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Tickets available for Restoration Benefit Concert

The Starksboro Village Meeting House Society is donating to the Preservation Trust of Vermont two tickets for a restoration benefit concert on Saturday, January 18th at 7:30 p.m., at the historic 1838 Gothic Revival style Starksboro Village Meeting House. The musicians are Mike Gordon, bass guitarist from Phish; Jamie Masfield from the Jazz Mandolin Project; and Doug Perkins from Smokin' Grass. In addition to these two tickets, the Preservation Trust is also making an additional pair of tickets available.

In the tradition of our silent auction, we are accepting bids for each pair of tickets. Please place your bid by emailing meg@ptvermont.org or calling (802) 442-8951 with your name, address, phone number and bid. The minimum bid is \$60 per pair. The two highest bids will be the winners. The bids will close on Thursday January 16th at 6 pm and the winners will be notified on Friday January 17th. You may bid only once, but you can bid on both pairs if you wish. Be generous!

These are the only tickets remaining for this concert. Please DO NOT SHOW UP at the door without tickets; there will be no tickets at the door. The doors open at 7:00 p.m. Plan on arriving by 7:15. The Meeting House is located on VT Route 116 in Starksboro village. Parking is at the Robinson Elementary School, a short walk away. Dress warmly. Refreshments will be available. Concert goers are asked to respect the historic building and the neighbors' property--no smoking, alcohol, or illegal substances.

Silent Auction Success!

Many thanks to all of you who participated in our 2002 Silent Auction by Mail. Thanks to all the businesses and individuals who donated items or placed successful bids, we raised over \$25,000. A tremendous success!

If you placed a bid but weren't a successful bidder, you can still contribute to the Preservation Trust of Vermont. It is easier than ever...just print this [donation form](#) and send it in to our office. Help of any level makes a difference in communities throughout the state. Thank you.

VERMONT

Preservation Grants Awarded

Since 1994 the Freeman Foundation and the Preservation Trust of Vermont have had a partnership to support preservation projects. Over \$6.3 million in grants have been awarded to help more than 280 projects in communities throughout the state. These grants have played a key role in over \$67.5 million in total rehabilitation work. The latest round of grants includes:

Elmore Town Hall: \$15,000.

The Queen Anne style Elmore town hall was built in 1897 on the shore of Lake Elmore for \$820.79 -- including chairs, tables and heating stove! It continues to serve the community for all meetings and special events. This summer a fundraising committee sponsored a town-wide Benefit Block Party, raising close to \$12,000. The grant will support badly need foundation and roof repairs and painting.

Brandon Town Hall: \$40,000.

Since 1998, the Friends of the Brandon Town Hall and the Town have been working on restoring the 1860-61 Town Hall. The monumental Greek Revival style hall is in the center of town and, once brought back to life, will be a tremendous generator of cultural and economic activity in downtown. The building has virtually been vacant since the 1980s. By August 2003,

exterior repairs will be completed. This grant will allow them to upgrade the electrical system, make life safety code improvements, and help replace the front steps so that the hall can be used for community functions while the Friends organization continues to fund raise to restore the interior.

Greensboro United Church of Christ: \$35,000.

The United Church of Christ was built in 1827 with a bell tower and entryway added in 1904 and fellowship hall in 1970. The congregation is working to raise \$300,000 to rehabilitate the Church, Parsonage, and Fellowship Hall and to increase the Church's endowment by a modest amount to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the congregation's founding in 2004. This grant will help with repairs on the steeple, roof and furnace and more.

Greensboro Community Childcare Center, Greensboro Bend: \$25,000.

The Childcare Center is housed in the former Caspian Area School, a one-story, hip-roofed, nearly square Colonial Revival style schoolhouse built in 1931 and listed in the State Register as a contributing building in the Greensboro Bend Village Historic District. The Center was recently awarded a Community Development Black Grant and Rural Development Grant toward the purchase and phase one renovations for the school, including window conservation, interior renovations, lead abatement, accessibility, water and fire safety improvements. The grant will allow them to purchase new wood storm windows, paint the building and replace the stockade fence.

