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VERMONT

Invitation to Grand Isle Lake House Retreat for Local Preservationists

July 15-16: FULL

August 26-27: Church Rehabilitation Projects

September 9 - 10: Community or Building Preservation Projects

September 30 - October 1: Community or Building Preservation Projects

The retreats are a group mentoring experience where representatives from communities are invited to present a 10 to 15 minute case study about a particular challenge or project they're working on. The case study is meant

to frame a problem that once solved will boost projects along their timelines. Each presentation is followed by a group discussion and brainstorming session for sharing ideas, expertise and experience...cross-mentoring.

The whole idea is to bring people together from around the state who are working on similar kinds of projects in order to take advantage of group experience and thinking. We try to have 6-7 groups of 2-4 people representing a project.

The retreats are two days. Check-in at the Lake House is 3:00 on Monday, and we finish by 2:00 on Tuesday. Cost for room and three meals is \$80/person for a shared room, \$100 for a single. There are a limited number of single rooms available on a first-come basis.

If you are considering attending a retreat, please contact [Ann Cousins 434-5014](tel:434-5014) or [Doug Porter 644-2815](tel:644-2815). One of the things we try to do is to have resource people from around the state at each of the retreats. Who they are depends on what projects are going to be represented.

For reservations, please send a check payable to the Preservation Trust of Vermont, 104 Church St., Burlington, VT 05401. Include contact information: name, address, phone, e-mail, project.

For a preview of the Grand Isle Lake House, visit our Web site at www.ptvermont.org

Major Renovations Planned for the St. Johnsbury Athenaeum

State Librarian, Sybil Brigham McShane, on behalf of the Freeman Foundation and the Vermont Public Library Foundation, has awarded a public grant library incentive grant of \$408,000 to the St. Johnsbury Athenaeum. This grant is part of the \$10 million public library incentive grant program funded by the Freeman Foundation to improve library effectiveness and community outreach throughout the state. The Athenaeum will use the Incentive Grant for significant interior renovations scheduled to begin this summer. The project goals are to improve public safety and accessibility. Building improvements will increase the safety and convenience to library patrons, visitors and staff, and benefit all who use the Athenaeum's collections, services and programs. The total cost of the project is estimated to be just over \$1 million. For more information, contact Lisa Von Kamm or Lorna Higgs, (802) 748-8291.

<http://www.stjathenaeum.org/>

Vermont Historical Society Re-Opening Soon!

The Vermont Historical Society library has moved to the Vermont History Center in Barre and will soon be open to the public. The facility will be opening for researchers on Tuesday, July 16. Hours will be the same as in the past: 9-4:30 Tuesday - Friday and 9-4 on the second Saturday of each month. The grand opening celebration will be on Saturday, July 20.

New address: Vermont Historical Society, 60 Washington Street, Barre, Vermont 05641-4209

Voice: 802-479-8500; Fax: 802-479-8510

Directions to our new library are on the web at

<http://vermonthistory.org/barremap.htm> .

Vermont manuscripts: <http://arccat.uvm.edu>, For New England history also try: <http://nebib.uvm.edu>

Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium Receives Grant

The Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium has received a grant of \$1500 from the Vermont Historical records Advisory Board to complete the processing of the Museum's institutional records. Together with the other institutional records that have already been preserved and described, these documents will be available to researchers working on the origin and growth of the Museum as an educational institution and interpreter of the sciences and humanities. These documents can also be used to shed light on the history of the development of the Museum's collections and exhibits, and on philanthropic intentions of the Museum's founder, Franklin Fairbanks. For more information, contact Pat Swartz, Fairbanks Museum, (802) 748-2372.

Brandon Town Offices Not to Move to Training School

Brandon voters overwhelmingly (450 to 180) defeated the plan to move municipal offices out of the downtown to the former Brandon Training School. It's back to the drawing board, and the Selectboard and community will hopefully focus on solutions in the downtown area. The Preservation Trust has offered to help with the next steps.

To read the *Rutland Herald* article by Ed Barna, click here:

<http://rutlandherald.nybor.com/Archive/Articles/Article/48640>

Middlebury Offices to Stay Downtown

Middlebury selectmen voted 4-2 to rebuild the municipal offices at their current location at the intersection of College and South Main Streets. This was an enormous step forward for a downtown solution since Middlebury College had offered \$3 million and an out-of-town location to the Town in return for vacating the current site.

