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Now For Some Good News!!! We Just Launched Our New Website!!!



True to our mission: The Lower Merion Historical Society is an organization dedicated to *Preserving Our Past For The Future*. This is accomplished by stewardship of local history, education of the community, preservation of historic resources and outreach to promote awareness of the cultural heritage of the Township of Lower Merion and the Borough of Narberth.

Beyond collecting and organizing our history and looking up information...we are guardians of our collective knowledge, protectors of free and uncensored information to all, and champions of our community's cultural heritage.

We first launched our website in November 2001, and over the years, we continued to add local content to the site. We live in a more sophisticated electronic age and our virtual users wanted faster and easier access to this information. It was time to re-build our virtual library!

Our main goal in this endeavor was to help this special library improve its presence and functionality on the worldwide web. Many hours were spent to enhance our website, and special care was taken to help preserve the treasure trove of information that represents the most comprehensive available history of Lower Merion and Narberth. It is a comprehensive site with 39,868 items (number of discrete pages) indexed with a total number of 1,576,221 keywords.

Ultimately, the total redesign of the website has ensured that each page is easy to read, mobile friendly and indexed for greater search functionality. To that end, a state of the art search engine was incorporated into the site so that users can find articles, catalog information and discover images with ease. As special thanks to Jerry Francis and Joanne Murray who managed the development team. The team was from *MetaTechnical Computer & IT Services* in Narberth and they are in the picture above, from left to right, is Geoff



Naylor, Stephen Iskrant and Sean Leber-Fennessy; not pictured is Lei Chen. We now have brought our website into the new technology landscape - ensuring its relevance for years to come. Try us out at “www.LowerMerionHistory.org”

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