Oh What a Year!!
We are now Ready to Face the New Millennium

PACA's 1998 Salvage Report

It seemed like a dream, a long shot it, something that never would happen, but it actually did. In October, PACA purchased a new warehouse building at 44 East Washington Street in Champaign. This ended a search that began over ten years ago, but gained momentum soon after the death of John Solon in 1995 when our future at the University/Water street location became uncertain. PACA made offers to purchase numerous properties, in fact over five offers were tendered and several other buildings were investigated over the years. Salvage crew morale was at a low when negotiations began on the old Dodds Seed House in the summer of 1998. But with perseverance and hard work, the purchase finally went through. The following people were instrumental in the successful outcome: Alan Penwell from Busey Bank, who made the loan process easy; Dennis Daniel of Country Companies, who kept the insurance issues under control; Dave Spears and Jim Kenyon, who negotiated the splitting of three contiguous parcels that were joined under a trust arrangement; Kristin Solberg, PACA Board member and attorney, who handled the fast-track closing procedures; and Jeff Gordon, Tony Bamert and the rest of the PACA board who provided continual support for the purchase.

The BIG move

Preparations for the move began immediately, since there was work that to be done first at the new warehouse. A wall was removed, racks were built for the doors and for the woodwork/trim, shelves were installed to display the lighting fixtures (from Isotech Laboratories), and a new window display case was built. One gas meter was removed, the windows fixed, the PACA phone moved (note the new number, 359-PACA), the electrical meters reconfigured, and the furnace checked out and turned on (courtesy of Pat Dill of Ray's Heating and Air Conditioning). By the middle of November newly salvaged material was being stored at the new warehouse and slowly other items were moved over. However, it was during the first two weekends of December that the BIG move happened. Dozens of volunteers, several trucks and a trailer were there to help; even customers were enlisted to take a car load over to the new building! By the first of January the old space was swept clean and we opened for business at the new warehouse on January 9. A number of very hard-working volunteers helped get the new space organized: Mike Miller, Dan Leasure, Al Friederich, Gary Perkins, Hank Kaszmarski, Darryl Foste, David Spears, Pat Dill, Pius Weibel and Bill Odenweiller. The list of movers was long: Fred Householder, Kathy Reeves, Wendy Turner, Bette Leach, Bob Leach, Tony Bamert, Art Zangerl, Daniel Zangerl, Bob Swisher, Betty Swisher, Gary Perkins, Cheri Chenoweth, Steve Gants, Bill Bogner, Jack Kiener, Colleen Brodie, Bruce Brodie, Nancy Coombs, Gail Taylor, Susan Appel, Ray Lytle, Karen Kummer, Connie Hamilton, Sarah Nemeth, Chris Anderson, and anonymous customers.

1998 Sales

In 1998, total salvage sales were $23,612 with $2,322 coming from our satellite site at the Victorian House in Mahomet. This represented 76% of PACA's revenue for the year. Salvage expenses included $4,125 for rent, $1,098 for mortgage, $1,309 for sales tax, $939 for truck expenses, and $2,367 for expenses associated with moving, sandblasting, etc. This is a net "profit" of $13,773, and represents about 64% of the down payment for the new warehouse.

A pink marble fireplace from W. Armory St. It's available at the warehouse.
1998 salvage sales supported many PACA projects including the Ricker House (roof and porch repairs, $4900), Heritage Grants to the community (five grants totalling $3,293), and the Kids Building Fair ($820). Membership dues and contributions are PACA’s other main source of revenue and are used for support of the newsletter, community education programs (special alert mailings, tours, etc.), and general expenses.

The success of the warehouse would not be possible without the support of our loyal customers and donors. Our most important source of salvage materials continues to be the cities of Champaign and Urbana, the University of Illinois, and the private sector. Salvage from houses donated by Chris Hill in Tuscola and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Fox in Champaign provided significant revenue. Our most visible customers continue to be the businesses that use salvaged materials in their rehabilitation. A few notable examples in 1998 were: Jitters and Rush, Café Paradiso, Amandari Furniture, Radio Maria, Sage City Café and the Sputlock World Heritage Museum.

