



Chevy Chase Historical Society

Newsletter

Fall 2007

“How to Look at Chevy Chase Architecture “ Is Subject of Fall Program Lecture

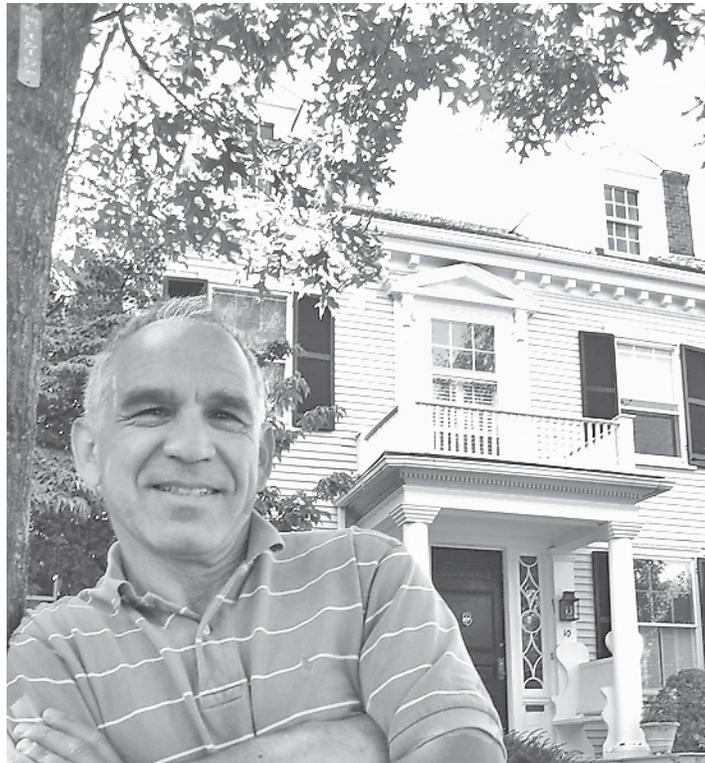
Noted architectural historian and photographer William Lebovich will present a lecture on “How to Look at Chevy Chase Architecture” at the Chevy Chase Historical Society’s fall program. The program will begin at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, November 7, at the Chevy Chase Town Hall, located in the Leland Community Center at 4301 Willow Lane.

Lebovich will illustrate his lecture with his own prize winning photography. Instead of the typical labeling of houses as one style or another, he will focus on how architecture reflects the society that built it, and how a building’s massing and detail tell that society’s story.

“Knowing architectural styles is a great shorthand way for talking about a building,” says Lebovich, “but style descriptions seldom convey the complexity and subtlety of most houses. My lecture will attempt to provide more information than is expressed in the usual descriptive terms, [such as] ‘Colonial Revival’ or ‘Bungalow.’ ”

Lebovich’s 33 years as an architectural historian have included work with the National Park Service’s National Register of Historic Places, Historic American Buildings Survey, and Historic

American Engineering Record. Since 1989, he has photographed new projects for architects and developers, and documented properties of significance throughout the continental United States.



Architectural historian William Lebovich likes to study Chevy Chase houses like this distinguished Colonial Revival for their variety of decorative detailing and massing.

“Chevy Chase, Maryland: A Streetcar to Home,” will be available for sale. Questions may be directed to Marilyn Montgomery at (301) 656-2295.

A resident of Martin’s Additions in Chevy Chase, Lebovich reviewed the new Swiss Ambassador’s residence for *Architecture Week Magazine* in January 2007 (www.architectureweek.com) and authored the 1993 book, *Design for Dignity: Accessible Environments for People with Disabilities*. His architectural photographs are in the Library of Congress and the Brooklyn Museum, and have been published in numerous newspapers, magazines, and books.

A brief business meeting will precede the lecture. Light refreshments will be served, and DVDs of the society’s film documentary,

Photo by Mary Anne Hoffman

Share our history—bring a friend to the fall program!

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The Chevy Chase Historical Society is a nonprofit organization founded in 1981 to discover, record, and preserve the history of the Maryland and Washington neighborhoods known as Chevy Chase.

