



## AROUND THE SQUARE

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Welcome to our new e-newsletter! Once a month, we hope to provide you with opportunities to learn more about our outstanding museum, library and archives collections. We will also be sharing information on programs and activities of interest to our members and supporters. If you do not wish to receive this email, please refer to instructions below for unsubscribing. Please note that we do not share our email lists with anyone.

This month, in honor of the season, we are featuring one of a set of two delightful carved figures. These gilded and painted angels, each standing about three feet high, once graced the organ at the German Reformed Church on Market Square where summer-resident George Washington is known to have worshipped on occasion. In the early 1800s, the original organ was dismantled and the angels removed.



The angels will be on display as part of our *Winter Wonderland: Work and Play in Germantown* exhibit, which will be open to visitors until January 15, 2010. An exploration of life in Germantown during the cold winter months, the exhibit features a number of GHS treasures including rarely seen Christmas and winter-related decorations, clothing and seasonal tools and toys. Presented in conjunction with Historic Germantown's *Germantown Works* project, the exhibit is the second of five short-term exhibits supported by the Pew Center for Arts & Heritage through the Heritage Philadelphia Program.

### ***Annual Meeting Reminder!***

The Society's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 6th, from 3 pm to 5 pm. Erika Kitzmiller, GHS member and doctoral candidate at the University of Pennsylvania, will speak about [Mining the Gems of a Local Archive to Uncover the Transformation of Germantown High School](#) and volunteer curator Betsy Solomon will share recently uncovered treasures in the GHS museum collections. Guided behind-the-scenes tours and light refreshments will be provided. All are welcome! Please RSVP to [info@germantownhistory.org](mailto:info@germantownhistory.org) or by calling 215-844-1683 no later than December 4th.

### **PayPal Now Available!**

Supporting GHS is easier than ever! We now offer PayPal services on our website, and welcome end-of-year giving and memberships. Need a special holiday gift? Local-interest publications and back issues of the *Germantown Crier* can also be ordered. Visit our website at [www.germantownhistory.org](http://www.germantownhistory.org) today!

### ***GHS Seeks Innovative Editor***

Do you enjoy reading or writing about history? Do you have an interest in contributing to the preservation of Germantown's rich narrative past? The Germantown Historical Society seeks an editor for our bi-annual journal, *The Germantown Crier*. Experience or knowledge of writing about history and editing are required. If interested, please contact GHS Site Administrator Laura E. Beardsley at 215-844-1683 or [info@germantownhistory.org](mailto:info@germantownhistory.org) for details.

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