

## PRESERVATION MATTERS

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#### Salvage Highlights 2009

PACA fell about \$2,000 short of our projected budget for the year. Why?

It would seem that we had fewer houses and buildings to salvage. Plus commercial demolition firms have seen the value of saving and selling reusable architectural items, thus turning more profit for them. More competition! But that is still a plus because construction debris does not end up in the landfill.

Two salvage trips to Tuscola probably produced our largest lump sum profit for the year. A supportive member, Chris Hill and Associates, cleared out one of their warehouses to make room for other architectural items they deemed more valuable. They donated their "surplus" to PACA.

Pavers were probably PACA's second best source of income and there are more than 15,000 street pavers on pallets ready to sell in 2010. We start anew this year in Urbana removing sidewalk pavers from piles of dirt. However, a new process is in place that we hope will produce a quicker and easier way of establishing new inventory of these smaller pavers.

Other salvage projects undertaken in 2010 included trips to the village of Tolono and a farmhouse in rural Tolono; a church in Windsor near Mattoon; a farmhouse near Fithian; and trips to Chrisman, Cerro Gordo, LaSalle, and Carbondale. These last two cities show the extent to which PACA volunteers go to salvage items. LaSalle is now the farthest north we have gone and Effingham is left in the dust, as Carbondale becomes the most southern city where we have salvaged architectural items. Darrel Foste, our Salvage Coordinator, has expanded our service area vastly.

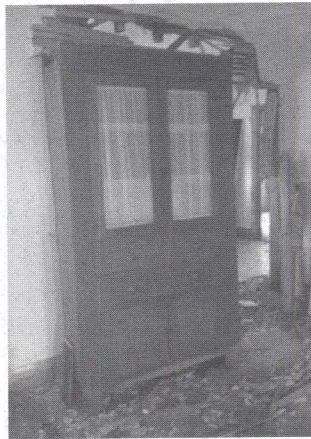
The 1870s house in Fithian brought the warehouse a dozen or more five-panel doors, a walnut newel post and railings plus a transom window. A 1920s two-story frame farmhouse in Chrisman produced a fireplace mantel, a pass-through cabinet, a

floor-to-ceiling cabinet, unusual eight-sided door-knobs, a newel post, railings, spindles, cabinet doors, and flooring.

Bill Thompson's house in Tolono offered a large shelf unit that we are presently using as display space in the warehouse and lots of walnut and oak trim. A Solon family farm in rural Tolono that was torn down gave us a supply of old baseboards and window and door trim. A trip to Cerro Gordo produced trim, doors, and the top to an old Hoosier cabinet. Cherry woodwork and baseboards came from the church in Windsor.

The long trip to LaSalle was worthwhile since it gave us a big inventory of large gingerbread brackets and gave volunteer Dan Leasure a chance to do some high ladder work to retrieve those old assets! This stop also brought in a walnut handrail and spindles, plus some beautiful solid cherry doors. The trip south to Carbondale resulted in a set of French doors, lots of trim and baseboard, plus a nice claw foot tub.

Closer to home, PACA also did several salvage sties in Champaign-Urbana. Dr. Ragle of the First Street Dental Lab gave us salvage rights to two old houses on Water Street. Carle Hospital donated salvage from houses on Park Street, Lincoln Avenue, and Church Street prior to their demolition. Howard Wakeland's Advantage Properties continued their support of PACA by allowing us salvage opportunities in more than one of their houses. The Urbana Park District chipped in with a house on Franklin Street, which brought the warehouse a set of French doors, a



large front door, and numerous cast iron floor registers. A house on Stoughton Street in Champaign, owned by Gary and Michele Olsen, resulted in lots of oak woodwork, oak doors, cast iron registers, corner blocks, and a claw foot tub.

The City of Champaign provided access to numerous apartment buildings and houses that were removed in the Second Street basin area from University to Springfield avenues. This large project also gave PACA an opportunity to "gift" usable furniture, appliances, and other items to numerous groups like Habitat for Humanity, Canaan Baptist Church, and Empty Tomb. Some items even took a trip to a non-profit group in St. Louis. Darrel Foste spent weeks coordinating these donations and deserves recognition for his successful efforts. In addition, a large amount of architectural salvage, including a number of cast iron spiral staircases from one apartment building, was removed and sold. This project turned all kinds of salvaged assets into profits for PACA and other local not-for-profit organizations. It was one of PACA's best efforts to date!

And last but not least about two-dozen volunteers, under the leadership of Hank Kazcmarski, moved dozens of pallets filled with 15th century French limestone from the basement of Lincoln Hall on the University of Illinois campus to a semi-tractor trailer. This limestone was sold to an individual with a strong interest in medieval architecture.





