HONOR AWARDS REDUX - Due to winter weather that made travel treacherous for much of Missouri, our Honor Awards celebration scheduled for February 27 had to be postponed. Please make note of our rescheduled date: May 7, 2013. Please watch our web site and your mailbox for more information. If you’d like a sneak peek at our awards, visit the Honor Awards tab on our website. Thanks to our generous Honor Awards Sponsors, including Commerce Bank, Enhanced Historic Credit Partners, Murry’s Restaurant of Columbia, BKD LLP, Marsh & Company PA, RubinBrown LLP and St. Louis Equity Fund.

OUR SUPPORT

We are very thankful for the support of our great volunteer board of directors and our upper level members, who keep our organization going and help us realize the important mission of Missouri Preservation. We welcomed three new board members this year. Two architects, Joy Coleman and Rebecca Ward joined us and have both become active in our Field Services Committee. Joy is from the Kansas City area and is a partner at Treanor Architects. Rebecca is from Jackson and has her own architectural firm, Ward Architecture LLC. Paula Callihan joined us from the Joplin area, where she participates in the Joplin Historic Preservation Commission. Paula has joined our Membership Committee. Members who rotated off the board this year include George Esser from Sedalia, former Treasurer Derek Smith from the Springfield area, and Bob Yapp from Hannibal. Many thanks to all of these people for dedicating their time and talents to our organization.


CONFERENCE SAVE THE DATE AND CALL FOR SESSIONS

We are excited to announce that our 2013 Preservation Conference is scheduled for September 18-20 in historic Boonville, home of the renovated Hotel Frederick, the former Most Endangered and recently “saved” Katy Bridge - and now home to Missouri Preservation’s Administrative Office. Do you have an idea for a session, presentation, tour or workshop for our educational conference? Click here to
MISSOURI CONFERENCE ON HISTORY TO HOST SESSION ON MOST ENDANGERED LISTS

Highlight of the conference will be the opening and dedication of the historic Oliver-Leming House in Cape Girardeau

Missouri Preservation will be presenting a session on the use of lists of endangered historic places at this year's Missouri Conference on History, which is scheduled for March 21-22 in Cape Girardeau. Missouri Preservation’s Field Representative Bill Hart as former National Trust/Missouri Preservation Partner in the Field will present on Missouri’s Most Endangered. Landmarks Association of St. Louis’ Andrew Weil will present on St. Louis’s 11 Most Endangered, and Cape Girardeau’s Preservation Commission Chair Alyssa Phares Lage will present on Cape Girardeau’s List of Endangered Buildings. Certainly the highlight of the Conference will be the opening and dedication of the Oliver-Leming House, known as the “Flag House” because of its association with the origin of Missouri’s State Flag, which was created by Marie Elizabeth Watkins Oliver at the home and adopted by the State of Missouri in 1913. The home has been meticulously and painstakingly restored by Missouri Preservation’s own Mary Ann and Bert Kellerman, who are former and current board members, respectively.

DON’T MISS OUT ON THESE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES FROM THE NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

APPLICATIONS DUE MAY 5

• Cynthia Woods Mitchell Fund for Historic Interiors, awarding grants for the planning phases of interior restoration projects. Grants range from $2,500 to $10,000 and require a dollar-for-dollar match.
• Hart Family Fund for Small Towns, providing preservation planning and education grants to projects taking place in communities of fewer than 5,000 people. Grants range from $2,500 to $10,000 and require a dollar-for-dollar match.
• Johanna Favrot Fund for Historic Preservation, providing funding to deserving organizations demonstrating commitment to the protection of natural and cultural resources in the Mid-Atlantic region. Grants typically fall in the $1,000 to $2,000 range and no match is required.
• Henry A. Jordan, M.D. Preservation Excellence Fund, funding projects that foster an appreciation of our nation’s diverse cultural heritage and preserve and revitalize the livability of our nation’s communities. Preservation planning grants from this fund range from $2,500 to $10,000 and require a dollar-for-dollar match.

