In addition to demonstrations, a variety of presentations relating to maintenance and restoration of older houses will be offered by area specialists.

Free 15-minute consultations with old house professionals will be offered to participants at the “ASK THE EXPERTS” booth. **John Crosby Freeman**, “The Color Doctor”, featured in *The Old House Journal*, will also be offering free 15-minute exterior paint consultations throughout the day. The “2008 Awards of Recognition” will be presented to private homeowners who have shown exemplary stewardship in historic preservation through renovation and maintenance of their property.

For more information, please contact **Patrick Hauck** at 215.546.1146 ext.4 or visit: [www.preservationalliance.com](http://www.preservationalliance.com).



## PARTY FOR THE PARK

Each spring, the University City community comes together for a very important cause: raising funds to support the maintenance of **Clark Park**. With its 300 trees, much-used new playground, beloved statue of *Charles Dickens and Little Nell* and the historic **Gettysburg Stone**, this nine acre green space is the largest park in the neighborhood, the site of countless festivals and celebrations, a popular farmers’ market, a youth soccer league, and so much more.

The Party for the Park will be held just outside Clark Park at the **University of the Sciences in Philadelphia**, and will take place on Thursday, May 8 from 5:00 to 9:00 PM. The “Tropical Sunset” theme will have us enjoying fruity drinks on an imaginary beach, so bring your shades and your suntan oil!

For the past eight years, proceeds from the Party have vastly improved the quality of Clark Park, our children’s lives, and our neighborhood. Proceeds pay for supplemental park maintenance: mowing grass, edging walkways, weeding, fertilizing, mulching trees,

emptying trash cans, and seasonal clean-ups.

The annual Party for the Park is an opportunity for neighbors to come together; it’s a festive evening for a very good cause. The funds we raise are needed to supplement the maintenance provided by the City of Philadelphia. Look for our official announcement soon, both in electronic form and on paper in your mailbox!

## UCHS

### WEBSITE ADDITIONS

include links to two recent **UCHS Preservation Initiative Awards**, **Matt Grubel’s “The Building of West Philadelphia – An Historical Survey of Suburban Architecture”** for 2005 and **Joseph Minardi’s** photo essay, “**West Philadelphia, Streetcar Suburb**” for 2007. Check out [www.uchs.net](http://www.uchs.net) to access these major additions to appreciating University City’s very special architecture and critical instruments assisting in its historic preservation.

### SAVE THESE DATES

Saturday, May 10, 2008 – **Spruce Hill Community Association MayFair**, in Clark Park, 43<sup>rd</sup> and Baltimore Avenue, 11 am to 4 p.m

Saturday, May 31, 2008 – **Powelton Village House Tour**, **Powelton Village Civic Association**, \$25, \$30 on day of tour

Sunday, June 1, 2008 – **Twin Houses of University City House Tour** - \$20 UCHS members, \$30 general public, \$35 on day of tour

### SPECIAL THANKS TO

those who recently renewed their UCHS membership dues, especially those who gave additional contributions as **Friends of UCHS**, **David & Linda Blythe**; **Ron Elum & Bob Cordero**; **The Enterprise Center CDC**; **Elaine Giovando**; **Marja & Jan B. Hoek**; **Eddie Brady & Amy Johnson**; **Aravind & Susan Joshi**; **Jeff Rubidge & Grace Kao**; **Dan Liberatoscioli**, **The Restaurant School**; **Catherine Carr & Louis Tannen**; **Chris Tadeo & Wayne Marquardt**; **John Puckett & Karin Schaller**; and those who made especially generous contributions as **Sustainers of UCHS**: **Bertram Balch, Jr.**; **Tom McCarron & Richard Keiser**; **Brian Ratigan & Melani Lamond**; **Roy Harker & Bob Ranando**; **Peter Shelton** and **Belynda Stewart**.



