# ON THE WEST SIDE

## THE UNIVERSITY CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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*Scene on Baltimore Avenue, University City* *Photo by Joseph Minardi*

## Baltimore Avenue Dollar Stroll: A Huge Success!

"Who knew the Baltimore Avenue Stroll would be such a huge success for UCHS?," said UCHS President Roy Harker of the July 19th Baltimore Avenue Dollar Stroll. He further went on to add proudly, "We sold mugs! We sold posters! And it was great fun besides. It's heartening to see the response from the community in support of UCHS." In the July Stroll, the UCHS signed up 28 new household members. The August 16th Stroll was an even bigger success with 50 new members signed up and four posters sold! "The weather was perfect, the people came and a good time was had by all," according to UCHS Board member Melani Lemond.

Hope to see you at the next Baltimore Avenue Dollar Stroll on September 20!

## PENNSYLVANIA SENATE APPROVES HISTORIC TAX CREDIT BILL

On Monday, April 2nd, the Pennsylvania State Senate passed SB 1150, also known as the Historic Preservation Incentive Act, that would establish tax credits in Pennsylvania for rehabilitation work on historic structures. As written, it will closely mirror the process of the Federal tax credit.

Introduced by Senator Lloyd Smucker (R-Lancaster) in June 2011, this bill worked its way through the Finance Committee and was referred to Appropriations in December 2011. It was amended, approved by the Appropriations Committee and considered by the full Senate, which passed this bill yesterday by a vote of 49-0.

It will now be referred to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. HB 1354, a similar tax credit bill introduced by Representative Bob Freeman (D-Northampton) in April 2011, is expected to be amended to echo the language in SB 1150.

Preservation Pennsylvania considers the establishment of this program to remain a top priority. We will keep you apprised of further progress.

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# University City Historical Society 2011 Contractors Guide

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## Sylvia Halpern Barkan (1916-2012)

Slyvia Barkan spent most of her adult life, a total of 63 years, improving and preserving her neighborhood in West Philadelphia, a neighborhood she and her husband, attorney Ben Barkan, moved into in 1949. This vocation eventually led to the formation of the University City Historical Society in the 1960s. Her love of art (Slyvia was a freelance artist and a graduate of the Moore College of Art and Design), along with architecture and community organizing led her to get involved with historic preservation at a time when the Victorian-era treasures of the West Philadelphia were being demolished in the name of "progress". It was also a time when West Philly was widely believed to be in a down turn.

Mrs. Barkan put her artistic talents to good use in both promoting and preserving her adopted home in University City. Paintings, logo designs, photographs, and plaques she created for the neighborhood. She continued to paint and sketch until recently prior to her death. Slyvia Barkan will be missed as a force for preservation in University City. A celebration of her work will be exhibiting in the fall.

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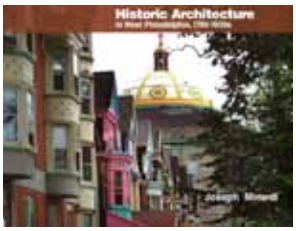
### Historic Architecture in University City Book

In 2011 Schiffer Publishing released the book that should be in every fan of historic architecture in University City should have. *Historic Architecture in West Philadelphia, 1789-1930s* features the beautiful architecture a covers the period from the early Federal-era to the revival styles of the early twentieth-century. With over 500 images including rare archival photos, it is one of the must-have books for the lover of University City, its history, and the beautiful buildings contained within.




*Historic Architecture in West Philadelphia* is available at local bookstores such as Bindlestiff Books at 4530 Baltimore Avenue and the Penn Bookstore at 3601 Walnut Street. The book is also available online at Amazon.com, Schifferbooks.com, and many other online booksellers.

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*Save the date!*

The next UCHS Victorian Tea will be on November 11, 4:00 at XXX Baring Street. As with all Victorian Tea events, there will be interesting discussions about the neighborhood's history and lots of delictible pastries and tea, so save the date and be sure to come.

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