

PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION OF LINCOLN

Newsletter of the Preservation Association of Lincoln ♦ Lincoln ♦ Nebraska ♦ Summer 2005
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MAY IS HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH

The Preservation Association of Lincoln would like to offer the following events in celebration of our History:

Sunday, May 8	Near South Neighborhood Association Tour of Homes
Tuesday, May 10	PAL Brown Bag
Wednesday, May 11	PAL Board Meeting
Friday, May 13	Whitehall Mansion Elevator Dedication
Thursday, May 19	NSHS Brown Bag
Friday, May 20	NSHS Third Annual History Mystery
Saturday, May 21	Hayward School Open House and 101 st Birthday Party
Sunday, May 22	Wyuka Cemetery Tour
Friday, May 27	Downtown Walking Tour

NEAR SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION TOUR OF HOMES

Sunday, May 8 (Mother's Day), 1-5 p.m.

Featuring the following homes:

- The Carle House, 1236 S 24th, built 1915
- The Farrell House, 1900 C Street, built 1908
- The Menzendorf House, 1845 B Street, built 1912
- The Dorgan House, 2144 A Street, built 1910
- The Koop House, 1401 S 15th, built 1915
- The Meeker House, 1940 C Street, built 1910
- Trinity United Methodist Church, 16th & A Streets (SW Corner), built 1887
- Neighborhoods Inc. House, 16th & B Streets (NW Corner), built 2005
- Habitat for Humanity House, 17th & Prospect Street, built 2005

Tickets available after April 30th at Russ's Market, 17th & Washington, The Mill, 8th & P Streets or by contacting Cathy Beecham at 438-0615. Tickets may be purchased the day of the tour at any of the locations. Tickets are \$8 in advance, or \$10 the day of the tour. Half price tickets are available for children 4-12. Children 3 and under are free.



PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION OF LINCOLN BROWN BAG

15th & P Streets

Tuesday, May 10, Noon

Nebraska Capitol Architectural History 101, Roxanne Smith - Ms. Smith will focus on comparisons of architectural elements of the State Capitol Building to elements of other historical buildings of the world and show how those influenced the design of our State Capitol.

WHITEHALL MANSION, NORTHEAST FAMILY CENTER ELEVATOR DEDICATION

5903 Walker Avenue

Friday, May 13, 5:30 p.m.

Refreshments will be served

Berggren and Woll Architects designed the elevator addition using similar construction and materials as the original Whitehall Mansion. The elevator provides handicap accessibility to the entire building, but was specifically designed so that the third floor of the building could be used more in accordance with the history of the Mansion. Not only was handicap accessibility improved, but so were fire and safety concerns. Mayor Seng will be presenting a proclamation.



NEBRASKA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY BROWN BAG

15th & P Streets

Thursday, May 19, Noon

Greg Miller, Old Baldy (a.k.a. The Tower)

In May 1804, Meriwether Lewis, William Clark and the Corps of Discovery set out from their camp near St. Louis, Missouri to explore the recently acquired Louisiana Territory continuing westward to the Pacific Ocean. By September 1804, the Corps reached the confluence of the Niobrara and Missouri rivers in present-day northeastern Nebraska. On September 7, 1804, they discovered a unique geologic feature and a scientifically new animal species. This program will discuss events leading up to their discovery, what they found and place its significance in the context of the entire journey.



LINCOLN'S 3rd ANNUAL HISTORY MYSTERY

The Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation

Friday, May 20, 6:30-8 p.m.

Barry's Outback, 9th & Q Streets

Teams to use carefully crafted clues to uncover interesting, famous and even notorious places in downtown Lincoln. You must be shrewd tacticians, deductive detectives and perhaps a little unscrupulous to solve the mystery. Registration deadline was April 15, 2005.

HAYWARD SCHOOL 101st BIRTHDAY PARTY

9th & Charleston Streets

Saturday, May 21, 1:30-4 p.m.

Refreshments will be served

Hayward School located at 1223 N 9th Street in the historic North Bottoms Neighborhood has architectural significance, in part, from its status as the oldest surviving schoolhouse in the Lincoln Public School District. The building was named for U.S. Senator Monroe L. Hayward, a lawyer, farmer and stockraiser who died in 1899. Hayward was used as a school until 1968 and had other public uses until 1982. In 1985, the building was sold and converted to condominiums. Several housing units will be open for viewing.



WYUKA CEMETERY TOUR

36th & O Streets

Sunday, May 22, 2 p.m.

