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# Missouri Preservation News

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## Pre-Conference WORKSHOP: *Historic Tax Credits*

A special pre-conference workshop on Historic Tax Credits: Advanced Technical Training will be held at the State Archives Building at 600 West Main in Jefferson City, MO on Thursday, October 18, 2007, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. John Sandor, Architectural Historian from the National Park Service will be present to discuss the historic tax credit program. Other speakers will include Matt Nordmann with St. Louis Equity Fund, John Cook with BKD, Carl Desenberg with Poisinelli, Shalton, Flanigan and Suelthaus, representatives from the Department of Economic Development and State Historic Preservation Office. The flyer for the pre-conference workshop can be found on our website at [www.preservemo.org](http://www.preservemo.org). A separate registration is required.

*We gratefully acknowledge Stark, Wilson, Duncan Architects, Inc. as sponsors for this special workshop.*



## *Annual Statewide Conference to be Held in October*

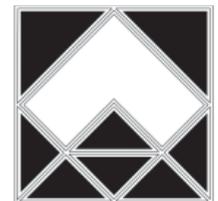


Bob Priddy, News Director of The Missourinet, is slated to be the featured keynote speaker at the Missouri Statewide Preservation Conference this fall. The conference will be held in Jefferson City, Missouri on October 18-21, 2007. Mr. Priddy is well-known throughout Missouri for his daily radio program, ACROSS OUR WIDE MISSOURI. He is an historian who has written four books which focus on Missouri history. His fourth book, *Only the Rivers Are Peaceful: The Missouri Mural of Thomas Hart Benton*, is a biography of the 20th century artist and his great painting at the Missouri Capitol. Priddy has been recognized for his distinguished

journalism career and in 2002 received the University of Missouri School of Journalism Honor Medal, the school's highest honor.

Three tracks of educational sessions will be offered at the conference on Friday and Saturday, including sessions on the decommissioned Missouri State Penitentiary, the story of Lincoln University, and preservation of stone grave markers. The range of information available will be technical training for the preservation professional to introductory sessions for the preservation novice. On Thursday afternoon, an historic government buildings tour is available for participants and local tours of Jefferson City will be held on Saturday afternoon. The Opening Reception will be held on Thursday evening at an historic home in Moreau Heights. On Friday afternoon, a special reception will be held at the Missouri Governor's Mansion for the benefit of its ongoing preservation. On Saturday morning, an awards ceremony will take place to honor Jefferson City preservationists and projects. For a copy of the brochure, visit our website at [www.preservemo.org](http://www.preservemo.org).

We owe special thanks to our Conference Partner, Klitzing-Welsch Associates of St. Louis, MO. Our CLG Partner is the City of Jefferson City, which we gratefully acknowledge for their assistance with this conference. We also note that the State Department of Historic Preservation of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources has partially funded this conference through an Historic Preservation Fund Grant in conjunction with the National Park Service as noted in our conference brochure.



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# Missouri's Most Endangered Historic Places List for 2007

**M**issouri Preservation announced its Most Endangered Places List for 2007 on May 15, 2007. In observance of National Preservation Month, the slate of endangered sites was unveiled at a Missouri Preservation Press Conference held at the historic Mullanphy Emigrant Home in St. Louis, Missouri, which is on the 2007 List of Most Endangered Historic Places. The Most Endangered Historic Places Program, one of Missouri Preservation's most visible programs, brings much needed attention to the state's most threatened historic resources. Modeled after the highly successful program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Most Endangered Program annually spotlights historic resources throughout the state that are "at risk." Each year Missouri Preservation solicits nominations from around Missouri, evaluates the merits of the submissions, and announces the "Most Endangered." During the year, Missouri Preservation provides technical assistance, advocacy, and planning support for those properties on the Most Endangered List.

