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VERMONT

A Great Conference!

Thank you everyone who came to the 9th annual Historic Preservation Conference in Barre last week. By all accounts it was a great success with 230 people in attendance!

While cleaning up after the unbelievable delicious Italian luncheon at the Labor Hall, a pair of eyeglasses were found on one of the tables. Description: oval lenses, dark blue wire-rim prescription eyeglasses stamped "Luxotica - made in Italy" and appear to be quite new (no scratches on lenses or frames). There was no case - just the glasses. Please contact Karen Lane if they are yours.
aldrich@helicon.net

Johanna Favrot Grant Awarded in Ludlow

The United Church of Ludlow received a \$10,000 Johanna Favrot Fund grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The church is the only Vermont project to receive a grant, and one of three grantees to receive the maximum award of \$10,000. The award is for architectural and engineer services for the life of the rehabilitation project (stated as a five year period). Included in the architectural services are measured drawings.

The church is a very impressive shingle-sided Colonial Revival church, built in 1892. Prominent features include circular corner tower with curved, multi-paned windows and colonnade supporting a conical roof. According to the VT HSSS the building was designed by NY architect, Edward Hapgood and built by Clinton Smith and J. T. Remington. The church houses an original 1898 Hutchins pipe organ. At one time, the town library was housed in the building. The building continues to be used for a wide range of community as well as ecclesiastical functions.

For more information about the Johanna Favrot fund, visit the National Trust website: <http://www.nationaltrust.org/help/grants.html>

Vermont Receives Environmental Excellence Award

On Tuesday, April 22, Environmental Excellence Award winners were announced by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) at an Earth Day ceremony at the U.S. Department of Transportation in Washington, DC. These biennial awards honor projects that go beyond environmental compliance and achieve environmental excellence. For 2003, 12 winners were selected from 134 nominations.

The Advisory Council for Historic Preservation (ACHP) and the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, along with the Vermont Division of the Federal Highway

Administration and the Vermont Agency of Transportation, were recipients of the Environmental Streamlining Award. The award was given in recognition of the success of Vermont's Programmatic Agreement and Manual on Section 106, "Review of Historic and Archaeological Resources in Federal-aid Highway Projects". The agreement streamlines the review of transportation projects and their impacts on historic and archaeological resources while simultaneously providing better protection for the resources. Key components of the agreement include early consideration of resources in the planning process and public involvement throughout the project. At a time where environmental streamlining is under scrutiny, this programmatic agreement serves as a model of success in stewardship.

Burlington Named one of a "Dozen Distinctive Destinations" for 2003

The National Trust for Historic Preservation's 2003 list of Dozen Distinctive Destinations recognizes Americans' increasing commitment to historic preservation. This year's communities have protected their heritage, and, as a result, created great places to visit and live.

Though each destination is different, all have one thing in common: They are exciting alternatives to more homogenized vacation spots. In each destination, residents have taken forceful, concrete actions to protect their town's character, to preserving their historic landmarks and revitalizing their downtowns. As a result, they're more than just great places to visit: they are models for communities across America who want to make preserving their past a vital part of their future.

To view the whole list: http://www.nationaltrust.org/dozen_distinctive_destinations/2003/

Certified Local Government (CLG) Projects Approved for Funding by the Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

The Certified Local Government program helps local governments integrate historic preservation and local planning. For more information, visit <http://www.dhca.state.vt.us/DHP/programs/clg.html>

Bennington - Downtown Design Assistance, Markers, and Preservation Training: \$1,230

This proposal is to fund Bennington's Downtown Design Assistance Program and Historic Plaque Program as well promote ongoing staff and board member education in historic preservation. The Design Assistance Program is a popular program that underwrites architectural and design services to all the buildings within Bennington's Design Review District. The Historic Plaque Program, which has been moribund for a few years, offers, bronze plaques to the owners of historic buildings in Bennington.

Burlington - Nominate Downtown Development District to National Register: \$8,675

The purpose of this proposal is to prepare a nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for a portion of Burlington's Designated Downtown District. The City will hire a 36 CFR-certified historic preservation consultant to finalize preliminary work completed by UVM Historic Preservation Graduate Students. This will include finalizing district boundaries, completion of the statement of significance and building descriptions, and all necessary photography to complete the national register nomination.

