The TRUTH About - WINDOWS and Storm Windows too!

MYTH 1: NO MAINTENANCE A principal myth is that replacement windows will eliminate maintenance. Don’t you believe it! The public has been sold on the myth of no maintenance, but there will always be maintenance. For appearance sake alone, you certainly will be painting those windows at some point, just as it is common to see aluminum siding, once touted as “maintenance-free,” now being painted. And to paint vinyl, you must use an expensive epoxy-base product.

When wood is continually painted, its life expectancy can be about 200 years. On the other hand, according to studies, vinyl has a life expectancy of about 20 years. The plasticizers in vinyl will evaporate over time, making the vinyl brittle and subject to cracking. And what cost are you imposing on future owners when your venture doesn’t last? Go with time-tested materials: paint on wood.

How are you going to replace a double-glazed pane of glass when it breaks? Manufacturers occasionally modify their product line. You may therefore need to replace the entire sash and frame.

Many other components of replacement windows deteriorate relatively quickly. The seal around double glazing can fail within ten years resulting in condensation between the panes of glass which will then require replacement. Many of the plastic and neoprene seals, which hold the glass in place in vinyl and aluminum windows also degrade in ultraviolet light. These seals have a life expectancy of 10 years or less. Try to imagine locating replacement vinyl gasketing 10 years from now, or the problem of replacing a bent aluminum channel.

MYTH 2: LESS EXPENSIVE The cost of replacing an original window is usually NOT justified. Your initial cost will be high. The City of Bridgeport Com-
Additional information can be found in the National Park Service Preservation Brief on Historic Wood Windows. http://www2.cr.nps.gov/tps/briefs/presbhom.htm
Excerpts from Preservation Salem, Inc., Salem, NJ

2009 Heritage Awards

Landmark Heritage Award:
Episcopal Chapel of St. John the Divine
1011 South Wright Street
Champaign
St. John the Divine Congregation, owners
IGW Architects
English Brothers, general contractor

Residential Heritage Award:
Davis-Brumback House
201 West Vine Street
Champaign
Davee Davis, owner, designer, contractor
Kevin Brumback, owner, designer, contractor

Wylie-Kaye House
148 South Maple Street
Paxton
Rosemary Kaye, owner

Day-Satterlee House
359 West Center Street
Paxton
Steve and Susan Satterlee, owners

Sharp-Adams House
412 West Elm Street
Urbana
Brian Adams, owner
Kristine Charlfoux, architect
Gary Perkins, contractor

Larsen, Downie, and Katz-Downie House
209 West Delaware Avenue
Urbana
Stephen Downie, owner
Deborah Katz-Downie, owner
Larry White Roofing
Steve Halfar Masonry

Adaptive Use Heritage Award:
Cadwell Railroad Depot
152 County Road 525 East
Arcola
E. Rick Harton, owner
Kathryn Davidson, owner
Ron Peters, House Mover

Commercial Heritage Award:
54 Main Street
Champaign
William Youngerman, owner
Kevin Hinders, PREP.A.R.E., architect
Robert Nemeth, architect
Alice Novak, preservation consultant

Mike Brown & Daniel Wells, Wells & Wells Construction
Gene McDermott, Wickersheimer Engineers

The Hickory
12-14 East Washington Street
Champaign
Michael Markstahler, owner & designer
Janice Juraska, owner & designer
Eric Peterson, architect
126 West Main Street
Urbana
Norman Baxley, owner & designer

Preservation Advocacy Heritage Award:
Historic East Urbana Neighborhood Association (HEUNA)

Neighborhood Heritage Award:
Shaw-Brighton-Ross House
609 West Green Street
Urbana
Steve & Karen Ross, owners
Wesley Romine, painting contractor

Historically Respectful Addition Award:
Gay House
401 East Madison Street
Philo
David & Julie Gay, owners

Rick Gallivan, architect
Ray Eckstein, contractor

Endres Garage
204 West Nevada Street
Urbana
Brian & Jody Endres, owners, designers, contractors