Brookfield Old Town Hall: \$50,000.

This past August the Brookfield Community Partnership, a local volunteer organization, saved the town's historic Old Town Hall from destruction, purchasing it at auction for \$95,000. Built in the mid-1850s as a rooming house, the building was inaugurated as the Town Hall in August 1902 with the addition of a spacious rear ell housing an auditorium and full raised stage. Since then, it has served as the Town Clerk's office, post office, Grange, Masonic Lodge, and a store. The building has not been in use since the late 1960s, when it was bought privately and used for storage. Complete rehabilitation is expected to cost \$400,000. This grant will allow the Partnership to shore up the foundation and frame, install a new roof, and address safety improvements including fire exits and new wiring so that the main floor of the building can again be used for community functions.

Ethan Allen Homestead, Burlington: \$25,000.

The Ethan Allen Homestead was extensively remodeled in the middle 1980s, and many of the repairs and reconstructions of that project have reached the end of their service lives. Last spring the Homestead replaced the wood-shingled roof. The grant will allow them to complete repairs to the building frame, clapboard sheathing, windows and doors, paint the building, and address heating and high humidity issues that now threaten the building and its collection.

Latchis Hotel & Theater Update

For over a year, the Brattleboro Arts Initiative and the Preservation Trust of Vermont have been working to raise money to purchase and rehabilitate the historic Latchis Theater in downtown Brattleboro. The efforts have both organizations have raised \$1.6 million, and the sale will take place this month. In addition to the funds for acquisition, the organizations have secured through the help of Senator Patrick Leahy, \$300,000 in housing and Urban Development money to support the rehabilitation.

Gannet Foundation Grants Preservation Trust \$10,000

The Gannet Foundation and the Burlington Free Press recently awarded the Preservation Trust a \$10,000 grant to support the summer preservation retreats at the Grand Isle Lake House. For more information:

<http://www.ptvermont.org/success.htm>

National Register News

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

First Congregational Church and Meetinghouse in Townshend, Vermont.

Located on the village common and considered the most prominent building in town, this two-and-a-half story wood frame church was built in 1790 as a vernacular Federal style church. In 1840 the front bay was added and the entire church updated in the Gothic and Greek Revival styles. Along with its religious function, it served as the town hall until 1910 and is reflective of the evolving use of churches from the early use of meetinghouses for both religious and secular functions to a strictly religious use. The church retains most of its interior and exterior features and continues in religious use. The building was nominated under the Religious Buildings, Sites and Structures in Vermont Multiple Property Documentation Form.

Brooksville Advent Church, New Haven

This wood frame, vernacular Greek Revival style church was built in the fall/winter of 1856/57 and nominated under the Religious Buildings, Sites and Structures in Vermont Multiple Property Documentation Form. Constructed during the years of Brooksville's prosperity when the Brooks Edge Tool Company was booming, the building is one of few remaining architectural links to that era. Built by the Adventists, it is reflective of the splinter groups that flourished during the period of religious revivals in the mid-19th century. The building has had a second life as a museum, gift shop, and theater since 1937. These uses were initiated by the owners of the Dog Team Tavern who began managing the Church building in 1936 and used it as a gift shop and museum to raise promote their missionary work in Labrador and Newfoundland in conjunction with their Tavern activities. While it's interior has been altered for these uses, it largely retains its open floor plan and character defining features such as window trim and woodwork.

Dog Team Tavern, New Haven

This building is a two-story, wood framed, gable roofed Colonial Revival style tavern built in 1936 by Sir Wilfred and Lady Grenfell to promote their missionary work in Labrador and Newfoundland, for which he was knighted by King George V in 1927. The restaurant and inn has been a popular tourist stop on Route 7 since its construction, largely supported by the growth in auto tourism after World War I. The building has changed very little over the years and even retains many of the artifacts made by the Labradorean people the Grenfells supported.

