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The Return of the House and Garden Tour!

By Elizabeth Nelson

This organization’s—and the community’s—beloved tradition will occur Mother’s Day weekend, May 7 & 8. It will be the familiar event from past years, with a few changes. We’re excited to be back and hope you are too. Here’s what you need to know

Event Hours

In a break with tradition, there will be some activities offered prior to the customary event start times. Will-call at Hill Center will be open from 2:30 pm–7 pm on Saturday and 12:30–5 pm on Sunday. Tour-goers are invited to enjoy the new art exhibit on view in the Hill Center. Many of the artists will be available to discuss their work. Guided art tours will be offered at 3 pm both days.

Tour Stops

Five private residences will be open, plus the rectory at St. Peter’s Church. St. Peter’s Church, Christ Church and Hill Center will all be open to our guests, offering tours and rest facilities. A few highlights:

- You will visit two homes in the Churchill Condos, a very clever re-purposing of a former church. The units are “stacked,” one right above the other, each with its own distinctive and light-filled character. At the



Two condo homes will be on view in the Churchill at 4th and F Streets SE.

IMAGE COURTESY ELIZABETH NELSON

Lenox Condominium, you’ll see another conversion, this time from a school into a delightful, homey living space.

- An Eighth Street home, a 19th century gem, is brand-new to the current owners; as we go to press, they are still unpacking. The house is beautifully redone and features a collection of art and fascinating space program memorabilia.
- One of the Sixth Street homes has an unusual floor-plan, a corner porch with fantastic views, plus a large and truly-lovely garden.

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The Beginning of CHRS

By *Trudy Peterson*

Do you think of Third and E NW as part of Capitol Hill? Many years ago, the founders of the Restoration Society did. Do you think that the restoration of Capitol Hill was spurred from the Southeast quadrant? All the Society's founders were from the Northeast.

Do you think that the House and Garden Tour is the reason the Society was formed? Actually, the tour was begun by Friendship House and only taken over by CHRS when Friendship House elected not to continue it. And do you think the Society predated other civic groups on the Hill? One of the founding members of the Society was the president of the already existing Stanton Park Citizens Association.

CHRS celebrates its founding on January 28, 1955. That's the date that eight Hill residents met at the 11 Third Street NE, house of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Paul L. McPherran, to form a society with two purposes: to foster interest in restoring homes on Capital Hill and to publicize the restorations.

In rather lofty language, the group declared in a press release

prior to the March meeting: "Our purpose is to accelerate the private restoration work that has begun in this locality, to offset the flight to the suburbs with encouragement to remodeling and to foster a civic and national pride in a distinguished and charming section of our city."

They named the new organization the "Capitol Hill Restoration Society," rejecting "Capitol Hill Restoration and Historic Society" and "Restoration of Capitol Hill." The name stuck. One of the organizers, a fellow named John Poindexter (not the John Poindexter of later political fame), drafted the first by-laws. They were adopted on May 4, and Richard H. Stringfellow became the first elected President.

The first two meetings were in the McPherran's living room, but the interest was so great that a larger place was needed. The third meeting, in March 1955, was at the Alva Belmont House, the headquarters of the National Women's Party, at 144 Constitution Avenue NE. The Society would continue to meet at Belmont

House until September 1959, when it outgrew that meeting space.

One of the first major activities of the Society, in August 1955, was to petition the National Capital Planning Commission to make "a proper survey of the following area, with a view towards declaring it a Renewal Area for advantageous purposes looking to the restoration of Capitol Hill: On the north—E Street from 3rd N.W. to 11th N.E. On the east—11th Street from E N.E. to G S.E. On the south—G Street from 3rd S.W. to 11th S.E. On the west—3rd Street from E N.W. to G S.W."

