



BUTTE CITIZENS FOR PRESERVATION AND REVITALIZATION

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CPR



BOARD & OFFICER ELECTIONS COMING IN JANUARY

The January 12 meeting of Butte CPR will include the annual elections of members of the Board of Directors and officers. According to CPR's by-laws, members of the Board are elected by a majority of the CPR members present at that meeting. Officers are elected by the Board of Directors.

CPR is losing two Board members this year, so if you have interest in becoming more involved in the organization, now would be a great time to step forward. Contact Larry Smith at *uptown larry@hotmail.com* to add your name to the slate of nominees for the Board.

Current Board members are Larry Smith, Mitzi Rossillon, Andrea Stierle, Julie Crowley, Robert Edwards, and Carrie Kiely. Andrea and Julie are rotating off the Board with this election. The by-laws call for at least three Board members.

The January meeting will be the next regular CPR meeting—December 8 is the annual holiday get-together, this year at Hummingbird Café at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$12 per person including great culinary creations and Quarry beer. Please pay for the event by cash or check to the Hummingbird Café, NOT Butte CPR—but it's a great time to also renew your CPR membership! For the holiday party, **please RSVP by Dec. 5 to uptownlarry@hotmail.com or 491-8623.**

STIMULUS GRANT SUBMITTED

Thanks to Nicole, CPR's grant application on behalf of the Greek Café was sent off November 16. It became one of 139 applications from across the state seeking a total of just over \$20 million, with a pot of \$3.6 million available.

Decisions are expected in January-February 2010. Our request for about \$105,000 would supplement and extend the grant expected through the National Park Service's Challenge Cost Share Program and matching funds from the URA.

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OFFICE HOURS & UPDATES

CPR's office hours will change with the new office location. Check the web site for updates.

Please stop by the office on the second floor of the Jacobs House (Granite at Montana St.) to



- browse our preservation library (members can borrow),
- discuss your historic home improvement projects,
- learn about tax incentives for preservation,
- get details of upcoming programs that you can volunteer for or participate in,
- join Butte CPR or make a donation,
- and talk to fellow building-huggers.



MONTANA PRESERVATION 2009



MONTANA VERNACULAR

vernacular: 1) plain, everyday, ordinary; 2) indigenous, traditional, folk-style; 3) a style of architecture reflecting basic and common techniques, devices, and materials representative of a particular period and place; 4) architecture without architects.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Visit the office during office hours and pick up a free copy of the Montana Historical Society Preservation 2009 poster. Check out the VAF Guidebook too — only 50 copies available, at \$20 picked up (\$27 mailed).

RENEWAL TIME: 2010 MEMBERSHIPS

CPR's membership is on a calendar-year basis, with annual dues in January. For the complete list of each level's associated benefits and discounts, please visit our web site: www.buttepr.org/membership.htm. THANKS for your support!

Rooming House Level (students): \$10 annually

Miner's Cottage Level (Individual): \$25 annually

Bungalow Level (Family – up to two active members at one address): \$40 annually

Italianate Level (Supporting – up to two active members at one address) \$80 annually

Queen Ann Level (Underwriter – up to two active members at one address): \$150 annually

Copper King Level (Patron – up to two active members at one address): \$500 annually

Butte Preservationist Level: \$1000 and more annually - up to four active members at multiple addresses

For businesses:

Basic Corporate Membership: \$150 annually

Business Project Supporter: \$25 to \$100 – specific support for smaller projects

Corporate Dust to Dazzle sponsorship: \$95

Historic Improvement Program Grant underwriting: \$750

**Holiday Gathering
Tuesday Dec. 8, 2009
6:00 p.m.**

Hummingbird Café

\$12 per person

please RSVP by Dec. 5 to

uptownlarry@hotmail.com or 491-8623.

MEMBERSHIP

Reminder: Dues are now payable for 2010. Please refer to the web site, www.buttepr.org, or call Nicole at 406-490-3216 for details of membership levels outlined above.

