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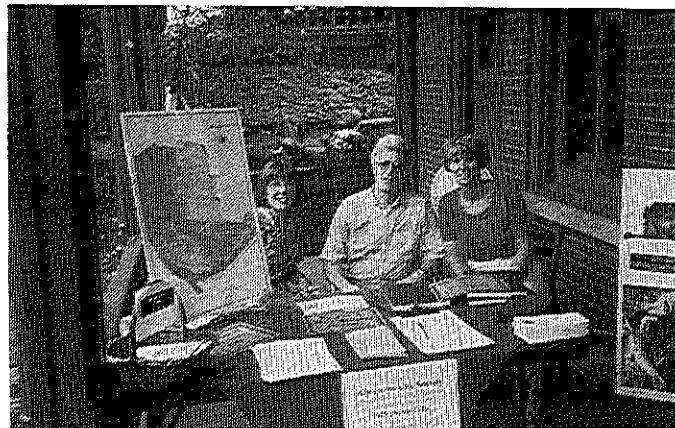
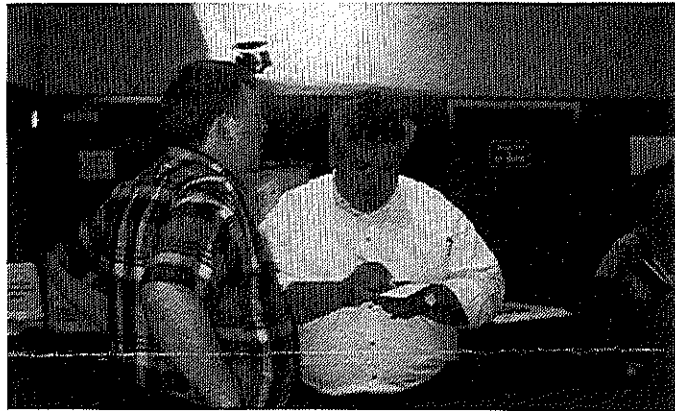
Last year's Events

During 1997 the Allegheny City Society was busy with a number of events during the Summer and Fall:

*The Society set up information booths at the both the Manchester (August) and Mexican War Streets (September) house tours. In addition the Society had a booth at the Christmas Shop at the end of the Allegheny West Victorian House Tour. Board members volunteered both as tour guides and staffed the booths at all events.

*The Show and Tell event was held in September at the Allegheny Regional Branch of Carnegie Library. Over 100 people showed up, many with items for display. In addition Rick Sebak of WQED stopped by and filmed a number of the items on display for the *North Side Story* video. Unfortunately, Rick shot so much video on the North Side (over 80 hours) none of the footage was used. However, the Society will receive the outtakes for our archives. Because of the success of the Show and Tell, the Society is planning to hold the event again next Fall.

* News of our events gets around .. One of the attendees of the Fall 1996 Walking Tour of the Allegheny Commons asked the Society to present the same tour for a continuing education class of CCAC. The tour was conducted by Ruth McCartan and John Lyon in October.



Pictured above: Top: Rick Sebak of WQED talks with a visitor at the Show and Tell
Bottom: Board members Eleanor & Mike Coleman McCartan at the Manchester House Tour

Over the past four years the Allegheny City Society has held a number of talks and tours. Now we are ready to take these talks "on the road" Watch for more information about upcoming talks in Borders Book Stores in Northway Mall.

Available for Sale.....

The Story of Old Allegheny	
Hard Cover	\$33.50
Soft Cover	\$21.50
Allegheny City Flags (9"x 18")	\$11.00
The North Side Story Video	\$23.50
(prices include tax, shipping and handling)	

Join The Allegheny City Society

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Senior/Student	\$ 5
Corporate/ Organization	\$ 50
Lifetime	\$100
Family	\$ 15

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Upcoming Events.....

✿ On March 29, 1998 the Society will present *Pittsburgh Post Gazette* movie critic Barry Paris who will discuss Marsha Davenport and *The Valley of Decision*. Mr. Paris interviewed Ms. Davenport for an article that appeared in *The New Yorker* in 1992. Following the talk the movie version of the novel will be shown. The event will take place at Victoria House on Western Avenue. Mr. Paris will speak at 2:00 PM and the film will be shown at 5:00 PM

✿ The Annual Meeting of the Allegheny City Society will be April 23, 1998 at in Calvary United

Methodist Church, corner of Beech and Allegheny Avenues. A business meeting will begin at 6:30 PM and will be followed at 7:30 PM. by John Burt, Esq.

Mr. Burt will speak on The Freedom Trail in Western Pennsylvania. In this talk he focuses on the dynamic anti-slavery forces in the state and their historic contributions to the pre-Civil War Freedom Trail. He is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Humanities Council.

Both meetings are free and open to the public. Please call 322-8807 to make reservations.

Annual William Rimmel Award Presented

On November 9th the Allegheny City Society presented its annual William Rimmel Award to John DeSantis. John has been a resident of Allegheny West for over 20 years. In the late 1970's he became what was then called an urban pioneer, moving into Allegheny West and participating with others in an effort to halt, then reverse decay - turning his neighborhood into a desirable living environment. As a member of the Allegheny West Civic Council, he worked to obtain federal funding for historic street lighting and put on house tours and Spring festivals.

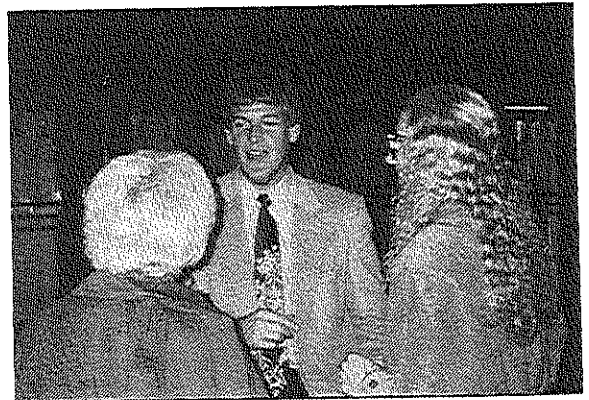
John purchased an old funeral home on Brighton Road. Its restoration gave back to us Holmes Hall. He has graciously encouraged tours of this most amazing mansion.

John has also significantly expanded his sphere of influence when he was appointed Chair of the Historic Review Commission for the City of Pittsburgh. There he gives encouragement, advice and an occasional slap on the wrist for development projects throughout the City. He has gained a reputation for demonstrating that historic preservation is an economic boost to an area. More importantly, that historic character is an attribute that once lost cannot be replaced, at any price.

The William Rimmel Award is presented annually to an individual or organization for outstanding achievement in preserving and interpreting the history of that portion of the City of Pittsburgh that was the City of Allegheny.

William Rimmel was a lifelong resident of the North Side and was best known for the series of columns he wrote for the *Pittsburgh Post Gazette* about life in Allegheny City. These columns earned him the President's Golden Quill Award in 1980, from the Pittsburgh Press Club.

After retiring in from the Post Gazette 1962, he continued to write his columns and maintained a busy schedule of meetings, speeches and writing. He was the author of *The Allegheny Story*, a nostalgic look back at Allegheny City. He died in May 1988 and is buried in Union Dale Cemetery.



John DeSantis talks with several well wishers.

North Side Story Video

The latest in WQED's History Series *North Side Story* is available from the Allegheny City Society for \$23.50 including tax and shipping. From an icee ball from Gus in West Park to the stars in Observatory Hill and all points in between, *The North Side Story* relates the past and present of Allegheny City and the North Side. Old film clips and still photos along with current footage capture what makes the North Side unique.

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