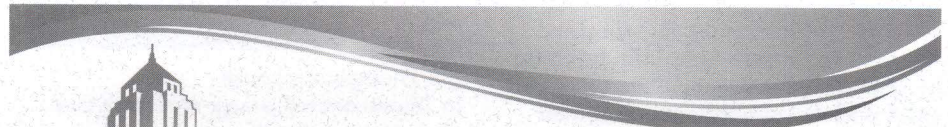
## Heritage Grants Available

### Purpose

The PACA Heritage Grant Program was established in 1994 to contribute to other not-for-profit organizations, which are in need of financial assistance for preservation and conservation-related projects. Specifically, Heritage Grants were established to share a portion of the proceeds from the Salvage Warehouse with the community. A large part of PACA's budget is derived from the sale of historic building materials and furnishings, which are salvaged by volunteers throughout the year and sold at the Salvage Warehouse. As these materials are donated to PACA, with the assistance of volunteer labor, we want to distribute some of these profits to support other non-profit projects in the community.

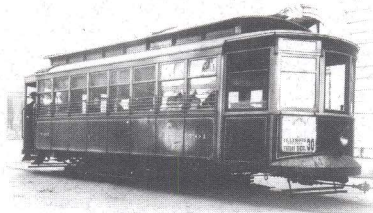
The Salvage Committee cannot stress enough how much we need volunteers, all kinds of volunteers, but especially young strong types. Most, if not the majority, of our salvager volunteers are now at or nearing social security age and two of us can no longer remove a claw foot tub from house to truck!! So send us your contact information, phone and e-mail, and be put on our salvage volunteer list. You meet wonderful people, it's great fun, and provides a great workout that accomplishes great things (and is better than a weight machine!). Contact PACA at 359-7222 or [pacaexdir@gmail.com](mailto:pacaexdir@gmail.com).

*This article was written by our fantastic salvage volunteers Bob Swisher, Darrel Foste, and Brian Duffield. Photo credit: Darrel Foste.*



## Our Best Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow

Champaign's 150th Anniversary Celebration



## COME CELEBRATE!

*Journey through the next year in paying tribute to our city's best: yesterday, today, and tomorrow!*

### MARCH 19-APRIL 7, 2010: HONOR YESTERDAY.

#### A HISTORICAL TRIBUTE

Take a walk through time to experience the rich diversity that exemplifies our heritage. From the founding of Champaign to the 150 year tribute - a historical exhibition will chronicle Champaign's story through magnificent narratives and artifacts. Questions or to schedule tours, call 403-8710. Free!

CityView Illinois Terminal	Terminal
M-F 9am-1pm	Group Tours
4-8pm	Public Hours
Sat 10am-5pm	Public Hours
Sun 1-5pm	Public Hours

### JULY 9 & 10, 2010: CELEBRATE TODAY.

#### CHAMPAIGN MUSIC FESTIVAL

A birthday salute to our community's success will play out with the Champaign Music Festival weekend celebration. Join us as we celebrate with great music during a music crawl through Downtown Champaign on Friday night and then enjoy musical acts on three entertainment stages on Saturday.

Downtown Champaign  
Fri 6-11pm  
Sat Noon-11pm

### MARCH 11, 2011: BUILD TOMORROW.

#### A LEGACY DEDICATION

A gift to the future residents of Champaign, a legacy celebration culminates the year's events. This celebration includes, the attendance of elected state officials, a time capsule dedication, legacy fountain ceremony, and an art exhibit by Champaign youth. Free!

Virginia Theatre  
Downtown Plaza

### BECOME INVOLVED!

For information or to learn how you can get involved email [Champaign150@ci.champaign.il.us](mailto:Champaign150@ci.champaign.il.us)

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Generally, 10% of Salvage Warehouse profits from the prior year are committed to the grant Program. However, the PACA Board of Directors determines the grant amount each year. Grant proposals are reviewed by the Board of Directors and at the Board's discretion the grant award money can be divided among numerous projects or given to one specific project. Typically, however, there have been multiple awards given. Grants expire after one year, but may be reapplied for if the project takes longer to complete.

**Eligibility**

Eligible 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.

Projects may fall into any of five categories: bricks and mortar, land acquisition/move, professional architectural feasibility study, preservation education, and interpretation.

**Evaluation Considerations**

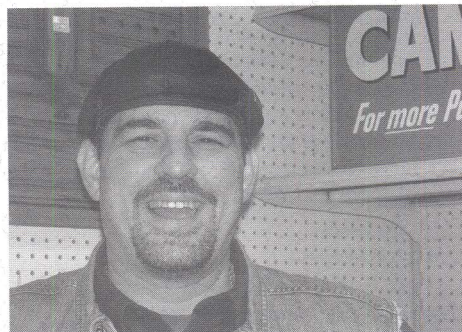
- Impact of the project
- Effect the grant will have in accomplishing the project
- Need for financial assistance
- Site visit or interview with requesting organization's representative may be required

The application deadline for the Heritage Grants Program is **May 31, 2010**. Applications will be reviewed by the Board of Directors of the Preservation and Conservation Association in June with site visits or interviews to be arranged shortly after that. A final decision will be made at a PACA Board meeting in June or July with applicants being notified thereafter. Formal announcement of the recipient(s) will be made by PACA.