Refreshments will be served

This is a NOT to be missed event. The tour includes the early art and architecture of Wyuka Cemetery, and the monuments of Lincolmites, ranging from governors to Civil War veterans – black and white. Wyuka contains such richness of Lincoln history that no two tours are ever quite the same. Come and enjoy the wonderful park like setting and history of Lincoln.

DOWNTOWN WALKING TOUR

15th & P Streets, Nebraska Museum of History

Friday, May 27, 5-6:30 p.m.

Refreshments will be served

Jim McKee and Ed Zimmer will lead a tour of downtown history and architecture. The tour will begin at the Museum of Nebraska History at 15th and P Streets and will walk within the general area of 15th Street (on the east), Q Street on the north, 12th on the west, and N on the south (unless we go wandering out-of-bounds). The tour will end at the Mission Arts building with refreshments and a first hand view of one of Lincoln's jewels.



GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, historic preservation is an effective tool for managing growth, revitalizing neighborhoods, fostering local pride and maintaining community character while enhancing livability; and

WHEREAS, historic preservation is relevant for communities across the nation, both urban and rural, and for Americans of all ages, all walks of life and all ethnic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, it is important to celebrate the role of history in our lives and the contributions made by dedicated individuals in helping to preserve the tangible aspects of the heritage that has shaped us as a people; and

WHEREAS, "Restore America: Communities at a Crossroads " is the theme for National Historic Preservation Month 2005, cosponsored by the Nebraska State Historic Preservation Office, Nebraska Lied Main Street Program, Preservation Association of Lincoln and the National Trust for Historic Preservation

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dave Heineman, do proclaim May 2005, as National Historic Preservation Month, and call upon the people of (your state or city) to join their fellow citizens across the United States in recognizing and participating in this special observance.

CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

The Preservation Association of Lincoln provided the following questions to Lincoln City Council candidates. At press time, only Terry Werner and Robin Eshliman had responded. Their answers are as follows:

1. In general how do you view the proposed Downtown Master Plan?

Werner: I believe that the Downtown Master Plan has gone through a good process of involving the community and it fits well into my vision for Lincoln. By the tone of your questions I would surmise that PAL is not very supportive. My vision for Downtown is one of vibrancy. A Downtown where people live, work, play and go for entertainment, a 24/7 downtown. Our Downtown must provide green spaces, parks and squares where people can gather. I want a pedestrian friendly Downtown where people can walk and bicycle to jobs, events etc. I envision a Downtown where people can come together to build community. I believe that this plan provides for many of these goals.

Eshliman: Fairly positively, if ambitious. I have done work downtown for years and have been a big fan of downtown. I appreciate attempts to prevent blight and crime and make it appealing to businesses and UNL students.

2. There are more than twenty historic buildings slated to be demolished in the Downtown Master Plan. What is your opinion concerning destruction of historic buildings?

Werner: I will not support the destruction of any historic buildings. I do believe that sometimes they can be saved by working with the private sector to develop them. This should only be done under the strict guidance of the Historic

Preservation Committee. I would be in favor of amending the Plan to reinforce the preservation of historic buildings, as well as exploring mechanisms, such as Tax Increment Financing, to assist in preservation.

Eschliman: Are they in the path of something else? Are they currently occupied? I would be reluctant to destroy them if they are occupied. Also, I would like to know what is proposed there. Then I would weigh the public good, the cost, and the ability to retain the historic building for occupancy.

3. How do you propose to mitigate the damage done to historical and cultural resources that are lost due to development of the proposed Master Plan?

Werner: I will fight any attempt to degrade or destroy historical and cultural resources. We must preserve Lincoln's historic identity.

Eschliman: Financial resources are going to be the driving factor whether this gets done or not. My guess is that moving historic buildings is totally cost prohibitive (as in the Triplets houses in Antelope Valley). To some extent the problem will probably take care of itself because it is so expensive it will not make economic sense.

4. What is your plan for paying for the Master Plan?

Werner: The consultants are going to provide the community with some ideas of how to implement and pay for the plan. It must be a public/private partnership. Lincoln taxpayers should expect at least a four to one return for any tax dollars spent. As with all visions, it must be one step at a time. This will not happen overnight.

Eschliman: The majority of it should be private investment. Certain things that are traditionally paid for by cities might be accomplished by public-private partnerships if done creatively.

5. Over how many years do you envision the Master Plan being implemented?

Werner: The Downtown Master Plan is a guide and a vision. This will not happen overnight. I believe that much can be accomplished in a relatively short time and much of it will take years.

