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A Top Ten List

President's Message by Owen Moe

Top ten lists are big these days. Popularized by David Letterman, there are at least several such lists appearing every day on the web. So I thought I'd try my hand on a list that is related in an important way to Friends of Old Annville. My list has no particular order and does not build up to an exciting crescendo, but it is constructed from ideas already expressed, one at a time and with greater elaboration, in these columns in the Landmark (see the Landmark archives on www.fooa.org). I think it important for all of us in FOOA to try to keep these reasons front and present in our minds, as we are often challenged with the question "Why should we restore these old buildings."

Top Ten Reasons for Restoring Historic Buildings

1. **History.** Restoration of a façade of a home or a business building constitutes living history in which the homes and architecture of our forebears, both grand and simple, become part of our everyday experience as we drive and walk through town.
2. **Sense of Place.** When multiple buildings in an older area of a town are restored, they create a streetscape that transports us to an earlier time. We get a tangible sense of this place - what Annville was and has become.
3. **Focus on the Natural.** Older buildings were constructed of natural materials: stone, bricks, wood. They have solidity and permanence, and they provide a counterpoint and relief from the extensive use of new synthetic materials in modern buildings.
4. **Town Center.** Restoration is one of the few effective tools today for rescuing and energizing the commercial centers of small towns that have been hollowed out by big box stores and shopping malls. Adaptive reuse of old buildings provides a wide variety of charming venues for all types of small businesses - a far cry from the uniformity of big malls.
5. **Ambience.** There is a certain feel to a well-maintained historic neighborhood. The homes have real character, and we are beckoned to slow down as we pass through. The natural materials and mature trees of an older neighborhood can lower our figurative (and actual) blood pressure, and provide personal restoration.
6. **Walkability.** Restoring old buildings in an area positively affects walkability in that area - it becomes more interesting, safer, and it beckons us to enter and enjoy.



7. **Economy.** Restoration revitalizes downtown business areas. Studies have shown that people prefer to shop in the more personal environment of a real town center versus a big mall.
8. **Sustainability.** Restoration is a more sustainable approach than demolition/new construction in that the materials and work in an old building has already been carried out. A façade restoration with interior renovation can often consume far less energy and resources than new construction.
9. **Property Values.** As would be expected, studies have shown that property values increase in historic districts and other restored areas. Restoration is an investment for the future.
10. **Tourism/Attraction.** Restored areas can become centers of tourism, bringing new people into town to shop in our small businesses, see a movie, eat at our restaurants, and stay in one of our bed and breakfasts. The more coherent and well-planned the restored town center, the more likely it will become a point of attraction.

It is for these ten reasons (and a few others, perhaps) that Friends of Old Annville incorporated in 1980 for the purpose of promoting historic preservation in Annville, Pennsylvania.

October 19th Tour of Lorenz House at 112 North College Avenue

A Special Opportunity for FOOA Members

For this tour spots are limited and reservations are therefore required. Call or email Owen Moe at 867-4326 or moe@lvc.edu to make your reservations.

On Sunday, October 19, 2014 at 2 PM – 3:30 PM, members of the Friends of Old Annville have been invited to tour one of the truly stunning historic restorations in Annville. Scott Eggert and Dan Massad, the owners of the *Lorenz House*, have generously agreed to open their restored home for a special walk-through tour of this former residence of a past president of Lebanon Valley College. The tour is limited to members of Friends of Old Annville.



Built in 1888 in the Queen Anne style, the home at 112 North College Avenue served as the residence for Edmund Lorenz who was president of LVC from 1887-1889. An early 1900's picture of the home is shown at the left.

You can arrive anytime between 2 PM and 3 PM, and we will be sending successive groups of 8-10 people through the house at a time. Scott and Dan and the contractor, Dennis Kreider, will be available inside the home for questions about the restoration process. FOOA will prepare a short pocket history of the home, and all people touring will receive a copy of the history. Refreshments will be served, and you will also have the opportunity to go into the yard to view the property and the exterior of the building.

There is no charge for the tour, but due to the capacity of the home, we are limiting the tour to 50 persons, so it is imperative that you make reservations with Owen Moe to hold your spot. There will be an opportunity at the end of the tour to make a free-will donation to Friends of Old Annville.

Annual Dinner Meeting

Friends of Old Annville

Saturday, November 8, at 6:00 PM

Annville American Legion, 35 South Manheim Street in Annville



Featured Speaker

Dr. Bruce Bomberger, Curator, Landis Valley Museum

Talk Title: *“From a Farm in Annville to the Landis Valley Museum”*

Also, Presentation of 2014 Historic Building Award, FOOA Pictorial Review of 2014, Annville Jeopardy, and More.....