**Volunteer Spotlight: Mark Bush**

Born and educated in Champaign, Mark Bush is PACA's official volunteer monster truck driver! Whenever there is a large amount of salvage or really heavy pieces, Mark is the first volunteer that PACA calls. As owner, with his younger brother Mike, of Bush Brothers, Inc., Mark has supplied PACA with tractor trailer trucks, box trucks, and step vans whenever the need arises. Some of his past PACA salvage projects have included Tuscola's high school, Danville's Douglas School, Lincoln Hall limestone (including the transport and storage of three really big pieces!), the Chris Hill salvage donations, marble and slate slabs from University of Illinois campus buildings, UI cast-iron library bookshelves, and large marble slabs from Alpha Stone in Savoy.

Bush Brothers is a third generation Champaign company that sells packaging material to meat processing plants throughout the Midwest. The firm was established in 1929 by Mark's grandfather and two uncles. It was originally located in a garage on Park Street, near Dr. Howard School, but moved to 64 Chester Street.



Fortunately, PACA's original salvage warehouse was located across Water Street from Bush Brothers' warehouse. They also occupied office space in PACA's building and from there generously supplied PACA with electricity on Saturday mornings. Bob Swisher enticed Mark to volunteer and the rest is PACA history. (The firm moved twelve years ago to the old Sheldon Laundry complex on Eads Street, Urbana.)

Mark was most recently the salvage "supervisor" for PACA's Washington School salvage project. When he is not working or volunteering, Mark is restoring an old house on Springfield Avenue. He also enjoys building and riding motorcycles.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**PACA Annual Membership Meeting**

**Sunday, April 18**  
**2-4 pm**  
**Edison Middle School**  
**306 West Green Street, Champaign**

**Short business meeting, election of three directors, presentation of Heritage Awards**

**P.A.C.A. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

**MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY**

- Adult \$15
- Student \$10
- Senior Citizen \$10
- Family \$20
- Corporate \$75

Additional Contribution \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO PACA

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Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

## Membership Renewals

Since the last newsletter was issued, the following individuals and families have renewed their support for PACA. Your mailing label shows the month & year of your membership; membership runs for one year from that date.

Brian Adams  
Adelaide Aime  
Sarah Kirsch & Chris Anderson  
Keddy Hutson & Ann Boswell  
Patricia Cardenas  
Barbara Horne & Allen Clark  
Gordon Cohen  
Tori Corkery  
Randy Cox  
Joe & Sheryl DeBarr  
Benny & Lori Dow  
Karen Edwards  
Anne Ehrlich  
Mary Jo Erickson  
Matt & Sherrie Faulkner  
Pam & Sam Furrer  
Frank Gallo  
Joseph Giblin  
Tony & Mary Graham  
Ray & Marilyn Harrison  
Katie Davidson & Rick Hartom  
Stacy Harwood  
Dorothy Neumann  
Kerry Helms & Nohra Mateus-Pinilla  
Bruce & Pat Rape  
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Elsie Schwarz  
Mark & Amy Sills  
Suzanne Skaggs  
Melvyn A. Skvarla  
Larry & Barbara Slanker  
Greg Stock  
Nicole Swiss  
Jack & Virginia Waaler  
Becky Weber  
C.M. Rymus & R.T. Wunder Family  
Mrs. Ruth Youngerman  
Kathe Brinkmann & Art Zangerl  
Caroline Hibbard  
Chuck & Laura Jackson  
Richard A. Kirkpatrick  
Megan & Keira Kuha  
Janine & Roger Prillaman  
Mary Schultz  
Nancy Uchtman  
Patrick Rietz & Laura Huth  
Judith Jones  
Adrienne Bauer & Jan Kalmar Family  
Bill & Jamie Kruidenier  
Brad & Julie LaPayne  
Robert & Nancy Larson  
Neil & Marcia Lasater  
Walter & Marguerite Maguire  
Radio Maria - corporate  
Joe & Jane Marriott  
Rob & Leslie McClintock  
David Monk  
Mr. W. John Nelson  
Anna Barnes & David Riecks

## New Members

Laural & John Prussing  
Shaheen A. Shorish  
Carol Terstriep  
Kelly Wolken  
Theresa Galen  
Jim Irish  
Mark & Tera Holm  
Robert & Nancy Larson  
Don Miller  
Samuel Morrow  
Mr. & Mrs. Dean Robinson

## Volunteers Needed

### Newsletter

PACA is looking for a volunteer to layout this newsletter, *Preservation Matters*. A commitment of a few hours every other month (six times/year) is needed. Content is provided by PACA. If you have an interest in helping support PACA's mission, please consider volunteering.

### Salvage Crew

PACA is always looking for stalwart volunteers to help sort salvage materials, organize the warehouse, and help on specific salvage project when needed. Stop by the warehouse to learn more about this fun opportunity.

OR CURRENT RESIDENT



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