Eschliman: 15-25 years

6. Would you support a vote of the community to approve and fund the Master Plan?

Werner: I would not support a vote of the community to approve the Master Plan. There has been significant opportunity for participation and many people did participate. On the projects such as the building of an arena, I could support a vote of the people.

Eschliman: Yes, but break it down into pieces, not One Big Plan. Some things might receive voter support and others not.

Comments:

Werner: Thanks Jo for the questionnaire. I appreciate the opportunity to reach out to PAL.

Eschliman: THANK YOU for providing this in e-mail, made it SO much easier!!!!

This questionnaire was sent to all candidates with a very short turn around time. At press time, the above responses were the only ones we had received.

PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION OF LINCOLN ANNUAL AWARDS



Stewardship: Homeowners and East Campus Community Organization for the East Campus Neighborhood Landmark District



Commercial/Institutional Rehabilitation Award: Rape/Spouse Abuse Crisis Center for the Pace-Woods House, 2545 N Street; board member Dave Johnson receiving.



Residential Rehabilitation Award: R. O. Stake Bungalow/Mike & Carol James, owners, 145 S. 28th St.



Mike and Carol James accepting award from Garry Martin



City Center Award: Haymarket Farmers Market. Linda Hubka receiving the award for the Farmers Market.



Integration of Old and New Award: Duteau Building rehabilitation



Great Commoner/Preservation Education Award: Doug Beals receiving award from Garry Martin, accompanied by Doug's son Danny



President's Award: Helen Boosalis and Jim Seacrest, co-chairs of Amendment One Committee. Left to right: Garry Martin, Jim Seacrest, Helen Boosalis and Jo Gutsell



Helen Boosalis Award: Presented to Senator Don Pederson for his lead role in LB66 regarding Historic Preservation in Nebraska by Garry Martin.

CONGRATULATIONS!

**YOU ARE WHAT MAKES IT ALL
WORTHWHILE!!**



NOTES FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

The Preservation Association of Lincoln would encourage the citizens of Lincoln to soon visit the lobby of the Sharp Building located at 13th and N Streets, 206 South 13th. And you must visit very soon if you are to view it in its magnificence. The owners of the building, a California company, are going to destroy the lobby by covering up Georgia marble on the walls; Verde Antique and Russo Levanto marble on the floor and removing original brass light fixtures. This building is older than our State Capitol and its lobby has materials that are comparable to those used in that venerable building.

The owners of this building proudly tout the historic nature of the outside of this building by displaying historical photos in the lobby. Why can they not see that the historic lobby reflects what is still left of significance on the inside of the building?

The California owners also see the lobby as dingy and not well lit. First, the lobby is not dingy—it is warm and inviting. It might need a good cleaning but it is a warm, cozy space with peach colored marble and ivory paint. Lighting is easy and relatively inexpensive to fix. Wall sconces which were added in the early 1980's restoration of the lobby and which were tastefully done to look like a part of the art deco theme of the building, could be replaced with brighter lighting. If the elevators need to be updated surely the wonderful doors with incised ears of corn could be kept.

It is time that this absentee landlord focus on what they have rather than what they don't have. And it is also time that they took renter opinion and local opinion into consideration. Maybe the absentee landlord needs to come to Lincoln to talk with the renters of the building to see how they feel about having an historic lobby destroyed. And if new materials in the lobby are truly needed to attract renters why was it possible to just of late rent two floors of the building?

The Preservation Association of Lincoln would like to thank The Clark Enersen Partners

Architects for facilitating a meeting with the local leasing group, Grubb and Ellis. Clark Enersen did the restoration and renovation of the lobby in the early 1980's and obviously appreciates the fine materials and the history connected with the Sharp Building.

And while you are visiting the Sharp Building walk north across N Street and look at the wonderful renovation that First National Bank did in the lobby of the Lincoln Benefit Life Building. Now there is a group who appreciates history and the fine materials used at the turn of the century. And a group who does the right thing.

This was submitted as a letter to Lincoln Journal Star.

BROWN BAG SERIES

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May 10 – Nebraska Capitol Architectural History 101, Roxanne Smith

Ms. Smith will focus on comparisons of architectural elements of the State Capitol Building to elements of other historical buildings of the world and show how those influenced the design of our State Capitol.



June 14 – Trolleys in Lincoln, Dick Rumbolz
This talk will cover the history of trolleys used as transportation in Lincoln from the late 1880's.