Hartford - Nominate West Hartford Village to the National Register: \$6,550

The Town of Hartford proposes hire a 36 CFR-certified historic preservation consultant to prepare a National Register rural historic district nomination for the West Hartford Village. West Hartford is the only one of the five villages of Hartford not listed on the National Register. The proposed district totals thirty-

eight properties and includes an 1832 High Federal Style Church, c.1884 schoolhouse, c.1805 Savage House, c.1790 Newton Farm and the West Hartford Store.

Mad River Valley - Historic Landscape Conservation Project: \$3,196

This purpose of this program to map and survey Fayston's mature roadside trees along its rural roads, create awareness and appreciation of these character defining landscape features, and work with the Town to develop a program to re-establish, maintain and protect them. The report will make recommendations on replacement species, planting priorities, and provide maintenance guidelines. The Rural Resource Commission is recommending this project in light of growing concern that the distinctive quality of narrow, unpaved roads is being lost and in response to the accelerated decline and removal of significant groups of roadside trees over the last five years.

Rockingham - Brochure Updates for Meeting House/Walking Tour, Basic Program, and Training: \$7,988

The purpose of the project is to fund a wide range of activities that celebrate, enhance, and preserve the Town's historic resources. These activities support the training and education for the Rockingham Historical Commission and CLG Coordinator position.

The grant would also fund the seventh year of the popular "Paint Your Lady" program the Old House Award programs and the Speaker Programs, and also support the updating of two brochures. One is the Rockingham Meeting House brochure, which is ten years old and does not note the National Historic Landmark status of the property. The quality of this brochure should be upgraded as well. The second is the Bellows Falls walking tour brochure, which is nine years old and does not include the Bellows Falls Neighborhood Historic District.

Shelburne MPDF -- Addendum for Shelburne Agriculture and Training: \$5,300*

*conditionally funded upon agreement to list farmstead(s) in National Register
The Town of Shelburne proposes to hire a 36 CFR-certified historic preservation consultant to prepare an Associated Historic Context for Shelburne Agricultural Resources that appends the Multiple Property Documentation Form (MPDF) for Agricultural Resources of Vermont. The proposed project will provide a detailed contextual history of agriculture in Shelburne and the specific history of five farms that are considered the most threatened. These properties are: the Eustace Thomas Farm, Broad Meadow Farm, Enoch Thompson's property, the Sutton Farm, and the Webster Farm.

Stowe -- State Survey Update and Training: \$4,898

Purpose of the project is to hire a 36 CFR-certified historic preservation consultant to update the inventory of historic structures within the town of Stowe, outside the boundaries of the Stowe Village National Register Historic District. The current state survey was completed in 1985 and consists of 160 historic sites. These sites will be re-assessed to determine whether they have retained their historic character and should continue to be included in the inventory. Additionally, the project will identify and inventory buildings that were not included in the survey either because they were missed or were not old enough at the time to be considered historically significant. This application also includes a request for funding to send the 7-member Stowe Historic Preservation Commission to the Historic Preservation Conference in May.

Williston -- Historic Home Repair Training and Commission Training: \$2,322

The purpose of this project is to hire preservation professionals to educate Williston historic homeowners about proper maintenance of their historic homes. Methods and products will include the following: printing and mailing the Williston's Design Review Guide to all residents of the village historic district;

sponsoring a historic home maintenance workshop series for all interested Williston residents; placing home improvement articles appropriate for historic buildings in the Williston. This grant will also support staff and commission training.

Windsor - Reconcile NR and Design Review District Boundary: \$6,500

The this purpose project is to hire 36 CFR-certified historic preservation consultant to help the Town reconcile the differences between its National Register District and the locally designated design review district. The Town made a commitment to the State Downtown Board to expand the Design Review District and to update and expand the National Register Districts within the designated downtown. The Town has secured a Municipal Planning Grant to assist in this process but there are not sufficient funds in the grant for the scope of work required of an historic preservation consultant or to print the documents that will be generated for community outreach.