Saddlebow Farm, Bridgewater

This property includes a c. 1786 Cape Cod type farmhouse renovated in the 1930s for use as an inn by skiers and horseback riding tourists, a 1920 sawdust shed and numerous c. 1970-1990 agricultural outbuildings. The property functioned as a diversified hill farm for 145 years, was purchased by an out of state owner for redevelopment as an inn in 1931, and in 1937 became a summer home and winter ski rental until 1970 when it became a year round home. It is a good example of a hill farm that was redeveloped in the 1930s for use in the tourism industry and a local trend setter in the statewide movement to covert hill farms to summer homes by out-of-state

owners.

Save Outdoor Sculpture! (SOS!) coming to Vermont

The University of Vermont will host the Save Outdoor Sculpture! (SOS!) in 2004.

The exhibit features 200 images, at least one sculpture from each state, that elevates the value of local sculpture and monuments as also important to the national story. Sections concern the variety of styles, the need for collaboration, the history of making sculpture, sculptures' unifying role with national tragedy, its controversial nature, and its need for preservation.

For more information, please contact Susan Nichols, Director, Save Outdoor Sculpture!, Heritage Conservation (202)-634-1422

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NATIONAL NEWS

Congress Approves Jeffords' Lake Champlain Bill, Authorizes \$55 Million to Protect the Lake

The House of Representatives recently passed legislation, authored by U.S. Sen. Jim Jeffords, I - Vt., to preserve and protect Lake Champlain. The legislation entitled, "The Daniel Patrick Moynihan Lake Champlain Basin Program Act of 2002," authorizes \$55 million over five years to enhance the environmental integrity and social and economic benefits of the lake.

Jeffords, the Chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee said, "This legislation builds on more than 10 years of success in working to protect the environmental health of Lake Champlain. By providing new and important resources to protect Lake Champlain, this bill helps preserve it as a national treasure for generations to come."

U.S. Sen. Patrick Leahy, D- Vt., the Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee and a co-sponsor of the bill said, "Senate passage of the Lake Champlain bill will now allow us to ramp-up federal funding to fight invasive species, curb polluted runoff and clean-up toxic hot spots. This will be a priority for me during next year's funding cycle for the Environmental Protection Agency."

The legislation, which was included as part of the Great Lakes Legacy Act, passed the Senate on October 17 and now goes to the President for signature into law. The legislation was co-sponsored by Leahy, U.S. Sens. Hillary Clinton, D-NY, and Charles Schumer, D-NY.

The bill will implement the environmental programs described in "Opportunities for Action: An Evolving Plan for the Lake Champlain Basin," drafted by the Lake Champlain Basin Program. It provides funding for the reduction of phosphorous inputs, the reduction of toxic contamination, the control of nonnative nuisance species and other projects described in the Lake Champlain Basin Program's plan.

For additional comment contact Bill Howland, Executive Director of the Lake

Champlain Basin Program at 802-372-3213.

PUBLICATIONS & RESOURCES

Brandon Workbook: New Life for old Document Preserves Best of Past for Brandon's Future

The Brandon Historic Preservation Commission announced the publication of the newly revised *Brandon Workbook*, and presented copies of the book to members of the Brandon Selectboard at their regular meeting, held Monday September 23.

The original book was published in 1986. Members of the two year old Brandon Historic Preservation Commission reviewed and revised the book to make the planning document available once more to townspeople, local government officials and businesses interested in revitalizing the downtown business district. The update includes photos and maps that reflect Brandon's changing downtown. Text highlights historic preservation recommendations which are aimed to preserve and enhance elements of Brandon's historic past.

The new volume was financed by federal funds made available to Brandon through the Certified Local Government program, administered by the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation.

The Brandon Workbook is available free of charge to interested individuals and groups submitting a letter of request to the Brandon Town Office. Address your letter of request to: Denise Mahoney, Brandon Town Offices, 49 Center Street, Brandon, VT 05733, ATTENTION: Brandon Workbook

Requests for Workbooks may also be made via email. Contact: dmahoney@sover.net Place "Attention Brandon Workbook" in the subject heading. Books are also available for pick up at the Town Offices at 49 Center Street in Brandon.

EVENTS

Smart Growth Conference.

