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WHAT WE DO... Missouri Preservation advocates for, educates about, and assists in the preservation of the architectural and historic landmarks that embody Missouri's unique heritage and sense of place.

WHO WE ARE... Founded in 1976 as the Missouri Heritage Trust, Missouri Preservation has evolved into a respected grassroots network of individuals, organizations and preservation commissions throughout Missouri. We are united in our efforts to preserve the rich and diverse cultural and historic resources of the "Show Me" state.

OUR PRIMARY PROGRAMS...

- Preservation Advocacy
- Honor Awards, our annual recognition of exemplary preservation projects and best practices in preservation.
- Missouri Preservation Conference
- Places in Peril, our annual list of endangered historic places in Missouri.

For more information on Missouri Preservation events and happenings, be sure to become a member!

Learn more about us by visiting
www.preservemo.org

WANT TO GET MORE INVOLVED WITH MISSOURI PRESERVATION?



Consider joining
our board or getting
involved with a
committee!

Look for one of our
board members at the
conference to learn
more.

Monday

	Foyer	Mother Road	Main Street of America	
9:00	Registration	Cowan Center Opens for Registration Coffee & Refreshments Available		
10:30 - 11:45		Building Your Preservation Advocacy Wheelhouse	Resurrecting a Capitol Avenue Landmark	Route 66 Museum [TOUR] Meet Group in Cowan Center Foyer (Ticket required)
12:00 - 1:45		LUNCH ON YOUR OWN See Registration Packet for a List of Nearby Options		
2:00 - 3:00		The Road to Spencer Station – Bringing Back a Route 66 Icon		
		3:00 - 3:15 Refreshment Break		
3:15 - 4:30		Preserving the Last of Camp Joy	Now & Then: Restoration of the Tower Grove Park Victorian Pavilions	
4:30 - 6:30		Classic Cars & Food Trucks Cowan Center Expo Hall Hosted by Lebanon-Laclede County Route 66 Society		
6:30		FREE SCREENING Route 66: The Main Street of America Cowan Civic Center Theater		

Schedule at a Glance

Tuesday

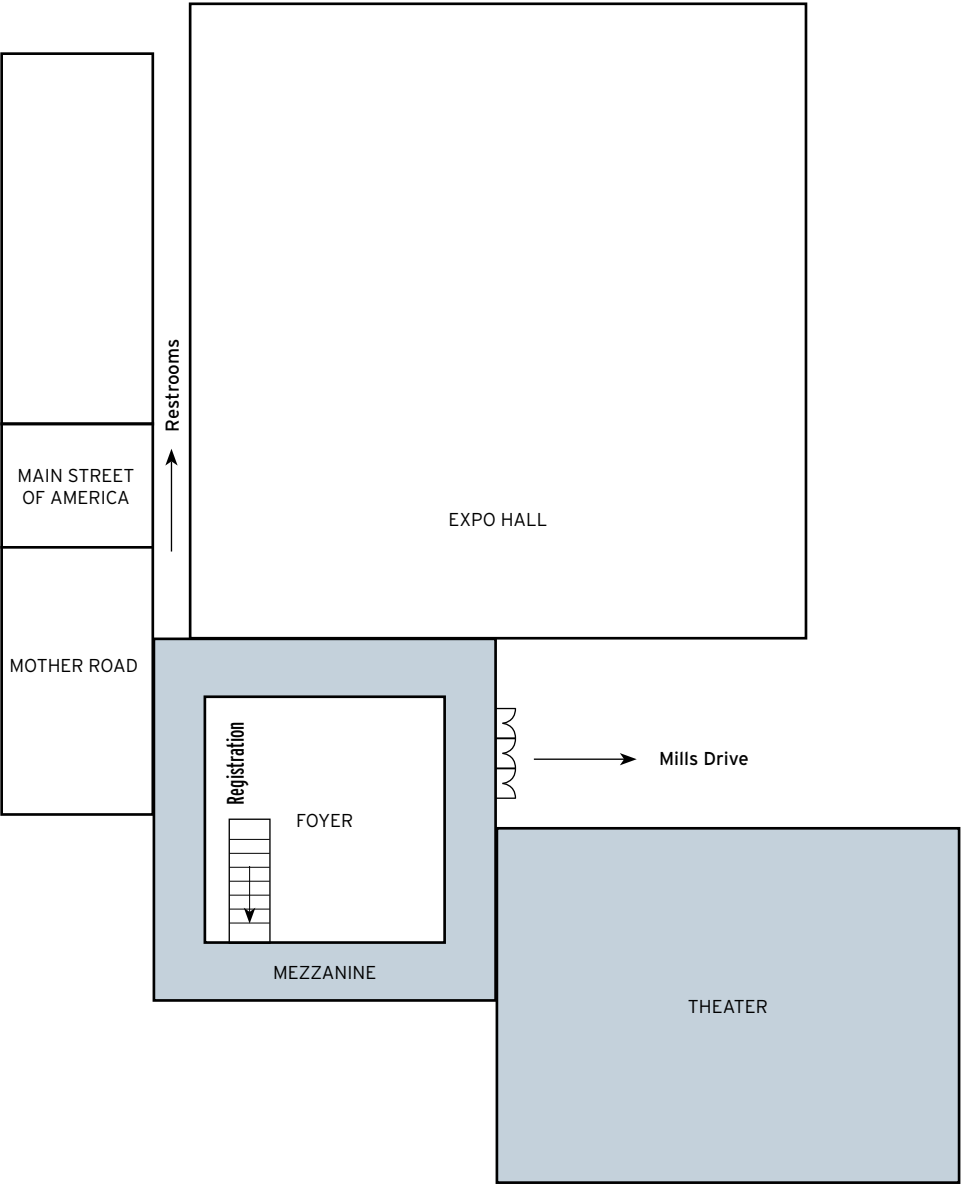
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8:00	Registration	Trade Show			
9:00 - 10:15			Lincoln Logs: Restoration of Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site	Fake It 'Till You Make It: Imitation Building Materials in Historic Preservation	
			10:15 - 10:30 Refreshment Break (Foyer)		
10:30 - 11:45			KEYNOTE Cowan Center Theater The Next 100 Years: Continuing the Legacy of Route 66		
12:00 - 1:30			Lunch on Your Own See Registration Packet for a List of Nearby Options		
2:00 - 3:00			Successes & Challenges in historic Bridge Research	The Enigma of New Bourbon	Understanding Historic Mortars [DEMO] Meet Group in Cowan Center Foyer (Ticket required)
			3:00 - 3:15 Refreshment Break (Foyer)		
3:15 - 4:30			Preserving Route 66 History in Missouri at SHSMO	Utilizing Low Income Housing Tax Credits for Historic Preservation	
5:00					
5:30 - 7:00			Mingle at Bennett Spring State Park 26266-26276 MO-64A Lebanon, MO 65536 Transportation not provided.		