And since then, CHRS has continued to petition the city, on behalf of all the people who live in the Capitol Hill interest area. As the press release after the first meeting reported, the first meeting ended "with the fervent hope of its members for many more to follow." They could hardly have imagined that "many more" would last 67 years and beyond. ★

CHRS is Modernizing

By *Maygene Daniels*

To better serve our members, CHRS is adopting new, secure membership management software. Among the system's many advantages, you will be able to access information about your membership via a member portal, and will easily be able to renew online. Our communications with you regarding your membership also will be streamlined. We expect this system to go online on April 1, 2022.

In the future, membership communications that you receive from CHRS will usually be by email, with an online link to your personal membership record. You will be able to click a button to access your membership record and renew directly online. If you prefer to pay by check, you can print the renewal form and mail it to the CHRS office.

We think that this new system will be seamless and easy to use, but

if you have questions or encounter any issue, our office manager, Jill Uvena Cullinane, will be available to help. If you don't regularly receive CHRS emails, please contact her at: CapHRS420@gmail.com to be sure that we have an up-to-date email for you in our system.

CHRS also is reviewing membership levels and benefits, with a view to simplifying and clarifying our operations. Stay tuned! ★

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ABOUT CHRS

Capitol Hill is a special place. We promote, preserve, and enhance the character of our historic neighborhoods.

Since its founding in 1955, CHRS has worked continuously to make Capitol Hill the desirable location it has now become. Due to CHRS's efforts, Capitol Hill won designation as a historic district in 1976. Today, that legacy of standing up for the community continues with our work in planning, zoning, historic preservation, and public safety.

CHRS is a volunteer organization, made up of Hill residents who love their historic neighborhoods and want to ensure that the unique character of the Hill is around for future generations. Come join us!

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Zoning Report

By Elizabeth Hague

On March 2, 2022, five members of the CHRS Zoning Committee met to discuss cases via Zoom. Representatives from five cases participated to present their cases. The Committee voted to support two cases, to oppose one case and to support two appeals.

BZA #20640, 739 12th Street SE. The Committee voted to oppose the applicant's request for a special exception for rear addition requirements to build a long two-story addition. The Committee notes that the proposed plan will require building 15' beyond one adjacent neighbor in the rear, which is 5' beyond the 10' matter-of-right. The Committee opposed a similar project (BZA 20335) next door last year that, having been approved by the BZA, is now under construction.

Approval of such projects encourages the trend toward projects inching to increasingly long additions to the rear, well beyond the ten-foot by-right zoning allowance, as this case and the case approved last year demonstrate. Because the construction of the neighbor to the north approved last year has already started, the currently proposed project is just under 5 feet beyond that neighbor (it would have been significantly over the by-right ten feet last year). The adjacent neighbor to the south whose house remains at the original length is most impacted by the project and requested a shadow study, which was filed on February 27, 2022.

ANC6B supported the applicant but not unanimously; the Office of Planning filed a letter of support after the CHRS Zoning Committee met. The BZA virtual hearing was scheduled for March 9, 2022; at that meeting, the Chairman of the BZA removed the application from the

Expedited Review Calendar and *rescheduled* it for a virtual public hearing on April 27, 2022 through Webex. The file will remain open until 24 hours before the hearing.

BZA #20646, 931 5th Street NE. The Committee voted to take no position on the applicant's request for a special exception to construct a fourth-story penthouse, on top of a new by-right third-story addition. The Committee notes that the third-story addition involves no setback directly atop an existing cornice (we advocate a 3' setback for additions atop cornices) and that the penthouse exceeds matter-of-right permitted height (38' rather than the allowed 35').

The Committee also notes that the architect made an effort to come up with a design that would fit into the surrounding neighborhood, mitigate the effects, and remain in character with the original building by keeping the third story addition a few feet below the 35' allowance. In addition, the project has the support of surrounding neighbors, including the two adjacent neighbors. The ANC 6C's Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development (PZE) Committee supported the project with a similar note about the cornice. The BZA hearing was scheduled for March 23, 2022.

