

A Triumphant Return!

The Society is pleased to provide an update on a special project we began late last year. As we reported in the Fall 2009 issue of *Now and Then*, one of our treasures was in need of care. The c.1830s watercolor depicting Market Square believed to be painted by Germantowner William Breton was assessed by the Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts (CCAHA) and found to be in need of conservation. A good cleaning, proper framing and the removal of a highly acidic backing board were recommended.



With these recommendations in hand, we asked our members and supporters to help raise the funds to engage the CCAHA to complete the work. The Market Square Painting Conservation Fund ultimately grew to over \$3,300, thanks to the generous response we received from our members. The painting was delivered to the CCAHA, where it has remained for over five months.

At last, we can report that the painting has returned home, in all of its glory. Fully cleaned and stabilized, the beautifully framed piece is now available for viewing in the Director's office on the first floor.

The Society is open to the public Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons, or by appointment. Please call 215-844-1683 or email info@germantownhistory.org for more information.

Seeking Library Volunteers: Are you interested in Germantown history and have three to six hours a week to give during library hours? The Society is seeking interested folks who share our love of northwest Philadelphia and would like to provide invaluable support to our library and archives. Projects include research and public service, data entry and cataloguing, as well as assorted collections-based preservation projects. All training will be provided. Please reply to this email or call 215-844-1683 for more information. We rely on volunteers to make a difference! Thank you for your support!

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