



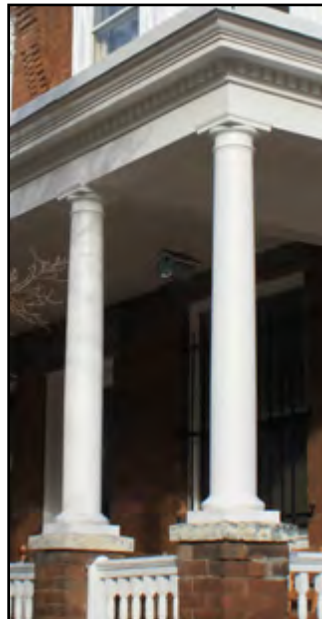
## Ask the Experts

### PAINTING WOODEN PORCH COLUMNS

**Q:** Should I paint my wooden porch columns?

**A:** A major reason for painting the exteriors of columns is to prevent water from penetrating (and rotting) the wood. However, paint also has to function as an important path for water vapor to escape from the interior of the column. Water vapor passes through different types of paint with varying degrees of difficulty. Latex paint is not quite as permeable and marine paints block vapor very effectively. Primers are designed to be the interface between wood and the top paint coat (holding the two together). They are not meant to have water-repelling qualities on their own, and will also function as a path for water vapor.

Heavy paint buildup prevents vapor from escaping, and



A typical front porch column in University City, in the Tuscan style. Photo by Joseph Minardi.

this leads to problems. When moisture levels inside the column are too high, paint will crack or peel down to bare wood. Deterioration of the wood follows if the moisture imbalance is not corrected. The (unpopular) solution is to remove all the paint and start again with the proper coating. Test paintings are always worthwhile because paints that are permeable enough to let vapor out may also let in too much water. Finding the right balance, however, will reduce maintenance and add years to the life of a column.

From *Old House Journal*, John Leeke and Todd Dickinson, 1988.

## Did you know?

West Philadelphia was incorporated as a borough in Blockley Township in 1844, and as a district in 1851. It included the section immediately west of the Schuylkill, bounded on the south by the old Blockley Almshouse line, and by Woodland Avenue and Baltimore Avenue, on the west by Mill Creek, and on the north by Westminster Avenue and Sweet Briar Creek, which flows through Fairmount Park just north of Girard Avenue. Mill Creek crossed Westminster Avenue at about 52nd Street, flowed through the grounds of the Pennsylvania Hospital for the Insane (Kirkbride's) at 46th and Market Streets, and crossed Baltimore Avenue at 43rd Street (Clark Park), emptying in the Schuylkill River below the Woodland Cemetery.

From *Old Towns and Districts of Philadelphia*, City History Society of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, William Bucke Campbell, 1942.

### University City Then & Now: 48th Street, West of Warrington Avenue



Photo courtesy of The University of Pennsylvania Archives.



Photo by Joseph Minardi.

This photo of twin homes in the Queen Anne style is evocative of a simpler time, when this section of Philadelphia was envisioned as a streetcar suburb. Luckily for residents of University City, many of these romantic homes are still intact for all to enjoy. These homes on the west side of 48th Street, west of Warrington Avenue, were built on June of 1894 and retain many original features.

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- 1905:** Wagner, Henry S., residences (56), Millick St, N of Arch St

- 1906:** McCartney, Joseph F., residences (4), 53rd & Irving St  
Residences (18), 231-261 S. 52nd St  
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- 1907:** Connor, John J., residences (4), 53rd & Chancellor  
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- 1908:** Apartments (2), 4500-06 Chestnut St  
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*Timeline continues in next issue with 1910.*

# Valentine Tea & Awards Presentation

February 21st 2016 48th & Springfield

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Mark your calendar for the 2016 UCHS Valentine Tea, **February 21st** at the Castle, **930 S. 48th (48th and Springfield)**. This event is **free** to all UCHS members and their guests. In addition to a wide array of tea sandwiches, desserts, and teas, we will be showing our appreciation to those in our neighborhood who have made a positive difference in University City. The UCHS will be giving out awards to deserving residents in three categories; **Gift to the Streets Award, Outstanding Preservation Award, and Preservation Initiative Award**. The Gift to the Street and Outstanding Preservation Award nominations will be accepted until **January 22nd** and can be emailed to George Poulin at [info@uchs.net](mailto:info@uchs.net) and feel free to nominate yourself. We hope to see you at **the Castle on February 21st**.

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