*NOTE: You didn't miss the November newsletter.
We didn't send one!*

RESIDENTIAL FEDERAL TAX CREDIT FOR REHAB POSSIBLE

Tax code inducements exist for rehabilitation of historic structures when government funding is used, or the use is commercial. At this point, rehabilitation or primary residences is done almost wholly without tax credit support. There is movement in DC to provide a RESIDENTIAL version of the federal historic rehabilitation tax credit. Here's the latest on this effort.

<http://www.federalhistorictaxcredit.org>

The Federal Historic Tax Credit Coalition has drafted a bill in the US House of Representatives that has attracted some bipartisan support. The coalition is reaching out to citizens and groups across the country. They are touting of the possible benefits, including jobs, sustainability, and green and smart development. Missouri's similar

program has been quite effective, touted by the Wall Street Journal as a "national model." According to the Missouri Department of Economic Development, four thousand jobs were created in 2007 alone.



President: Larry Smith ♦ Vice-President: Carrie Kiely
Treasurer: Mitzi Rossillon ♦ Secretary: Dick Gibson

**Board of Directors: Larry Smith, Mitzi Rossillon, Andrea Stierle,
Robert Edwards, Carrie Kiely, Julie Crowley**
Public Relations Coordinator: Nicole von Gaza
Webmaster & Newsletter Editor: Dick Gibson
Membership Directory: www.buttecpr.org/directory.htm

Would you like to see something in the e-newsletter?
Please send ideas and constructive criticism to Dick at rigibson@earthlink.net.

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BUTTE CPR RECEIVES GRANT FROM BUTTE-SILVER BOW COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Butte CPR was recently awarded a grant from the Butte-Silver Bow Community Foundation. The grant, requested by Nicole von Gaza, is for \$500 and to be used specifically for CPR's Historic Improvement Program (HIP).

The grant was given at the recommendation of the BSB Community Foundation Endowment advisors. It is the goal of this foundation to accrue a permanent endowment that can be shared among local non-profit agencies that cater to the needs of our community for its ongoing improvements.

"The BSB Community Foundation began in 1995, as part of a Montana Community Foundation and Ford Foundation initiative. Anheuser Busch gave to MCF's statewide fund and challenged all local A-B Distributors in Montana to begin local community foundations. Thompson Distributing of Butte donated the challenge funds necessary to get BSBCF started." (from BSBCF pamphlet)

CPR looks forward to dispensing these funds in spring 2010 for a worthy improvement project that will lend to neighborhood pride.



COURT HOUSE CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE FORMED

Construction of the Butte-Silver Bow Court House began in 1910 and the building was dedicated July 4, 1912. A two-year commemoration of the Court House is planned, culminating in a "main event" in 2012.

The planning committee's first meeting, initiated by Chief Executive Paul Babb, was in November. If you have ideas, or would be interested in contributing to this effort, please contact Paul's assistant, Shelly Jones, at the Court House.



Butte CPR's HIP grant program has awarded more than \$23,000 to projects in Butte.

BUTTE CPR MEMBERSHIP

NAME _____

Postal Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

e-mail _____ Exclude me from the e-mail list

For 2010: NEW RENEWAL

Individual Membership Levels
(please check amount enclosed):

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I'm enclosing an additional donation in the amount of _____.

OPTIONAL: Please allocate this donation for the following purpose or memorial:

Business Membership (provide Business Name on top line above)

Business Membership: Basic—\$150 annually

Involvement: Please indicate any activities for which you'd like to be contacted. No obligation!

Thank YOU!

- Salvage Corps Dust to Dazzle Committee Newsletters
 Stained Glass/Literary Tour Committee Workshops Grants
 Board Newspaper Articles Beyond Assisted Living Programs
 Other (you tell us what you want to be involved in!):

Your ideas: _____

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Print form and mail payments to: P.O. Box 164, Butte, MT 59703

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