The **UNIVERSITY CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
 thanks those responsible for the “**Gifts to the Streets**”  
 given by those below during **2007**

These exterior preservation efforts enrich us all. **THANK YOU!**

**313 N. 31<sup>st</sup> Street** – repairing, repointing and reglazing exterior brickwork, repairing the roof, gutters and windows, Peter & Katarina Koutroubas, 2727 Brown Street, 19130  
**229 S. 42<sup>nd</sup> Street** – restoration of second & third floor arched windows and multicolored paint, John & Bettsey McCoubrey  
**336 S. 42<sup>nd</sup> Street** – repair of the Pine Street bay, pointing and multicolored paint, Steve Herman, Diamond Enterprises, 4019 Locust Street, 19104  
**319 S. 43<sup>rd</sup> Street** – bay & side façade restoration, new roofing, Michael G. Stauffer with Ramos Roofing  
**327 S. 43<sup>rd</sup> Street** - leaded glass window restoration and multicolored paint scheme, Bimal Desai & Natatie Balamuth  
**406 S. 43<sup>rd</sup> Street** – new porch columns, paint, Bob & Claudia Christian  
**439 S. 43<sup>rd</sup> Street** – façade windows restoration, Christopher Puchalsky  
**420 S. 44<sup>th</sup> Street** – restored slate roof, Glen Sacks & William Valerio  
**438 S. 44<sup>th</sup> Street** – restored slate roof, John Holmes & Jennifer Andrews with Russell Roofing  
**435 S. 45<sup>th</sup> Street** – roof restoration, Robert & Dorothy Larson with Russell Roofing  
**509, 11, 13 S. 45<sup>th</sup> Street** – restored roofs, Marsha Robb & Arthur Staddon with Russell Roofing  
**252 S. 46<sup>th</sup> Street** – restored façade, Patrick & Noel Coyle, 2015 Lodges Lane, Oreland, PA 19075  
**924 S. 46<sup>th</sup> Street** – restoration of the façade and front doors, Joe Arters & Ann Karlen  
**418 S. 47<sup>th</sup> Street** – multicolored paint, Jacob & Vivianne Nachmias  
**814 S. 47<sup>th</sup> Street** – façade renovation and multicolored paint scheme, The Lai Family  
**910 S. 47<sup>th</sup> Street** – restored facades and multicolored paint, Robert Schnoll  
**901 S. 48<sup>th</sup> Street** – porch repairs and multicolored paint, Sheldon Schwartz, 428 N. 34<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 2, 19104  
**916 S. 49<sup>th</sup> Street** – multicolored paint, Robert & Marianne Smith  
**930 S. 49<sup>th</sup> Street** – new roofing & flashing, Todd & Elizabeth Lamitina with Fred Mastroni Roofing  
**1004 S. 49<sup>th</sup> Street** – façade window moldings, paint, Natalie Costa & Amy Laura Cahn  
**1008 S. 49<sup>th</sup> Street** – new porch roof and façade window moldings, paint, Dudley Brown with Lloyd Sterrett  
**1012 S. 49<sup>th</sup> Street** – new porch roof, Lloyd & Amy Sterrett

**1014 S. 49<sup>th</sup> Street** – façade repairs, porch repairs and roofing, Walter & Carrie Benton with Lloyd Sterrett  
**1123 S. 51<sup>st</sup> Street** – restored porch and second floor bay, Michelle Robinson, 1120 S. 51<sup>st</sup> Street, 19143  
**4629 Baltimore Avenue** – multicolored paint, The Montrose Apartments, Drexel Property II LLC, 1600 Market Street, Ste 410, 19103  
**4701 Baltimore Avenue** – new roofing and multicolored paint, Gary Bronson & Fred Wolfe  
**4711 Baltimore Avenue** – multicolored paint, Marrie Baldos, 116 W. Allens Lane, 19119  
**4738 Baltimore Avenue** – restored porch, multicolored paint, Jennifer & Judith Grimm with Louis Tannen Fine Carpentry, 4716 Windsor Avenue, 19143  
**3301 Baring Street** – new stucco and paint, La Gioconda UC LLC, 939-41 Washington Street, 19147  
**3412 Baring Street** – restored porch deck and front steps, Jonathan Eells & David Sims  
**4616 Cedar Avenue** – restored front porch and multicolored paint, Jon Wagner & Julie Marquart  
**3416 Hamilton Street** – restored porch and complete detailing in collaboration with 3418 Hamilton Street, Frank Sarlo, 3416 Baring Street with Frank Reis, Walnut Tree Construction, Inc., 532 E. Church Lane, 19144  
**3418 Hamilton Street** – restored porch and complete detailing in collaboration with 3416 Hamilton Street, John Culhane & David Girasole, with Frank Reis, Walnut Tree Construction, Inc., 532 E. Church Lane, 19144  
**4722 Hazel Avenue** – removed aluminum siding and enclosed porch, restored façade and front doors, multicolored paint, Marvin Caldwell, Jr. with Jeff Strong, 4100 Haverford Avenue, 19104  
**4934 Hazel Avenue** – rehabbed bay windows, new roof, Rosa Stephens, 19143 with the Historic Properties Repair Program  
**4107 Locust Street** – porch restoration, Dan McCoubrey, 208 E. Gravers Lane, 19118  
**4317 Larchwood Avenue** – multicolored paint, James Menasion & Elizabeth Mathews with Perkis Painting  
**4326 Larchwood Avenue** – multicolored paint, Christine Nelson & David Comberg  
**4333 Larchwood Avenue** – porch restoration, Josef & Jennifer Wegner  
**4516 Locust Street** – porch restoration, Jet Foncannon & Richard Rasimndarya with Greg Schopp, 1009 S. 48<sup>th</sup> Street, carpenter/contractor