FY 02 Project Summary for Second Round Grants FUNDED FY 02 PROJECTS

Rockingham - Survey -- Digital Survey Demonstration Project: \$7,500

The purpose of the project is to assist the Division for Historic Preservation in developing a new statewide digital survey methodology and database and to do a pilot survey in Rockingham to test it. The CLG grant will fund a consultant to develop a digital survey template, recommend survey field equipment, and train DHP staff and survey participants in how to use the template and equipment. The Division will fund equipment purchase, survey database development, and survey project coordinator from another source. The pilot survey will be an intensive level survey and will include development of historic context summaries for Rockingham and a survey report.

Williston - Info and Ed -- Annual CLG Training and Preservation Conference Support Project: \$4,900

The purpose of this project is to support the training costs associated with the Certified Local Government Training, held in conjunction with the Annual Preservation Conference in Barre. Specifically, the grant project will help underwrite conference expenses and reimburse the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions for costs associated with the CLG training.

Mad River Valley -- Pre-Development - Warren Municipal Building Feasibility Study*

Conditionally funded, project will receive remaining un-obligated balance of FY 02 CLG funds (anticipated award in the \$1-3,000 range).

The purpose of this project is to finish the necessary planning work for additions and improvements to the Warren Municipal Building and the attached public library. The current available space is insufficient to accommodate the current needs and the second story is not ADA compliant. Additional proposed work includes a) heating/ventilating, wiring and lighting upgrades b) historic windows conservation and c) asbestos abatement.

J. Kevin Graffagnino named new Director of Vermont Historical Society

A nationwide search for a Director of the Vermont Historical Society has come full circle with the appointment of J. Kevin Graffagnino, raised in Montpelier and former head of the University of Vermont Library's Special Collections. Currently the Executive Director of the Kentucky Historical Society, he is now "coming home."

His connections to the Vermont Historical Society are long and deep. Twenty-five years

ago, following his graduation from the University of Vermont with an M. A. in History, Graffagnino was invited to serve as a trustee of the Vermont Historical Society, the youngest individual to do so in the 165 year annals of the organization. He now becomes its ninth administrative head.

NATIONAL NEWS

Ten Percent Tax Credit Saved!

House and Senate conferees came to agreement recently on an economic stimulus tax package (H.R. 2) totaling \$350 billion, which excluded all "revenue-raiser" amendments – including one that would have eliminated the 10 percent non-historic rehabilitation tax credit. The House passed the conference report by a vote of 231-200 early Friday morning.

The conference agreement also included a reduction in the top rate of taxation on both dividends and capital gains to 15 percent, which is a good development for historic preservation because it doesn't force corporations to choose between paying dividends versus investing in historic rehabilitation and low-income housing tax projects.

The National Trust thanks all advocates that responded to this unexpected attack on one of the most important preservation incentives available for rehabilitating and restoring our nation's downtown areas and communities. Many of you responded with outstanding anecdotes of how the 10% credit has worked in your individual neighborhoods and communities, which we forwarded to key Members of Congress during the intense lobbying this week.

However, vigilance requires that advocates continue to forward your success stories to us so we can further document the tremendous benefit of the non-historic credit. This is especially important because once the credit has been identified as a potential "revenue-raiser," it in the congressional session. Please forward your success stories about the 10% credit to Carl Wolf at Carl_Wolf@nthp.org.

PUBLICATIONS & RESOURCES

Save Our Lands, Save Our Towns

In case you missed the inspiring and articulate keynote speech by Tom Hylton at the recent Historic Preservation Conference in Barre -- or if you'd like more information -- his book *Save Our Lands, Save Our Towns* is available for sale.

Save Our Land, Save Our Towns, by Thomas Hylton, with color photographs by Blair Seitz, is a coffee table book with a message. Designed to appeal to everyone from soccer moms to policy makers, it can be skimmed in 15 minutes or fully read in two hours.

The book vividly explains the relationship between sprawling development and declining cities. It provides attractive alternatives to the car-dependent lifestyle, and it shows how to reverse 50 years of sprawl.

In 1993, Hylton spent a year studying how 12 states, from Vermont to Oregon, have adopted statewide planning guidelines to promote real communities instead of suburban sprawl.

With the help of 152 full-color photographs and illustrations, Hylton shows how state planning guidelines can:

- Lower our cost of living
- Preserve our farms and forests
- Revive our cities
- Protect our environment
- Provide more secure, neighborly communities
- Provide equal opportunities for all our children

Now in its fourth printing, *Save Our Land* has been eagerly read by conservationists, farmers, city dwellers, and others looking for ways America can protect its cities, towns, and countryside.