Best House
806 South Elm Boulevard
Champaign
Mary & Jim Best, owners
Darcy Bean, contractor

Historically Respectful Design Heritage Award:
West Side Park Band Shell
West Side Park

Rick Gallivan, architect
Ray Eckstein, contractor

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Historically Respectful Design Heritage Award:
West Side Park Band Shell
West Side Park

West Side Park Bandstand
Original Bandstand shown above, top.
Recreated bandstand above, bottom

400 West University Avenue
Champaign
Champaign Park District, owner
Terry Bilbrey Family, donors
Neil Strack, architect
Broeren-Russo, general contractors

Special Heritage Award:
Metropolitan Building Restoration
219-225 North Neil Street
Champaign
Jeff Mellander, owner
George Grubb, owner
Bob Ballsrud, owner

PACA Retiring Board Members
Catherine Barbercheck
Susan Frohish
Kathleen Jones
Volunteer Spotlight

This issue's Volunteer Spotlight focuses on Elisabeth Jenick. One of twelve children, Elisabeth grew up in the "burbs" of cities around the country, which may explain her fascination with old houses. But her father went to graduate school at UIUC and her two older brothers were born at Burnham Hospital, so the C-U area is "in her blood."

Elisabeth received a B.S. (1980) in marine engineering from Kings Point, New York and went on to become the first woman hired by Mobil Oil Corporation to work on domestic oil tankers. She came to Champaign to continue a federal government career as a researcher at the Construction Engineering Research Laboratory (CERL). Prior to that she lived in Germany and Guam while working for the Department of Defense. In 2002, Elisabeth was granted a Masters in Urban and Regional Planning, which led to researching regional sustainability issues. She is an avid proponent of sustainability, whether it is preservation of historic buildings, reuse of materials, or organic gardening.

Elisabeth became involved in PACA when the 'old hooks' that she wanted for a home project weren't available in the warehouse. Bob Swisher then recruited her to help salvage the PEO retirement home in Knoxville (2001). She spent the day removing hooks in unlit closets. The coat racks that were made from those hooks (and oak trim from a bank in Monticello) were the first of many salvaged material projects. Elisabeth still helps salvage, but also uses the warehouse volunteers to "test" her delicious recipes.

In addition to her salvage work, Elisabeth has spent the last year in dedicated work to revamping the PACA website, which, in addition to hundreds of hours of computer time, has involved taking photos of historic buildings around town. (Note to our members - PACA is actively looking for a web master to continue this project.) She is also serving her last year of six on the PACA Board, devoting the last two years to secretarial duties.

In her "free" time, Elisabeth organizes gardens and her latest project is developing a wildlife garden in her back yard. She also fosters adorable puppies for the Champaign County Humane Society (recently succumbing to an adoption of her own).

According to Elisabeth, "It is not necessary to make a major commitment of time to volunteer at PACA, or to have any special knowledge or experience. You will learn and have a great time with the other "PACA rats."

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

"House Unveiling Workshop"
The Great Unveiling of 303 W. High Street

The City of Urbana's Historic Preservation Commission is hosting a "house unveiling" workshop. The workshop will be held on Saturday, June 13th at 303 W. High Street. In the tradition of a barn raising, volunteers will be removing (unveiling) the non-original siding from a circa 1902 Queen Anne house. (Rain date, June 20th)

The day-long event will include:
- 8:30 AM to 3 PM Unveiling
- Seminars:
  - 10 AM Removing Non-Original Siding, will include "why" and "how to" remove non-original exterior siding
  - 3 PM Paint It Right, an affordable house painting workshop will teach you how to get a 12 to 15 year, cost effective paint job for your historic house.
Both seminars will be led by Bob Yapp, author and host of the former national PBS series, "About Your House with Bob Yapp."

