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## PRESERVATION WEEK 1989 CELEBRATES HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND PLACES TO LIVE

By J. Jackson Walter, President, National Trust for Historic Preservation

From the homes of the Founding Fathers to the rowhouses of American cities, historic preservation has made a significant contribution to the livability of our country's cities, towns and rural areas.

The theme for this year's National Historic Preservation Week, "Look Homeward, America," celebrates historic preservation and places to live. In 1987, the Preservation Week theme "Landmarks of Democracy" marked the 200th anniversary of the foundation of American government, the United States Constitution. Last year, "Historic Preservation: The People's Choice," focused attention on the grass-roots work of preservation through the political process.

This year, the National Trust celebrates its 40th anniversary. Yet it is no coincidence that the same year the National Trust was chartered, Congress passed the Housing Act of 1949 with its national goal to provide "a decent home and a suitable living environment for every American family."

The 1989 Preservation Week theme "Look Homeward, America" salutes all those Americans who have joined with the National Trust to create vibrant, livable towns and cities, healthy neighborhoods and rural communities. Whether it is community-based as in the adaptive use of a school as low-income housing in Maine or the renovation of a residential hotel in San Diego or individually motivated as the repair of a neglected Victorian front porch

or the painting of a weathered country clapboard, preservationists nationwide have demonstrated that older buildings are enhancing our sense of place.

Yet, "Look Homeward, America" is also a call to action. In a time when housing shortages are increasing, housing prices are rising and the issue of the homeless growing urgent, the role of historic preservation becomes even more critical. To meet these challenges, to fulfill our nation's commitment to provide quality places to live for all Americans, let's get the word out — historic preservation doesn't just save housing, it creates housing, it doesn't just protect the American dream, it answers the American dream.



### Salvage Shindig

Salvage Chair, Bob Swisher, has set May 20-21 as the dates for the next salvage warehouse "Party." Beginning at 9:00 a.m., volunteers will be asked to help organize and inventory the warehouse. Newly donated items will be catalogued with their "vital statistics" (item, size, wood type, etc). This will help PACA to efficiently serve its customers who are searching for a specific item. As time and energy permit, nail pulling will also be done on miscellaneous woodwork accumulated over the winter.

Mark your calendars for May 20-21. Come for both days, one day or for an hour or two. All help is gratefully and cheerfully appreciated! Celebrate Historic Preservation Week and help PACA at the same time.

### STATEWIDE PRESERVATION CONFERENCE SET FOR EVANSTON IN JUNE

The Ninth Annual Illinois Statewide Preservation Conference will be held in Evanston June 22-24. Sponsored by Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois, the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA) and the Illinois Association of Historic Preservation Commissions (IAHPC), the Conference is being hosted by the Evanston Preservation Commission, the Preservation League of Evanston and the Evanston Historical Society. This year's conference features the participation and support of Citicorp Savings through its Evanston branch.

Workshops this year include landscape preservation, materials conservation, leg-

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islative advocacy, religious structures and planning in historic districts. In addition, the IAHPHC will present workshops for staff and members of preservation commissions and the IHPA will give a detailed account of their services and responsibilities. The Congress of Illinois Historical Societies and Museums (CIHSM) will host a workshop for historical societies on research for restoration and decorative arts.

The Conference will open with a reception at the Charles Gates Dawes Landmark which houses the Evanston Historical

Society. The Chateausque mansion was home to Charles Dawes, a Vice President, Brigadier General and winner of the Nobel Peace Prize. The keynote speaker is Meredith Evans, director of planning and conservation for the City of Leicester, England. Mr. Evans will discuss the various approaches to preservation in England and the United States.

During Friday's lunch there will be the "Four Minute Success Stories", a popular event that allows individuals, organizations and municipalities to highlight their achievements since the past conference,

with audience participation to cheer them on. Friday's dinner will be a cruise on Lake Michigan.

All of the workshops will be held at the Norris Center at Northwestern University. Tours of Northwestern and historic Evanston neighborhoods will be offered. A tour of significant public and private landscapes along the North Shore will be offered as part of landscape preservation workshops. LPCI's Annual Meeting will take place Friday evening, followed by a reception at the Rotary Center. During the reception, the Annual Volunteer Awards will be given. The IAHPHC will hold its annual meeting on June 24.

Citicorp Savings has provided a substantial portion of the funding for this year's conference. Their support, along with funding from the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency should make this one of the best preservation conferences in Illinois. Brochures will be mailed in early spring; fees will be \$20 for LPCI members, \$25 for nonmembers. For more information contact Sean Murphy at 312-922-1742.

(courtesy L.P.C.I. Newsletter)

#### Preservation Books Available

The Preservation Press of the National Trust for Historic Preservation has published its Spring 1989 catalog of books on historic preservation and related topics. The catalog includes several new titles, including *The Well-Appointed Bath: Authentic Plans and Fixtures from 1914 and 1930*; *New Life for Old Houses*; and a reprint of the classic children's book *What It Feels Like to Be a Building*. The catalog contains many other publications of interest. For your free copy, write The Preservation Press, National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1785 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20036, or call PACA to browse through our catalog.