BZA #20651, 628 9th Street NE. The committee voted to take no position on the applicant's request for: 1) a special exception for rear yard requirements to build a two-story rear deck (not enclosed) to replace an existing two-story structure; and 2) an area variance for lot occupancy from 73.9% to 81.5%. The BZA hearing was scheduled for March 23, 2022.

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Historic Preservation Briefs

By Beth Purcell

The Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB or the Board), considered the following cases at its virtual hearings on February 24 and March 3, 2022. HPRB is responsible for determining if proposed changes to a building are consistent with the DC Preservation Act. A “concept review” is a preliminary determination of a building owner’s plan to alter the building, and if the concept is approved, the owner will return to the HPRB for a final review.

528 4th Street SE, HPA 22-145, permit/replace aluminum siding with Hardie Plank siding. This two-story semi-detached frame house was built in 1874 or earlier. It is a contributing building. The applicant proposed removal of the existing aluminum siding and replacement with 7” smooth, pre-painted Hardie Plank siding.

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We agreed that while the use of Hardie Plank siding might be problematic, a typical smooth lapped cedar siding with a nominal dimension of ½” by six inches has an actual dimension of about 3/8” by 5 1/2,” nearly identical to Hardie Plank. We did not oppose the use of modern, durable materials that closely replicate original materials because it is important to recognize that old growth building materials are no longer available and that in many instances modern materials should be employed, as the Board has permitted with windows.

The HPO guidelines recommend removal of non-original wall coverings to determine the condition and design of the original wall. The owner represented that the original siding was previously removed and that there is no record describing the prior, original siding. We believed that this project may be compatible with the Capitol Hill Historic District. We



638 East Capitol Street NE.

recommended additional research and analysis of the dimensions of the lapped siding, corner trim, and window trim. The Board decided that Hardie Plank was not compatible with this house, and required the applicant to install wood siding on the front and side elevations.

Consent calendar. HPRB approved the following cases:

- **912 G Street SE**, HPA 22-085, concept/add roof deck to garage.
- **739 12th Street SE**, HPA 22-137, permit/two-story rear addition.
- **638 East Capitol Street NE**, HPA 22-092, concept/two-story rear addition and garage alterations. ★



528 4th Street SE.

The Naval Gun Factory and Its Local Workforce

By Christine Mullins

On March 15, Dr. Edward Valentin, historian and curator at the National Museum of the United States Navy, met virtually with CHRS members to describe one of the museum's newest temporary exhibits, "Arming a New Navy: The Naval Gun Factory and Its Local Workforce." The exhibit presents the history of Building 76, the home of the National Museum of the United States Navy, with a broader social history of the people who lived in the neighborhood and worked at the Navy Yard.

The Washington Navy Yard has supported US naval operations since 1799. Valentin explained that the navy was relatively small from 1775 to the 1870s. With the exception of the Civil War, its main role was to defend US coasts and protect commerce.

During the 1880s a special board of naval officers convinced Congress to fund the construction of new cruisers, made of steel with electric lighting and breech-loading guns. By the 1890s, the mission of the US Navy had expanded to "controlling the seas" in support of the imperialistic ambitions of the United States. The naval leaders "embraced strategies, operations, and doctrines that would promote offensive actions and decisive engagements" among the world's large fleets and battleships.

In 1883 Congress established a special board to find ways to expand the navy with more battleships and more fire power. In 1886, Congress accepted the board's recommendations to create a government-run naval gun factory at Washington's Navy Yard. It took six years before the factory was in full operation.

The Naval Gun Factory would feature a series of interconnected shops that each had their own unique tools and functions, which were

housed in different buildings. An internal railway system was built to transport the materials, equipment, and manufactured guns from one part of the yard to another.

From 1886 until it closed in 1961, the Naval Gun Factory was one of the largest employers in Washington, DC. It relied heavily on nearby neighborhoods, including Capitol Hill, Barney Circle, Anacostia, and Fairlawn, to supply its workforce of thousands of people from a diverse array of backgrounds, including European immigrants, women, and Black Americans.