Seven sites were held over from the 2006 list. These were held over because they are still considered endangered and continue to need efforts to save them from destruction or deterioration. Three properties are new to the 2007 list: McCarty St. Houses, Ralls County Jail, and Yetter Building.

The 2007 List is as follows:

1. **Odd Fellows Home**  
Clay County
2. **The Baker House**  
St. Francois County
3. **MKT Bridge**  
Cooper/Howard County
4. **Courthouses Across Missouri**  
Statewide
5. **Poplar Bluff Historic Depot & Stairs**  
Butler County
6. **Martinsburg Jail/City Hall/Firehouse**  
Audrain County
7. **Mullanphy Emigrant Home**  
St. Louis City
8. **McCarty Street House - NEW** ▶  
Cole County
9. **Ralls County Sheriff's Office - NEW** ▶  
Ralls County
10. **Yetter Building - NEW**  
Worth County

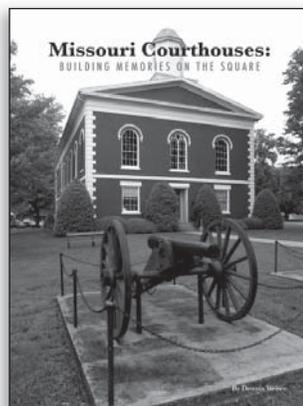


McCarty Street House



Ralls County Sheriff Office and Jail

## Missouri Courthouse Book In Stock!



**M**issouri Courthouses: Building Memories on the Square, which provides a photographic record of the state's county courthouses, has arrived and is available for shipping! Missourians will be interested in the book's discussion of local and architectural history illustrated with more than 300 color and historic black-and-white photographs. Author and photographer Dennis Weiser includes entries that record a collection of facts, people and events that helped shape each of Missouri's 114 counties. Missouri Courthouses celebrates these buildings as symbols of civic pride and as monuments to tradition. To purchase a copy for \$39.95 plus \$6.00 for shipping and handling, or to learn more about preservation in Missouri visit [www.preservemo.org](http://www.preservemo.org) or call Missouri Preservation at 573-443-5946.

# Missouri Preservation 2007 Honor Awards

On March 8, 2007, Governor Matt Blunt presented the 2007 Rozier Award to Nancy Brown Dornan at the 2007 Annual Missouri Preservation Honor Awards Ceremony held in the State Capitol Rotunda. Governor Blunt acknowledged the importance of historic preservation projects to the State of Missouri which have utilized the historic rehabilitation tax credit, noting that they “not only enhance the architectural beauty of our state, but also create jobs, increase tourism, and generate revenue for local governments.” Governor Blunt also remarked that since he took office the state has “approved nearly 400 projects and issued state credits amounting to more than 185 million dollars.” Following remarks by the Rozier recipient, Nancy Brown Dornan, eleven additional awards were presented by the legislators from the district where the project was located. Below is a list of the 2007 honorees:

Nancy Brown Dornan, *Rozier Award*, Greene County  
 Warren & Katherine Head, *McReynolds Award*, Marion County  
 Old Boyd Plantation & Towne Park, *McReynolds Award*, St. Charles County  
 Ste Genevieve Memorial Cemetery, *McReynolds Award*, St. Genevieve County  
*Henry Shaw's Victorian Landscape: The Botanical Gardens & Tower Grove Park* by Dr. Carol Grove, *Osmund Overby Award*, Boone County  
 Corinthian Hall, *Preserve Missouri Award*, Jackson County  
 Howard & Gentry Buildings-City of Columbia, *Preserve Missouri Award*, Boone County  
 Louis J. & Harriet Rozier House\*, *Preserve Missouri Award*, Jefferson County  
 Longview Farm Elementary Partnership, *Preserve Missouri Award*, Jackson County  
 104 Market Street\*, *Preserve Missouri Award*, Howard County  
 Security Building\*, *Preserve Missouri Award*, City of St. Louis  
 Southeast Missourian Building\*, *Preserve Missouri Award*, Cape Girardeau County

Highlights from the 2007 Ceremony are featured on our website, [www.preservemo.org](http://www.preservemo.org). Missouri Preservation gratefully acknowledge sponsors of this special event: Commerce Bank, Spencer, Fane, Britt & Browne, LLP, Marsh and Company, PA, Murry's Restaurant. The Rozier and McReynolds Awards are made possible through the generosity of Mrs. Elizabeth Rozier.

