Making Preservation Work!

The National Trust for Historic Preservation will commemorate the third annual National Preservation Month in May 2007. And while the theme of this year's National Preservation Month—Making Preservation Work—is new, the idea behind preservation month remains the same; celebrating the country's diverse and irreplaceable heritage by participating in local events throughout the nation.

Throughout May, the National Trust and its thousands of partners across the country will demonstrate the importance of our nation's heritage as they focus on many aspects of the preservation movement including historic travel, heritage education, historic homeownership, and community revitalization. Local celebrations will highlight the unique culture and traditions of different areas of the country. The Kids' Building Fair at the Orpheum Children's Science Museum is one of the activities to be held in honor of Preservation Month.

Richard Moe, president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, has issued the following statement.

During Preservation Month 2007, the National Trust and its partners and friends across America have much to celebrate. American enthusiasm for historic preservation is stronger than ever, and we are working more effectively than ever—protecting the places that people care about; sparking a renewed sense of community pride; bringing new investment, new jobs and new economic vitality to historic commercial areas; keeping our history alive and close at hand so we can live with it, learn from it, and be inspired by it.

This spirit is captured in the theme for Preservation Month 2007: Preservation Works!

You don't have to look far for plenty of evidence. All over America, there's hardly a city or town where houses and storefronts haven't been "fixed up" with pride; where underused or obsolete buildings haven't been put to new and sometimes innovative uses; where important older buildings, neighborhoods and landscapes haven't been inventoried and protected in some way; where historic sites aren't heavily marketed to attract tourists. In short, the impact of preservation can be seen almost everywhere, and it is making a real difference in both the appearance and the quality of life in countless communities.

Of course we still have much to do. Too many traditional business districts are still being drained of their vitality by sprawl. Too many older neighborhoods are still losing their character to an epidemic of teardowns. Too many historic resources on public lands—especially archaeological sites that link us with the first Americans—are still being damaged or destroyed by looting, vandalism, inappropriate use and inadequate funding. Too many sound older buildings stand vacant while the need for affordable housing has never been greater. Preservation Month is a great time for us to strengthen our determination to find solutions to these and other problems that put our heritage at risk.

Equally important, Preservation Month is a great time for us to take a victory lap—to take stock of the many ways in which preservation is working to improve the livability of our communities and ensure a bright future for our past. With this in mind, the National Trust today launches the third annual observance of National Preservation Month, a coast-to-coast celebration of our nation's diverse and unique heritage. I invite everyone to mark the occasion by participating in local and regional events throughout the month—and by supporting the work of the National Trust and other preservation organizations throughout the year.

Save the Date

16th Annual Kids' Building Fair
Saturday, May 19
11-4
Orpheum Children's Science Museum
346 N. Neil, C

Volunteers Needed
Annual Membership Meeting

The 2007 PACA Membership Meeting was held on Sunday, April 15 at the First United Methodist Church of Champaign. At the meeting, three members were elected to serve a three-year term on the Board of Directors: Gerald Schmidt (reelected), Sarah Nemeth, and Tom Garza. Currently serving on the board are: Elisabeth Jenicek (07), Carol Knepp (07), Brian Duffield (07), Susan Frobish (08), Catherine Barbercheck (08), and Kathleen Jones (08). Retiring from the board are Robert Nemeth and Richard Cahill. The membership also approved the 2007 budget. The following Heritage Awards were also presented. These awards represent projects in both 2006 and 2007. No awards were given last year due to the 25th Anniversary Banquet.

2006 & 2007 Heritage Awards

Landmark Heritage Awards:
Marianne Winslett
Boner House
702 West University Ave.
Champaign, IL 61820

Jeff & Minerva Partenheimer
McDowell House
1570 N 650E
Sidell, IL 61876

Residential Heritage Awards:
Leon & Ursula Jeske
705 West Healey St.
Champaign, IL 61820

Brian & Claire Deal
919 West Daniel St.
Champaign, IL 61821

Gary Spoonamore
515 North Calhoun St.
Tolono, IL 61880

Tom & Laurie Wood McQuinn
242 West Center St.
Paxton, IL 60957

Steve & Sandy Burgener
139 South Elm St.
Paxton, IL 60957

Commercial Heritage Awards:
Radio Maria tapas bar and apartments
Jeff Mellander
David Spears & Sharon Owens
117 North Walnut St.
Champaign, IL 61820

Escobar’s Restaurant
Michael Markstahler
Obdulio Escobar & Jane Anderson
6-12 East Columbia St.
Champaign, IL 61820