Valentin showed several group photos of employees who had worked at the Navy Yard during the World War I era. This included group portraits of the construction and repair department and the planning and estimating force. The women in the photos worked as clerks. A newspaper clipping showed the results from the area bowling league with teams from several different work departments. Another clip explained that the CLOFFEPS baseball team was an acronym for six different machine shops: cartridge case, laboratory of foundry, forge, electric, pattern, and steam.

Working at the Naval Gun Factory involved long hours and dangerous working conditions. Most employees walked or took the streetcar to work, entering the factory through the Latrobe Gate. According to the 1910 census data, the Navy employed 25% of the residents in Barney Circle.

Most Black workers were relegated to performing menial labor at the Navy Yard. In April 1921, the *Baltimore Afro American* ran the headline, "Navy Yard Branded the 'Worst Discriminator'" because it did

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not hire any of the Black graduates of the company's apprenticeship program despite its expressed need for skilled workers, but it hired 399 of its 437 White graduates. This changed when Black activists pressured President Roosevelt to end this discrimination in the defense industry during World War II. Valentin said that 300 of the 1,200 women hired from the DC area were Black.

Valentin explained that the Navy Yard had as many as 20,000 employees during World War II. However, this workforce was gradually reduced during the 1950s when the country reduced its troop numbers and conventional weapons and began to focus on a new nuclear arsenal. The Navy eventually closed the doors of the Naval Gun factory in 1961.

Valentin encouraged participants to visit the National Museum of the United States Navy, which is open to visitors Monday-Saturday. You can access a recording of this presentation on the CHRS website at [chrs.org/ naval-gun-factory-pc](http://chrs.org/naval-gun-factory-pc). ★

Seafarers Yacht Club Recommended for National Register of Historic Places

The HPRB designated the Seafarers Yacht Club (Case 22-02), 1950 M Street SE, a historic landmark to be entered in the DC Inventory of Historic Sites, and further recommended that the nomination be forwarded to the National Register of Historic Places for a listing of local significance. The Seafarers Yacht Club was determined eligible under National Register criterion A and District of Columbia criterion B for its historic significance.

The Club was established in 1945 by and for Black motorboaters in Washington, DC. The club is the oldest operational Black boating club in the United States. The staff report states:

The half-acre club property includes two contributing buildings (clubhouse and wheelhouse), two contributing structures (marine railway and boat ramp), and the non-contributing docks, shed, and flagpole. It retains all the hallmarks of a boat club with a clubhouse facing the Anacostia River through an expanse of glass, outdoor space for enjoyment of members and guests, and marine facilities that clearly denote the property's function. Its integrity of location, design, feeling, association, materials, and craftsmanship remain intact. ... The period of significance for Seafarers extends from the club's creation in 1945 until the construction of its present clubhouse in 1964. ★



Seafarers Yacht Club clubhouse, 1950 M Street SE.

Zoning Briefs, *continued from page 3*

BZA #20652, 909 Kent Place NE. The Committee voted to support the applicant's request for a special exception for lot occupancy, from 60% to 67.5%, to remove an existing rear deck and construct a one-story rear addition. There are letters of support from adjacent neighbors and ANC6A supports the proposal. The BZA hearing was scheduled for March 23, 2022.

