

**TREDYFFRIN HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST
2009 FALL LECTURE SERIES**

“Then & Now . . . The Foundry”

Barbara Cohen

Schuylkill Township Supervisor ♦ Preservationist

Wednesday, November 11, 2009

Refreshments 7:00 PM - Lecture 7:30 PM

Cost: \$10/person

DuPortail House, 297 Adams Drive, Chesterbrook, PA 19087

‘**Then and Now...The Foundry**’, the story of the Schuylkill River Heritage Center in Phoenixville will be presented by Barbara Cohen. This story of local Phoenixville landmark begins with the closing of the Phoenix Steel Company in 1987. The property was sold, and most of the buildings were demolished. By the mid-1990’s only the Foundry Building and the former Bridge Company Building were still standing. Battered by weather and time, the Foundry was filled with 100-years worth of trash and debris. Ms. Cohen will supplement her lecture with the use of a slide presentation.

The Phoenixville Area Economic Development Corporation (PAEDCO) undertook the challenge to rescue this iconic survivor. Elected to serve as a Board member of PAEDCO, Barbara Cohen led the successful fundraising campaign to restore and adaptively reuse the historic Foundry Building. Over 5.2 million dollars were raised by PAEDCO to achieve this goal. The Chester County Commissioners gave PAEDCO the grant funding to purchase the 14,000 sq. ft. building so that it could be restored and adaptively reused to become a northern Chester County gateway for visitors, and a new venue would be installed in the building that would create jobs that support Phoenixville’s urban revitalization. Ms. Cohen currently serves as President of the Schuylkill River Heritage Center which has now become a unique, interpretive place to experience the pictures and pieces of the past that give everyone a better understanding of Phoenixville’s Iron and Steel legacy and its place in the Schuylkill River’s history.

Barbara Cohen is a Township Supervisor, currently serving as Vice-Chair and Treasurer for Schuylkill Township. Ms. Cohen initiated new ideas for saving taxpayer dollars by having the township join the Chester County Landscapes program. Ms. Cohen serves as the current President of the Board of Directors of Schuylkill River Heritage Center, providing leadership and direction to the organization. She donated interior design for the museum interior and the displays of historic materials, garnered financial support, and continues to develop community outreach and activities with partner organization and the Phoenixville Area School District. Additionally, Ms. Cohen currently serves on the Boards of Directors for French and Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust, the Phoenixville Area Economic Development Corporation, and the Wharton Esherick Museum.

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