**4519 Locust Street** – porch restoration in collaboration with 4517 Locust Street, David & Jon Paul Tilley  
**4607 Springfield Avenue** – restored roof, Edwin Robertson with Russell Roofing  
**4807 Springfield Avenue** – multicolored paint, Jim & Kathleen Ross  
**222 S. Melville Street** – porch & column restoration, repainting, Marie Hayward  
**223 S. Melville Street** – porch & column restoration, multicolored paint, Monica Calkins & Steven Wagner  
**228 S. Melville Street** – multicolored paint, curb repair and sidewalk replacement, Bernadette & Russ Petcavage  
**230 S. Melville Street** – multicolored paint, brick repointing and cleaning, curb repair and sidewalk replacement, Joshua & Nsenga Johannson  
**4914 Osage Avenue** – multicolored paint, front garden plantings, Keith M Donnellan & Kristina A Tederstrom  
**4916 Osage Avenue** – multicolored paint, Donald Stevens & Judith Silver  
**4511-15 Pine Street** – porch repairs, Neighbor Restorations, St. Leonards, 3819-33 Chestnut, 19104  
**4525 Regent Street** – new porch roof, Marvin Brown, 558 S. 48<sup>th</sup> Street

**4527 Regent Street** – new porch roof, Michael Maldonado  
**4200 Spruce Street** – new roof and copper flashing, David Adelman, Campus Apartments, 4043 Walnut Street, 19104 with J & J Nania Roofing, PO Box 446, Lansdowne, PA 191050  
**4226 Spruce Street** – multicolored paint, Jacqui Bowman, University City Arts League  
**224 St. Marks Square** – restoration of front window, Luisa Boverini & Jeff Heit  
**4810 Trinity Place** – new porch roof, Aaron & Tania Hyman  
**4816 Windsor Avenue** – porch restoration, Gunter & Elizabeth Stegner, with Rod Boston, Boston Design & Construction Co. Inc., 611 Mason Avenue, Drexel Hill, PA 19026  
**4817 Windsor Avenue** – porch restoration, Michele Walcoff, with Rod Boston, Boston Design & Construction Co. Inc., 611 Mason Avenue, Drexel Hill, PA 19026  
**4819 Windsor Avenue** – porch restoration, Edison Freire & Pamela Kane, with Rod Boston, Boston Design & Construction Co. Inc., 611 Mason Avenue, Drexel Hill, PA 19026  
**500 Woodland Terrace** – windows, trim, and cornice repairs, well-detailed reconstruction of the rear shed and multicolored paint scheme, Kevin Takakuwa

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 thanks those responsible for the “Green Gifts to the  
 Streets” given by those below during 2007