Wednesday

	Foyer	Mother Road	Main Street of America	Legacy Center	
8:00	Registration	Trade Show			
9:00 - 10:15			Reassembling History: The Reconstruction of the Essen Log Cabin in Wildwood, MO	The Road Less Traveled: Saving Historic Properties Through Section 106	The Art of Faux Graining [WORKSHOP] Meet Group in Cowan Center Foyer (Ticket required)
		10:15 - 10:30 Refreshment Break (Foyer)			
10:30 - 11:30			Three Ways to Save Historic Buildings Before They Are Endangered		
Please relocate to Mills Center directly following 11:30 session at Cowan Center					
12:00 - 1:30	State of Preservation Luncheon Mills Center 650 Mills Drive Lebanon, MO 65536 Transportation not provided; Mills Center is just across the fairgrounds from the Cowan Center. See map on following pages.				
2:00 - 4:30	During this time, board members & staff of Missouri Preservation will available at the Mills Center for those interested in getting more involved with the future of the organization!			The Art of Faux Marbling [WORKSHOP] Meet Group in Mills Center (Ticket required)	

Kenneth E. Cowan Civic Center

The Conference will take place primarily within the foyer and classrooms, located on the lower level of the Cowan Center. Tours and workshops will meet near the foyer doors that exit to Mills Drive.





Welcome to the 28th Missouri Preservation Conference!

We are excited to be hosting the 2026 Conference in Lebanon, a small community with big pride in their heritage as a stop along Route 66. It was an easy choice to select Lebanon as the place to celebrate the centennial of the Mother Road!

On behalf of the board and volunteers at Missouri Preservation, I'd like to welcome you to Lebanon! We hope you'll enjoy your time at the conference, find answers to questions, come away with new ideas, and maybe make a few new friends along the way.



Riley Price
Executive Director



Celebrating 50 Years
MISSOURI PRESERVATION
Preserving Place And Community For Future Generations
1976 - 2026

SUPPORT MISSOURI PRESERVATION IN OUR 50TH YEAR — BECOME A MEMBER TODAY

THAT'S RIGHT – MISSOURI PRESERVATION WILL CELEBRATES 50 YEARS IN 2026!

It is our members, corporate partners, and donors that make Missouri Preservation's work possible! From to advocating for endangered historic places, providing educational opportunities like the annual conference, celebrating successful preservation endeavors, and assisting individuals in finding the answers and resources that they need – we cannot do it without you. Annual memberships start at as little as \$45/year (\$25 for students) -or- consider donating monthly as a Sustaining Member!

SCAN THE QR CODE TO JOIN TODAY!

Be sure to show volunteers at the registration desk your confirmation to get a member ribbon for your conference badge!



Registration

The registration desk is located in the Foyer of the Cowan Civic Center. The desk will be staffed throughout the conference in the event that you have any questions.

Sessions

All of the primary sessions will be located in the Mother Road and Main Street of America rooms, located on the lower level of the Cowan Civic Center, except for the Keynote Address which will be held in the theater accessible from the second level.

Tickets

Tickets are required for tours/workshops and should have been selected during the registration process. In the event that you registered for a tour and no longer wish to attend, ***please return your ticket to the registration desk***. If you wish to be added to the waitlist for a tour, please let the registration desk know (please be aware there is an existing waitlist from online registrations.)

