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Seventh Annual Salvage Report

The new millennium is also PACA's Twentieth Year and its time for the Annual Salvage Report. Last year, a brief history of the salvage operation was given. This year's report highlights the activities, donors, customers, and volunteers that made the 2000 salvage operations the best EVER.

The PACA Architectural Salvage Warehouse has become the place to be on Saturday mornings. This is due in part to the coffee provided by Columbia Street Roastery (24 E. Columbia, C). Customers can have a cup of coffee while they shop, and seek advice and inspiration for planned projects. A customer recently commented that they missed the old days when you didn't have to wait in line to check out.

Yes..., we have come a long way since our days on University Avenue, but there is so much more we will accomplish in the next year. Soon there will be a resource room with books and literature to help research building projects. A computer will be available so patrons can check out resources on the Web. In the coming year we would like to begin offering hands-on workshops on practical topics such as *"How to Fix a Double-hung Window"*. If you have topics that you are interested in or, better yet, if you would like to run a workshop, contact PACA.

Starting on April 4, the warehouse will be open on Wednesday evenings from 4-7 PM on a trial basis. We hope this will provide our out-of-town customers a chance to stop in after work. In order to make this effort successful, however, we will need additional volunteers. Even if you have only a few hours a month to volunteer that would be a great help. There is always a need to sort and organize material as it comes in or help with our building projects.

2000's Major Salvage Operations

The first major salvage operation of the year was the former Sheriff's Residence

and Jail adjacent to the Champaign County Courthouse. The building was demolished, along with the modern annexes to the courthouse, to make way for construction of the new county courthouse addition. In one day, nine volunteers saved 80% of the interior trim, two sets of oak pocket doors, the oak entry doors, and 14 interior doors. The year ended with a significant volume of quality oak trim, transoms, doors, and stonework donated by Champaign County. This material had been stored in crawl spaces under the old courthouse, having been saved from past remodeling projects. The material had to be removed for the new courthouse addition and was not needed for the planned renovation of the historic courthouse. Bill Freyman, Denny Inman, Alan Reinhart, and Larry Johnson were instrumental in these two very successful operations.

The second major salvage operation was in Farmer City, where the Blue Ridge School District built a new high school adjacent to their existing school. The original high school, built in 1911, was demolished to make way for a new gymnasium. As early as the fall of 1999, Mike Richards began seeking permission for PACA to salvage the school. Mike, Rich Cahill, and Bob Swisher met with the Board of Education in the winter of 2000 and outlined PACA's programs and the benefits of saving the school's architectural elements. PACA was given permission to begin salvaging, starting at noon on Friday, June 3, and finishing by Sunday, June 5 so that asbestos abatement could proceed. Cotter Glass and the Piano People donated the use of their large trucks to help facilitate the operation. Dan Leasure, Mike Richards, Mike Miller, Jim Miner, Kathy Reeves, Rich Cahill, David Spears, Robert Nemeth, Tony Bamert, Laurence Mate, Darrel Foste, Gail Taylor, and Al Friederich all helped. Sixty slate black boards, 16 oak newel posts, several storage cabinets, maple flooring, and 100's of feet of oak trim were saved.

In August, The Pavilion treatment center gave PACA exclusive salvage rights for two historic houses in the 800 block of West Church Street, Champaign. PACA volunteers carefully removed the fireplace in one house that was later shipped to corporate headquarters. Pavilion staff members were given first opportunity to purchase items saved from the houses. This brought new customers into the warehouse, a number of whom have since joined PACA. This arrangement also made the disposition of the items much easier for the Pavilion. Eight leaded-glass windows; oak window seats and columns; an oak stairway; walnut, oak, and poplar trim; pedestal sinks; a built-in bookcase; three oak pocket doors; and a long list of other nice items were saved. Nina Eisner, Ray Reese, and the staff of The Pavilion were very helpful in arranging one of PACA's most successful salvage operations.

Again this year, major apartment developers in Champaign-Urbana granted PACA permission to salvage buildings being demolished for new construction projects. These developers were Ramshaw/Smith (3 houses), Campus Property Management (1 apartment building), Wakeland Rentals (1 house), and JSJ Properties, Inc. (1 house). Alex Ruggieri, Leah Jay, Howard Wakeland, Craig Wakeland, and Steve Johnson were some of the key people who facilitated these operations.

The University of Illinois continues to be a strong supporter of PACA. In 2000 several houses, former businesses, and agricultural buildings were salvaged. The key people that continue to help PACA efforts are Steve Hesselschwerdt, David Garner, and Gary Biel.

The cities of Urbana and Champaign also remain supporters of PACA's salvage efforts. This year, a number of houses affected by the Champaign Library expansion and the Boneyard Creek detention project in Champaign were salvaged. In Urbana, some materials were saved during the remodeling of Leal School and

from houses demolished near the Urbana Middle School. The personnel that have made this possible include Mike Nichols, John Schneider, and Steve Cochran.