With special funding from a handful of donors, the Preservation Trust has committed \$100,000 toward helping the Selectboard develop a downtown solution for its office needs. Thus far the funds have been used for planning and developing cost estimated for a variety of solutions.

To read the *Addison Independent* article by John Flowers, click here:

<http://www.addisonindependent.com/MapleManorcutasoffice.html>

Historic Essex-Caledonia Organizes

When historic sites and structures are threatened, it's time for a local preservation group that can step in and help. That was the feeling of the small group that met on May 2 to found a new organization for the region, Historic Caledonia-Essex, Inc. Spearheaded by local historian Dave Warden, the group hopes to raise awareness of sites and structures with prehistoric and historic significance in the area that need resources.

Especially of concern is connecting landowners with the grants and other financial help they need to protect evidence of peoples' lives in the two-county region. (Orleans County already has its own county historical society.) The fledgling group created an initial list of 19 structures and sites that may need assistance right away, and hopes to add more. Great job!

For more information about the Essex-Caledonia group, please call 748-1722. If you would like help getting a local preservation group started in your area, contact one of the Preservation Trust's Field Representative: [Ann Cousins 434-5014](#) or [Doug Porter 644-2815](#).

Vermont Downtown Conference Scheduled

Please mark your calendar on Wednesday, Sept. 25, for the Vermont Downtown Program's annual conference, which will be in downtown Burlington. Don Rypkema, principal of Place Economics in Washington, DC, will be the keynote speaker. Don is a real estate and economic development consultant who specializes in downtown and neighborhood development. He is a terrific speaker and many of you may remember his presentations at the Forum on Sprawl's downtown conference in 1998, and the Preservation Trust/Division for Historic Preservation first annual conference in 1995.

We have a full day of sessions planned to meet a variety of interests and disciplines. At the end of the day, the Forum on Sprawl is holding a reception and fundraiser in celebration of downtowns. We hope that you will join us for both of these events. Look for further information later this summer. For more information, contact Jane Lendway jlendway@dca.state.vt.us

National Register News

National Register News: The National Park Service has recently listed the following Vermont properties on the National Register of Historic Places.

Ascutney State Park, Windsor and Underhill State Park, Underhill

Part of a group of 21 state parks constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in Vermont in the 1930s as part of President Roosevelt's New Deal Program. The parks' landscaping and rustic architecture are typical of parks constructed by the CCC nationwide and reflect a period of social and conservation reform as well as new tourism and recreation trends. The parks were nominated to the National Register under the nationwide Historic Park Landscapes in National and State Parks Multiple Documentation Form.

King Block, Barton

A Rehabilitation Tax Credit Project for use as affordable housing. Three story, 12-bay by 3-bay, wood frame large tenement building composed of several structures joined together and modified several times over its history. The structure originated as a c. 1870 Italianate single family house, by the 1890s it had evolved into multi-family housing with shared entries and separate living units, and by 1921 it reached its current configuration. The historic modifications to the building reflect the periods of expansion of Barton's milling and manufacturing industries. The building exhibits typical design features of large tenement buildings built in Vermont in the late 19th and early 20th centuries such as the multiple entry doors on the front façade and multi-level Colonial Revival style rear porch.

West Fairlee Center Church, West Fairlee

A wood frame, c. 1855, 3-bay by 3-bay Greek Revival style church nominated under the Religious Buildings, Sites and Structures in Vermont Multiple Property Documentation Form. The church's role in the life of West Fairlee Center reflects the community's religious history and related economic fluctuations.

PRESERVATION IN PROGRESS***Lake Elmore Town Hall***

The Lake Elmore Town Hall has undergone few changes since it was built in 1897. Having just completed a condition assessment, the community is now working hard to raise around \$50,000 to rehabilitate the small Queen Anne style building. The capital campaign committee is planning a lakefront August event featuring local talent--of which Lake Elmore is blessed! Sharon Draper, Town Clerk, is helping to plan the event. For more information, contact Sharon at 888-2637.

