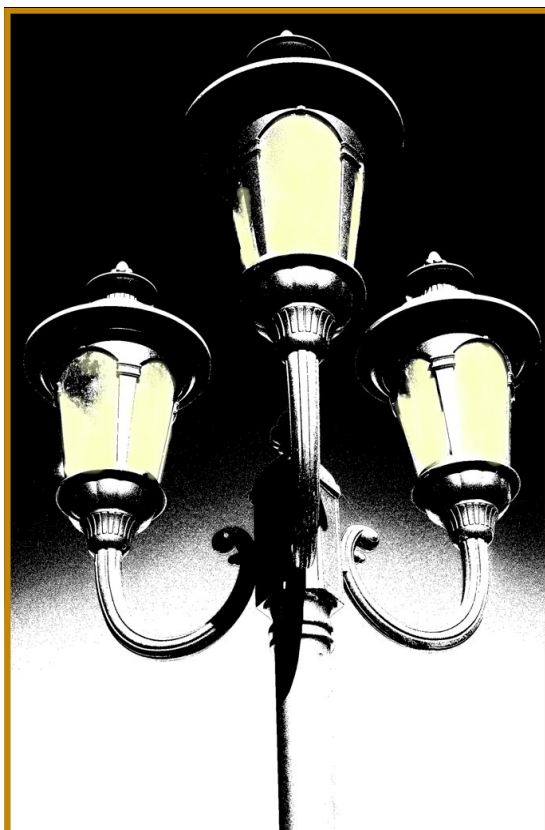


TREDYFFRIN HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST

2011 FALL LECTURE SERIES

“Historic Roadside Objects of Lower Merion: Their Restoration, Preservation and Protection”



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Thursday, November 10

Refreshments: 7 PM

Lecture: 7:30 PM

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Lower Merion Township is fortunate enough to possess perhaps the largest collections of historic, roadside objects in Pennsylvania: 250-year old granite turnpike mile stones, nearly century old cast iron Keystone Markers and hundreds of decorative cast iron street signs and posts. The greatest number of these objects date to 1915 and the decades that followed, when the Merion Civic Association (MCA) initiated sweeping changes to the streetscapes. The Association erecting at their own expense scores of cast iron Boundary, Danger and Road Signs, along with over a hundred electric Road Lights of “unusually artistic and distinctive design”, which were lauded a few years later by Frederick Law Olmsted, considered the father of American landscape architecture.

Federal regulations, motor vehicle accidents, vandalism and the simple ravages of time threaten these historic objects. Christian Busch, preservation architect and Chairman of Lower Merion Township Historical Commission, will discuss the history of the Township’s unique collection of road side objects and what is being done to preserve and protect what have become character defining features of the community. Leonard Gutekunst of *Klemm Reflector Company* in Philadelphia will also join us to present a case study that highlights the successful restoration of one of the last three known 1915 MCA Road Lights.