BZA #20653, 1500 D Street SE. The Committee voted to support the applicant's request for a special

exceptions for lot occupancy relief and rear yard requirements in order to build a second floor on an existing non-conforming one-story building that occupies 100% of the lot in the MU-4 zone. There are letters of support from nearby neighbors, though one neighbor has concerns about light blocking. The owner has agreed to do a light study to address this concern; CHR's support is contingent on the completion of this study. The BZA hearing was scheduled for March 23, 2022. ★

Affordable Housing: Townhomes on Capitol Hill

By Monte Edwards

As the District continues to focus on the need for affordable housing, it has had for more than two decades an exemplary mixed-income community that could serve as a model for future affordable housing developments. Townhomes on Capitol Hill (THCH), a limited equity cooperative, is in the block bounded by 6th and 7th Streets and Ellen Wilson and I Streets SE. A number of key characteristics critical to its success could be emulated in other affordable housing developments. Among those key characteristics:

- While the 134 units in THCH vary by size (one, two, and three bedrooms and several ADA units), each is built to the same market standard. Specific units are not assigned to households with a specific income. When a unit becomes vacant, the incoming household may have an income that is substantially lower or higher than the departing household.
- The community was designed by a top-notch architect and a prominent landscape architect. The American Institute of Architects selected THCH for a 1998 Honor Award for Urban Design. It blends seamlessly into its surroundings. Its design and the fact that it is well-maintained has helped to attract higher income households — those with incomes up to 80% of area median income (AMI) and, in some cases, up to 115% of AMI.
- The community is managed by a private, property management company that was selected by and reports to THCH's Board of Directors.
- Because the District owns the land on which THCH was built and provided it at a nominal cost and because the US Department of Housing and Urban Development provided 100 percent of the capital costs of developing THCH, the community carries no debt. In future affordable housing developments, there will be a direct correlation between the size of the capital contribution from District or federal sources to the new community and the number of very low income households that can be served in that community.
- Every one of the 134 units in THCH is income restricted. One quarter of the units are for households with incomes from 0 to 25% of AMI (for a family of 4, up to \$32,250); one quarter are for households with incomes from 25% to 50% of AMI (for a family of 4, between \$32,250 and \$64,500); and half of the units are for households with incomes from 50% to 80% of AMI (for a family of 4, between \$64,500 and \$103,200). Thus, a family of four, with a single wage-earner earning a minimum wage of \$16.10/hour (\$32,000 yearly income) can qualify for THCH housing.
- Residents pay about 30 percent of income as monthly housing payments. Residents buy into the cooperative at affordable levels, and those who stay longer than three years earn a small amount of appreciation that is paid out upon resale. There is an annual recertification of household incomes and if the income of a given household increases, they will be moved to a higher band as long as space is available.
- Now in its third decade, THCH has received no operating or capital funds from either HUD or the District since it opened. Housing payments from higher income households subsidize those from lower income households. Band III residents pay either about 30% of their incomes or comparable market rent, whichever is lower, i.e., residents are paying no more than they would in private rental housing and yet they enjoy a well-designed community and earn limited equity. Also, the community's aggregate monthly income has been large enough to enable THCH to build up a substantial capital reserve, which will be necessary to meet future capital requirements. ✪

Capitol Hill Home Photo Contest Results

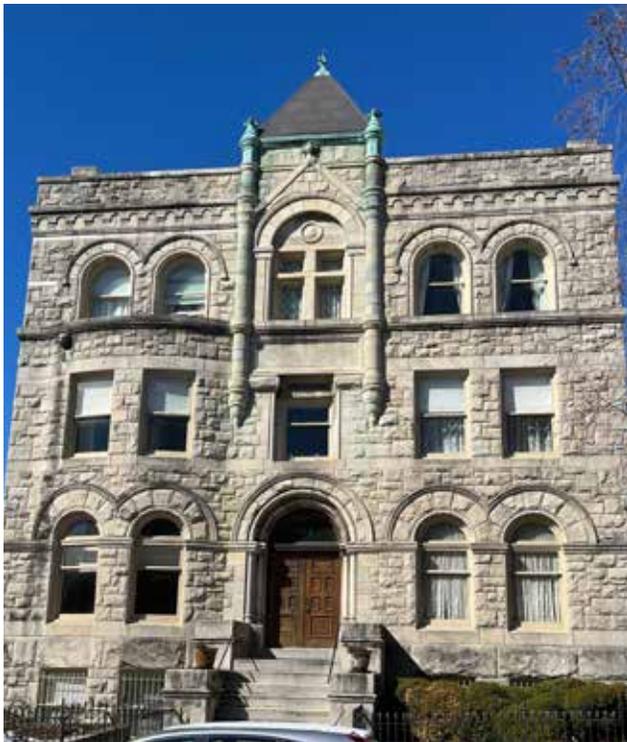
Congratulations to our winners: David Parkes, Patrick Serfass, and Margit Leiner-Henry! And to our runners-up: Maria Helena Carey, Jill Baranik, and Heather Bien. We were glad to have an expanded team of six judges to vote on the fifty fantastic submissions—from stalwarts who send us something lovely every year and new participants alike! Details and photos will appear in the May newsletter.