Transportation

Missouri Preservation will not be providing any transportation for Conference-related activities outside of planned tours. We encourage carpooling or walking if the weather is nice. The Legacy Center and Mills Center, where workshops and Wednesday's luncheon will be taking place, are just a couple minutes walk from the Civic Center across the fairgrounds.

Badges

Please wear your name badge at all times when in the building or attending Conference-related activities. Help us recycle – you can return your badge to us before you leave for the week!

Trade Show

Don't forget to stop by the Trade Show area and visit our exhibitors! The Trade Show is located in the Foyer of the Cowan Civic Center.

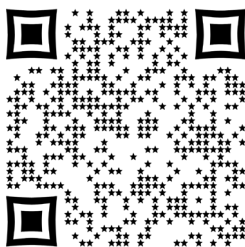
Food & Drink

Missouri Preservation will provide coffee, water and light snacks throughout the three days of the conference. Refreshment breaks will be located in the Foyer alongside the Trade Show and Registration. Please do not bring any food or drink inside the theater. See the additional map included in your registration packet for other restaurant options across Lebanon.

We value your input!

Help Missouri Preservation and our speakers by taking a moment to fill out a session & speaker review! Scan the QR Code below following every session or fill out a form that will be passed available at each session/workshop/tour that you attend! Paper forms may be submitted to the moderator at the end of the session or returned to the registration desk.

If using the paper form, please be sure to note the session title or number before submitting it! Session numbers should be included in each presentation and can also be found next to the session information in this booklet.



Routes of Interest

Not sure what session to attend? Look for these symbols next to the session titles to help you narrow down your choice!



Preservation 101

These sessions are the best to attend if you are new to historic preservation from the academic and/or legal perspective or need a refresher on some general concepts/programs.



Certified Local Government

These sessions are relevant to commissioners or employees of Certified Local Government Communities



General Education

Denotes sessions on local history or general architectural history topics.



Technical Education

Denotes sessions related to documentation, materials and/or regulatory side of preservation.



9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. | Foyer

Registration & Trade Show

10:30 - 11:45 a.m. | Mother Road

Building Your Preservation Advocacy Wheelhouse

MP26-01

1.25 AIA LU

   Want to get people on board with supporting historic preservation, but don't know where to begin? Join Missouri Preservation's Executive Director, Riley Price, as she walks through some of the key things to know on your journey as a supporter of historic preservation. From knowing what advocacy is and isn't, to identifying treatments, battling misconceptions, and summarizing arguments as to why support preservation in the first place. This is a refreshed look at Preservation 101 that aims to cut back on the technical and give you what you need to start getting people on board as supporters of saving our historic built environment!

Speaker: Riley Price, Executive Director – Missouri Preservation

10:30 - 11:45 a.m. | Main Street of America

Resurrecting A Capitol Avenue Landmark

MP26-02

1.25 AIA LU | HSW

  In 2025, the Missouri Association of Counties acquired the renowned Buescher Memorial Funeral Home, located on East Capitol Avenue in Jefferson City, Missouri.

The organization secured the property from the City of Jefferson with the intent to rehabilitate the historic structure as its new headquarters. The design approach prioritized preservation of the building's significant historic character while thoughtfully integrating modern office, meeting, and training functions. After decades of neglect, the property presented substantial challenges, including multiple tons of refuse, abandoned vehicles, and even human remains discovered on site. Faced with these extraordinary conditions, the design team first sought to establish a clear understanding of the structure's history, condition, and potential. Through the use of advanced digital representation and documentation techniques, the team developed programming concepts and visualizations that allowed stakeholders to better understand the opportunities presented by the 150-year-old landmark. Participants will explore the history and transformation of this unique project while learning how the design team employed innovative diagramming, visualization, and presentation methods to communicate ideas, guide decision-making, and re-imagine the future of a once-neglected historic property

Speaker: Paden Chambers, Project Manager –N-Form Architecture

10:30 - 11:50 a.m. | Meet Group @ Foyer Doors [TICKET REQUIRED]

Route 66 Museum [TOUR]

MP26-03 Meet tour group moderator near the foyer doors of the Cowan Center to give them your ticket (look for signage) and board the bus. Bus will leave shortly after 10:30 a.m. and return to the Cowan Center by approximately 11:50 a.m.



The Route 66 museum offers a glimpse into the history and progression of Route 66, with an emphasis on local Route 66 history and touches of nostalgia. Staff and former curator will be available to answer any questions.

Speakers: Erica Semsch, Manager – Route 66 Museum; Mark Spangler, Former Curator – Route 66 Museum

Tour Sponsored by



12:00 - 1:50

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

2:00 - 3:00 p.m. | Mother Road

The Road to Spencer Station – Bringing Back a Route 66 Icon

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The discussion will showcase when Spencer was founded, the history of the town, all of its past and present owners, and how they kept the current buildings standing after 100 years. We will also showcase the original 1926 concrete road which passes right in front of these buildings, also known as Historic Route 66, as well as our 1923 Johnson Creek Steel Truss Bridge right down the road from us, and the plans for restoring it. The talk will discuss the plans for restoring Spencer back to how it would have looked in the 1930's and 1940's, with research for architectural integrity and accuracy, how the buildings were used, and the plans for how we are bringing them back to life. We will also discuss the steps and processes to making this 'once a shell' of a building into a vibrant gathering place and tourist attraction, as well as the plans to bring back the business aspect of the town for locals and travelers from around the world.