These gardening and greening efforts enrich us all. **THANK YOU!**

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**200 block of S. 43<sup>rd</sup> Street** – new trees, gardens, garbage can holders, Melissa Barrett, 206 S. 43<sup>rd</sup> St., with the assistance of the Spruce Hill Community Association Block Improvement Grant Program, UC Green, University City District, the Tree Tenders Program of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, Apartments @ Penn, Fairfax Apartments and UC Green Corps.  
**433 S. 43<sup>rd</sup> Street** – new front garden, Eliza Leydon & Andrew Whitney  
**440-442 S. 43<sup>rd</sup> Street** – new front gardens, Charles Haub  
**441 S. 43<sup>rd</sup> Street** – new front garden, Doug & Rebecca Witmer, in coordination with 443 S. 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, Steve McCoubrey, 229 S. 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, designer, installer  
**443 S. 43<sup>rd</sup> Street** – new front garden, Maureen Miller, Washington, DC, in coordination with 441 S. 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, Steve McCoubrey, 229 S. 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, designer, installer  
**444 S. 43<sup>rd</sup> Street** – new front garden, Jacqui Bowman and James Serpell  
**446 & 450 S. 43<sup>rd</sup> Street** – new front gardens, Mike Hardy & Barry Grossbach  
**448 S. 43<sup>rd</sup> Street** – new front garden, Andy & Marianne Gellert-Jones  
**252 S. 46<sup>th</sup> Street** – new front garden, trash screen, Patrick & Noel Coyle, 2015 Lodges Lane, Oreland, PA 19075

**910 S. 47<sup>th</sup> Street** – new front gardens, Robert Schnoll  
**1118 S. 51<sup>st</sup> Street** – new front garden, Mr & Mrs. Luther McNeal  
**1120 S. 51<sup>st</sup> Street** – new front garden, Michelle Robinson  
**1124 S. 51<sup>st</sup> Street** – new front garden, Clyde & Susie Locke  
**3900 block of Baltimore Avenue** – the continued voluntary maintenance of the “Bartram Beds” of native plant materials in the “Exchange Gardens,” in coordination with Baltimore Avenue in Bloom and UC Green, Pamela Haines, 919 S. Farragut Terrace.  
**46<sup>th</sup> & Baltimore Avenue triangle** – reconfiguration and landscaping, Lisa McDonald Hanes, designer and project manager, 633 S. 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, with the University City District  
**3412 Baring Street** – new front garden, Jonathan Eells & David Sims  
**3709 Baring Street** – new landscaping, Camille Marker & Peter Dodge  
**4631 Cedar Avenue** – new landscaping, Heather Wylie & Arthur Starankovic  
**Fall 2007 planting of 70 trees in Walnut Hill, Garden Court and Cedar Park** – UC Green, in partnership with TreeVitalize, Project NEAT of the American Cities Founda--

tion, UCD, U of P, Drexel , USP, Friends of Malcolm X Park and others

**252 Farragut Terrace** – front garden, Matthew Reilly & Jennifer Orr

**4523 Larchwood Avenue** – new front garden, Al Madrid & Jessie Schwartz with design and installation by Stephen McCoubrey, 229 S. 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, 19104

**4621 Larchwood Avenue** – new front garden, Ezra Wolfe

**4517 Locust Street** – new front garden, Sara Jafee & Tom Price

**200 block of S. Melville Street** – new brick flower planters, tree surrounds and plantings with the Spruce Hill Community Association Block Improvement Grant Program and Raheemah Addulaleem (217), Pravin & Amy Nath (219), Marie Hayward (222), Monica & Steven Wagner (223), Keally McBride & John Zarobell (226), Stella Ninness (227), Bernadette & Russ Petcavage (228), Mr. Kane (229), Joshua & Nsenga Johannson (230)

**219 S. Melville Street** – new front garden, Pravin & Amy Nath

**221 S. Melville Street** – beginning a new front garden, Kathy & Terry Bouvier

**223 S. Melville Street** – new front garden, Monica & Steven Wagner

**228 S. Melville Street** – new front garden, Bernadette & Russ Petcavage

**230 S. Melville Street** – new front garden, Joshua & Nsenga Johannssen

**4413 Osage Avenue** – new front garden, Huajia Yu & Ryan O’Boril

**4900 block of Osage Avenue** – front yards & street trees, Sandra Haines, 4913 Osage Avenue, block captain

**4200 Pine Street** - new landscaping and bamboo screen fence, Campus Apartments

**200 block of St. Marks Square** – restoration of historic flagstone sidewalks, Eddie Brady, John Hanson, Kate Fuller, Jackie McCrea, Marlene Gawarkiewicz, and the 20 of 26 households who contributed substantially on this historically certified block by arranging for the acquisition, safe-keeping of recycled flagstones from the neighborhood to commission the repaving of their historic flagstone sidewalks, with additional assistance from the Spruce Hill Community Association Block Improvement Grant Program, Philly CarShare, and Frank Marino. contractor.

**4240 Spruce Street** – new front garden, Ken & Bonney Kelman

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