2001 was a great year. Progress has been made on improving and updating the warehouse, our sales hours were expanded, and our volunteer base has grown. We expect the coming year to be even better.

Warehouse Highlights
The construction of a resource room/office, ADA accessible bathroom, and shop area is nearing completion. After a number of false starts, Robert Nemeth, (architect, and new board member) prepared building plans that were approved by the city. Pankau Masonry removed the air conditioners from the east wall and repaired the masonry; Ted Sample put up drywall on the existing interior walls. Ray’s Heating and Air Conditioning changed the configuration of the furnace and added new ductwork at no charge. Robert Nemeth, Dan Leasure, Mike Miller, and Rich Cahill framed the walls for the new rooms. Colbert Plumbing completed the new plumbing and Witte Electric updated the electrical service for the hot water heater, new outlets, and lights. Total cost for labor and materials for warehouse improvements in 2001 was $3,610. Once the drywall is installed for the new rooms and floors in the bathroom and office are replaced, we will start setting up the office.

The completion of the office/shop area will free much needed space in the warehouse. Office and display materials now stored in several locations around the warehouse can be consolidated in the office area. We then can build more storage racks for trim and doors. Later this spring we need to improve the appearance of our side yard. Plans are to create a small patio area, add some outdoor lighting, improve storage, and do some landscaping. We also would like to improve the front entrance, between the street and sidewalk.

Every Saturday, customers and staff continue to enjoy coffee that is provided by Herriott’s Columbia Street Roastery. A new feature at the warehouse is a refurbished pop machine that is stocked with soft drinks that was donated by Brian Duffield of Thomasboro.

Our Membership and Volunteer Appreciation Annual Party was a great success. Once again Radio Maria, Corkscrew Wine Emporium, and the Longhorn Smokehouse provided refreshments. The following individuals were recognized for their efforts to keep the salvage and warehouse operations running: Rich Cahill, Darrel Foste, Karen Kummer, Dan Leasure, Mike Miller, Bill Odenweller, Kathy Reeves, Mike Richards, Judy Skreiner, Kim Snyder, Bob Swisher, and Kathy Webber. The party this year will continue the Columbus Day weekend tradition, and will be on October 13.

Major Salvage Operations of 2001
There are numerous large construction projects underway on the University of Illinois campus in Urbana. Buildings were salvaged at: 503 North Godwin, 1005 West Nevada, the historic UI Fire Station, Animal Genetics Laboratory, 705 South Lincoln, 1203 and 1205 West Main, and 1206 and 1208 West Stoughton. Of particular note was 1005 West Nevada. Most recently the house had been a School of Music annex, but was originally the Theta Phi Alpha Sorority. Two mantels were saved along with a large number of doors, windows, and trim. A built-in shelving unit was rebuilt by Mike Richards and is now located at Alto Vineyard's tasting room on North Duncan Road, Champaign. The front door is part of a new home in St Joseph, the interior doors are being incorporated into a new restaurant to be opened by the owner of Chevys Fresh Mex Restaurant in Bloomington, and one of the mantels is now in a house on West University Avenue in Champaign.

The City of Champaign provided a number of buildings for salvage as part of the North First Street detention basin project and the expansion of the Champaign Library. Properties were located at 504 and 509 South State; 209 West Healey; 111, 110, 108 and 106 East Clark; 106 East
Springfield; 105 East Stoughton; 114 East White; 1207 North Market; 716 North Hickory; and 202 West Green. The house at 202 West Green was the former dental office of Skip Bench. Two mantels were saved, one of which is now in the Portland, Oregon home of a former PACA member. A nearly complete oak staircase saved from the building is still available at the warehouse. A number of the houses had nice usable furniture that was donated to the Urbana Transitional Housing Program.

The following real estate managers and developers gave PACA permission to salvage their properties. Abe Lincoln Reality: 1008 South Second; 51, 53 and 57 East Springfield, Champaign; Campus Property Management: 307 South Third; 51 and 53 East Green, Champaign; Ron’s Locksmith: 504 South Fifth and 501 East Springfield, Champaign; Carol and Ed Shlens: 904 and 906 West Stoughton, Urbana. Porch columns, pocket doors, fir flooring and trim were saved from these buildings, among other items. The cooperation of Leah Jay, Neil Fotzler, Ron Runyan, and other employees was greatly appreciated.

The First Presbyterian Church of Urbana granted us permission to salvage two large houses at 508 and 510 West Green. Six pairs of oak pocket doors, two fireplace mantels, unusual decorative radiators, multi-pane windows, and a very nice oak staircase were saved. Classroom doors and lights were saved from the west wing of the Rantoul High School. Several nice built-cabinets and trim were received from two houses owned by Carle Hospital on North Orchard in Urbana. A house at 1002 West Armory, Champaign, owned by Jim Liautaud, was salvaged. Several sets of bookcases were saved that will be used in the resource room being developed at the warehouse.