Speaker: Ed Klein, Owner – Route 66 World LLC

Session Sponsored by Killeen Studio Architects

3:00 - 3:15 p.m. | Foyer

REFRESHMENT BREAK

3:15 - 4:30 p.m. | Mother Road

Preserving the Last of Camp Joy

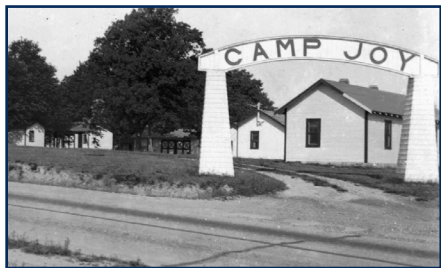
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Three days after their marriage in Nebraska, Emis and Lois Spears, and Emis's parents, Charles and Lida Spears, set out in two new Model T Fords to find a prime location to start a tourist camp. They traveled as far as Phoenix, which they thought was "overbuilt" with tourist camps, then backtracked to Missouri. In June 1927, Route 66 in Lebanon still was a two-lane gravel road. A block of land, with eight acres and 400 feet of Route 66 frontage, was for sale east of Highway 5. For three days, the Spears family parked in front of that land, counting out-of-state cars. The family determined that enough cars traveled that stretch of Route 66 to justify a tourist camp. That was the birth of Camp Joy, which we believe was Lebanon's second Route 66 tourist camp, the other being Col. A.T. Nelson's Top o' the Ozarks Inn on the west side of Highway 5. Like other overnight facilities in the early days of Route 66, Camp Joy's original overnight customers slept in tents. The first cabins were built in a "U" with the open end fronting the highway. As business grew, more cabins were built around the outer edges of the property. Camp Joy, later known as the Joy Motel, remained in the Spears family until 1971. After two ownership changes, the motel closed in the

early 1980s. Some cabins were sold to a camp; others were rented out full-time. Only one cabin remained when the property was sold again in 2018. The new owner, Lee Sing, donated that cabin to the Lebanon-Laclede County Route 66 Society, whose members restored the cabin to its original dimensions and, within months, moved it to Route 66-themed Boswell Park, where today it is another of Lebanon's Route 66 tourist attractions.

Speaker: Gary Sosniecki, Senior Advisor & Webmaster – Lebanon-Laclede County Route 66 Society



3:15 - 4:30 p.m. | Main Street of America

Now & Then: Restoration of the Tower Grove Park Victorian Pavilions

MP26-05

1.25 AIA LU | HSW



In 1868, Henry Shaw gifted the land for Tower Grove Park to the City of St. Louis, and it has operated as a public park ever since. Not only is it one of eight National Landmark Parks in the United States, but Tower Grove Park is also home to the world's largest collection of Victorian pavilions. There are thirteen historic pavilions spread throughout the Park's 289 acres. Over the years, many of the pavilions underwent various restoration projects just to keep them standing. However, beginning in 2020, six of the pavilions have undergone historic restorations following Secretary of the Interior Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. This presentation will cover two perspectives of the evolution of improvements to pavilion restoration over the course of the Park's History:

- Part 1 - Overview of pavilion history and how past directors did their best to keep the pavilions standing before historic restoration guidelines were established. The past decisions to replace footings or wood trim may not align with current restoration standards, but they allowed the pavilions to remain in place for enjoyment.
- Part 2 - The current restoration process as we combine best practices from Secretary of the Interior Standards for Preservation and for Rehabilitation. We now have an established design process that not only restores the pavilions to their original design intent but also makes them accessible and structurally sound for generations to come.

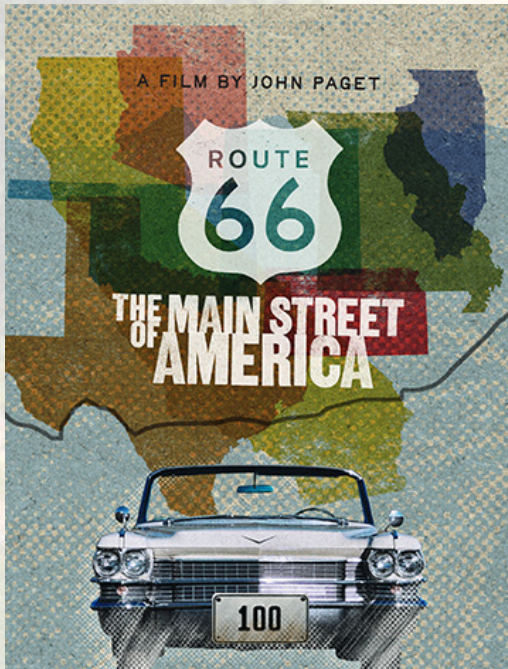
Speakers: Maggie Hayden, Senior Project Architect, Associate – Trivers; Bill Reininger, Executive Director, Tower Grove Park

Session Sponsored by Deb Sheals Building Preservation, LLC

3:00 - 6:30 p.m. | Cowan Center Expo Hall

The Lebanon-Laclede County Route 66 Society invites the public to this pre-show event. Enjoy classic cars and food trucks. Route 66 merch available! Then stick around for the FREE SCREENING of Route 66: The Main Street of America, followed by a Q&A with the director.