\* Projects made possible in part by Missouri Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits.



Governor Blunt Speaks at the 2007 Honor Awards



Governor Blunt Presents the Rozier Award to Nancy Brown Dornan

## Call for Nominations for 2008 Honor Awards

Missouri Preservation requests your nominations for the 2008 Missouri Preservation Honor Awards. A nomination form is included on page 6 of this newsletter. Nominations must be postmarked by November 5, 2007. The awards ceremony is scheduled for March 2008.



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## Grants for Historic Public Buildings/County Courthouses

The Missouri Heritage Properties Program will be granting money to preserve Missouri's heritage and revitalize historic downtowns. Administered by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), information may be obtained by visiting their website. The initial phase of this effort to preserve historic public buildings will give priority to historic county courthouses. This program provides a financial incentive for the preservation of important historic properties that currently cannot benefit from other assistance such as the state and federal tax credits. For more information on Governor Blunt's announcement of this program and the grant requirement, please click on the State Historic Preservation Office link on our website, [www.preservemo.org](http://www.preservemo.org).

(From MO DNR SHPO Web site)

## Partners in the Field Challenge Grant

The National Trust for Historic Preservation has announced a challenge grant opportunity called *Partners in the Field*.

This grant is designed to expand the delivery of field services across the country by building capacity of statewide and local preservation organizations to provide these services on the ground, and by building their long-term capacity for philanthropy to sustain their preservation work. This grant program is a collaboration between the National Trust for Historic Preservation and Statewide & Local Partners.

A philanthropist and friend of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Robert Wilson, funded a generous challenge gift of \$5 million. The gift requires a financial match, with the potential to generate a total of \$10 million for preservation field

services over a five-year period, starting with the launch of the program on October 1, 2007.

Grants are for a minimum of \$60,000, up to a maximum of \$200,000 over a three year period subject to demand and the number of grant proposals submitted. The minimum matching gift for the match is \$10,000, payable over a period of up to three years. Gifts must be cash or convertible to cash. Gifts may be from individuals, corporations, or foundations. Pledges and contributions received after October 1, 2007 are eligible.

Missouri Preservation, a Statewide Partner to the National Trust for Historic Preservation, will be submitting a letter of intent to apply for this funding.

(From NTHP PIF Grant Announcement)

# 2008 Preservation Honor Awards

## Call for Nominations

**Missouri Preservation recognizes individuals, groups and organizations that have contributed to the preservation of Missouri's rich and diverse collection of historic resources. Help us recognize someone in your community!**

*The awards will be presented in a special ceremony which will take place in March 2008 at the Missouri State Capitol. The event will include a formal awards ceremony in the Capitol Rotunda, followed by a reception for attendees. Missouri legislators will be on hand to help present the awards and to gain firsthand knowledge of the important role historic resources play in all areas of the state.*

## The Awards

### *The Rozier Award*

Named in honor of Elizabeth Rozier, one of the founding members of Missouri Preservation and a noted Jefferson City Preservationist, the Rozier Award was established to recognize individuals who have made significant achievements in the field of historic preservation in Missouri. This is Missouri Preservation's most prestigious annual award.

### *The McReynolds Awards*

The McReynolds Awards, named in honor of Mrs. Elizabeth McReynolds Rozier, are given annually to encourage individuals or groups who have made significant achievements in the field, or are in the midst of an important preservation project. The McReynolds Awards are among the most important awards given out each year by the organization.