#### Danville Update

The Historic Holland Apartments building (see May-June 1988 Newsletter) was recently listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The 1905 building is currently undergoing renovation and plans are to create 53 apartments. The National Register listing will help an Iowa developer get tax credits to help with the financing of the restoration.

The building was listed with the help of THE URBANA GROUP, a local consulting firm that specializes in planning and historic preservation projects. Former PACA president Lachlan Blair is president of the group and PACA members Louis Wetmore, Dana Pratt, and Linda Bastyr are on staff.

### CAMPBELL CENTER FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION SUMMER COURSES

Course Title	Instructors	Location	Date
STRUCTURAL STABILIZATION OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS	I.B. Haynes, FAIA, H. Miller, A. Ladygo, D. Pitcaithly, N. Weiss	Newport, R.I.	TBA
INTRODUCTION TO DECORATIVE ARTS CONSERVATION	J. Wermuth, G. Braver	N.I.U. Campus, DeKalb, IL	June 6-9
CONSERVATION OF POLYCHROMED AND JAPANNED SURFACES	J. Thornton	Mr. Carroll, IL	June 16-17
CARE OF COLLECTIONS	J. Burnham	Mt. Carroll, IL	June 12-16
WORKSHOP ON POLYCHROMED AND JAPANNED SURFACES	J. Thornton	Mt. Carroll, IL	June 18
COMPOSITION, APPLIQUE AND ORNAMENT CONSERVATION	J. Thornton	Mt. Carroll, IL	June 19
CONSERVATION OF GILT SURFACES	S. Robertson	Mt. Carroll, IL	June 20-23
GILDING WORKSHOP	W. Adair	Mt. Carroll, IL	June 24-28
CONSERVATION OF VENEERED AND MARQUETRY SURFACES	TBA	Mt. Carroll, IL	TBA
VENEER AND MARQUETRY WORKSHOP	R. Walker	Mt. Carroll, IL	July 9-13
THEORY AND SCIENCE OF TEXTILE CONSERVATION	TBA	TBA	TBA
CASE STUDIES IN UPHOLSTERY CONSERVATION	E. Lahikainen	Waltham, MA	July 23-26
WOOD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR CONSERVATION	A. Schniewind*	Richmond, CA	July 31-Aug. 4
CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF MARITIME COLLECTIONS	R. Hauser D. Mathieson	Mystic, CT	Aug. 19-23
UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGY	R. Cambrola	Newport, R.I.	Aug. 24-27
CURATORIAL CONSERVATION OF PAPER	Mary Wood Lee	Mt. Carroll, IL	TBA
TEXTILE CONSERVATION	H. Von Rosensteil	Mt. Carroll, IL	TBA
DATABASE MANAGEMENT FOR COLLECTIONS	P. Leslie	Mt. Carroll, IL	TBA

Campbell Center is located in Mount Carroll, IL.

For further information write Campbell Center, P.O. Box 66, Mount Carroll, IL 61053 or call 815-244-1173.

## EVANSTON: CITY OF HOMES

Architect and planner Daniel Burnham described Evanston, where he lived, as "the most beautiful city in the world...as a place of residence there is none equal to

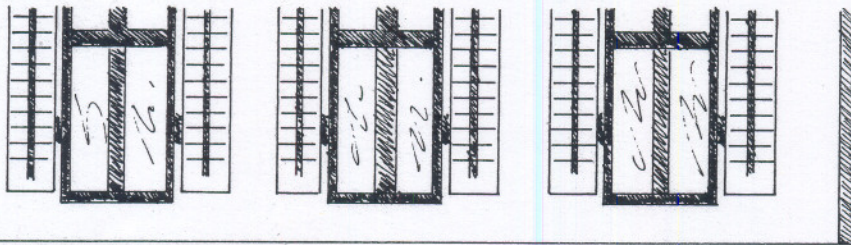
"Befitting a place known as the "City of Homes," and as one of Chicago's oldest suburbs, Evanston's architectural heritage is seen in its residential neighborhoods. The preservation ethic is strong in Evanston with its three National Register Historic Districts: the Lakeshore, Ridge and Suburban Apartment Building Thematic District. Ten individual sites and structures are also listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Over 800 sites and structures are designated as local landmarks by the Evanston Preservation Commission, ten times the number in Chicago.

The Lakeshore and Ridge districts are testaments to Evanston's history as one of Chicago's most prestigious suburbs. Both districts contain homes of former business leaders, financiers, academics and clergy. Almost all residential styles from the Civil War era to the Great Depression are represented. Many homes were designed by nationally famous architects such as Daniel Burnham, Ralph Adams Cram, Solon S. Beman and Walter Burley Griffin. Local architects Howard Van Doren Shaw, Dwight Perkins, Ernest Mayo and Thomas Tallmadge are represented, and Tallmadge so designed the city's distinctive street lights. Buildings have been well-maintained over the years, and conversions of large

houses have been sensitive to community character. The Lakeshore District is significant in planning history, because fears that the area's suburban character was threatened by Chicago's burgeoning population after World War I led to the passage of Illinois' first zoning ordinance in 1921, one of the earliest in the nation.