Route 66: The Main Street of America



6:30 - 9:00 p.m. | Cowan Center Theater

Celebrate the centennial of a truly legendary highway with a special FREE screening of ROUTE 66: THE MAIN STREET OF AMERICA – a powerfully moving new feature-length documentary that follows the road, sharing unforgettable stories of the people and towns we meet along the way.

From unexpected roadside attractions to revitalized main streets, each encounter reveals communities finding new life and purpose—making new history—proving the most meaningful journeys often unfold on the road less traveled.

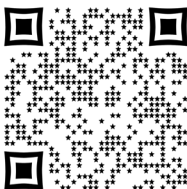
Whether you've driven Route 66 or only imagined it, this film takes you there—creating an immersive and heartfelt portrait of an American icon that's full of humor, warmth, and discovery.

Following the film, stay for conversation with director John Paget and some of THE MAIN STREET OF AMERICA's real-life characters—the everyday heroes and enduring spirit of Route 66.

Screening hosted by the Lebanon-Laclede County Route 66 Society and Sponsored by



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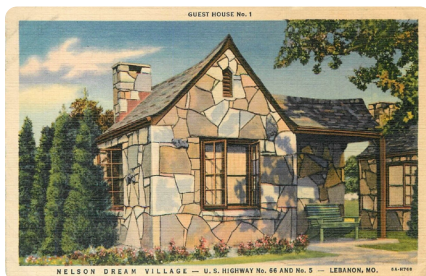
SESSION SURVEY

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your session evaluations!*

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Foyer

REGISTRATION & TRADE SHOW

Nelson Dream Village Postcard, c. 1940s



9:00 - 10:15 a.m. | Mother Road

MP26-07



Lincoln Logs: Restoration of Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site

1.25 AIA LU | HSW

Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site is a reconstructed village where Abraham Lincoln spent 6 formative years of his early adulthood. Platted in 1829, the town existed for about 12 years before being abandoned and left to pasture. The centerpiece of Lincoln's New Salem is the imaginative recreation of the log village. Rebuilt in the 1930s and 1940s as a Civilian Conservation Corps program, the village features historically furnished buildings, including several homes, stores, and tradesmen's shops, as well as a tavern, school, wool carding mill, and a saw and gristmill rebuilt in original locations. Restoration of the CCC-era timber construction aims to stabilize, repair, and restore 22 log cabins that have deteriorated due to wood rot, poor drainage, water penetration and saturation, insect/vermin infestation, and other deferred maintenance. The architectural team with historic expertise will share an in-depth process to evaluate, categorize, and establish scopes of work related to stone foundations, log floor, wall, and roof framing, stone and log chimney reconstruction, and wood shake and comb restoration. Restoration techniques covered in the study address the impacts of site and landscape, biological growth, log rot, decay, and protection, repair and replacement of a variety of log construction methods, and use of contemporary materials to minimize adverse effects on the nearly 100-year-old cabins.

Speakers: Ross Welch, Senior Technical Director – Trivers; Amanda McAllister, Project Manager – Trivers; Joe Carpenter, Structural Engineer – KPFF

9:00 - 10:15 a.m. | Main Street of America

Fake It 'Till You Make It: Imitation Building Materials in Historic Preservation

MP26-08

1.25 AIA LU | HSW



Often overlooked or deemed non-historic, imitation building materials are a fundamental part of the American architectural landscape. As preservationists, we must grapple with the fact that in many cases, these "fake" materials are just as historic as materials such as marble, slate, and terra cotta.

This session will explore the history and usage of replacement/imitation building materials. It will include a discussion of the development of imitation materials at the turn of the twentieth century, such as cast concrete block, pressed metal, and linoleum, and discuss modern imitation building materials in an effort to reframe the discussion around these materials.

The session will also explore common replacement materials in historic rehabilitation situations such as historic tax credit projects, and provide information and solutions on appropriate treatments for historic building owners.

Speaker: Mason Martel, Project Manager – Heritage Consulting Group

Session Sponsored by Terra Nova Builds

10:15 - 10:30 | Foyer

REFRESHMENT BREAK

The Next 100 Years: Continuing the Legacy of Route 66

10:30 - 11:45 | Cowan Center Theater

MP26-06



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Route 66 has always been one of a kind, capturing the imagination of travelers from all over the world. What was once a simple highway used for transportation has since become a place for connection between people, communities, and their history. This year is the centennial anniversary of Route 66, marking 100 years of stories, legacy businesses, and historic landmarks. This milestone has brought renewed attention and engagement to the route, inspiring numerous celebrations, events, and caravans. As this momentum for preserving the route builds, we want to carry this same enthusiasm into the next 100 years. One way the National Trust for Historic Preservation has taken on this challenge is through the ROUTE 66 REMAP series, a collection of StoryMaps that highlights the archival materials, stories, and preservation strategies that have been inspired by Route 66 over the years. Our latest addition to the series is our ongoing Route 66 Street View project. With nothing but a GoPro camera mounted to the top of a car, the GIS team drove from Santa Monica, California to Chicago, Illinois, recording 360-degree videos of current and former Route 66 alignments. The result is a snapshot of the route in its centennial year that can be used to analyze changes, capture its current condition, and promote its preservation.

