

# PRESERVATION MATTERS

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## MAY IS PRESERVATION MONTH

Please join PACA in celebrating Preservation Month!

Preservation Month was established in 1973 by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and it is now celebrated by a wide variety of non-profit and civic groups across the country. During Preservation Month many events are planned in order to promote historic places and demonstrate the social and economic benefits of historic preservation.

Explore our State and National Preservation Partners!



Formed by an act of Congress in 1949, the National Trust for Historic Preservation is the nation's leading nonprofit preservation organization, spearheading advocacy through their National Treasures campaign, maintaining a diverse collection of 27 historic properties, and more! See <https://savingplaces.org/>.

For the Historic Hotels of America Program, check under "Places."



Also, check out the Trust's Preservation Green Lab, which connects sustainability with preservation. Remember, "The Greenest Building has already been built!"



Looking for help on how to preservation your old building? Check out the National Park Service's Preservation Briefs, 49 incredible publications, all on-line, with help on a wide range of topics including the repair of wooden windows, preservation of historic concrete, controlling unwanted moisture in historic buildings, and much more. These NPS Publications help historic building owners recognize and resolve common problems prior to work. The briefs are especially useful to Historic Preservation Tax Incentives Program applicants because they recommend methods and approaches for rehabilitating historic buildings that are consistent with their historic character. See <https://www.nps.gov/tps/how-to-preserve/briefs.htm>.



Based in Chicago and Springfield, Landmarks Illinois is our statewide preservation organization and the state's leading voice for historic preservation. The 1971 demolition of Adler and Sullivan's Chicago Stock Exchange Building, widely considered an architectural masterpiece, gave rise to the formation of Landmarks Illinois and today it is statewide organization with 2500 members.

PACA has won two of the group's prestigious Driehaus Preservation Awards. We have also received Preservation Heritage Fund Grants from them, as well as having nominated a number of properties to the Most Endangered Properties List. We rely on Landmarks Illinois as an advocacy partner for our local preservation issues. <http://www.landmarks.org>

## What's going on around town?

A variety of activities are taking place throughout the month of May right here in Champaign/Urbana, so you'll have plenty of opportunities to join in and help celebrate historic places right here at home.

### Attention Artists!



The Optioned Properties: Central High School, Champaign School District

The Preservation and Conservation Association is sponsoring our first-ever photo contest to highlight the 10 properties which the Champaign School District has purchased the options for with the intention of demolishing them to allow expansion of Central High School.

Our goal is to inspire an ongoing dialogue about the importance of these buildings and the neighborhood to which they contribute. Moreover, we hope to encourage thinking about preservation and creative alternatives to the expansion of Central High School without the demolition of these significant properties.

The contest is open for entries April 8 - May 12 at 11:59 p.m. Please stop by the warehouse to pick up an entry form or go to [pacacc.org](http://pacacc.org) for a downloadable pdf.

#### Urbana mayor's proclamation

On Monday, April 24, Mayor Laurel Prussing and the Urbana City Council got Preservation Month off to a great start with a mayoral proclamation officially designating May as National Historic Preservation Month.

# Proclamation

by the Mayor  
of the City of Urbana, Illinois

**WHEREAS,** historic preservation is an effective tool for managing growth, revitalizing neighborhoods, fostering local pride and maintaining community character while enhancing livability; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Urbana has a historic preservation plan and currently has locally designated 18 local historic landmarks and 3 historic districts; and

**WHEREAS,** historic preservation is relevant for communities across the nation, both urban and rural, and for Americans of all ages, all walks of life and all ethnic backgrounds; and

**WHEREAS,** it is important to celebrate the role of history in our lives and the contributions made by dedicated individuals in helping to preserve the tangible aspects of the heritage that has shaped us as a people; and

**WHEREAS,** the greenest building has already been built. Building reuse typically offers greater environmental savings than demolition and new construction; and


**WHEREAS,** reusing existing buildings is good for the economy, the community, and the environment; and

**WHEREAS,** in May, the Urbana Historic Preservation Commission is hosting many educational events in observance of National Historic Preservation Month.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I** Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor of the City of Urbana, do hereby proclaim May 2017 as

**NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH**

in the City of Urbana, Illinois and call upon the people of Urbana to join in their fellow citizens across the United States in recognizing and participating in this special observance.



In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Urbana to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April in the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and seventeen.

*Laurel Lunt Prussing*  
LAUREL LUNT PRUSSING, MAYOR

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## Three great events in Urbana

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Preservation month will feature a lecture on early 20th Century houses as well as a walking tour hosted by Matt Metcalf, and a workshop on how to research your old house given by PACA's own Alice Novak and Brian Adams. All three events are free and open to the public.



~ LECTURE ~

~ WALKING TOUR ~

~ WORKSHOP ~

### Early 20th Century Houses - Influence and Style

Wednesday, May 17 • 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
Lewis Auditorium, Ground Floor

We'll look at the great mix of architectural styles used from circa 1905-1940, showing evolving American ideals and international influences. As urban density occurred in companion with an expansion of the middle class, the influence of regional and national patterns of architectural standardization was encouraged by mass production, and the aspiration nature of the residents who lived there.

Presentation by

**Matt Metcalf**

Urbana Historic Preservation Commission;  
Co-anchor, *ciLiving* on WCIA

### Urbana's Early 20th Century Houses

Saturday, May 20 • 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.  
Meet at the **Market at the Square** at the  
City of Urbana "booth" (No rain date)

Join tour leader, **Matt Metcalf**, and we'll walk into the West Urbana neighborhood to look at the great mix of architectural styles which illustrate the development patterns of a growing city. We will also look at various influences of styles versus full developed examples of styles to see the real eclectic mix in this neighborhood.

