MISSOURI PRESERVATION E-NEWS

MOVING FORWARD - It's official. Missouri Preservation has a new office at the Historic Katy Depot in Boonville. This exciting move helps us to realize a monthly savings in our overhead, including a lower rent, shared resources that offer us savings in equipment costs, and for the first time in several years we are located in an historic building.

Moving "recruits" Tyler Peterson and his friend, Grady (top) assisted with the heavy lifting during Missouri Preservation's move to the Historic Katy Depot on August 25. Thanks also to our moving day friends Marion Smith, Karen Baxter, Dennis Hyland, Holly Peterson, Brad Wolf and Peter Wollenberg (bottom).

For now our mailing address will remain the same: Post Office Box 1715, Columbia, MO 65205-1715.
Please note our new street address and telephone: Historic Katy Depot, 320 First Street, Boonville, MO 65223 - Phone 660.882.5946. Call Administrator Holly Peterson to schedule your visit and tour of our new facility!

MOST ENDANGERED HISTORIC PLACES - A number of Missouri Preservation's Most Endangered sites have been in the news lately. The Cracker House Project in St. Joseph was awarded a $29,000 Save Our Heritage Grant from the St. Joseph Landmark Commission. The Grant, which requires a 200% match, will go toward restoring the house for use as a preservation incubator, offering best practices in renovation for local builders and homeowners, and could double as a house museum honoring the building's owner, Frank Sommer, and the local origins of the saltine cracker. The Route 66 Bridge: MoDOT has entered into a

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PRESERVATION RESOURCE DIRECTORY ONLINE

Members visiting our website will now find it easier to find a local accountant, architect, historic consultant, engineer developer or preservation-friendly business by consulting our PRESERVATION RESOURCE DIRECTORY

Offered as a perk of upper level membership and giving, you can find it on our home page at www.preservemo.org

DON'T FORGET - ANNUAL STATEWIDE HISTORIC PRESERVATION CONFERENCE, TO BE HELD IN UNIVERSITY CITY OCTOBER 24-26. THE CONFERENCE WEBSITE IS NOW UP AND RUNNING. CLICK HERE TO VISIT THE SITE AND MAKE YOUR RESERVATION:

www.preservemoconference.org

CONFERENCE BROCHURES SHOULD BE IN THE MAIL BY SEPTEMBER 15

Find information also on the CONFERENCE tab on our website www.preservemo.org
programmatic agreement with Great Rivers Greenway and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to resolve long-term public use and ownership of the Bridge. MoDOT has agreed to retain ownership of the bridge until 2016 and will be contributing funds from its $600,000 demolition budget to remove the concrete deck from the structure. The heavy concrete deck is thought to be the primary threat to the structural integrity of the bridge as it sits currently, and improve its chances of long-term preservation. If renovated, the most likely use will be for pedestrian and bicycle traffic. On July 20 Missouri Preservation welcomed several new members to Poplar Bluff’s Castle House where new owner Mark Long conducted tours of the fabulous renovation-in-progress.

Truly a phoenix: Before and “During” Photographs of Poplar Bluff’s Castle House reveal the house’s original shingles and a renovated front porch showing a design more compatible with the original design for the house.

Not all news of our Endangered Historic Places, however, has been positive. In July, after discovering severe structural defects, Kansas City officials proceeded with demolition of the Pouncey Building, which had recently been placed on the List. Additionally, the Rock Hill Presbyterian Church was taken down and the unnumbered building stones placed in piles near Foristell, where they will purportedly be used to construct a chapel for a local winery. The original site of the Church will be used for a U-Gas filling station. The Fairfax House was moved (again) to a remote corner of the U-Gas property at the corner of Manchester and McKnight Roads in St. Louis County.

Most Endangered Chairperson, Penny Pitman has been working on ways to better support and advocate for our Most Endangered properties. Watch for news soon.

$3.1 M TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT FUNDS AVAILABLE THROUGH MoDOT - DEADLINE NOVEMBER 5

The Missouri Department of Transportation Central District has funding available for projects that enhance Missouri’s transportation system. Local nonprofit and government agencies in mid-Missouri have until November 5 to apply for the funding.

The federal funds are designated for community-based projects that enhance the transportation experience by improving cultural, historic, aesthetic, and environmental aspects of transportation infrastructure.

“Eligible projects can include bicycle and pedestrian facilities, streetscape improvements or other projects that improve the community’s transportation experience,” said MoDOT Transportation Planning Specialist Dion Knipp. “These funds cannot be used for highway construction.”

Additional details about eligible projects can be found on www.enhancements.org. Approximately $3.1 million is available to communities.

To obtain an application or for more information, contact the MoDOT Customer Service Center toll free at 888-ASK-MoDOT (275-6636) or log onto www.modot.org/central.