Other major donations came from the following. The Villa Grove United Methodist Church permitted salvage of their adjacent parsonage; lots of nice mission-style trim and doors were saved. Sen. Stanley Weaver also allowed PACA to salvage his former funeral home at 302 West Green, U. Doors, stained-glass windows, trim, fireplace tiles, a walnut staircase, windows, and the porch columns were saved. Rhett Wisegarver donated three large doors, an ornate staircase, and 36 sets of brass door hardware that had been saved from the Dallenbach House on West Park Street, Champaign, when it was demolished in the early 1980s. A farmhouse near Royal was salvaged thanks to Dale Busboom. Doors, porch columns, nice trim, and a built-in buffet were saved. The Kresge Building in downtown Champaign was salvaged during a major remodeling. Some of that building's flooring was used to replace damaged floors in the Ricker House. Richard Marzke donated a metal panels from an old school house in Loda that had been converted into a garage and was now being demolished. The ceiling had a unique design and was a very popular item at the warehouse. About 25 x 38 feet of the ceiling and 10 x 40 feet of the metal walls were saved.

Numerous donations were received over the past year from individuals and business and these have been acknowledged in past newsletters. The donations included seven stained-glass windows, a set of large church entry doors, a marble fireplace, and some classic bathroom fixtures. We greatly appreciate these donations, but once again request that you call first. We cannot accept all donations because of space limitations and the marketability of some items. We do not take any appliances, storm windows, screens, or hollow-core doors.

The Second Year at 44 East Washington

We continue to strive to provide a facility where salvaged items can be stored and displayed to make "shopping" safe and easy. It is a constant struggle to keep up with preparing and storing incoming materials. We are attempting to "price" items as they arrive, but we cannot always keep up. Don't worry, we won't have bar codes and scanners anytime soon! Our pricing is based on what the staff considers fair market value. Our prices are less than "for-profit" architectural salvage centers, but we are not a garage sale either. Prices are established

to keep PACA financially strong and still provide good values to our customers.

This year the warehouse was totally rewired and large PACA Warehouse signs were installed. Construction of the resource area, workshop, and an ADA compliant bathroom has made significant progress. Useless old window air conditioners were removed with the resultant holes repaired by either Cotter's Glass or patched by Pankau Masonry.

This summer we will complete the workshop, resource room/office, bathroom, and additional trim and door racks. A concrete sidewalk is needed in the front of the building and the yard needs to be organized so that landscaping can begin. The facade from Babbitts Bookstore needs to be appropriately stored, or better yet, sold, and re-assembled as a storefront. (We are selling the facade as a complete set only, \$5,000.)

Our *Second Annual Open House* was a great success, thanks in part to donations from Radio Maria, Corkscrew Wine Emporium, Columbia Street Roastery, and the hard work of Kathy Reeves. This year the party will be on Sunday, October 7, and it promises to be better than ever.

Cooperation Works

Often during salvage operations we find furniture that is in good condition. In 2000, PACA donated a significant number of dressers, desks, chairs, and couches to the Transitional Housing program run by Ella Coleman for the City of Urbana. This cooperation gets items to people who are most in need, usable items are recycled, and PACA does not become a used furniture store. PACA has also helped the Champaign-Urbana Junior League with their Festival of Trees fund-raiser. All of the old doors used during the celebration are on loan from PACA, although no acknowledgment of this contribution has ever appeared in their program.

2000 Financial Report

Salvage sales in 2000 were \$54,240, an increase of 57% over last year (\$34,486) and 130% more than 1998 (\$23,612), the last year at our old University Avenue location! This dramatic increase in sales is due in part to the sale of a number of high value items including interior parts from Babbitt's Bookstore, quality items from The Pavilion properties, and the Farmer City High School. Expenses associated with the warehouse were \$7,549 for the mortgage; \$4,880 to rewire the warehouse, and install exit and emergency lights; \$2,300 to install signs; \$3,003 for state sales tax; \$1,535 for property tax; contributions to area non-profit groups \$1,893 (Old House Society of McLean

County, Old Town Association of Danville, ERES, and the Blue Ridge School District, all of whom donated goods to the warehouse); \$3,500 to Pankau Masonry to remove the facade of Babbitt's Bookstore; \$1,204 for utilities; \$918 in expenses for the PACA truck; and \$1,148 for construction projects at the warehouse and other miscellaneous expenses.

This past year, profits from the warehouse helped fund in part the Heritage Grants Program (\$3,500), the Ricker House Project (\$31,594), newsletter production and postage (\$1,414), promotion/publicity (\$1,704), the Annual Kids Building Fair (\$500), and our great membership party.

Goals for 2001

Last year, the Old House Society of McLean County opened their own salvage warehouse (508 N. Madison, B). This was due to the efforts of Bob Swisher, who spent several days helping train their volunteers in the art of salvaging, and on how to display and price items. The money raised from their salvage sales can now help fund preservation efforts in the Bloomington-Normal area.