If you have questions about applying for these grants, contact the National Trust at grants@savingplaces.org or call 202.588.6277.
A few spaces are still available for this workshop - Click here to download the registration form

MISSOURI’S HISTORIC TAX CREDITS:
A REPORT FROM THE ALLIANCE FOR INVESTMENT, JOBS AND PRESERVATION IN MISSOURI

On Wed, March 7 the House Committee on Economic Development voted out a substitute bill that reduced the House-proposed cap on historic credits an additional $5 million. The original version of HB698 capped historic credits at $120 million – HCS/HB 698 drops that to $115 million. Although several members of the committee voiced concern and opposition to the amendment, it passed on a voice vote. The amendment was rolled into a House committee substitute and was voted out of the committee.

The substitute bill includes some language related to the administration of the program by the Department of Economic Development, but it was not the language that AUP and the industry desire. There was, for example, no reference to deadlines for issuance of the tax credits.

Legislators need to hear from us on this issue. This program is available for cities and towns in all parts of the state and it is awarded on the basis of the work done, not political connections or promise that may or may not come to pass. It really makes no sense to hamstring an economic development program that is working so well. Slashing this credit is only going to send major developers to other states, and make it harder for small projects to access what is often the only incentive available for small scale developments.

Take Action:

MISSOURI PRESERVATION’S LOCAL LIAISON PROGRAM

Missouri Preservation has developed its Local Liaison Program to better keep in touch with our preservation partners throughout the state. Through this program we hope to eventually identify a preservation “point person” in each of Missouri’s 114 counties, so that we can share information about important developments, advocacy programs, grants and fundraising ideas, and our Liaisons can have an open conduit with us to share concerns about emerging and pressing preservation issues. To date we have engaged a number of loyal volunteers. But we are in need of Liaisons in several Missouri counties. Among them are Adair, Andrew, Atchison, Audrain, Barry, Barton, Benton, Caldwell, Carroll, Crawford, Dade, Daviess, DeKalb, Dent, Douglas, Dunklin, Grundy, Harrison, Henry, Hickory, Holt, Howard, Knox, Laclede, Lewis, Moniteau, Polk, Pulaski, Putnam, Ray, Stoddard, Stone, Sullivan, Tenay, Vernon, Wayne, Webster and Wright. If you are willing to serve in this important capacity in your county, please contact our Field Representative, Bill Hart at mpfieldservices@yahoo.com or by calling him at 314.691.1941

A huge THANK YOU goes out to our existing network of preservationists who serve as our Local Liaisons!

DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN NOW DONATE OR RENEW YOUR MISSOURI PRESERVATION MEMBERSHIP ONLINE?

We now have a secure payment portal on our web site. Click below to transfer to our Paypal Link on the Membership Tab of our web site and help us preserve place and community for future generations!

***Save the Date***
2013 Missouri Statewide Preservation Conference
September 18-20, 2013

MP Intern, Samantha Kluesner
Contact your state legislators today, and ask your elected officials and local economic development organizations to do the same.

Don't have contact information for your state legislator? Look here: [http://www.moga.mo.gov](http://www.moga.mo.gov). Click on Joint Information, Member look-up.

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NEWS FROM OUR LOCAL PRESERVATION ORGANIZATIONS

The Historic Kansas City Foundation is accepting nominations to its Most Endangered List. To nominate a site in the greater Kansas City area, follow this link:


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Wheatley-Provident Hospital - KC’s Most Endangered

The Landmarks Association of St. Louis begins a lecture series, *Lost Neighborhoods of St. Louis* in April.

Lecture topics include Colonial and Early American St. Louis, the Gaslight Square Neighborhood, Chinese Neighborhoods, Pruitt-Igoe Public Housing Complex, the Lucas Place Neighborhood and the Common Fields. More information at:
Simmons Stable undergoing renovation in 2009

The Missouri Barn Alliance and Rural Network (Mo BARN) will hold its spring meeting at the Simmons Stables in Mexico on Saturday, March 16 at 10:00 am, followed by a history and tour of the Stables, then lunchtime together. More information at:

http://www.missouribarn.org

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