Protecting the Irreplaceable

Preservation Week 1999

America’s vigorous preservation movement celebrates an important birthday in 1999: the 50th anniversary of the creation of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Enormous changes have transformed American society in the half-century since 1949. Those changes are reflected in the growing strength and maturity of the preservation movement, which has become an effective advocate for the kind of good stewardship and thoughtful planning that can help preserve and enhance the livability of communities for all Americans.

In the midst of change, one thing has remained constant: preservationists’ commitment to ensuring that our heritage—the buildings, neighborhoods, and landscapes that make up our rich legacy from the past—is kept alive. This year’s Preservation Week theme, Protecting the Irreplaceable, highlights the unique role that historic places play in defining us as a nation. Because they remind us of where we came from and help us understand and appreciate the richness of our shared heritage, historic places are essential. But they’re also fragile—and once they’re lost, they’re gone forever.

Preservation Week encourages us to reaffirm our commitment to saving the irreplaceable landmarks that lend beauty and character to our communities, and to explore ways to spread the preservation message to new audiences. What better way to celebrate the National Trust’s anniversary and the coming of a new millennium?

Richard Moe
President
National Trust for Historic Preservation

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Celebrate Preservation Week

Join PACA and the local preservation community in the following activities scheduled in honor of Preservation Week.

Eighth Annual Kids Building Fair
Our award winning fair will be held Saturday, May 15, from 11-4 pm. Sponsored jointly by PACA and the Orpheum Children’s Science Museum, the Fair celebrates the building trades with hands-on exhibits and demonstrations. Learn carpentry, painting, masonry, landscaping, and plastering from a master craftsman or from a well-tutored seven-year-old! The Fair is free, open to kids of all ages, and is held in the parking lot in front of the historic landmark Orpheum Theater, 346 N. Neil Street, Champaign.

1999 Heritage Grants
PACA will also announce the recipients of the 1999 Heritage Grants. The PACA Heritage Grant Program was established to share the proceeds from the PACA Architectural Salvage Warehouse with the community. A large part of PACA’s annual budget is derived from proceeds from historic building materials and furnishings that are salvaged by dedicated volunteers throughout the year and sold at the warehouse on Saturday mornings.

Last year’s awards, totalling $3,600, went to five projects: the Bilingual Program at Urbana High School for supplies for their C-U history bilingual project ($50), the Octave Chanute Aerospace Museum for help with moving a B-47 plane ($2,000), the Celebration Company at the Station Theater for new flooring in their lower dressing room ($250), the Orpheum Children’s Science Museum to replicate an oak facade door ($1,000), and St. Patrick’s Parish for Phase II of microfilming their historic parish records ($300).

Architreasures Contest
The News-Gazette and PACA are again sponsoring the popular Architreasures Contest. This year’s theme is Transportation and transportation-related structures and sites throughout Champaign County will be featured. Look for the “clues” in the May 14 Weekend Section of the News-Gazette.

Banners
PACA’s colorful blue and green Celebrate Your Heritage banners will once again fly proudly in downtown Urbana. Look for them during the month of May.

New Officers Elected
Following the Annual Membership Meeting, the Board of Directors elected new officers at the April Board meeting:

President: Dan Wurl
Vice-President: Anthony Bamert
Secretary: Kristin Solberg
Treasurer: Jeffrey Gordon

Board meetings are held in the board room of the Orpheum Children’s Science Museum on the second Wednesday of each month beginning at 7:00 pm. PACA members are invited to attend all Board meetings; call 359-7222 for the exact date.

New PACA Phone Number
359-7222 (PACA)
Annual Membership Meeting

Jitters & Rush in downtown Champaign provided an appropriate historic setting for PACA's 1999 Membership Meeting which was held March 14. After a short business meeting in which 1998 preservation activities were reviewed, three members were elected to the Board of Directors to serve through 2001: Anthony Barret (reelected), Kathy Reeves, and Daniel Leasure. Currently serving on the Board are Kristin Solberg (99), Pamela Todd (99), Raymond Lytle (99), Daniel Wurl (00), Bruce Creamer (00), and Jeffrey Gordon (00).

The 1999 Heritage Awards were also presented at the meeting.

Residential Heritage Award:
308 West Nevada, U
Mark & Susan Frobish

Commercial Heritage Award:
Jitters & Rush
2 Main Street, C
Michael & Judi Mitsfeld
Scott Kunkel, architect

Caffe Paradiso & That's Rentertainment
801 S. Lincoln, U
Melissa & Geoffrey Merritt
John Barr, building owner
Dave Baker, contractor

Roundtable Media
121 Goose Alley, U
Norman & Carolyn Baxley
Kathryn & Larret Galasy-Wright
Curtis A. Meyer, contractor
Kim Smith, architect
Glen Davies, artist

Landmark Heritage Award:
Hallene Gateway
W. Illinois & S. Lincoln, U
Alan & Phyllis Hallene
David Carner

St. Lawrence Catholic Church
Main Street, Penfield
The Congregation

Adaptive Use Heritage Award:
Friends Craft & Antique Mall
Illinois Central Depot
101 N. Kentucky St., Rantoul
Kathy Kilhoffer

Institutional Heritage Award:
UII Arcade Building
715 S. Wright Street, C

Landscape Heritage Award:
Idea Garden
University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Service
S. Lincoln Ave, U

Neighborhood Heritage Award:
402 W. Columbia, C
Michael Markstahler & Rebecca Henry

Historically Respectful Additions:
705 W. Pennsylvania, U
Michael & Margaret Grossman
David Scheitlin, contractor

207 West California, U
Debra & Tim Larson
Tim Miller, contractor
Andrew Fell, architect

Special Heritage Award:
Richard Cahill, PACA Board Member
Perry Morris, PACA Board Member
Mark & Mindy Gardner Family
(Blacksmiths) Farmer City
City of Urbana
Historic Preservation Ordinance

Ten Most Endangered Historic Places

Historic properties from throughout Illinois have been placed on this year's "Ten Most Endangered Historic Places" list by the Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois (LPCI).