House Tour, *continued from cover*

- St. Peter's rectory is home to pastor Rev. Gary Studniewski and other clergy, and is also home to historic furnishings including religious iconography and Waterford crystal chandeliers. If you've walked past it, you've no doubt wondered what's inside—this is a rare opportunity to find out.

Be sure to visit chrs.org/more-house-tour-2022 to see more photos and the most current information.

St. Peter's rectory and pipe organ.



Walking Tours

We've traditionally offered docent-led walks on Tour weekend—but this year, we're really going all out. CHRS President Beth Purcell has developed a brand new tour, "High Life and Low Points" featuring the alleys north of East Capitol Street and west of 7th Street. Note that the first of these is scheduled for 3:30 pm on Saturday. And the catalog will include instructions for a self-guided tour of the neighborhood immediately surrounding St. Peter's.

Refreshment

Breaks. Grab & go snack bags will be available at Hill Center on both days.

Virtual Tours

The private homes will be available as 3-D scans—along with a "bonus" house (not included on the in-person tour) that features cleverly updated family heirlooms. On Tour weekend, a link to the virtual tour on our website will be emailed to ticket-holders. This is only for our guests and will not be made



An unusual corner porch is just one of the highlights at 504 6th Street SE.

available to the general public. We will also print the link on the ticket.

Tickets

Tickets will be \$30 in advance, \$40 Tour weekend. Members will have an opportunity to purchase four tickets at the discounted price of \$25. Tickets will be sold primarily through Eventbrite, ending a day or two before Tour weekend. If tickets are still available at Tour time, they can be purchased at will-call location using cash, check, and the PayPal phone app.

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Tour volunteers—we need you!

Your participation is essential to making the Tour a success. Many types of help will be needed prior to the Tour and during the Tour weekend. Most important are the docents needed to staff the houses and folks to work the will-call table at check-in, but we'll also need people to hang posters, promote the event on weekends at our Eastern Market kiosk (or through your own social media networks), and assorted other tasks.

If you can help, email houseTourCHRS@gmail.com with 'Volunteer' in the subject line. Many thanks!

In Memorium: Donna Scheeder

By Monte Edwards

Donna Scheeder died on March 7th of this year. I am grateful to have known her as a friend. She contributed greatly in service and advocacy, locally, nationally and internationally as well. After a distinguished career as Deputy Chief of the Congressional Research Service of the Library of Congress, she went on to serve as president of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institution and served on the governing board of IFLA for six years. She was an ANC Commissioner, a founding member of the Hill Center Board of Directors and recently took an active role in the advisory task force for the redesign of Eastern Market Metro Plaza Park and children's playground.

I knew her best over the past 18 years in her role as the Ward 6 Councilmember's appointee to The Eastern Market Community Advisory Commission (EMCAC), an organization charged with reviewing and offering recommendations about operations of the Market as well as all capital improvements, renovations and restorations of the Market. In 2004, the second meeting after Donna joined EMCAC, I was walking away from the meeting with Donna, and told her that I was impressed with

her observations at the meeting, and the EMCAC could best benefit from her insights and expertise if she were a member of the executive committee. I told her I would step down from my position as Vice Chair so she could assume that position. Donna's reply was "No, I think I would like to be Chair". And so, she served in that position for the last 18 years – to the absolute benefit of the Market.

