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2003 Salvage Report

Sales in 2002 set a new record. Progress was made on improving and updating the warehouse, and our volunteer base has grown. We expect that this year will be even better.

Highlights at the Warehouse

Construction of a resource room/office, ADA accessible bathroom, and shop area is nearly complete. The drywall for the bathroom and area around the furnace was installed and finished by Dave Seyler with able helpers, John and Stuart Seyler. Plumbing work was done by Rick Colbert and electrical upgrades were completed by Witte Electric. The floors in the bathroom and office were redone by Dan Leasure. However, we still need to install a new hot-water heater and new telephone lines.

The ceiling furnace in the northwest corner of the building was repaired and placed in service by Brian Duffield. This extra furnace takes some of the chill out of the warehouse on those cold January days. The ceiling fan in the southwest corner of the building was also refurbished and put back in service by Brian.

All of PACA's administrative records and preservation resource files have been moved out of the Urbana Park District Office in the Greek Revival Cottage on University Avenue. PACA has had a small office/storage space there since 1987. The resource room is being organized and soon a computer will be added. PACA members and the public will have easy access to local, state, and national preservation information and resources. Information relating to preservation issues, such as education, architectural history, rural preservation, and historic districts, are available. PACA also has complete sets of *Old House Journals* and *Old House Interiors* available for reference.

Structural issues need to be resolved in the northwest corner of the building. Poor drainage and old water damage has caused this wall to move outward. The



The 1898 Garwood Home was demolished in 2002. PACA received permission from the new owners, Human Kinetics, to salvage.

area needs to be stabilized, and then the wall tuck pointed. Later this spring we need to improve the appearance of our side yard. One suggestion is to pave the entire yard, another is to just to pave the parameter on the east side of the building. We also want to create a small patio area, improve lighting, and add some landscaping. The accessibility of the front entrance, between the street and sidewalk, also needs to be improved. If you have expertise in any of these areas, and you would like to donate some time, please call.

Our annual Membership and Volunteer Recognition Party was a great success. Many thanks go to David Spears of Radio Maria and Thad Morrow and Courtney Ballard of Bacoro's for donation of the beverages. As in years past, Longhorn Smokehouse catered the food. Music was provided by Bill Decker and Mark Wetzel. The following individuals were recognized for their efforts to keep the salvage and warehouse operations up and running: Al Friederich, Jim Miner, Rich Cahill, Darrel Foste, Karen Kummer, Dan

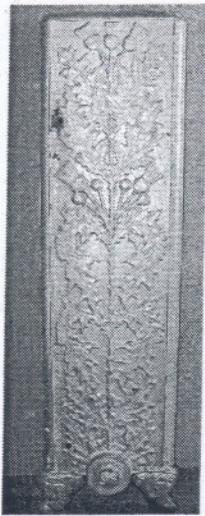
Leasure, Mike Miller, Bill Odenweller, Kathy Reeves, Mike Richards, Betty Swisher, Bob Swisher, Trevor Jones, Nicole Swiss, Alan Eckel, Brian Duffield, Suzanne Ashley-Wannemuehler, Dave Seyler, Elizabeth Janicek, Robert Nemeth, and Keli Weaver.

In future issues of the newsletter we will highlight some of these stalwart volunteers, including how they got involved with PACA and what keeps them coming back.

Every Saturday customers and staff continue to enjoy coffee provided by Herriott's Coffee Company. We thank them for their continuing support.

Major Salvage Operations of 2002

This year many of our salvage operations were conducted outside the immediate Champaign-Urbana area. Farmhouses were salvaged near Crescent City, Pesotum, Mahomet, St. Joseph, and Tuscola, and buildings in Knoxville, Philo, Sidney, Longview, and Rantoul. These out-of-town operations required a bigger commitment from our volunteers, the



Cast-iron radiator ends salvaged from Sidney Public School.

logistics were often difficult, but the trips were well worth it. Bob Swisher, Dan Leasure, Brian Duffield, Nicole Swiss, and Elizabeth Janicek went to Knoxville for two days in May to salvage the Knoxville PEO Home. Marble steps, stair rails, an oak bookcase for our office, large windows, two sets of French doors, lots of closet hooks, and some trim were salvaged. Of the thirty chandeliers that had been there the first time Bob visited the site, twenty-five had been stolen; other items were also missing. Expenses for gas, lodging, and trailer rental were paid by PACA. The Longview Methodist Church was salvaged in July, and the Bible Baptist Church in Rantoul was salvaged in November. Nice lights, doors, windows, and trim were saved. The 1890s vintage schools of Philo and Sidney were also recently salvaged. We have now replenished our supply of slate blackboards that was starting to get pretty low since the salvage of the Farmer City High School a few years ago. We also saved some doors, trim, and the unique end sections of radiators with a thistle pattern from the Sidney School.