Though noted for its single-family homes, Evanston contains some of the best apartment buildings in the metropolitan area. Over 40 apartment buildings in Evanston comprise the National Register thematic district. The buildings are located near commercial areas, train lines, and Northwestern University. Many are located in areas designated as "B Residential" under the 1921 Zoning Code which allowed multi-family dwellings. Unlike many urban apartment dwellings, the structures in the district incorporated design characteristics and decorative elements of single-family homes, including generous landscaped surroundings.

In recognition of Evanston's high-quality architecture, preservation has been incorporated into the city's municipal planning and the curriculum of elementary and junior high schools. The Evanston Preservation Commission has been active for 14 years and the private, not-for-profit Preservation League of Evanston provides education and advocacy. The Evanston Historical Society is the largest in Illinois outside of Chicago.



## THE CENTER FOR HISTORIC HOUSES

The Center for Historic Houses, an office of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, evolved from the Historic House Association of America an independent, national, non-profit membership organization begun in 1978, and merged with the National Trust in 1985.

### Purpose

The Center represents National Trust members who are private owners of both old and historic houses and provides assistance to this constituency through informational services and educational programs. The Center also serves as an advocate for these owners' concerns and addresses their specific problems.

### Programs

- Educational workshops and lecture programs are presented by nationally recognized preservationists in cooperation with local and statewide preservation organizations several times a year in different locations across the country.
- An "Old House Owner Roster" is maintained by the Center to notify National Trust members of the Center's special events and programs in their area.
- An insurance program offering replacement value for fine historic residences has been designed by Marsh & McLennan, Inc., for National Trust members.
- Worldwide understanding of historic house preservation is encouraged by maintaining communication with international historic house associations and coordinating activities and interests of

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these constituencies with those of the members of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

### Membership

The Center does not maintain its own membership. All members of the National Trust may make use of its services.

For additional information on any of these programs, please contact the Center for Historic Houses:

1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20036  
(202) 673-4025

### FOCUS ON: COLES COUNTY BROOM CORN

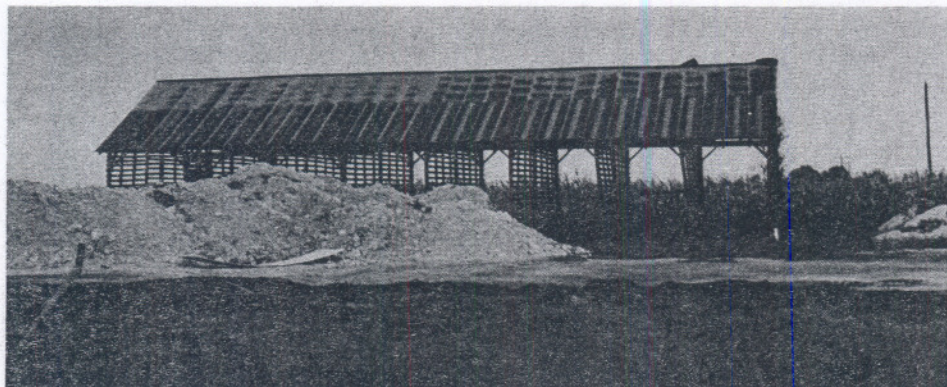
Residents of Coles County are working to save a part of their agricultural history. Shortly before the Civil War, farmers in the area began to grow broom corn and the area soon became the center of broom corn production in the world. Production of the crop dropped after World War II and today it is no longer grown in Coles County. Parts of one of the few remaining broom corn sheds in the area were saved last fall when volunteers removed three sections from a demolition site and took them to

Oakland. Members of Oakland Landmarks Inc. plan to reconstruct the shed adjacent to the Rutherford Complex of historic buildings they own and administer.

The broom corn shed has a simple open construction of posts and lath strips that are approximately three inches apart and covered with a tin roof. The shed is divided into eight bays that are approximately seven feet wide. Slats are placed in the bays to form shelves that are about six to eight inches apart. Broom corn is placed on these shelves by the armload to dry. The open construction allows air to pass over the corn to dry it in about ten days if the weather is good.

This broom corn shed is significant to Coles County because it is one of three known such sheds left in the county that retains its integrity. It is one of the last physical examples of an agricultural industry that was once one of the most important in Coles County.

Broom corn production started in Coles County on a commercial basis in about 1858. By 1879 its acreage had expanded quickly and almost 2,100 tons of broom corn was produced. It continued to be a major agricultural product in the county



until after World War II. Its decline was brought about in part by linoleum floors, wall-to-wall carpeting and plastics. The only broom corn now produced in Coles County is for seed used in other areas. Thus the shed is a good example, and perhaps one of the last, of a very important economic development in Coles County that shaped the growth of the county for almost one hundred years.

(This article was contributed by Jackie Wilen, Coles County Regional Planning)

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