



**FRANKLIN
PRESERVATION**
Protecting What Matters



Still More Progress

All internal structural work has been completed on the Tower. The existing architectural details around the Tower roof have been removed and more substantial 2 x 6s have been added for support. A bell tower roof is planned which matches the original structure. All detailing will be recreated on the Tower.

Next up is the replacement of exterior cladding and a new paint scheme.

Franklin Preservation recently received the City of Franklin's Historic Preservation Program Grant in the amount of \$5,000 to continue work on the Tower.

A new front entrance with railings and a gabled roof porch will be created using these funds. The eaves and gutters of the roof are being replaced and replacement shingles will be added to the roof using a Pennsylvania Keystone Grant awarded to the group last year. Please follow the progress as you drive by and plan to attend one of our **FUN**draisers.



Franklin Preservation has dedicated one of the stained glass windows in the Church building to the memory of Jim Ashbaugh and in honor of his wife Rachel. We appreciate the time and effort they gave to promoting preservation.

Week of Giving

Franklin Preservation will take part in the Bridge Builders Community Foundation Week of Giving from March 16- 20. Over 150 nonprofit organizations take part in this endeavor. Online donations can be made at bbcfives.org. Not only does Franklin Preservation receive your donation but we also share in a percentage of the total amount given to all of the participants during this time.



Holiday Tour

Over 550 individuals took part in the Holiday Tour of Homes held in December. Eight of Franklin's beautifully decorated Victorian Homes enjoyed guests from Ohio, Florida, Illinois, West Virginia, Pittsburgh, Erie, and Meadville as well as Franklin and Oil City.

The tours were well received and attendees wished to know when the next tour would be held.

Many declared that it was just as wonderful as the Tour of Homes that Pittsburgh holds in its Northside neighborhoods.

We are planning another in the future so if you are interested in including your home, please get in touch through facebook, our website or by phone.



The Raffle winner of \$1000 was Dave Miller, \$300 was won by Nancy Cox and \$200 was won by Ruth Crawford. Congratulations to the winner and thank you to all who participated!



Civil War Monument

In 2016, Franklin Preservation undertook a fundraising effort to clean and repair the marble obelisk in Bandstand Park. The Civil War Monument was built in 1886 and is dedicated to soldiers from Venango County who gave their lives for the cause.

Many donations toward the effort were received and a Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission Keystone Grant assisted in the project. The monument is again showing signs of wear. Small cracks must be repaired and another cleaning is needed.

This group will spearhead the effort using donated funds.



The Divine Intervention Party held at the Miller Park B & B was an enjoyable time for all who attended. The event offered appetizers, a warm and welcoming atmosphere and music from Nat Licht playing the baby grand piano.

The Party has become a fixture for people who want to spend time in a gorgeous historical home.

On the Horizon

The 2020 calendar is filling up. We would love to see you at one of these events.

RENOVATION EXPLORATION

EVENT at the Dale House - Saturday, May 2.

STUDENT SCHOOL TOUR

Friday, May 15

TIKI BBQ PARTY

Saturday, August 15

SAVED! SALE

Applefest Weekend - October



New owners of the Samuel H. Dale House, Bob Sagnol and Molly Stahlman have graciously agreed to open their home for a Renovation Exploration Tour on May 2, 2020.

The house has garnered much interest as it returns to its former glory. Bob and Molly want to share

the journey of old house restoration with the public. These will be timed Tours. Cost for members of Franklin Preservation will be \$20/person and for non-members it will be \$45 per person. Tickets will be available at Eventbrite and other locations around Franklin.

This is your chance to see how to refinish floors and ceilings, replace antique woodwork, repurpose rooms, renovate kitchens and bathrooms and do it all with respect for the age of the house.

The Tour should not be missed!

Members

Franklin Preservation is celebrating its 32nd anniversary this year. It is a small but mighty group of people who recognize the significance of Franklin's architectural and historic history and strive to promote and protect it. If you live in or love older homes and would like to join the group as a Board Member or regular member, please consider joining Franklin Preservation.