PACA would like to see similar salvage operations established in Springfield, Decatur, Danville, and Charleston/Mattoon in cooperation with their local historic preservation groups. In Springfield, the old 1927 Police Station is about to be torn down for construction of the new Lincoln Museum and Library complex. The building has beautiful terra cotta details on the exterior and architectural elements in the interior that could be salvaged. However, timing and distance make efforts based outside of Champaign County very difficult for PACA without the support of a local group. In Danville, the historic Baum and Temple buildings are also about to be razed by the city. The Old Town Association of Danville is willing to provide volunteers to help save some elements in cooperation with PACA, but the Mayor of Danville refuses to grant access. A member of the Coles County Historic Society recently visited the warehouse and expressed interest in establishing ties with PACA similar to the ones we have with Bloomington.

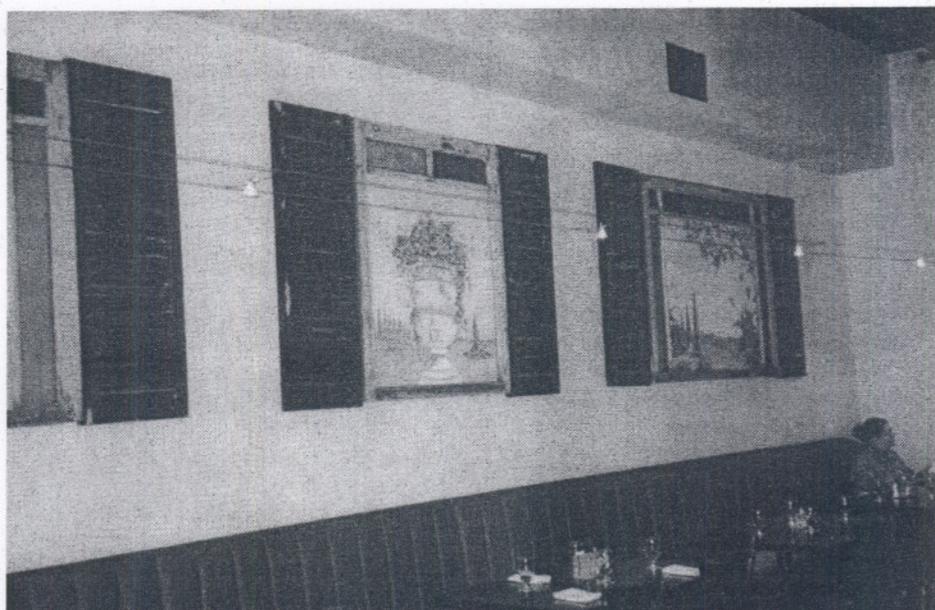
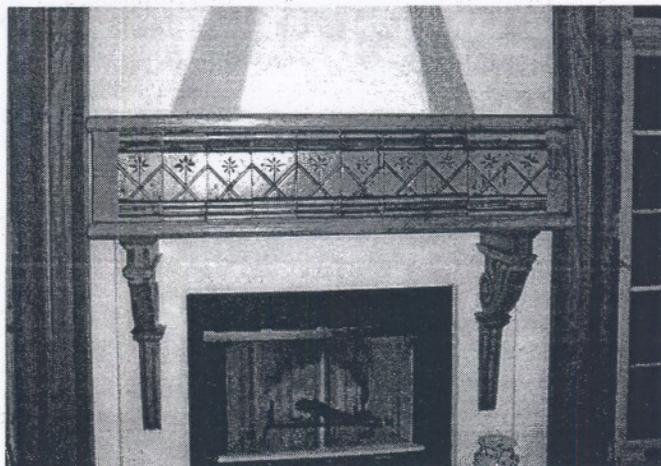
The Great Wrap-Up

PACA again thanks all our loyal customers, donors, and officials who have made the PACA salvage warehouse successful. We look forward to another great year and hope we can continue to provide a service to the people of east-central Illinois and beyond.

This article was written by Rich Cahill, Salvage Co-Chair extraordinaire.

Creative Uses of Architectural Salvage Items

Every weekend someone comes to the warehouse with a clipping of the latest use for an architectural element. Door and window headers, metal ceiling panels, and doorknobs are very popular for projects. Porch columns have been used in master gardeners' yards; slate blackboards have become counter tops; and claw foot bathtubs are now outdoor ponds. The following illustrations show PACA salvage items reused in interesting ways. Upper right: Carrie Busey House corner blocks as a decorative mantel; Lower right: Great Impasta's faux-landscape with PACA windows and shutters; Below: Boltini's newel post with decorative doll's head. (Photos by Cahill)



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Heritage Grants Available

Application forms for the 2001 Heritage Grants are now available from PACA. This year, up to \$5,400 will be granted by PACA to area non-profits for historic preservation projects. Projects must involve preservation, conservation, and/or education related to history, architecture, or archaeology in Champaign County. Categories are bricks and mortar, land acquisition or relocation, professional feasibility studies, preservation education, and interpretation. Up to ten percent of the previous year's salvage receipts are given back to the community through the Heritage Grant Program. Call for details.

Save the Date

PACA Annual Membership Meeting
March 25, 2001
Orpheum Children's Science Museum
346 North Neil Street
Champaign
2-4 pm

A short business meeting and election of three Directors will be followed by the presentation of the 2001 Heritage Awards. Tours of the theatre will also be offered.

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