Recent Acquisitions

"Recent Acquisitions" is a regular feature in the newsletter, describing documents and other items that are acquired for the society's Archive and Research Center.

Donations

1. Microfilm reels of meetings of the Board of Managers of Chevy Chase Village, 1920-1985. Donated by Geoffrey Biddle on behalf of the Board of Managers.
2. Catalogue, CD, and ephemera about Flora Gill Jacobs' Washington Doll House Museum; two pictures of Mrs. Jacob's grandfather at Chevy Chase Lake; the 1961 Leland Junior High School *Pine Log* yearbook ; and copies of the Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School *Pine Tree* year book for the years 1962, 1963, 1964, 1988, 1989, and 1990. Donated by Lynn Sutherland.
3. Eight issues of the *Shepherd Street News* and various newspaper clippings. Donated by Molly Freeman.
4. Twenty-seven postcards. Donated by Joe Valachovic.
5. Etching of a scene from the Battle of Chevy Chase. Donated by Thomas Hughes.
6. Regulations for the Welfare and Government of Section 2 (Chevy Chase Village). Donated by Margot Anderson.
7. Six milk bottle tops from the Clean Drinking estate. Donated by Fred Winkler.
8. Photographs of 12 East Melrose Street, circa 1898. Donated by Vicki Campbell.
9. Photo of the "P and F Shoeshine," operated by Barrett Prettyman and George Ferris when they were children. Donated by Nancy Ferris.

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Chevy Chase History-Go-Round History Inside and Outside the Neighborhood

This year CCHS will continue its series of occasional, informal programs for local residents who love history. The series offers neighbors with similar interests guided visits to historic sites, roundtables led by distinguished speakers, and further exploration of history both inside and outside the neighborhood.

To join the contact list for future programs, contact Susan Elwell at hgr@chevychasehistory.org or (301) 657-1874.

CCHS Film Documentary Wins Telly Award

The CCHS documentary film, "Chevy Chase, Maryland: A Streetcar to Home," has won a Telly Award, the premier award for outstanding commercials and films. More than 14,000 entries from all 50 states and around the world entered the 28th Annual Telly Awards this year. A panel of more than 40 industry professionals judged the competition. Fewer than 35 percent won recognition. CCHS' film won a Bronze Award for excellence in historical filmmaking.

"Chevy Chase, Maryland: A Streetcar to Home" has aired on the Public Broadcasting System's WETA-Channel 26 four times in 2007. Maryland Public Television plans to broadcast it later this year. In addition, CCHS has sold more than 1,260 DVDs of the documentary. CCHS collaborated with VideoArt Productions of Washington, D.C. to produce the film.

To order a DVD of this prize winning documentary, call CCHS at (301) 656-6141 or visit www.chevychasehistory.org. The DVD also will be available at the society's fall program on November 7 (announcement on page one).

Spreading the Word About CCHS



Photo by Mary Anne Hoffman

Evelyn Gerson, Director of the society's Archive and Research Center, recently taped a public service announcement inviting area residents to use CCHS' resources. The announcement will air on Montgomery Cable TV stations 19 and 21. The studio crew included, left to right, David Robinson, Christopher Walton, and Kris Miller.



Telly Bronze Award

WANTED!!

Curious about local history? Want to meet fascinating and fun people? Looking for ways to use your skills on your schedule? Consider volunteering with CCHS! We need the following:

Volunteer webmaster to help make updates and post online exhibits to CCHS website. Experience with Joomla and HTML helpful. Photoshop experience not necessary, but a plus! Contact Evelyn Gerson at evelyn@chevychasehistory.org or (301) 656-6141.

Volunteers to assist with CCHS spring community outreach event. Contact Shelly Brunner at shelly@chevychasehistory.org or (301) 907-8072.

Experienced grant writer to assist with identifying grant opportunities and preparing grant proposals. Contact Mary Sheehan at mary@chevychasehistory.org or (301) 652-5726.

Volunteer photographic archivist to assist in managing the society's collection of historical and contemporary photographs. Contact Mary Anne Tuohey at maryanne2e@mac.com or (301) 656-1779.