July 12 – University of Nebraska Medical Center History
 - A Closer Look, John Schleicher
 The focus of this Brown Bag will be on the history of the colleges of Nursing, Dentistry, Pharmacy and the School of Allied Health.

**NEBRASKA STATE HISTORICAL
 SOCIETY
 BROWN BAG SERIES**

May 19 - Larry Walklin - Nebraska Broadcasters Association Hall of Fame
 Professor Walklin of the College of Journalism and Mass Communications at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln will provide a perspective on the history of broadcasting in Nebraska through information about important on air personalities and decision-makers who have been recognized with membership in the Nebraska Broadcasters Association Hall of Fame.

June 16 - Ed Zimmer and Jim McKee - History Mystery Sites and Clues
 Learn a little more about Lincoln's fascinating history and places with two of Nebraska's most entertaining historians. Ed Zimmer and Jim McKee will present the sites and clues that were featured in the Nebraska State Historical Society's History Mystery fundraiser.

July 21 - Jim Potter & Edith Robbins - Pvt. August Scherneckau's Civil War: A Soldier's Diary of the First Nebraska Volunteer Regiment Missouri, Arkansas and Nebraska Territory, 1862-1865
 August Scherneckau was the only man from the German settlement at Grand Island to serve in the First Nebraska Regiment during the Civil War. He recorded his experiences in detail for the benefit of friends and relatives back home. Robbins and Potter will discuss how Robbins located the diary in Oregon, where Scherneckau moved after the war, and their work to translate and edit it for publication. Excerpts from the diary will highlight its value as the best account of a Nebraska soldier's Civil War service to be discovered thus far.

**PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION OF LINCOLN
 Financial Summary for March 2005**

Checking Account:

Beginning Balance (3/1/05)		\$2,032.33	
Income:			
Memberships	\$2,050.00		
Donation (DonPederson)	<u>100.00</u>	2,150.00	
Expenses:			
Videotaping/BB - Feb	375.00		
Photocopying	29.62		
Award plaques	122.30		
Spring Newsletter Printing	211.45		
Supplies/Copying	<u>47.33</u>	<u>785.70</u>	
Ending Balance (3/31/05)			<u>\$3,396.63</u>

St. Francis Chapel Foundation Educational Fund:

Savings account	\$735.68	
12 mo. CD	506.42	
12 mo. CD	505.26	
13 mo. CD	500.00	
13 mo. CD	500.00	
13 mo. CD	<u>500.00</u>	

Ending Balance **\$3,247.36**

**PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US IN
 CELEBRATING
 PRESERVATION MONTH.**

Matt's Postcard
from Lincoln
by Matt Hansen

View: "The Apothecary" (former Lincoln Drug Company), southeast corner of 8th and P Streets, Lincoln, Nebraska

Type: Divided Back (ca. 1908-1915)

Publisher: The Simplicity Company, Chicago, Illinois

This early view shows the building before the fifth floor was added. Today this property is one of the cornerstones of the Haymarket Landmark District.



Calendar

Dates in the upcoming months for events sponsored by PAL and other related organizations are listed as follows:

PAL Brown Bag Lecture Series: Free programs open to the public are held on the second Tuesday of each month, beginning at noon, at the Museum of Nebraska History, 15th & P Streets. Bring your lunch. PAL Brown Bag Lectures are aired on Time Warner Cable's Government Channel 5 during the month following the live presentation on the following days: Monday 10pm; Tuesday 8pm & 12am; Wednesday 10am & 9:30pm; Thursday 5pm & 2am; Friday 11:30pm; Saturday 11pm; and Sunday 9pm and 11:30pm.. (See *PAL* below.)

Nebraska State Historical Society (NSHS) Brown Bag Lectures: Free programs open to the public are held at noon on the third Thursday of each month at the Museum of Nebraska History, 15th & P Streets. NSHS Brown Bags are aired on Channel 5 Wednesday at noon and 8:30pm, Friday at 5pm and Saturday at 6pm. (See NSHS below).

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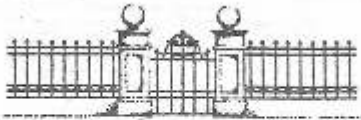
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- \$50 Pedestal
- \$30 Family
- \$20 Individual
- \$15 Student or Senior Citizen

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- Public Relations
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- Special Events
- Preservation Issues
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Do You Have Questions

Any questions on membership, activities or general questions on preservation in Lincoln and Lancaster County?
Please contact us at preservationassociationoflincoln@msn.com



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