Order the book now at your local downtown bookstore! Just give them the following information:

Save Our lands, Save our Towns by Thomas Hylton

Photography by Blair Seitz

\$29.95

ISBN 1-879441-44-6

8 1/2" by 11" glossy pages

152 full-color photos

128 pages; laminated cover with flaps

Save Our Land was published by RB Books/Seitz Galleries in partnership with Preservation Pennsylvania.

EVENTS

Robert Liberty, "The Oregon Planning Program: Lessons for Vermont". Friday, June 13, 1-4 pm, Vermont Statehouse, Montpelier

"Bold, new, controversial" -- these are some of the words used to describe Oregon's program for statewide land and resource planning. Since the early 1970s the program has drawn considerable attention and is hailed by many as the leading model in the nation for "smart growth".

Robert Liberty will speak with Vermonters on how the Oregon Program has affected job creation, economic development, health and the environment, Mr. Liberty will address community revitalization, affordable housing, alternative transportation, agriculture, and land conservation. He will also cover ways in which the Oregon Program may benefit Vermonters as it addresses "permit reform".

Mr. Liberty was the Executive Director of 1000 Friends of Oregon, the statewide non-profit advocate organization for the Oregon Planning Program. He is the former President of the National Growth Management Leadership Alliance. This year he was the recipient of a Loeb Fellowship from Harvard University. Mr. Liberty has brought his expertise, insight, and wit speaking on planning and smart growth issues from Maine to Florida, British Columbia to New Mexico and most of the states in between.

The program also includes an introduction to the activities of the Vermont Smart Growth Collaborative and lots of time for Q & A. The Vermont Smart Growth Collaborative members are: Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions; Conservation law

Foundation; Friends of the Earth; Housing Vermont, Inc.; Preservation Trust of Vermont; Vermont Businesses for Social Responsibility; Vermont Forum on Sprawl; Vermont Natural Resources Council; and Vermont Public Research Group. Co-sponsored by the Vermont Planners Association.

Vermont History Expo 2003: June 21-22, Tunbridge

Presented by the Vermont Historical Society, this year's Vermont History Expo is planned for the weekend of June 21-22, from 10am - 5pm, at the Tunbridge World's Fair Grounds.

Included in the weekend celebrations are:

- 100 Local Historical Society Exhibits
- 54 Heritage-Related Museums, Attractions, Conservation, Preservation and Service Organization Exhibits
- Community History Project and Vermont History Day 2003 Exhibits
- 28 Performances: Main Stage, Family Stage, At-the-Gazebo
- Expo-on-PARADE: Saturday, 1:00 pm
- Parade Preparation Craft Activities: Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - noon
- Prominent Vermonters Box Lunch Auction: Sunday, noon
- "Clara's Games:" on-going 19th-century games, family-oriented
- 8 Historical Presentations
- 8 Meet the Author/Book Signings
- Historic Preservation Demonstrations
- Vermont History Quest (Treasure Hunt)
- Genealogy Resources and Archives Center
- Living History Encampments: Revolutionary, Civil & Korean War
- Heirloom & Rare Breed Animals
- Vermont-Only Craft Show & Silent Auction
- >From Factory to Farm: VT Inventors and Manufacturers of Farm Equipment Exhibit
- Viewing of 19th Century One-Room School House
- Working 19th-century Blacksmith & Print Shops
- Antique Farm Equipment Exhibit
- Sutlers Row: Civil War Vendors
- Food Vendors

For lots more information, please visit the expo website:

<http://www.vermonthistory.org/expo/index.htm>

EDUCATION & TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Preservation Retreats

The Preservation Trust cordially invites community groups to participate in one of five retreats being offered at the Grand Isle Lake House this year.

- June 9, 10 (for churches)
- Aug. 5, 6 (emphasis on industrial heritage)
- Sept. 2, 3
- Oct. 14, 15

Participating groups should be prepared to present a 10- to 15-minute case study about a particular challenge or project they're working on, and to use the case study to frame a questions or problem that needs to be addressed in order to move a project along. The retreats are for sharing ideas, solving problems, and getting together with others who are working on similar kinds of projects. Check-in is at 3:00 and we finish by 2:00 the following afternoon. Cost is \$50/person for a shared room, \$75 for a single, and includes 3 meals. (There are a limited number of single rooms available on a first-come basis.) We are very grateful to the Gannett Foundation and Burlington Free Press for their generous support of the Grand Isle Lake House Retreats.