### *Osmund Overby Award*

The Overby Award was established in 2003 to recognize published works which contribute to the documentation and interpretation of Missouri's architectural history. It is named in honor of Dr. Osmund Overby, Art History Professor Emeritus and former head of the historic preservation program at the University of Missouri, Columbia. Dr. Overby is a nationally recognized leader in historic preservation.

### *The Preserve Missouri Awards*

Presented for the first time in 2000, the Preserve Missouri awards recognize outstanding efforts and projects around the state. Suggested categories include, but are not limited to: Commercial Revitalization, Historic Landscape Preservation, Institutional/Civic Building Restoration, Neighborhood Revitalization, Residential Rehabilitation, and Rural Preservation.

All award recipients also receive a one year free membership to Missouri Preservation.

**Nominations must be postmarked by November 5, 2007.** Winners and nominators will be notified by mail after the selection process is completed. The award ceremony will be held in early March 2008.

**NOMINATE SOMEONE IN YOUR COMMUNITY TODAY!**

See application form. Call the Missouri Preservation office for more information.

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# 2008 Preservation Honor Awards

**Nominations must be postmarked no later than November 5, 2007.**

Winners and Nominators will be notified by mail.

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*Please name contact person information, should the nominee (project) receive an award:*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Award for which nominee is to be considered (check one).*

THE ROZIER AWARD

THE McREYNOLDS AWARD

THE PRESERVE MISSOURI AWARD

OSMUND OVERBY AWARD

(Several awards will be given in this category)

**Please write a concise narrative (1 page) about the project, organization, or individual being nominated. Submit a maximum of two pages of additional information that is pertinent. Please include 8 copies of your completed nomination form. Please do not include binders or folders.**

## Also enclose with this form:

\* Enclose **1** set of original print photographs (4X6) to illustrate the nomination (Color allowed) and **8** photocopies of the photos.

\* Nominations for the Osmund Overby Award should include at least **1** copy of the publication and seven copies of an excerpt of up to 10 pages of the work.

\* Winners may be asked to submit additional photographs for the Awards Ceremony.

**NOTE: Photographs & support materials become the property of Missouri Preservation and will not be returned.**

Return this form to:

**Awards Program**

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For information, call or e-mail the Missouri Preservation office: (573) 443-5946, or preservemo10@yahoo.com.

September 17, 2007  
 Message from the President

### Thoughts on Lake Havasu

Recent talk about moving one of Missouri's bridges to another location has reminded me of an odd subject that I have often thought about in the past. While I know nothing about the more recent proposal and, therefore, am not able to comment further, I have long been intrigued by the bizarre, if not surrealistic, visage of the London Bridge spanning a lake in the western desert of Arizona. The London Bridge in Arizona?

That can't be the bridge that I know. The London Bridge that I know has a long and rich history. I have vague memories of old movies in which sword-fighting armies battled across the River Thames, as some English king was being deposed. Those movies were set centuries ago. Actually, such old movies might not really exist, for, as I said, my memories are vague, but the image is real, nonetheless. Besides, the bridge in those movies might have been the 1st or 2nd London Bridge, certainly not the 3rd one, of which I write.