Pawlet

Work is well underway at the new Pawlet library, an adapted reuse of the Pawlet Village School. Built in 1911, the school is an outstanding example of the Colonial Revival style. When the school closed in 1998 due to consolidation, Pawlet residents rallied to find a new use for this village center building. Overcoming challenges, including accomodating septic on a postage stamp-sized lot, the project is nearly complete. Having raised \$85,000 locally and receiving a \$30,000 Preservation Grant in 2000, the Pawlet Projects Committee is working hard to raise the final \$40,000 needed to complete the \$250,000 project. For more information, please contact Gordon Brown, Building Chair, at 325-3309.

NATIONAL

Oppose Cuts to the Historic Preservation Fund -- Call or Fax Your Senator Today!

Thursday, June 27, the Senate Appropriations Committee voted to report a FY '03 Interior spending package that cuts Historic Preservation Fund appropriations by 13%. The cuts appear to have been made at the 11th hour when Committee Chairman Robert Byrd (D-WV) scrambled to trim \$344 million from the overall bill.

We must ensure that Senator Byrd and all his colleagues on the Appropriations Committee understand that such cuts will be devastating to state preservation programs and ask them to restore funding either on the floor of the Senate or when the bill is conferenced with the House. Fortunately, the House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee acted to increase funding to the HPF by \$9.5 million.

Below is a sample letter to be used to fax your Senator immediately. If your member is on the Appropriations Committee (see list below), please be sure to follow up with a phone call by calling the Capitol switchboard at (202) 224-3121. Thank you for your advocacy.

Dear Senator

I have learned that the Senate Appropriations Committee approved a 13% reduction to the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) for FY '03. Specifically, the cut takes \$5 million from the State Historic Preservation Offices. These cuts are especially disappointing because the Committee stated its intention to fully fund the Conservation Spending Category "CARA-lite," and yet singled out the HPF, a CARA-lite program, for reductions.

[INCLUDE HERE ANY SPECIFIC PROJECTS OR CUTS IN YOUR STATE - for more information on your state's funding, please visit our website at www.preservationaction.org]

I urge you to support historic preservation programs in [STATE] by contacting Chairman Byrd and asking him to restore the cuts in conference.

Sincerely,

Senate Interior Appropriations Committee:
Robert F. Bennett (R-UT), Conrad Burns (R-MT), Robert C. Byrd (D-WV), Ben Nighthorse Campbell (R-CO), Thad Cochran (R-MS), Pete V. Domenici (R-NM), Byron L. Dorgan (D-ND), Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), Judd Gregg (R-NH), Ernest F. Hollings (D-SC), Daniel K. Inouye (D-HI), Patrick J. Leahy (D-VT), Patty Murray (D-WA), Harry Reid (D-NV), Ted Stevens (R-AK)

National Trust Announces 11 Most Endangered Historic Places

Although Southern California's Indian Pass and the 1,515 miles that comprise the upper Missouri River basin would appear to have little in common, they're linked by an unfortunate distinction: These lands of great beauty and spiritual significance, which have been called home by Native Americans for thousands of years, are today threatened one by a mining project and one by government neglect. Throughout the South, historic schools that were the result of an extraordinary partnership between two men -- one black, one white -- to further education for rural African Americans are forgotten and forlorn. And across the nation, historic neighborhoods are falling victim to a teardown epidemic as older homes are demolished and replaced with dramatically larger, out-of-scale new structures, that are eroding the historic fabric of the existing communities.

These are just four of 11 sites the National Trust for Historic Preservation named to its 2002 list of *America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places*.

"All 11 sites on this year's list are irreplaceable treasures. They remind us that not every community has an Independence Hall or Mount Vernon, but every community has some landmark that makes it unique and special," said Richard Moe, president of the National Trust. "These places tell America's story. Losing them would be unthinkable and saving them isn't someone else's job."

The History Channel will feature the list on Saturday, July 6, 2002, at 10 p.m. EDT/PDT in a one-hour documentary special entitled, "America's Most Endangered." The show, hosted by Josh Binswanger, also host of "This Week in History," is part of the The Save Our History campaign, The History Channel's award-winning national initiative dedicated to historic preservation and history education.

America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places has identified more than 135 threatened one-of-a-kind historic treasures since 1988. While a listing does not ensure the protection of a site or guarantee funding, the designation has been a powerful tool for raising awareness and rallying resources to save endangered sites from every region of the country. Whether these sites are urban districts or rural landscapes, Native American landmarks or 20th-century sports arenas, entire communities or single buildings, the list spotlights historic places across America that are threatened by neglect, insufficient funds, inappropriate development or insensitive public policy.