For more information or to talk about a possible project of case study, please e-mail. ann@ptvermont.org or doug@ptvermont.org. For a preview of the Grand Isle Lake House, visit our Web site http://www.ptvermont.org/grand_isle_lake_house.htm.

International Preservation Trades Workshop

The Preservation Trades Network (PTN) will hold its 7th annual International Preservation Trades Workshop (IPTW 2003), October 9-11, 2003 at the Blandair Farm historic site near Ellicott City, Maryland. IPTW 2003 is co-sponsored with PTN by the Howard County Department of Parks and Recreation. See dozens of demonstrations by highly-skilled preservation crafts persons, seminars and exhibits. More information about this year's IPTW is available at www.ptn.org, by e-mail at info@ptn.org, or by writing to Preservation Trades Network, Inc., PO Box 10236, Rockville, MD20849-0236. IPTW 2003 affords a unique hands-on opportunity to learn about historic preservation from the perspective of the traditional crafts person.

Preservation Education Institute: Workshop Schedule at a Glance

www.preservationworks.org

- 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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Migrations & Settlements in American History, offered June 23 - 27th at Lyndon State College

This institute is for educators who wish to increase their knowledge of the content and big ideas of American & Vermont history from the beginnings to the huge migrations at the turn of the 19th and 20th centuries. Special emphasis on the Connecticut River Valley.

This institute gathers teachers, museum educators, historians, and social scientists to deepen our understanding of America's long and varied history and to discover fascinating ways it can be taught.

For 3 graduate credits the cost is \$420 and includes a follow-up session in the fall. For others the institute is free. All participants receive free books and materials thanks to the

Flow of History Project.

To register, contact Bruce Richardson at barichar@zoo.uvm.edu or call 802-626-6798.

OPPORTUNITIES for EMPLOYMENT & VOLUNTEER WORK

Executive Director, Brattleboro

Building a Better Brattleboro, a strong non-profit downtown revitalization organization, is seeking an innovative leader to provide operational expertise. This position is responsible for sustaining a positive, dynamic commercial district that serves as an economic center for residents of Windham County. The successful candidate should have a knowledge of, or expertise in economic development, non-profit administration, special events, marketing and volunteer management with a minimum of 4 years of demonstrated management skills within a similar setting. Candidates must have a superior ability to be collaborative, flexible, enthusiastic, and responsive to the fast pace of a highly dynamic organization.

Brattleboro, Vermont is a vibrant community with a lively downtown. Voted #5 in the "100 Best Small Towns in America," the downtown core is a National Historic District with a thriving shopping district. The Connecticut River, borders the east side of Main Street and Mount Wantastiquet rises above every view looking east. Four-season outdoor recreation is almost limitless. Salary \$40-45K plus benefits package. Please send resume and salary history to: Executive Director Search, Build A Better Brattleboro, PO Box 961, Brattleboro, VT 05302.

GRANTS, FUNDING & AWARDS

Lake Champlain Basin Program, Technical Assistance Grants

The Lake Champlain Basin Program offers a Technical Assistance Program to provide assistance to municipalities and non-profit organizations working on cultural heritage projects in the Basin. Grants up to \$1,000 will be awarded to short-term projects supporting:

- Conditions, archaeological and engineering assessments
- Design assistance
- Museum mentoring
- Property interpretation
- State and National Register nominations

Projects are awarded on a competitive basis. Recipients are required to provide a cash or in-kind 1:3 match. The match requirement may be waived in situations where a resource is threatened and emergency is needed.

The TAP funds trained specialists at the beginning of a project, ensuring that resources are evaluated, treated and/or interpreted appropriately. This funding is primarily intended for professional services or reimbursement for actual costs incurred.

The deadline for applications is June 13, 2003. For an application form and more information, contact Jim Brangan, LCBP Cultural Heritage & Recreation Coordinator at 802-372-3213, or via email: jbrangan@lcbp.org

For a list of VMGA's Mentors who might be able to help you with your project, go to <http://www.vmga.org/aboutVMGA/mentor.html>

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