Ms. Becky’s
Freddy & Becky Smith
120 South Main St.
Homer, IL 61849

Landscape Heritage Award:
Ten Mile Grove Barn
Paxton Foundation
201 North Railroad Ave.
Paxton, IL 60957

Neighborhood Heritage Awards:
Stan Bernshteyn
BMI Management
208, 210, 212 West Washington St.
Champaign, IL 61820

Ed & Kim Haas
511 West Washington St.
Champaign, IL 61820

Debbie Auble
608 West Washington St.
Champaign, IL 61820

Robert Spencer
501 South Race St.
Urbana, IL 61801

Historically Respectful Addition Awards:
Joshua & Sarah Stewman
1004 West William St.
Champaign, IL 61821

Historically Respectful Design Awards:
Scott & Karen Cochrane/JTS Properties
Coler Crossing
701 West Green St.
Urbana, IL 61801

Historic Artifact Awards:
Robert Hessler
Historic Travel Trailer Restoration

Linda S. Frank
Champaign County Circuit Clerk
Microfilm/Digitalization, County Records

Anke Voss, Director
Champaign County Historical Archives
The Urbana Free Library
50 Anniversary

Place in History Awards:
First United Methodist Church of Champaign
150 Anniversary

Unitarian Universalist Church
150, 100, 50 Anniversaries

O’Bryan Cemetery
Southwest Champaign County
150 Anniversary

Oomph Awards:
Enterprise Building
William Youngerman
34 Main St.
Champaign, IL 61820

Christopher Hansen
508 West Illinois
Urbana, IL 61801

Special Heritage Awards:
John Heider
Platt Co. Volunteer/Cemetery Restoration

Richard Cahill
PACA Board Member

Robert Nemeth
PACA Board Member

Residential Heritage Award, 705 W. Healey, Champaign
26th Annual Statewide Preservation Conference: June 14-16
Hyde Park/Kenwood, Chicago

For 26 years, the Statewide Historic Preservation Conference has brought together Illinois preservation professionals to renew friendships, learn useful techniques, and discuss how best to preserve the state’s historic buildings and landscapes.

The 2007 Illinois Statewide Preservation Conference will take place June 14-16. This three-day event is packed with educational sessions that appeal to historic preservationists from various disciplines.

Tours will feature the 1893 World’s Fair site, Gothic Revival campus buildings, and seminal examples of Early Modernism by architects Pond & Pond, Barry Byrne and Frank Lloyd Wright. For attendees interested in the preservation of Mid-Century Modern architecture, a special “Recent Past” track has been coordinated as part of the program.

Conference headquarters will be located on the University of Chicago campus in the Hyde Park-Kenwood National Register District. Lectures will take place in the new graduate school of business, which was designed by architect Rafael Vinoly and completed in 2004.

For information, contact Landmarks Illinois at 312-922-1742 or register online at www.landmarks.org/events_conference.htm. PACA has a limited number of conference fee scholarships available. Contact PACA for more information.

Sidewalk Brick Project

Last year PACA volunteers, led by Bob and Betty Swisher, cleaned, stacked, and sold over 36,000 sidewalk bricks. The City of Urbana is replacing “orphaned” sections of their historic brick sidewalks. After stockpiling a significant number of bricks for future repairs on complete sections of sidewalk, the city offered the rest to PACA, saving the city hundreds of dollars in disposal costs. There was only one caveat - the bricks were merely scooped up and deposited on vacant lots, dirt and all. PACA volunteers then retrieved, scrapped, and stacked the bricks for sale.

Bricks are sold at 25 cents per brick and the soil is given away to area gardeners. The project continues this summer and more volunteers are needed. Work will take place on weekends, weather permitting, at the Urbana Public Works wood lot.

This year PACA has committed the street pavers (4"x4"x9") to a suburban Chicago landscaping firm at the cost of 50 cents each. All of these bricks are in mounds of dirt and easily removed. PACA does, however, have to put them on pallets. This project could go on throughout the summer. Once you have volunteered and know the ropes you can work any time or any day, one hour or numerous hours.

PACA would like to thank the City of Urbana, Public Works Department, David Spears, Darrel Foste, Bill May, the States’ Attorney, and Public Service Workers for all of their help and support of this project. To date, it has raised approximately $9,000 for PACA preservation projects.

Call Bob Swisher, 328-4624, for more information.

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- Senior Citizen $10
- Family $20
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- Additional Contribution ______

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