To view the entire list of America's 11 Most Endangered Places, and to read more about the program, click here:

http://www.nationaltrust.org/news/docs/20020606_11most.html

National Trust Supports Saving Sacred Places

The following statement was issued June 3, 2002, by Paul W. Edmondson, Vice President & General Counsel for the National Trust for Historic Preservation, at a news conference by the newly-formed Coalition for Sacred Places:

The National Trust for Historic Preservation is pleased to be able to participate as a member of the Coalition for Sacred Places. We support the preservation of Sacred Places of Native Americans, and have worked closely with Native American tribes and organizations to see that such sites are protected. Although these places are not always thought of as historic properties, the National Trust recognizes that Native American sacred places are an important part of America's heritage, and deserve to be preserved and protected as such.

Because many Native American sacred places lie on public lands, the National Trust is particularly committed to ensuring that federal agencies manage those lands in a way that respects these sacred places, and that agency officials take into account the need to treat these unique areas with special consideration. Such sites are highly vulnerable, whether from inappropriate development, damage and looting, or in some cases outright destruction. We support the efforts of the Coalition, and we encourage Congress to be thorough in its oversight responsibilities of the federal executive branch agencies that are entrusted with the protection of these precious and irreplaceable resources.

Charlotte, North Carolina's Approach to the Big-Box Boom

Charlotte's new warning to big-box developers: If you build it, you might have to pay so we can tear it down someday.

City planners say that anyone who wants to build a giant discount store such as a Wal-Mart or Target -- a staple of Charlotte suburbs for decades -- must also provide the means for the city to destroy the building if the store closes and remains empty.

Read the whole article here:

<http://www.charlotte.com/mlid/observer/news/local/3484745.htm>

PUBLICATIONS & RESOURCES***GREAT NEW WEB SITE!******Vermont Division for Historic Preservation***

The Division for Historic Preservation is the public agency designated to be the advocate for historic and prehistoric properties in Vermont. Their new web site has everything you need to know about the programs and services offered by the Division -- including the Downtown Program, Historic Registers, State Historic Sites, and Financing Assistance -- and more, all sharply designed and well organized. If you are interested in preservation in Vermont, check out this site and you'll probably learn something new!

<http://www.dhca.state.vt.us/DHP/index.html>

National Register Documentation Digitization Progresses

The National Register of Historic Places is pleased to announce that the General Services Administration's Center for Historic Buildings, Office of the Chief Architect is partnering with the National Park Service to digitize records of listed GSA properties to make them accessible online through the National Register Information System database. This is the first inter-agency partnership on this project and the latest incremental step by the National Register in digitizing the documentation on nearly 75,000 nominations. Multiple property nomination contexts have been digitized and are now available at www.nr.nps.gov. Work on the National Park Service's own listed properties is currently underway. To find out more about the scanning project and partnership opportunities, visit www.nr.nps.gov/nrpard.htm.

National Trust Offers Help for Historic Property Appraisals

While historic properties are culturally significant, they can also present an uncommon challenge to property appraisers and potential buyers because historic properties are valued by other variables outside traditional appraisal rules.

To simplify the process, the National Trust for Historic Preservation has published "Appraising Historic Properties," a 28-page booklet that offers tips for finding qualified appraisers, basic valuation principles, the valuation process, appraising easements and more. The publication is written by Judith Reynolds, MAI, the author of the first and second editions of *Historic Properties: Preservation and the Valuation Process*. Reynolds has specialized over a 25-year career in the appraisal of historic properties and preservation and conservation easements.

"Appraising Historic Properties" is available for \$10 from Preservation Books. National Trust Forum members can take advantage of a 25% discount and standard members of the Trust receive a 10% discount. Discounts do not apply to shipping charges. Order today (order number 2187) from the Preservation Books website, www.preservationbooks.org, or call 202-588-6296.

Smart Growth Resources for Historic Preservationists

Smart codes, state agency location policies designed to strengthen downtowns, retail caps for big-box stores, development moratoria, and a citizen's guide to local preservation ordinances are among seven new issue papers recently added to the National Trust's web site. Go to <http://www.nationaltrust.org>. Click on the Save Historic Places icon, then scroll down to Issues and Initiatives.