Construction projects are always underway on the University of Illinois campus, creating salvage opportunities for us. Buildings salvaged included the 1913 Ornamental Horticulture Building, and houses at 904, 906, and 1206 West Nevada; 705 South Lincoln; and the Donut Shop formally located at Lincoln/University, Urbana. Felmley-Dickerson General Contractors donated classroom doors with jambs and transoms during the remodeling of the Talbot Laboratory. We again would like to acknowledge the help of Steve Hessel-schwerdt, Steve Thompson, and Brian Brauer for keeping PACA in the loop.

The Urbana School District expanded Leal Elementary School's playground

and the athletic fields near the Senior High School last year. Houses at 401, 403, 405 West California; 402 and 404 West Oregon; 603 South Birch; and 103 West Washington were salvaged. Items were also saved from the historic Garrett House at 201 East Washington after the last attempts to move the house failed.

The Garwood Home, a large brick retirement center at 500 North Market in Champaign, was salvaged after several auctions of the contents. PACA was given permission to salvage the home by Human Kinetics in October. During the first weekend we had more than ten students from the UI Architectural History program as salvage helpers. The staircase, trim, porch details, and a large set of pocket doors were saved.

Other properties salvaged during 2002 included: 805 West Iowa, Urbana (Nabor House Fraternity); 1016 West Charles, Champaign; 809 West Hill, Champaign; 32, 32½, and 34 East Daniel, Champaign. (Gillespie Apartments); 611 West Green, Urbana (Barr Apartments); and 510 and 508 West Green Street, Urbana. (First Presbyterian Church). We appreciate the cooperation of the owners of these properties in granting PACA salvage rights.

PACA Salvage Sales and Expenses

Our customer base continues to grow with customers coming from the far corners of Illinois and a number from out-of-state. Most of our customers hear about us by word of mouth, but soon we will increase our visibility via the Internet as our website, www.pacacc.org should be up and running shortly.

For several years, the Champaign-Urbana Junior League has borrowed doors to display wreaths at their very successful Festival of Trees. For the first time this year, the doors were available for sale as part of a silent auction with all

Uses of Funds	Amount	
Membership	\$ 6,815	Newsletter, 20 th Anniversary Booklet production, Renewal notices
Administration	6,629	Insurance, Office expenses, Executive Director salary
Grants/Awards/Projects	15,398	Heritage Grants, House Tour, Special Grants
Salvage	6,435	See salvage article
Warehouse Building	9,185	Repairs, Utilities
Salvage Truck	1,835	Repairs, Gas, Insurance
Total Expenses	\$46,346	

Consolidated PACA 2002 expenses.

proceeds above our regular door price going to the Junior League. Eleven of the sixteen doors were sold for \$760 with PACA's share being \$515. This was a win-win situation for both parties and will continue in the future (AND, we only had to move the doors once!!)

Salvage sales for 2002 were \$55,391 (79% of PACA's income) our highest ever. Salvage expenses included: sales tax \$3,604; salvage tools & equipment \$1,150; building utilities \$2,320; building repairs & maintenance \$3,855; donations to other non-profits for salvage \$500; salvage travel & meals \$689; and miscellaneous salvage expenses of \$562.

The original PACA truck was a 1977 Ford, purchased in 1993 for about \$2,500. Between 1994 and 2001 we spent \$3,742 for repairs and \$2,194 in fuel. Although the engine was fairly sound and mileage was low, the exterior was starting to fall apart. PACA's new truck is a 1992 Ford F150 with 59,400 miles. It has tool boxes and an extended trim rack over the cab and was purchased for \$5,000. Our old reliable truck was given to Bob Swisher in recognition of twenty years of salvage volunteer service.

Goals for 2003 and Beyond

We will have hands-on workshops at the warehouse again this year. Among the first could be a second lead paint removal seminar conducted by Jeff Gordon. The first one was held last April and had 25 attendees. Future workshops will be developed in part from comments from our members as well as from individuals willing to teach. If you have a skill you would like to share, please volunteer to teach a workshop.