With

Rhys Martin, Preserve Route 66 Initiative Manager

Kate Lenzer, Senior GIS Manager

Madie Gereighty, Route 66 Project Assistant

Allison Lehn, GIS Analyst



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The speakers will be available at their table in the Foyer area following the session if anyone has further questions.

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12:00 - 1:30 p.m.
LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

2:00 - 3:00 | Mother Road

Successes & Challenges in Historic Bridge Research

MP26-10

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This session will focus on how the Missouri Department of Transportation complies with Section 106 to receive federal funding for projects involving historic bridges.

Out of 25,000+ bridges across the state, 3-5% are "historic" in that they have been determined eligible for or listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The session will cover the historic bridge identification process, bridge eligibility assessments, and programmatic agreements for certain types of bridges. Given that MoDOT's work can and does lead to adverse effects on historic bridges due to demolition, removal from the original location, removal or alteration of original bridge parts, and introduction of new elements that diminish the bridge's significant historic features, mitigation efforts are necessary to comply with Section 106. This session will detail the different mitigation efforts used when there is an adverse effect on a historic bridge, including the various levels of documentation, historic bridge research methods and sources, and MoDOT's Free Bridges marketing campaigns. The session will also include two case studies of historic bridge documentation. One will explore a major river bridge, the 1953 St. Francis Bridge in Dunklin County that crosses the St. Francis River into Clay County, Arkansas, on U.S. 62, which is the only east-west highway that connects Mexico to Canada. The other case study will focus on two rural 1922 bridges built over Bee Creek in Buchanan County. The bridges relate to the Jefferson Highway, one of the early north-to-south cross-country routes. The presenters will discuss the successes and challenges of research for these bridges, compare the criteria used for determining their NHRP eligibility, and situate the bridges in state and national transportation history.

Speakers: Rose Campbell, Intermediate Historic Preservation Specialist – Missouri Department of Transportation; Evelyn Carmack, Historic Preservation Specialist – Missouri Department of Transportation

2:00 - 3:00 p.m. | Main Street of America

The Enigma of New Bourbon

MP26-11 1 AIA LU



The de Lassus-Kern House in New Bourbon, Missouri, is a lesson in how to read a historic property and appreciate and value a history that is not always clearly expressed. Uncovering the layers of this house revealed a rare French vertical log building that was undiscovered until the mid-1980s. This presentation documents the history of the property through primary resources, oral histories, and family photos; discusses the value of retaining and protecting a property as an artifact while developing a plan for its future use or interpretation; and provides an overview of scientific studies (dendrochronology and archaeology) and how they contributed to the historic context. At the end of the presentation, participants will be invited to consider how to interpret a property and what would be an appropriate period of significance and what material to remove to expose different historical construction eras.

Speaker: Melissa Gengler, President/Architectural Historian –Historic Resources Group, Inc.

3:00 - 3:15 p.m. | Foyer
REFRESHMENT BREAK

3:15 - 4:30 p.m. | Mother Road

Preserving Route 66 History in Missouri at SHSMO**MP26-12** 1.25 AIA LU

This will be a look at the work done by the State Historical Society of Missouri (SHSMO) to preserve the history of Route 66 in Missouri. Our preservation work includes preserving and providing access to photographs, postcards, maps, blueprints, newspapers, oral histories, film, advertisements, correspondence, and more. Learn how scholars, researchers, preservationists, and history enthusiasts can access the resources available at SHSMO. Highlights will include information on the Quinta Scott photograph collection and highlights of iconic Route 66 locations in Missouri through archival materials.

Speakers: Kathleen Seale, Regional Director – State Historical Society of Missouri; Haley Frizzle-Green, Senior Archivist – State Historical Society of Missouri; AJ Medlock, Regional Director – State Historical Society of Missouri; Ashley Weaver, Archivist – State Historical Society of Missouri

Session Sponsored by Patterhn-Ives LLC

3:15 - 4:30 p.m. | Main Street of America

Utilizing Low Income Housing Tax Credits in Historic Preservation**MP26-13** 1.25 AIA LU

Historic Tax Credits are only part of the funding stack when rehabilitating any historic building. HTCs are most often paired with Low Income Housing Tax Credits, especially when rehabilitating larger buildings. However, the process of qualifying for LIHTC is complex, and is not well known to many preservationists. In this session, a representative from the Missouri Housing Development Commission (MHDC) will discuss LIHTC's role in repurposing existing buildings. Real estate developers with experience combining HTCs and LIHTC will explain the complexities and nuances involved in both federal and state LIHTC programs, and a preservation consultant will discuss projects in Missouri that have successfully combined these two funding streams.