The 2nd Annual New Partners for Smart Growth Conference, organized by the Local Government Commission and Penn State, will take place Jan. 30-Feb. 1 in New Orleans. Session topics include: smart codes, schools as neighborhood centers, greyfields and brownfields. Among the speakers: New Urbanist Peter Calthorpe, Mayor Joe Riley, and Mayor William Johnson, Jr. The National Trust is a co-sponsor. For more: www.outreach.psu.edu/C&I/SmartGrowth/.

OPPORTUNITIES

Preservation Week Poster Contest

The National Trust for Historic Preservation issued today a call for entries for its third annual Preservation Week 2003 Poster contest. Winning designs will be announced and displayed at the National Building Museum during Preservation Week 2003, May 5-12.

In 1971, the National Trust launched National Preservation Week as a way to showcase grassroots activity in communities nationwide. This year's theme, Cities, Suburbs and Countryside, underscores how the preservation ethic is

changing, broadening its focus from saving individual landmark buildings to tackling economic and quality of life issues in America's downtown business districts and inner-city neighborhoods, first-ring suburban neighborhoods and historic, natural and scenic landscapes.

Richard Moe, president of the National Trust, said, "Today, cutting-edge preservation and sustainable growth strategies are being used to ensure that the rich tapestry of America's past has a future. Preservation Week is the time to show how your community is working to preserve the unique historic places Americans know and love."

Contestants are encouraged to submit creative and original Preservation Week posters with lively and evocative images that celebrate wonderful historic places in America's Cities, Suburbs and Countryside - and how historic preservation helps save that heritage. Submissions must be postmarked no later than January 20, 2003.

Cash prizes of \$2000, \$1500 and \$1000 will be given to the top three winners. In addition, the first-place winner will receive airfare to Washington, DC, to participate in the National Trust's Preservation Week kickoff event on May 5, 2003. Posters by the three winners and ten honorable mentions will be displayed at the National Building Museum in Washington.

For more information on the poster contest, please send an email to preservationweek@nthp.org or call (202) 588-6037.

Preservation Leadership Training

June 14-21, 2003, York, Pennsylvania

Application deadline: April 2003

Preservation Leadership Training/Advanced

(PLT/A is open to individuals who have completed the seven-day Preservation Leadership Training)

"Organizational Excellence"

July 27-August 1, 2003, Grand Isle, Vermont

Application deadline: Friday, June 6, 2003

To add a name to our mailing list for PLT, please send the address to plt@nthp.org. There is more information about PLT on the web at <http://www.nationaltrust.org/plt> -- you can even download the brochure and application information there.

State Historic Preservation Grants

Applications are now available for the Division for Historic Preservation's barn restoration grant programs. The "Barn Grant" (agricultural buildings including barns, corn cribs, sheds etc.) applications are due at the Division office by 4:30 PM on January 11, 2002. Most of the grants are awarded for serious problems with roofs, framing, foundations or other parts of the building where continued deterioration is likely to cause more serious problems. The applications are not difficult to complete. Applicants need good cost estimates and photographs showing the building, its setting and the areas where work is proposed. If you have any questions or would like an application call Eric Gilbertson at 802-828-3043.

Preservation Education Institute: Workshop Schedule at a Glance

www.preservationworks.org

- January 18 and February 8, 2003 Did Mark Twain Really Sleep Here?
Learn to Write About Historic Buildings and Gardens
- February 28 - March 1, 2003 Historic Wooden Flooring
- May 16 - 17, 2003 Structural Evaluation and Repair: Masonry
- July 10 - 13, 2003 Historic Plaster Repair
- July 14 - 15, 2003 Paint: Historic and Contemporary Materials and
Practice (Date Confirmation Pending)
- July 16 - 17, 2003 Structural Evaluation & Repair: Timber Frame
Structures (Date Confirmation Pending)
- July 18 - 19, 2003 Introduction to Architectural Photography
- Date Pending Preservation Philosophy for People Who Maintain Old
Buildings
- Date Pending American Building Design and Technology
- Date Pending Repointing Brick Masonry
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