1999 Work Plan

PACA is facing a number of problems and issues at the new warehouse where members’ help and expertise can be useful. There are roof leaks on the north side that need to be fixed or the roof replaced. Signs are needed for the front and east side of the building, so help in designing the signs or fabricating them is needed. Ideas for landscaping the east side yard that would help screen the outside storage area and enhance the neighborhood would be great. We also have the resource room/office and workshop to build and the bathrooms to fix. There is still a lot of sorting and organizing to do. If you have a few hours free on Saturdays come on over; and, as an added incentive, we now have free coffee compliments of Herrriott’s Columbia Street Roastery.

Expanded hours may be in the future, perhaps one evening during the week, but this will require more volunteers. The crowds that have appeared during the first two months at the new building have been very encouraging, but it is clear that it takes three or four people to keep things running smoothly. Bob Swisher, Gary Perkins, Dick Elkin and Rich Cahill can’t do it alone anymore, so to keep the new warehouse up and running, please consider volunteering on Saturdays mornings. It’s fun.

This article was written by Salvage Co-Chair and PACA Treasurer, Richard Cahill. Photo credits to Cahill and Gail Taylor. To volunteer at the warehouse call 359-PACA or stop by any Saturday morning.
Preservation Days

On March 9 & 10th, the Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois is sponsoring a legislative advocacy opportunity in Springfield. By attending Preservation Days, you can educate yourself and state legislators about the growth and development benefits of preservation in your community.

LPCI's 1999 Legislative Agenda reflects the commitment of historic preservation activity to the well-being of our neighborhoods and downtowns.

- Encourage the development of a Heritage Trust Fund to fund bricks and mortar preservation projects.
- Support communities in their efforts to secure TEA-21 enhancement funds for historic preservation transportation projects.
- Upgrade and expand existing planning laws related to historic preservation.
- Support the creation of Historic Transportation Corridors in Illinois.

To find out more about Preservation Days, the Legislative Agenda, or to register for the Legislative Reception at the Dana Thomas House (March 9) or the Breakfast Program (March 10), contact LPCI at 312/922-1742.

Remember PACA's new telephone number: 359-7222 (PACA)

Historic Barn Tour

In conjunction with the Champaign Public Library's special exhibit, "Barn Again! Celebrating an American Icon," PACA and the Champaign County Farm Bureau are sponsoring a special bus tour of nine historic Champaign County barns. The tour will be held on Sunday, April 11 from 1-5 pm; the bus will load from the parking lot of the Champaign County Farm Bureau, 801 N. Country Fair Drive. Reservations can be made by calling the Farm Bureau at 352-5235; the cost is $5.00 per person.

Included on the tour will be dairy barns, general purpose barns, horse barns, and a residential barn conversion. The interior of the barns will be open for viewing and the owners will be on hand to discuss their history and use.

The Library's display is a traveling exhibit organized by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES) and the National Building Museum, and will be on display at the main library from February 21 through April 18. It is open during all library hours and is free. Also included in the exhibit is an eight-foot-diameter model of a round barn, photographs by leading local photographers, and displays provided by the Early American Museum. The library is also sponsoring a range of barn-related, free programs for all ages during the months of the exhibit. If you are unable to attend the special April 11 bus tour, brochures for self-guided tours of local UI and Parkland College barns as well as the rural barn tour will be available at the library.

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- □ NEW
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□ Adult ..................................... $15.00
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e mail address:

Make checks payable to: PACA, Box 2555, Station A, Champaign, Illinois 61825

Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.
Preservation on the Internet

There are numerous Internet sites related to historic preservation, museums, and restoration. The following are a sampling of popular sites.

- National
  Department of the Interior—Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) & Historic American Engineering Record (HAER)
  www.cr.nps.gov/whatwedo.htm#HPS
  National Center for Preservation Technology and Training
  www/cr/nps.gov/ncptt
  Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
  www.achp.gov
  National Trust for Historic Preservation
  www.nthp.org

- State
  Illinois Historic Preservation Agency
  www.state.il.us/pha
  Illinois Main Street
  www.state.il.us/ltgov/mainst.html

- Restoration
  Traditional Building
  www.traditional-building.com
  Old House Journal
  www.oldhousejournal.com
  Ricker House
  www.prairienet.org/ricker

- Related
  Chicago Architecture Foundation
  www.architecture.org
  Illinois Heritage Association
  http://www.prairienet.org/ihha

Remember to check your mailing label for your membership renewal date. The date shown indicates when you last renewed; membership runs for one year from that date.

Annual Membership Meeting

Sunday, March 14, 1999
2-4 pm
Jitters & Rush
2 Main Street
Champaign

Presentation of the 1999 Heritage Awards follows a brief business meeting.

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