EVENTS***Perspectives on the History and Archaeology of Burlington Bay***

Preservation Burlington and the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum are pleased to announce an inaugural lecture series at the Museum's recently restored 1815 Captain White Place Maritime Education Center (formerly Chickenbone Café) at 43 King Street in Burlington. The series, which is scheduled for every other Thursday from June 27 through September 5, 2002, is titled "Perspectives on the History and Archaeology of Burlington Bay." All lectures are at 7:00 PM. The public is invited to attend at no charge. As parking in the neighborhood is limited, please use nearby City of Burlington parking lots.

The lecturers include historians, architectural historians and archaeologists who are currently conducting research on Burlington and the surrounding area. They include:

- Mary O'Neil - "The Captain White House" (June 27)
- Vince Feeney - "How Burlington Became the Queen City: Economic Engines and Growth Patterns." (July 11)
- John Crock/Kate Kenny - "Recent Prehistoric and Historic Archaeological Investigations within the City of Burlington: Documenting and Preserving Cultural Resources While Promoting Conscious Development" (July 25)
- Tom Visser - "Burlington's Historic Architecture" (August 8)
- Scott McLaughlin - "The Canal Boats and Boatmen of Burlington 1819-1940: Members of a Unique Maritime Community" (August 22)
- Bob McCullough - "Parks and Green Spaces In Burlington" (September 5)

For more details on Museum programs and activities, check the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum web site www.lcmm.org. For more information on the lecture series, contact Brian Knight at 802-238-2918 or brian@preservationburlington.org.

July 6-7th

220th anniversary celebration of the Battle of Hubbardton

Look here for more information:

<http://www.state.vt.us/dca/housing/HistoricSites/index.htm>

August 10 (Saturday)

Self-guided tours around several of the Mad River Valley's notable barns.

Presented by the Waitsfield Historical Society in conjunction with the Mad River Valley Arts Festival. More information coming soon! Call 496-7173.

OPPORTUNITIES

Housing Vermont Job Openings

Housing Vermont is seeking qualified applicants for two positions in the development department: a project manager and an assistant project manager. Please contact Dot Bechard at (802) 863-8424 to get a written job description.

Enhancement Grants

The Agency of Transportation has announced the schedule for 2003 Enhancement Program. This program provides substantial grants for transportation-related activities in Vermont, including sidewalks, bikepaths, historic preservation, environmental mitigation and more.. The first step in the application process is to submit a pre-application letter by September 4, 2002. Background information and the program schedule are on line at <http://www.aot.state.vt.us/projdev/Sections/LTF/Enhancements%20Program/EnhancementsMainPage.htm>. Please call Sandy Aja at (802) 828-2544 if you have any questions about the process.

National Preservation Conference

No matter what the cause, you'll find more than 100 learning opportunities at National Preservation Conference 2002 <http://www.nthpconference.org> that will help focus or reshape your strategic thinking. Interactive sessions provide you with the opportunity to learn from experts and share with your peers. We promise you will leave Cleveland armed with tips, tools, and new ways of thinking.

Take a sneak peek at some of the education sessions, created by preservationists like yourself, facing common issues:

- The Corporate Good Neighbor Initiative
- When It's Time to Hire a Lobbyist
- Saving Historic Schools = Good Public Policy + Strong Advocacy
- Transportation and Preservation: A Case Study in Legislative Advocacy

Bring back ideas from these sessions and others that you'll implement immediately at your own advocacy challenges. Set your personal agenda for National Preservation Conference 2002, check out our online Schedule Planner <http://www.nthpconference.org/>.

Be sure your schedule includes our outstanding Plenary session speakers:

- Rodney Reynolds, publishes American Legacy Magazine, focusing on African-American history and culture;
- Andres Duany, new urbanist, who challenges your paradigms;
- Bishop Anthony Pilla, calls on us to explore rebuilding and recreating cities;
- Henry Glassie shares ideas on preserving rural landscapes around the world.

These renowned speakers will inspire us to think differently about what shapes our lives and what it takes to be successful at every level of the preservation movement.

Register online today at <http://www.nthpconference.org> or fax your registration to 202-588-6472.

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