In 2005, we were approaching the 100th anniversary of the death of Adolph Cluss, the designer of Eastern Market. Donna contacted the Goethe Institut, and soon we had the offer of a German band for the celebration and contact with the Lord Mayor of Heilbronn, Germany, Cluss' birthplace. On the day of the celebration we dedicated the plaque located on the side of the entrance. We had DC Mayor Anthony Williams and Lord Mayor Himmelsbach of Heilbronn as well as a Thomas Jefferson impersonator (to read the proclamation dedicating Eastern Market) on the podium with Donna.

In 2007, the Market burned and Donna led EMCAC in advocating for a full restoration of the Market, rather than the \$1.2 million repair and restoration that was being planned. EMCAC worked closely with the

architect and multiple city agencies throughout the rebuilding process, resulting in the \$22 million restoration we see today. The successful restoration and grand reopening was celebrated on June 27, 2009, but the plans were for only the Mayor to speak. Our efforts to change the ceremony to have Donna speak as well as the Mayor were not successful. But, we had arranged for a Cluss impersonator and a horse-drawn carriage to deliver him to the Market. We had Donna and Councilmember Ambrose join him in the carriage, and instructed the driver of the carriage to drive right up to the podium. The Mayor then politely welcomed them and Donna had a chance to speak.

In 2015 Donna spoke on behalf of the ILFA at a session of the United Nations. She quoted the American poet, Ralph Waldo Emerson, "Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." A most appropriate epitaph for our much esteemed colleague and neighbor, Donna Scheeder. She will be greatly missed, and our thoughts are with her family and friends. ★

House Tour, *continued from page 8*

Checking In/Getting Tickets. Each tour-goer will need to present proof of vaccination and an ID at will-call to pick up a ticket, catalog, and wristband. The wristband, like the ticket, is good for both days and must be shown to enter any of the tour stops. Masks are required at all indoor locations and will be available at will-call.

Discount and Comp Tickets. Members will have an opportunity to purchase as many as four tickets at the discounted price of \$25, if they do so by April 10. We will email members a link to Eventbrite the last week in March, before it is posted to our website. If you haven't received the link by April 1, check your spam folder and contact the Committee: housetourchrs@gmail.com.

Members who join at the \$250, \$500, or \$1,000 levels will receive free tickets. We will be contacting them to determine interest. If you believe you fall into this category, but have not been contacted by April 8, please email housetourchrs@gmail.com. ★



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Please check website for current information—cancellations and postponements are expected and will be posted as they are known.

APRIL

19 Tuesday, 6:30 pm

Preservation Café: *Designing a Net Zero Energy Row House: a Case Study*. A Zoom link will be posted prior to the meeting. Details: chrs.org/designing-net-zero-row-house-pc.

20 Wednesday, 6 pm

CHRS Board of Directors meeting. Northeast Library, 330 7th Street NE, second floor Mezzanine Room. Details: info@chrs.org.

MAY

7 / 8 Saturday / Sunday

Mother's Day House & Garden Tour with a mix of virtual, in-person house tours and outdoor guided walking tours. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—please contact houseTourCHRS@gmail.com. Plans are ongoing, but preview here: chrs.org/more-house-tour-2022. Details: chrs.org/mothers-day-house-garden-tour.

17 Tuesday, 6:30 pm

Preservation Café: *Removing Permastone*. A Zoom link will be posted prior to the meeting. Details: chrs.org/removing-permastone-pc.

If you received a complimentary copy of this newsletter, please consider joining CHRS!

Annual membership is \$35 and includes a subscription to the newsletter, a set of historic guidelines and early access to the Walking Tours and annual House and Garden Tour. Learn more at: chrs.org