Speakers: Elizabeth Hornbeck, Section Chief, Architectural Preservation Services – Missouri State Historic Preservation Office; Deb Sheals, Preservation Consulting – Building Preservation LLC; Dan Sanders, Executive Vice President – MACO Development Company, LLC

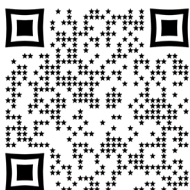
2:00 - 4:30 p.m. | Meet Moderator @ Foyer Doors [TICKET REQUIRED]

Understanding Historic Mortars [DEMO]**MP26-14** Submitted for 2.5 AIA LU | HSW

Meet the session moderator near the doors of the Cowan Center Foyer to check in, then head to the Legacy Center [see map at beginning of booklet. Approximately 3 minute walk].

This demonstration will cover the history of mortar composition in the US and England in the 19th century. Participants will learn about the lime cycle, common aggregates and additives, and the distinction between hydraulic and carbonizing mortars. Participants will also watch a live demonstration on mixing different mortars, lime washes, and plasters, learn about the benefits of using historically appropriate mortars, and where to source materials for recreating them.

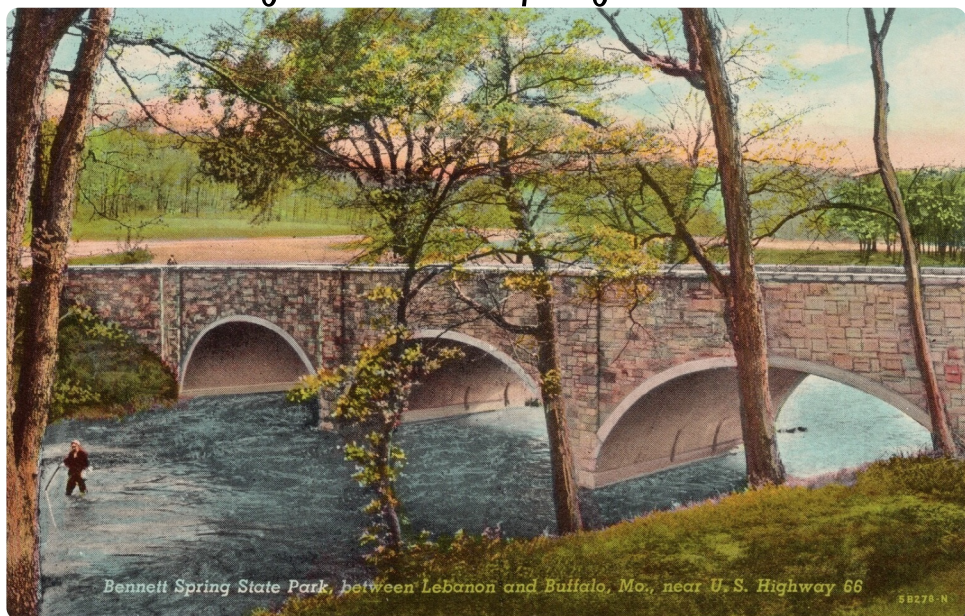
Speaker: Mitch Goist, Owner – Acanthus Restoration



SESSION SURVEY

*Don't forget to complete
your session evaluations!*

Mingle at Bennett Spring State Park



CORWIN NEWS AGENCY, JEFFERSON CITY, MO.

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Join us at nearby Bennett Spring State Park for a casual evening in the historic CCC-built dining lodge! Missouri State Park staff will be available to answer questions about the history of the park and its structures. Feel free to explore!

Appetizers and drinks provided. The restaurant is open until 8:00 p.m. should you choose to stick around for dinner.

Transportation not provided.

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Bennett Spring State Park – Dining Lodge

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Bennett Spring State Park is approximately a 17-minute drive northwest of Lebanon via MO-64. Reception is in the Dining Lodge, located next to the park store just past the fish hatchery.



8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. | Foyer

REGISTRATION

8:00 a.m. - 10:30 | Foyer

TRADE SHOW

Munger Moss Motel Postcard, c. 1963

9:00 - 10:15 a.m. | Mother Road

Reassembling History: The Reconstruction of the Essen Log Cabin in Wildwood, Missouri

MP26-15

1.25 AIA LU | HSW



The reconstruction of the historic Essen Log Cabin in Wildwood, Missouri represents a unique preservation effort involving forensic reconstruction, historic material conservation, and preservation-focused design. Originally constructed circa 1878 by the Essen family, the cabin was donated to the City of Wildwood in 2015, but was illegally dismantled and stolen before relocation efforts could begin. Although the logs were recovered, the unauthorized disassembly created significant reconstruction challenges because the structure had not been documented prior to removal. This panel session will examine the process of reconstructing the cabin from recovered materials, including the 2019 log-tagging effort, development of reconstruction drawings, preservation decision-making, and implementation of historically appropriate materials and methods. Presenters will discuss balancing accessibility, applicable code requirements, and municipal budget and long-term maintenance considerations, while maintaining the cabin's historic integrity and rustic character. The session will also explore the City's decision to place the disassembled cabin on the Wildwood Historic Register prior to reconstruction, allowing the project to utilize historic building code provisions and avoid unnecessary modern systems inconsistent with the structure's historic appearance and use. Attendees will gain practical insight into preservation problem-solving, reconstruction of historic structures following undocumented disassembly, and the role local governments and preservation professionals can play in preserving community heritage resources.

