

# photo antiquities museum

## project

Photo Antiquities Museum

## neighborhood

Spring Garden

## grant amount

\$10,000

## grant year

2003

## community organization

Spring Garden Neighborhood Council

## architect

Maynes Associates

## project type

commercial



In spring of 2003, the Spring Garden Neighborhood Council (SGNC) contacted the CDCP seeking design assistance to renovate the Deutschtown neighborhood's Allegheny Social Hall. This historic structure had once acted as the community's center for celebration but more recently had stood vacant and been scheduled for demolition. Photo Antiquities purchased the building and, with the Spring Garden Neighborhood Council, hoped to adapt it for a new use as an antique museum dedicated to 19th Century photography. This museum would foster, promote and teach an appreciation of the history of photography as an art form and historical record; the structure would house not only the museum but also Photo Antiquities' archives and classroom.

The CDCP awarded the SGNC a \$10,000 grant to pay for the preliminary design of the new museum. Maynes Associates was selected for the project and developed plans, elevations and cost estimates for a new facility that would include gallery space, as well as a banquet hall to provide the Museum with an ongoing source of revenue.



Community stakeholders take in the view from the north end of Kirkpatrick Street