

The Allegheny City Society

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Fall Show and Tell Program Scheduled For September 13

Did you know that the Joseph Horne Company stables building is still in existence in a Pittsburgh North Side location? Or that, Wolverine tin toys were manufactured here, as well as hugh railroad locomotives? And many of you surely remember Boggs & Buhl.

Join the Allegheny City Society members and friends on September 13, as they reminisce and share their interest and knowledge about the "good old days" in Allegheny City and Pittsburgh's North Side. Plans are being finalized for a do-it-yourself Show and Tell Lecture and Display, designed to extend to another level, the Society's endeavors to document, preserve, and interpret the history of this interesting and historical part of Pittsburgh.

The Show and Tell Meeting is free and open to the public. Persons having items or information relating to the North Side area, are invited, and urged, to bring their memories and memorabilia to this event. Share your knowledge of this area and learn some new and intriguing, little known facts.

Hundreds of items will be on display and more are welcome. Search your attics and cupboards, and bring your mementoes in for viewing and discussion. Among the many items expected, are old photographs, post cards, booklets, advertising, bottles, glassware, china, cans, toys, maps, and news articles of long forgotten subjects.

Tables will be provided for display of single items, or collections. Chairs will be available to sit and chat. Light refreshments will also be served.

Unlike what the name "Show and Tell" might suggest, no one is expected to get up in front of the group and talk about their items. It's just a friendly get together, designed to bring to light the fascinating history of Pittsburgh's North Side, and the city known as Allegheny prior to 1907, when it was annexed by Pittsburgh.

The event will be held at the Allegheny Center Branch of the Carnegie Library, Third Floor Meeting Room on Saturday, September 13, from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. For more information, call the Allegheny City Society at 322-8807 or Terry Mowrey at 935-1232.

The Manchester House Tour - A Great Success

We needed the rain - but why on the first time in 15 years the historic houses of Manchester were open to the public? The umbrella talisman worked that day. For those who don't know this ancient charm it's when you carry an umbrella it never rains.

A thousand people attended the house tour and every type of interior decorations were on display.

Historic Manchester invited the Society to have an informational table at the starting location of the tour. New display boards were created showing old photographs from the Carnegie Photographic Library of the Manchester Bridge. Photo's depicting the demolition of the bridge in the 1960's hung along side ones showing the remain portal of the bridge now located outside the Children's Museum.

Of great interest to the attenders was the "Then and Now" images of the corner of Columbus and Beaver Avenue, the location of Wiethorn Pharmacy. These photographs were from the Archives of Industrial Society at the University of Pittsburgh.

In the mansion at 1220 W. North Avenue, the home of Tom and Terri Streever, proudly displayed in their parlor was a replica of the old Allegheny City flag. The Streever's are strong supporters of old Allegheny City they even had a rare reproduction of Allegheny City Money for visitors to view.

David Maier, created a Trivia Quiz relating to Manchester that was handed out to those who thought they knew this section of Allegheny City's history. Former residents and current ones were baffled with many of the questions. All were pleased that the answers were also included.

If you missed us at the Manchester House Tour you will have another chance to see what the Society is doing, we will be at the Mexican War Streets tour on September 21. See you there.

Manchester Trivia Question

Can you name the Movie Theater which was located on Beaver Ave. It began as a Vaudeville Theater in the early days and operated until 1960.

(The answer is printed somewhere in this newsletter)

The complete Manchester Trivia Quiz will be available on the Society's Web Page which will be up and running mid September.

Mark your calender: The Observatory Hill House and Garden Tour will be held on September 27 from 12:00 Noon to 7:00 PM. Plan to attend and catch a glimpse of "Life in the Roaring Twenties"

Please Note: Our Historical Allegheny City newsletter *The Allegheny City Reporter Dispatch*, containing articles on the history of Allegheny City and it's residents, is mailed only to members. The next edition will be published again in October.

Articles currently are being written about an early woman doctor of Allegheny - Dr. Jane Vincent and how summer student interns created a city garden reflecting the history of the baseball Negro League. Stories you can't afford to miss.

JOIN NOW!!!

The Really, Really Rich of Ridge Tour

The Really, Rich of Ridge Tour held on June 28th, highlighted the lives and lifestyles of those millionaires that lived on three blocks of Ridge Avenue (now the Community College campus). Visitors were treated to an inside look of the Byers-Lyons House music room and study; the Chalfont Mansion's elaborate mantels and glass windows; the woodwork in the B. F. Jones House and a tour of Holmes Hall, where refreshments were served in the ballroom.

Along the way, Society members discussed the lives of these incredibly rich families and their homes. In addition, on had were photographs of those homes that had fallen to the wrecking ball in the 1950's.

Future plans....

Since the Society's tours of the Really, Really Rich of Ridge and Commons tours were so well received, we are planning to mount a traveling show of these tours complete with pictures that will visit other local historical societies and libraries. Watch for details in the next newsletter.

Happenings....

.....Rick Sebak is working on a production about the North Side. The Allegheny City Society assisted Rick by providing a copy of *The Story of Allegheny*, published in the 1940's and reprinted by the Society (copies are available from the Society) and other historic information. There is a rumor circulating he may show up at the Show and Tell event on August 13.

.....John Lyon will be conducting a tour of the Commons for a continuing education class from Community College.

Trivia Question answer: The Hippodrome

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Special Notice

The Allegheny City Society is devoted to preserving the memory and history of Allegheny City. To carry out this mission, the Society conducts tours, lectures and other events. Members of the Society receive discounted prices on tours, books and other merchandise. In addition, to these benefits, each year the Society publishes two issues of *The Allegheny City Reporter Dispatch* that features articles of historic interest about the people and history of Allegheny City.

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Don't miss your opportunity to read about Allegheny City history and receive other membership benefits -- **Join today**

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