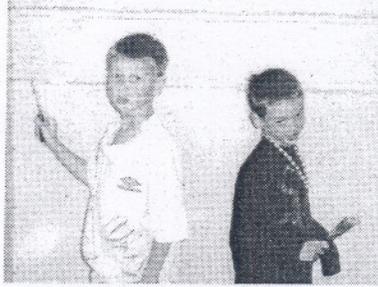
This year, Sts Peter and Paul Catholic Church was demolished in Springfield. (The oldest diocese in Springfield.) Some of our member in the area attempted to

get permission for PACA to salvage, but the timing and logistics did not work. Steve Davis and Rebecca Dombrowski are meeting with the mayor of Springfield and appropriate departments in city government to see if we can arrange to save some of the architectural materials from buildings being demolished in Springfield. Contacts have also been made with the Capital Development Board and the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs (DCCA) of the State of Illinois. PACA is included in DCCA's statewide recycling guidebook.

PACA will continue to try and develop better ties with preservation groups in the cities of Charleston, Danville, Decatur, Lincoln, Mattoon, and Peoria where no salvage operations currently exist. We have a number of very loyal customers from these areas, who often are frustrated by how much is lost as a result of demolition in their towns. If we could develop local contacts in these areas to make the initial site visits and provide some local volunteers, salvage materials could be sold in Champaign. The sale of architectural elements could then be used to fund preservation awareness efforts in those contributing cities. Eventually they could establish "stand alone" operations, such as has been done in Bloomington-Normal; we would be glad to discuss this further with interested local groups.

PACA Donation and Pricing Policy

This is included as a reminder. We still get "unwanted and unusable" items left outside our building. PACA must then find a way to dispose of the items and there is a good chance that usable donations could be taken by someone else.



Volunteers John and Stuart Seyler mudding the PACA resource room/office.

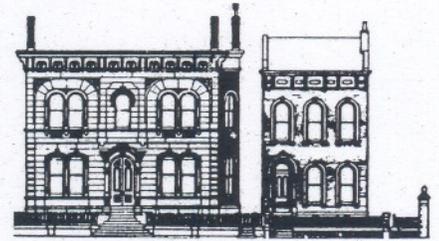
PACA is a not-for-profit organization with 501(c)3 status. Donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowable by law. We depend on obtaining donations from remodeling projects and acquiring salvage rights for buildings in the area. Often the items took considerable effort to remove safely with minimal damage or were very heavy to move. Porch columns, 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 a fair market value and are much less than for-profit architectural salvage or antique stores. 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.

**Historic Districts:
Preserving Community Identity**

The Urbana Preservation Commission is sponsoring a historic district workshop on Saturday, April 12 in the Cobb Auditorium of the Urbana Senior High School, 1002 South Race Street, from 9 am to 12 noon. Speakers, who live or work in historic districts, will discuss the intricacies of district living. Each will speak about their personal experience, their advocacy role, and discuss a project in which they have been involved. The speakers are:

- Gary Anderson, architect at Gary Anderson & Associates, Rockford
- Rebecca Smith-Hoffman, principal planner, Past-Perfect Consulting, Grand Rapids, Michigan
- Diane Oestreich, former preservation commissioner, Rock Island
- Ginny Gregory, preservation commissioner, Rockford

The event will provide the public with an opportunity to ask questions of the "experts" who deal with historic districts on a daily basis. The workshop is free and open to the general public. Refreshments will be served.



Membership Application P.A.C.A.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY:

- NEW
- RENEWAL

- Adult\$15.00
- Student (1/2 time or more)\$10.00
- Senior Citizen\$10.00
- Family\$20.00
- Corporate\$75.00

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Make checks payable to: PACA, Box 2575, Station A, Champaign, Illinois 61825

Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

2003 Heritage Grants

Applications for PACA's 2003 Heritage Grants will be available in March. Eligible grant applicants are non-profit organizations, public institutions, recognized neighborhood associations, and public agencies based in Champaign County. Projects must involve preservation, conservation, and/or education related to history, architecture, or archaeology in Champaign County and may fall into any of five categories: bricks and mortar, land acquisition/move, professional architectural feasibility study, preservation education, and interpretation. To date, PACA has awarded over \$32,700 to area non-profits for projects ranging from tuck pointing walls and rebuilding fireplaces to restoring a theater marquee to microfilming historic church records. Grants are generally small, and depend on the number and type of projects. For 2003, \$5,500 or about 10% of PACA's 2002 salvage proceeds has been allocated toward Heritage Grants. For more information or to receive a Request for Proposals, contact PACA.

Save the Date!

**PACA Annual
Membership Meeting
Sunday
March 9, 2003
2-4 PM**

**Canaan Missionary Baptist
Church
402 West Main Street
Urbana**

Salvage Donations

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New & Renewing Memberships (received since the last newsletter)

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