ALSO THROUGH MoDOT:

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL FUNDS

The Missouri Department of Transportation is seeking projects to be funded with federal Safe Routes to School “SRTS” funds. Applications are due by the end of business day November 5, 2012. Projects will be selected by a statewide committee of transportation professionals, education professionals, health department officials, and walking/bicycling advocates. Awards will be announced in January 2013.

The SRTS program is a unique program offering up to 100% federal funding focused on providing infrastructure, safety improvements, ADA improvements, safety education, and encouragement for children to walk to school safely. Eligible projects must be located within a 2-mile radius of a grade school (K-8). Funding for the program is split into two different funding categories:

- Infrastructure projects including but not limited to - Sidewalk improvements, crosswalks, bicycle facilities, etc
- Non infrastructure projects including but not limited to - walk to school promotional programs, walking school bus programs, bicycle / pedestrian safety education, etc.

The application for SRTS funding is an electronic form. For the 2012 SRTS Administrative Guidelines and instructions on how to access, complete, and submit the SRTS application please visit http://www.modot.mo.gov/safety/SafeRoutesToSchool.htm. If you did not utilize this electronic application system for the last call for projects and need to get a username and password; Please complete the attached form and return to: Donna Roeve via e-mail at Donna.Roeve@modot.mo.gov or fax to: ATTN: Donna Roeve 573-526-3261

For more information on Missouri’s Local Program, please visit MoDOT’s local public agency website at http://www.modot.mo.gov/business/lpa/lpamanual.htm

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Board Member Bob Yapp and his wife Pat will be opening their fabulous historic home to a group of selected guests in Hannibal on October 13 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. for a private cocktail party in honor of Missouri Preservation. Known as the Lamb Mansion, the property is located at 521 Bird Street and is included in the Central Park Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places. The Yapps acquired the house several years ago and have done many renovations. This is the first time the house will be open to the public in as many years. The event is free to Missouri Preservation members at the Preservationist Level or higher. Reserve your place at the party by calling our office at 660.882.5946.

INTENSIVE MASONRY WORKSHOP AND HISTORIC WINDOW BOOT CAMP NOVEMBER 7-11, 2012

Missouri Preservation, Pishny Restoration Services, Preservation Resources, Inc., and Friends of Historic Arrow Rock will be sponsoring two separate, concurrent workshops in the National Historic Landmark town of Arrow Rock November 7-11, 2012. The subject property is the Miller-Bradford House, which is located within the NHL District.

The first workshop will be held November 7-8 and will deal with restoration of the masonry wall on the rear of the house. Cost of the Masonry Workshop will be $150.

The second workshop will be an Historic Window Boot Camp and will run from November 9-11. In this portion attendees will restore windows in the house from removal to re-installation. Cost of this workshop will be $250.

Daily lunches will be included in the cost of both of these workshops. Attendees who participate in both workshops will receive a $50 discount. Watch the web site and our e-news for more information.

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.

Starting with this issue of our e-news, we will be incorporating Local Liaisons News into this electronic publication. Individual alerts will be sent out as a separate email to our Liaisons. A huge THANK YOU goes out to our existing network of preservationists who serve as our Local Liaisons!

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FROM THE FIELD: THE GERALD SCHOOL BUILDING

We were pleased to offer assistance when contacted recently by a concerned citizen in Gerald in Franklin County. The inquiry was about the historic 1910 Gerald School Building, which is owned by the local historical society. Having reached the point where they had only four active members, the historical society was looking to disband, and had offered the building to the Park Board, which sought bids to demolish the building. Luckily ONE person thought about the possibility that the school building might offer more opportunities than an empty lot to contribute to the economic vitality and quality of life in Gerald.

The following day, Missouri Preservation Field Representative Bill Hart went to Gerald to speak with the Park Board. He offered that and empty lot would never offer the town much in the way of property taxes, since unimproved lots are worth much less than ones with buildings on them. Another meeting attendee offered that the building might be suitable for a Bed and Breakfast, and that this might be a good potential reuse, given that a “wine trail” is being established in the area and there is a lack of adequate lodging for heritage tourists. Our Field Representative chimed in that, since the building is historic, it might be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places and therefore eligible for Historic Preservation Tax Credits to a potential redeveloper.

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As a result of our appeal, two more people volunteered to serve as historical society members so that they could retain ownership of the building for at least an additional six months to explore the building's potential. Soon after the meeting we received preliminary word from the State Historic Preservation Office that the building is potentially eligible for National Register listing. We will continue working with the Gerald Historical Society to help market the building to a new owner. Interested? Call our Field Representative, Bill Hart, at 314.691.1941