Wine and Cheese Mixer, Buffet Dinner, Dessert and Coffee

Cost: \$25 per person

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(payable to “FOOA”)

Mail this form and payment to: Owen Moe, 308 East Main Street, Annville, PA 17003

Deadline for reservations: November 4, 2014

Dr. Bruce Bomberger to Speak at FOOA Annual Meeting in November

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Bruce Bomberger, Curator of the Landis Valley Museum, as the speaker at our annual dinner meeting on November 8. Bruce grew up in the Annville area, on a farm just south of what is now the Raymond J. Swingholm Pedestrian Bridge in the Quittie Park. He attended Annville-Cleona schools and graduated from Lebanon Valley College in 1981 with a degree in history. Bruce also earned a M.A in American History at Penn State in 1986 and a Ph.D. in 2011 from Lehigh University. Hired by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission in 1984, he worked in architectural preservation from 1984-1997 and then transferred to Landis Valley Museum to become curator in 1997. Bruce will speak about growing up in Annville and about his work at Landis Valley.

BALLOT FOR ELECTION TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF FRIENDS OF OLD ANNVILLE, INC.

Co-Presidents Michael Schroeder, Owen Moe
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This ballot will be presented for election by the general membership at the annual meeting of Friends of Old Annville on November 8, 2014.

Recent Acquisitions to the Electronic Archives

Now available via Google Drive at Annville/Collections Donated
along with more than 24,000 electronic files.

The Friends appreciate receiving several donations over the past two months. The following items are now available via the Electronic Archives.

In response to the posting on Facebook of several images of Agnes from **Ann Lasky** and **Jennifer Linebaugh**, **Marjorie Henise** shared several fascinating color images of the impact of Hurricane Agnes at the Quittie on the west side of Main Street that have been seen only by a few, and rarely, since they were taken in 1972.

Sharon Wilcox shared no less than ten sets of documents representing years of fascinating research on **the Hoverter and Carmany Families**. The information traces these early Annville families back to their roots in German communities. There are many pictures, documents, and stories. What a treasure!

Elizabeth and Harry Fake have shared seven poems written by **Rev. William Shaud** in the 1950s, when both families resided on the 400 block of East Main Street. The poems include insightful observations about life in Annville during the Great Depression of the 1930s, among other points of interest.

Blanche Schaeffer has sent two filing boxes filled “to overflowing” with newspaper clippings and other documentation related to the Friends of Old Annville, the return of Annville’s train station, and more! This donation will keep us pleasantly engaged for some time yet.

...which is not to say that we wouldn’t appreciate additional donations as well! If you have information to share, please don’t hesitate to contact Paul Fullmer at bpfullmer@gmail.com. In most cases, materials are returned after not more than a week or so. Thank you.

Below you'll find a sample of Rev. Shaud's poems – one of the seven submitted to FOOA's Electronic Archives
by Elizabeth & Harry Fake.

THE HOMELESS, 1930's STYLE

The moguls and the giants who made the wheels turn
Somehow failed, and the country was hurting.
Lifetimes savings were lost, tens of thousands were jobless.
No one trusted what the experts were asserting.

Brokers jumped out of window, bankers tried to sell apples.
Grim despair replaced the fun of the twenties.
But, away from the cities, where luxury was rare,
'Just plain folks' handled better the belt-squeeze.

Mothers still found a way to serve up for their families
Meals that nourished, and filled, and were tasty.
And many believed things would one day pick up,
If your hopes for the change weren't too hasty.

In the thirties an army of wanderers set out
To seek fortune in some distant place.
They took to the rails, and walked the dry roads
Seeking work, a free meal, a dry space.

They blended for a time with the true, lifetime hoboes,
Who chose wandering as their permanent style.
To the rookies the hoboes gave grudging advice;
Some became good friends after a while.

Our valuable secret, not readily shared,
Was, which houses were best for a handout.
Surely ours must have ranked very high on the list,
For my mother was generous throughout.

"Could you help me with something to eat?" they would ask.
In our apple tree's shade they would wait.
Their bounty was often a cup of hot Postum,
An egg sandwich, a banana, and crumb cake.

Not one failed to say 'thank you', in tones most sincere,
And one 'regular' always went further.
"Preacher George" often gave us a brief, moving homily,
Giving 'praise for all things' to the Father.

The pains of the thirties are dim in the memory,
But I'm glad I was there to be witness.
From my parents' ready kindness, lessons never forgotten.
Share your bounty with your neighbor in distress!

YES, MY GRANDMOTHER FEAD THESE PEOPLE TOO!

W. L. Shaud



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