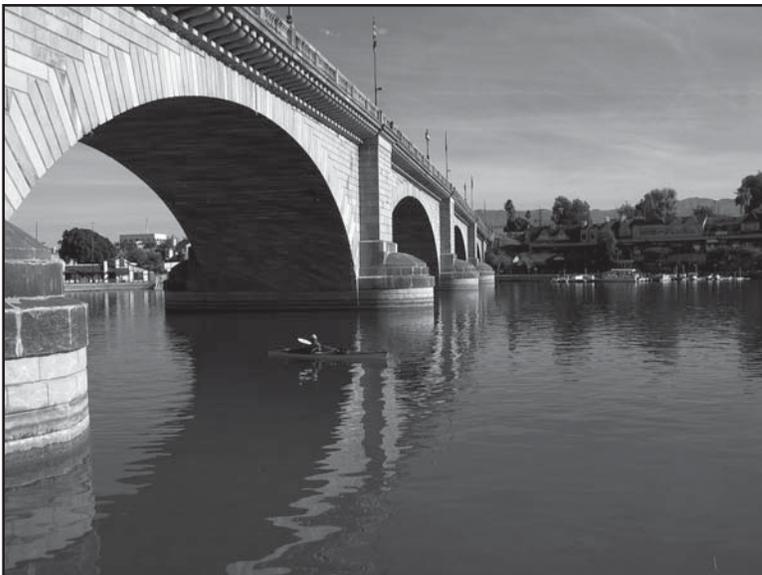
I also remember, as a youngster, singing, "London Bridge is Falling Down", as I played some game, the purpose of which escapes me. The origin of that children's song might also have something to do with an earlier manifestation of the London Bridge, but I knew then, even as a very young lad, that the bridge that may or may not have been falling down was in London, England.

I have also seen, or have vague memories of seeing, both real and cinematic recreations of the London Bridge standing defiantly, along with its cousin, Big Ben, during the dark months of the Battle of Britain, at the outset of World War II. While I have to rely on films or memories of films for most of my London Bridge images, (I was four years old when I was last in London.) history will bear me out that a version of the London Bridge did exist for centuries and played a significant role in the development of one of the world's great cities.

After having said this about a famous bridge in England, I come to the matter of a bridge in Lake Havasu, Arizona. The bridge that I speak of is a truly beautiful structure, a classic Romanesque form that seems to rise up out of the desert. It is a joy to see, as it spans across a flat lake, in a relatively barren landscape. This bridge, in Lake Havasu, is called the London Bridge. Indeed, it used to be the London Bridge. (The third one that was built in 1831 and relocated in 1973.) But, if I were to stand at the center of the span, I would see.....a small, peaceful resort community in a desert environment far removed from the history I speak of. I would not envision fighting armies or, Jack the Ripper, Professor Moriarity or Mr. Hyde (fictitiously) fleeing from the whistle-blowing bobbies in the dense fog of night. I would not see the flash of the V-2 bombs, nor the hustling masses of Londoners going about their business in a densely crowded city, in horse-drawn carriages or riding big red double-decker busses, although I'm willing to bet that there is at least one of the latter in Lake Havasu. What I would see is a gimmick and a successful tourist attraction. But I wouldn't see context. Context, as in history.

Perhaps Lake Havasu's London Bridge is an extreme example of loss of context when a historic structure is moved from its original site, but I think of this anomaly whenever I hear of such proposals. We have the ability to move almost anything. (Imagine moving millions of tons of stone over 10,000 miles by sea and then trucking it across hundreds of miles of California desert and stacking them all back together again, as if they had never moved.) Although it may be necessary, in certain cases, to save a historic structure for future generations by relocating them, we have not yet figured out how to move "context" and, until we do, something will always suffer when a structure is removed from its initial setting and a major part of the "historic" is removed from the "preservation."

Jeff Brambila, President





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## *Happy Birthday, Mrs. Rozier!*

**M**rs. Elizabeth McReynolds Rozier will celebrate her 100th birthday on October 23, 2007. Mrs. Rozier was a founding member of Missouri Heritage Trust (Missouri Preservation's former name) and served as its President. She continues to serve as an advisory board member for Missouri Preservation. Mrs. Rozier was described by Dr. Osmund Overby as "an amazing pioneer in historic preservation in Jefferson City." Mrs. Rozier initiated the Annual Preservation Honor Awards by serving as the benefactor for the Rozier and McReynolds Awards, which carry her name. We wish her a special day and thank her for all that she has accomplished for historic preservation over this past century!



Mrs. Elizabeth Rozier with the 2007 Rozier Award Winner Nancy Brown Dorman