Speakers: Roby C. Keefe, AICP, Planner - Historic Preservation - City of Wildwood; Steve Scott, AIA, NCARB, Advisor - Wildwood Historic Preservation Commission; Carol Jean Quigley, Senior Designer/Project Manager - Frens & Frens Studio of Patterhn-Ives; Elias McDonald, Vice President/ Reconstruction Contractor - Charette Creek Excavating

Session Sponsored by STRATA Architecture + Historic Preservation

9:00 - 10:15 a.m. | Main Street of America

The Road Less Traveled: Saving Historic Properties Through Section 106

MP26-16

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This session will look at the Missouri Department of Transportation's (MoDOT) project to improve a section of I-64 east in St. Louis and how historic properties were avoided as part of the Section 106 (NHPA) and Section 4(f) (DOT Act) processes. This session will also explore the history of Mill Creek Valley in St. Louis, continued efforts throughout the community to acknowledge that history, and reckoning with the legacy of urban renewal as a current DOT Historic Preservation Professional.

Speaker: Jordan Cuneio, Intermediate Historic Preservation Specialist - Missouri Department of Transportation

9:00 - 11:45 a.m. | Meet Group @ Foyer Doors [TICKET REQUIRED]

Tour of Historic Lebanon [TOUR]

MP26-21 Meet tour group moderator near the foyer doors of the Cowan Center to give them your ticket (look for signage) and board the bus. Bus will leave shortly after 9:00 a.m. and return to the Mills Center by approximately 11:50 a.m.



See and hear about historic sites in and around our host city of Lebanon! Stops include Manor Inn on Rte 66 (former Lenz Tourist home), Boswell Park and the restored Camp Joy cabin, and the Benton Stagecoach Stop!

Speakers: Gary Sosniecki, Senior Advisor & Webmaster – Lebanon-Laclede County Route 66 Society; Autumn Hamilton, Owner – Manor Inn on Route 66; Bruce Owen, President – Lebanon-Laclede County Route 66 Society; Chuck Jordan, Board Member – Lebanon-Laclede County Route 66 Society; Noah Eugene Smothers, President – Lebanon-Laclede County Route 66 Society

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The Art of Faux Graining [WORKSHOP]

MP26-19 Meet the session moderator near the doors of the Cowan Center Foyer to check in, then head to the Legacy Center [see map at beginning of booklet. Approximately 3 minute walk].



Faux bois, or decorative painting techniques that transform ordinary surfaces into exotic woods, was a hallmark of Victorian interior decorators. Join a master painter as he demonstrates techniques to recreate these historic finishes. Participants will learn how to draw and distinguish different woodgrains, and reproduce finishes using modern and historic techniques.

Speaker: Bob McCarty, Owner – Painted Effects

10:15 - 10:30 a.m. | Foyer

REFRESHMENT BREAK

10:30 - 11:30 a.m. | Mother Road

Three Ways to Save Historic Buildings Before They Are Endangered

MP26-18

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Preservationists often try to save properties only after they become endangered.

This presentation will teach attendees three ways to set up infrastructure to save historic buildings, namely: Historic Tax Credits, Local Historic Designations, and Easements. SHPO staff will walk attendees through these methods.

Speakers: Andrew Dial, Community Services Section Chief – Missouri State Historic Preservation Office; Christopher Stone, Certified Local Government Coordinator – Missouri State Historic Preservation Office

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State of Preservation Luncheon

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12:00 - 1:30 | Mills Center

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Missouri Preservation staff and board members will be hanging around the Mills Center Wednesday afternoon if anyone wants to learn more about getting involved with the organization!

What's on the menu?

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Lunch catered by Andy's 417



2:00 - 4:30 p.m. | Meet Moderator @ Mills Center [TICKET REQUIRED]

The Art of Faux Marbling [WORKSHOP]

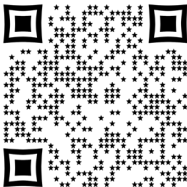
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Throughout history, marble has had a reputation as one of the finest building materials in the natural world. So it comes as no surprise that an entire art form grew amongst painters in mimicking this intricate and fascinating material. Join a master painter as he demonstrates techniques to recreate these historic finishes. Participants will learn how to draw and distinguish different types of marble, their grains and coloring, and reproduce these finishes using modern and historic techniques.

Speaker: Bob McCarty, Owner – Painted Effects



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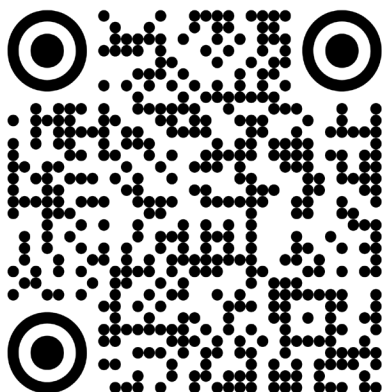
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