We are looking for volunteers to help with the following:
- The Unveiling—Volunteers to help remove the aluminum siding will need to arrive no later than 8:30 AM for a safety primer. (Not all volunteers would need to climb ladders or do difficult work—some could assist those doing the actual siding removal.) Volunteers will learn valuable historic preservation skills from a skilled preservationist. All volunteers must wear appropriate clothing.
- Organizing—We are trying to create a "Preservation Block Party" and could use volunteers to help with organizing the

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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO PACA

Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.
events, hosting activities for children, etc.

Food & Drink—The volunteers are going to be hungry & thirsty, and the public is always interested in home-baked goodies. We could use volunteers to make/bring snacks and/or drinks for the big day.

Be a part of this historic event and help return a Queen Anne house to its former glory!

To volunteer, contact Rebecca Bird at the City of Urbana, (217) 384-2440, or by email at rlbird@city.urbana.il.us.

New Board Members Elected

On April 26, the PAGA Annual Membership Meeting was held in the Fellowship Hall of the historic Unitarian-Universalist Church, 309 West Green, Urbana. A brief business meeting was held at which the 2009 budget was presented and accepted by the membership, a short summary of 2008 PAGA activities was given, and three members were duly elected to the Board of Directors for a term of three years. The new directors are: Claire Deal, Al Frederich, and Lee Sprots. PAGA would like to thank the three retiring board members for their service to the membership and board.

Catherine Barbercheck (6 years), Susan Frobst (5 years), and Kathleen Jones (1 year), New officers for the board will be elected at the May Board meeting.

New & Renewing Memberships
(received since the last newsletter)

Chartar Members (1981-1983)
Marilyn Wojnar
Allen & Elaine Avner

Fantastic Supporters
(Over Twenty Year Members)
Rose & Craig Grant
Cinema Gallery (Corporate)
Jane & Walter Myers
Dot Replinger
Joseph & Jane Marriott
Dan McCollum
Shirley Stillinger
Bob & Betty Swisher

Eleven to Twenty Year Members
Gerald & Margie O'Bryan
Mr. & Mrs. E.R. Gordon
Nancy & Fred Delconyn
Norma & John Gremer
Marianne Winslett & Eric Bina
Neil Schurter
Sharon Irish & Reed Larson
Rick Pieter
Esther Patt
Bob & Bette Leach
Randi & Bette Hughes
Fred Krauss
Peckham Family
Perry C. Morris
Dan Sullivan
Kathy Reeves
Bill & Blaneq Bogner
Steve Leomberger & Cheryl Koranda

Five to Ten Year Members
Marty Sachs
Jerry & Ann Schmidt
Brian & Kathy Bushley
Bill & Barb Childers
Daniel Folk & Karma Wins
Jeff Harshbarger & Grace Giorgio
Stuart Martin
Pam Splitsesser
Brian Behrens & Linda Lehovec
Deirdre & Stig Lanesskog
Stephen Meirling
Ron & Wendy Turner
James & Jody Coffin
Allan D. Eckel

Gisele & Rick Atterberry
Susan Taylor
Dick & Carol Betts
Douglas & Carol Maddox
Jennie Covert
Lou & Trina Simpson
Bill Gudauskas

One to Four Year Members
Greg & Vicky D. Smith
Michelle Martin
Meg Miner & Janie Sober
Dan Niven
Rebecca Bird & Jeffrey Hickman
Christopher & Linda Prom
New Prairie Construction (Corporate)
Wally & Sally Duchow
John Holton
Curtis & Melissa Johnson
Nancy Ordorff
P.T. & Joy Garling Prud'Homme
Jack Moore
Adam Marganski
Erik Paulson
Kathleen Jones
Elizabeth & Milton Otto
Jerry Townsend
Scott Dossy & Meg Miller

New Members
Steve & Sheryl Boyer
Jon Bryan
Ethan Gardner
Nancy Satterfield
Spencer Van der Heide
G.S. Verhoeven Family
Valerie Sivick
Cinda Pettigrew
Mike Saunders
Christina Tapp
Arika Murray
Rick Riblet
Joe & Linda Fecker

Preservation Matters: newsletter of the
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Urbana, IL 61801

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