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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!*

President Gerald Schmidt presents awards to two 2006-2007 Heritage Award winners: left - Becky and Freddy Smith (Commercial Heritage); right - Pamela and Samuel Furrer (Historically Respectful Addition). The complete award list is on page two. Photo by Cahill.



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

