

# The Allegheny City Society Reporter

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## ***Discover the Missing Footage contained in the Lost Stories of the North Side.***

When Rick Sebak starting filming *The North Side Story*, he had no idea of the full history and number of stories that he would film.

"I have over 80 hours of film that we shot," he said. Some of those outtakes, especially those filmed at the Allegheny City Society's First Show and Tell in 1997 will be shown at the Annual Rimmel Award Ceremony to be held at Calvary United Methodist Church on November 15, 1998 at 2:00 PM.

Since *The North Side Story* has been released Rick has been a guest of the North Side Chamber of Commerce, Master of Ceremonies at the Northside Leadership Conference Dinner, Honorary Chairman of the Mexican War Streets Society's Gala at the opening of their annual house tour.

Now the Allegheny City Society will honor Mr. Sebak with the third annual William Rimmel Award.

The Rimmel Award Ceremony is free and open to the public. In addition to the award, the late afternoon light will make the Church's Tiffany Windows gleam - something not be missed.

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***Davisville to Brighton Heights .. a trip through time*** was the theme of the tour offered by the Allegheny City Society and the Brighton Heights Citizen's Federation on Sunday October 4, 1998. A gorgeous, sun-filled day saw over 300 people board Molly's Trolleys for a one-hour tour that showcased the history of former Davis farmland.

Originally part of Ross Township, in 1860, McClure Township which was created from the southern most parts of Ross and

Reserve Township. In 1872, the state legislature expanded the political boundaries of Allegheny City to include all of McClure Township. As a result of this annexation, McClure Township became the 11th Ward of Allegheny City.

The Allegheny City Society would like to thank the members of the steering committee: Pete Bellisario, Betty Bookser, John Canning, Marilyn Malanos, Ruth McCartan, Tom Ohrman, Melanie Pitts, and Helen Wehner for their work in making the tour a success. Special kudos to the librarians at the Allegheny Regional Branch of the



The iron gate of Davis Lee homestead drawn by Betty Bookser

Carnegie Library, the Pennsylvania Room of the Carnegie Library, the Western Pennsylvania Historical Society in the Heinz Regional History Center and the James Van Trump Library of the Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation. In addition, Suzanne Mehrmann Bearer, Jack Kennedy, Carol Watt, Dar Dutton, Sarah and Scott Frank - owners of Bonnie Blink, Marcie and John Mannay - owners of Sunshine and Father Tom Gavin of Risen Lord Parish also helped make this first-time tour an enjoyable Sunday afternoon.

Additional souvenir books are available from the Allegheny City Society for \$3.00 ea. Call us at (412) 322-8807.

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**Second Annual Show and Tell a Success**

While the number of attendees at this year's Show and Tell on September 12th at the Carnegie Library's Allegheny Branch was lower, those who attended were treated to some wonderful conversation and oral history of the North Side and Old Allegheny. Plan on attending next year.

**Other News for October and November ..**

Board President Terry Mowrey has created a display for the second floor display case of the Carnegie Library, Allegheny Regional Branch of toys made by the Wolverine Toy Company of the North Side.

**MISSING** -- At the Brighton Heights Tour a plaque was on loan from the Steel City Cafe of the High Water Mark Flood of 1936. After the event the plaque was missing. If you have information, please call the Allegheny City Society at 322-8807. Any tips would be appreciated

The Society set up a booth at the Mexican War Streets Society House Tour. Thanks to John Makar, Terry Mowrey, Ruth McCartan, Sr.. They staffed the table during the day. Thanks.

The annual Old Allegheny Victorian Christmas House Tour will be held on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Make your reservations early. The Society will have a table at the Christmas Shop and volunteers will be needed to work during the tour. If interested call the Society 322-8807. Working at the table is a great chance to meet people and discuss Allegheny City history.

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