Since 1994, LPCI has selected the ten most endangered historic places in Illinois, focusing attention on sites threatened by negligence, deterioration, lack of maintenance, insufficient funds, inappropriate development or insensitive public policy. The sites have architectural, historical or archaeological significance and each enjoys community or statewide support for its preservation, which means there are options for each to be preserved.

"When a historic property is lost, the damage is permanent," said LPCI President David Keene. "Although many historic properties in Illinois are in danger, these are the ten we feel are most threatened right now. We hope that by announcing the 'top ten' list, preservation solutions can be found for these threatened sites."

LPCI announced the "Ten Most Endangered" list in conjunction with Preservation Days, a two-day legislative education and lobbying event.

St. Boniface Church & School
(Cook County)

This vacant church and school, constructed in 1902-1904, is faced with an uncertain future in the hands of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Because of its prominent location within a residential neighborhood, the church and school bear strong testimony to the importance of religious and cultural institutions in community growth. Activists from the East Village Association have achieved a temporary stay of demolition for the buildings, but by June will have to renegotiate with the Archdiocese for their preservation.

Peo-sin Syrup Company Factory
(Platt County)

Like many small towns throughout Illinois, Monticello is closely linked to its industry. The patent medicine manufactured in this 1908-1923 building characterized Monticello as the 'patent medicine capital of the world.' Although privately owned, the factory is championed by the City of Monticello, which hopes to halt the deterioration of this vacant, once vibrant, industrial complex.
Richards’ Farm
(Jo Daviess County)
The Richards’ Farm is composed of 216 acres located along U.S. Route 20 on the eastern approach to Galena. The farm’s open vista affords visitors their first glimpse of this bucolic village as they round Horseshoe Mound. Privately owned, the property is threatened with high-density commercial development despite planning guidelines that prohibit intense commercial development of Galena’s eastern approach. Compromise, conservation, and creativity will determine the preservation outcome of this historically important scenic landscape.

Harwood-Solon House
(Champaign County)
This rare, circa 1865 Italianate mansion is a distinctive Champaign residential property which received landmark designation by the City of Champaign despite the owners’ objection. Vacant since 1990, the brick home is undergoing “demolition by neglect,” and the out-of-county heirs have chosen to remain out-of-touch. Recently, an ordinance that would have addressed neglected buildings was rejected by the Champaign City Council.

Tree Studios/Medinah Temple Block
(Cook County)
Composed of two distinct structures built in 1894 and 1912-1913, these neighboring buildings share a common fate: demolition or defacement at the urging of speculative commercial and residential development in Chicago’s Near North community. Diminutive among high rises and building cranes, they stand alone as vibrant reminders of the area’s past and could serve testimony to the City’s failure to protect its landmarks, particularly the artist colony, Tree Studios.

N.O. Nelson Factory
(Madison County)
This five-acre site comprises five brick institutional buildings constructed in 1895 facing a u-shaped courtyard. Touted as “the ideal perfection of buildings for man to labor in” by Progressive-era reporter Nellie Bly, the Cooperative Village of Leclaire once represented a 19th century prototype of the industrial village. Now used by Southern Illinois University as a warehouse/storage facility, the factory complex is threatened with “demolition by neglect.” The City of Edwardsville hopes to see the industrial complex brought back to life and adaptively reused.

Pullman Palace Car Factory and Village
(Cook County)
Constructed between 1880-1882, the Pullman Palace Car Factory, Administration complex and adjacent village are now gravely threatened after a destructive fire on December 1, 1998, consumed the roofs, floors, and timbers of the administration and adjoining factory buildings. Threatened in the past with demolition by developers, frustrated city offi-

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The Pullman Civic Association achieved preservation and recognition of the site through the City Landmark Commission, a National Landmark District designation, and a 1991 purchase by the State of Illinois that made the complex a State Historic site. Now the work of preservation must start anew because the fire has revived vocal critics within and outside the community.

Joseph Cluster Round Barn (Grundy County)

Round barns are rare and beautiful reminders of the rich agricultural history of Illinois. This barn, as with many others, is privately owned and threatened by its age and deterioration. The costs associated with preserving the farm buildings and the feasible uses of these buildings threaten their preservation. Illinois has many examples of traditional farm buildings fallen into disuse or disrepair, but not many success stories.

Salvage V.I.P.'s
- Bob Swisher
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- Rich Cahill
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- Dan Leasure
- Gail Taylor
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Salvage Donations
- University of Illinois
- Arthur & Edwin Finet
- Joe Rank
- Jacqueline Gergen
- Provena Covenant Medical Center

New & Renewing Memberships
Charter Members (1981-1983)
- Dr. & Mrs. Victor Wojnar
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- John Porter Garth
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- Mr. & Mrs. Mark Sills
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- Jacqueline Gergen
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- Janice Lines & Ginny Sims
- Daniel Leasure
- Kristina Engberg & Frank Wells
- Patrick Patterson
- Ellen Foran
- Deborah Downes

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- Geoffery & Melissa Merritt
- Randy & Bette Hughes
- Nancy K. Enger
- John & Susan Brown
- Chris & Bill Bell

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