### How to Research Your Old House

Wednesday, May 24 • 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
Jean Evans Archives Room, Second Floor

Bring your address, and we'll help you get started on your research!

- When was it built?
- Who designed it?
- Who lived there?

Presentations by

**Alice Novak**

Chair, Urbana Historic  
Preservation Commission

**Brian Adams**

Author, *Joseph William Royer, Urbana's  
Architect*; Board of Directors, The  
Preservation and Conservation Association  
of Champaign County (PACA)



The 25th Annual Kids Building Fair at the Orpheum Children's Science Museum will be held on Saturday, May 20, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Celebrate the community's rich heritage in architecture, historical preservation and the building trades while getting hands-on experience with building materials and special activities. All Building Fair activities will be located outside, in the parking lot in front of the Museum, accessible to participants of all ages and mobility levels, and free of charge. Building Fair activities are appropriate for children preschool through middle school, and the Fair will engage and entertain both adults and children. An admission charge will remain in effect for entrance to the Museum. As an event co-founder, PACA is very pleased to participate in this anniversary Fair, providing an architectural rubbings booth. Bring out your inner artist with pastels, pressed metal ceiling pieces, and a big sheet of paper!



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## Spring cleaning at the warehouse!

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### Salvage Warehouse Sidewalk Sale, Saturday, May 20, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

We'll extend our Salvage Warehouse hours on Kids Building Fair Saturday, so you will have time for both events!

Do we have a deal for you!

Check out our fabulous historic building materials and think of some home projects or art projects!

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## New on the Horizon

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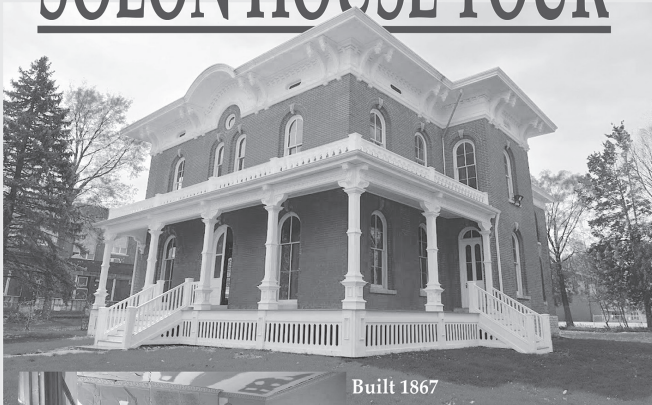
We are working hard to restore advocacy and preservation education to PACA. One of the things we would like to do is to spearhead a neighborhood advocacy coalition, including both Champaign and Urbana, to help neighbors advocate for better zoning and design guidelines to reduce the painful impact of old houses being demolished for large unsightly apartment buildings. If this issue resonates with you, please e-mail or call us. We know both cities have a number of neighborhood groups already. Our interest is in coordinating among the groups.

**Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony too long?** We're going to try to separate the two events, moving our Awards to next May in honor of Preservation Month. We'll still hope folks show up for our annual meeting (and we'll still have refreshments!), We'll also work to improve our e-mail list of members, so electronic elections might become a reality.

How can PACA help you? We'll be working on a Strategic Plan in the next few months. Please let us know what you feel is missing in PACA and how we can serve old building owners better.

Preservation And Conservation Association

**SOLON HOUSE TOUR**



Built 1867

503 South State Street  
Champaign

**SUNDAY, MAY 7**

**11am To 5pm**

\$10 Admission

Tickets Available At The Door (Cash Only)

No Children Under 12, Please

Exterior Rehabbed, Interior Untouched

Interior Ready For Renovation

Your Last Chance To See The Interior Before It Sells

For Questions Contact Preservation And Conservation Association 217-359-7222  
or pacaexdir@gmail.com

**Looking to get more involved with PACA?**

How about a rewarding volunteer experience? Did you know that a number of our salvage crew active members are of retirement age? They do a fantastic job in rescuing old building materials throughout Central Illinois, but it would be great to have some energetic members of the next generation to learn from our experts and lighten the load a bit! Please call or stop by the Salvage Warehouse to see how you might get involved.

We need 30 volunteers to work two shifts at the **Solon House on Sunday, May 7, 11:00 - 2:00 or 2:00 - 5:00**. Volunteers will be stationed in each room for the duration of their shifts. We'll provide a script and instructions. (If you didn't get an email notice about the Solon house tour then that means we don't have your current email address. Please write to pacaexdir@gmail.com and we'll make sure you are on the list.)

We could use several people per shift at the **Kids Building Fair on Saturday, May 20: 9:30 - noon; noon - 2:00; and 2:00 - 3:00**. Kids need help with weighting the paper down and sometimes showing them how to use the pastels.

All hands on deck! We could use some helping hands at our Warehouse on Building Fair day, **Saturday, May 20, 9:00 - 2:00**. We'll need to carry things out to the sidewalk (weather permitting) and help customers carry things to their vehicles.

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

**PACA BOX 2575, Champaign, IL 61825**

**MEMBERSHIP STATUS**

New       Renewal

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY**

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

- Adult                      \$25
- Student                     \$15
- Senior Citizen            \$15
- Family                      \$40

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

- Corporate
- Bronze                      \$250
- Silver                        \$500
- Gold                         \$1000
- Platinum                    \$2000

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: Please make your check payable to PACA. Your contribution is tax-deductable to the extent allowed by law.*

I wish to make an additional contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PACA is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of our natural and built environment. Offices are located at our salvage warehouse:

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