Salvage Sales and Expenses

This year is the start of PACA’s second twenty years. As part of the celebration, a booklet is being prepared that will highlight our accomplishments during our first twenty years. Included in the document will be a summary of the receipts and expenses of the organization since its founding in 1981. The graph illustrates the growth of salvage sales. Included in the salvage receipts for 1985 was $7,122 from an auction and $6,221 in 1987 from a garage sale. Salvage sales increased in 1988 as a result of the first large-scale salvage operation for PACA, the remodeling of Harker Hall on the UI campus. The first warehouse opened on Water Street in late 1988 and sales continued to grow in the early 1990s, due in part to a number of major demolitions on the UI Engineering campus. Our current warehouse opened in January, 1999 and our sales have continued to grow. The great success of 2000 was partly from the sale of a number of high quality items from the Farmer City High School and the fireplace and bookcases from Babbitt’s Bookstore.

On April 4, 2001 warehouse hours were expanded to include Wednesday nights, from 4 – 7 PM. The added hours have been a great success, thanks in part to the new warehouse volunteers that Bob Swisher has recruited. Sales on Wednesdays have accounted for approximately 25% of total sales since the opening. The expanded hours have given customers a chance to stop by on their way home from work and to catch some of Bob’s better tales, as well as save a trip back to town on Saturday.

Total salvage sales in 2001 were $46,118. Major expenses were: mortgage, $4,777; sales tax, $3,723; utilities, $2,362; warehouse tools, $584; general expenses and supplies, $418; fuel $453; truck insurance and registration, $497; and warehouse improvements, $3,610. In 2001 we were able to greatly reduce the principal on our mortgage from $63,966 at the start of the year to $21,777 at the end. We were able to pay down our debt in part from receipts from the sale of the Ricker House. Plans are to have the loan paid off in full by our fourth warehouse party.

Goals for 2002 and Beyond

We will have hands-on workshops at the warehouse this year. Among the first will be a lead paint safety seminar conducted by Jeff Gordon. Future workshops will be developed from members’ comments and suggestions as well as from individuals willing to teach special rehabilitation techniques. If you have a skill you would like to share, please volunteer to teach. We will continue to develop better ties with preservation groups in the area. This includes Charleston, Danville, Decatur, Mattoon, and Springfield where no salvage operations currently exist. We will continue our good ties with the Old House Society of Bloomington-Normal. The salvaging of architectural elements can be used to fund preservation awareness efforts, provide a resource for individuals and businesses, and stop unnecessary waste.

A number of new volunteers helped with salvage operations this year. Often salvage operations happen at short notice, and we appreciate and need all the help we can get. There will be several more buildings demolished around the...
UI campus this coming year and we may have an opportunity to salvage Burnham Hospital. If you would like to help salvage, be sure that we have your e-mail address and phone number.

**PACA Donation and Pricing Policy**

The following statement appears at several locations around the warehouse and in our windows. Bob Swisher and Richard Cahill developed the policy because inappropriate items are often left outside our building that we then must dispose of, and we often have the feeling that some customers think PACA is operating a garage sale.

PACA is a not-for-profit organization with 501(c)(3) status. Any donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowable by law. We depend on obtaining donations from remodeling projects, and acquiring salvage rights for buildings in the area. Often the items took a considerable effort to remove safely with minimal damage. Porch columns, bead-board ceilings, baseboard, pocket doors, and clawfoot tubs are examples. PACA does not purchase salvage material or offer consignments. We do not take any appliances, hollow core doors, storm windows, screens or modern plumbing fixtures. Please call first to check if we can accept your items. Please do not leave donations outside the building. Prices are based on what staff considers as a fair market value and are much less than architectural salvage or antique stores. We are not a garage sale. Prices are established to keep PACA financially strong and provide good values to our customers. The warehouse has no paid staff and depends solely on volunteers. The profits from salvage sales were able to save the Nathan C. Ricker House at 612 West Green, Urbana, IL; provide significant funding that helped save the Orpheum Children's Science Museum; and provide grants for historic preservation activities in east central Illinois.

This article was written by Richard Cahill, PACA Salvage Co-Chair. It is his sixth annual salvage report.

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Lead Paint Safety Workshop
April 24, 2002
7-9 PM
On April 24, PACA will sponsor a free workshop on Lead Safety for Old House Living & Renovation at the Salvage Warehouse, 44 East Washington, Champaign, from 7-9 pm. The discussion will be lead by Jeffrey Gordon of the UI Building Research Council and the state’s specialist in lead paint safety for historic buildings.


The workshop is free and open to PACA members and the general public. Seating is limited, however, so registration is advised. To register, call 328-7222 and leave your name and phone number. One free lead paint test kit, supplied by PACA, will be given to each participant.

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