



BUTTE CITIZENS FOR PRESERVATION AND REVITALIZATION

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CPR



CPR OPENS AN OFFICE

Butte CPR is pleased to announce its new office, on the second floor of the Museum of Fine Arts — Butte (MOFAB), the old YMCA at 405 W. Park Street. Funding through a grant from the Montana Cultural Trust made this possible.

In addition, CPR has hired a quarter-time Public Relations Coordinator, Nicole von Gaza (profiled in a previous newsletter). Nicole's initial focus will be on a membership drive. CPR has changed its membership structure and dues for 2008 (see the article on page 2) to include various levels of membership for both individuals and businesses. The position is partially supported by the Cultural Trust grant.

Nicole will also organize and maintain the membership records. Initially, because of Nicole's other commitments, some of the work will be subcontracted to CPR Secretary Dick Gibson.

Our commitment to the MOFAB is for one year. The Montana Cultural Trust grant was half of what we requested (most applications were cut across the board) so we're a bit closer to the financial margin than anticipated, but several members have pledged donations to support the



The Museum of Fine Arts—Butte is the old YMCA, a historic structure erected in 1917-19 at a cost of \$350,000. Architect Floyd Hamill also designed St. Anne's Catholic Church.

monthly \$60 rent. Thanks to Andrea Stierle, Nicole von Gaza, Carrie Kiely, and Dick Gibson for supporting seven months' rent.

With the availability of the office, CPR's regular monthly meetings will now be scheduled to occur there. The regular meeting time is unchanged: second Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. Phone: 406-490-3216.

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Partial funding for this project was provided by Montana's Cultural Trust.

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2008 MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE

CPR's membership is on a calendar-year basis, with annual dues in January. For the complete list of what each level helps support, together with the associated benefits and discounts, please visit our web site: www.buttecp.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: \$100

Historic Improvement Program Grant underwriting: \$750



NEXT CPR MEETING
Tuesday Feb. 12
CPR Office, MOFAB
(405 W. Park, Ste. 200)
7:00 p.m.

2008 Dues are Due!
New rates on this page
THANKS!

START THINKING ABOUT TOURS

At the January meeting, members reminded everyone that we need to start planning NOW for the events we expect to sponsor this year.

If you are interested in helping with the Dust To Dazzle Tour (tentatively scheduled for Saturday June 28), contact Kelly Rose (498-4366). To help plan the Stained Glass Tour, contact Dick Gibson (723-9639).

We expect to offer several activities again during National Historic Preservation Month (May). If you have ideas or want to help, contact Mitzi Rossillon or Dick Gibson.



NON-PROFIT STATUS GRANTED

Although Butte CPR has been a qualified non-profit from its inception, because of low income we had not needed to file for official status.

In December 2007, CPR was notified by the IRS that we are now a fully registered 501(c)3 organization. This allows us to apply for grants and to receive larger donations than in the past.

NEWS SNAPSHOTS, JANUARY 2008

- Thanks to Kay and Carl Eccleston for donating space for CPR to store our salvage materials. Stay tuned for notice of a moving party!
- At the January meeting, two Board members announced their resignations. The present Board consists of Larry Smith, Andrea Stierle, Mitzi Rossillon, Robert Edwards, and Carrie Kiely.
- CPR was approached by the Activities Director at *Beyond Assisted Living*, three homes where a total of 33 people live, to provide monthly visits and talks related to Butte history and architecture. Mitzi, Dick, Irene, and Julie have volunteered to

participate—if you are interested, contact Dick Gibson.

- Larry Smith and others met with Paul Babb to discuss CPR’s concern about county-owned historic artifacts such as street cobblestones. Ideas were generated, but the question will likely be referred to the BSB Historic Preservation Commission and the new Historic Preservation Officer (who may be in place by sometime in February).
- Kay Eccleston's service learning writing class provided us with a report on gate and fence protection. We'll review it and make it available on the web site.



- Dick and Irene gave their Stained Glass talk to the Butte Kiwanis Club on January 16.
- Thanks to Robert Edwards & Max Detjens, Silverbow Properties, for providing cell phone service for the CPR office. Phone: 406-490-3216

PRESERVE AMERICA GRANT SUPPORTS WORKSHOPS

Thanks and kudos to CPR member Jen Wilson for her last-minute effort at pulling together our application to SHPO for a sub-grant from the Preserve America program.

The grant, announced in January, will support CPR's planned Historic Windows Workshop, to be presented by National Park Service personnel, as well as two other 2008 workshops (Hot Water Heat and Brick Repair).

Irene Scheidecker is organizing the windows workshop, scheduled for the Museum of Fine Arts—Butte in a few months. The

grant is for about \$4300 and will substantially cover the cost of the professionals contracted for the program, as well as advertising. Match is provided primarily by CPR volunteers. Thanks, SHPO!



VIRTUAL HISTORIC BUTTE UPDATE

The project now has articles started for 319 properties, but it seems to be languishing. If you are interested in researching, photographing, and writing

about Butte's and Anaconda's historic buildings, please contact Dick Gibson at:

rigibson@earthlink.net.

RADAR SCREEN

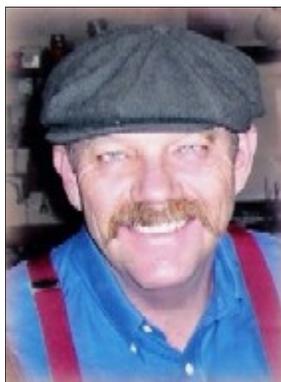
Members are reminded to stay vigilant and informed about the upcoming Council of Commissioners elections, as well as revitalization plans that may impact historic structures.

The latter include the proposed re-alignment of the intersection of Mercury and Wyoming Streets as part of a broader program, as well as plans to use the Original Mine Yard for the National Folk Festival.

Potential applicants should remember that the deadline for Historic Improvement Program grants will be in May.



MEMBER PROFILE: DENNY DUTTON



DENNY DUTTON, a retired US Army Artillery captain, graduated from Battleground High School in Washington in 1971, and from Cameron University (Lawton, OK) in 1980. He is a historian, vintage car restorer and vintage stock car racer who immigrated to Butte in 1999. Denny is a Red Cross volunteer, and provides guide service on the Chamber of Commerce trolley.

His work as one of the driver guides for the trolley was an introduction to Butte's history that led directly to Denny's co-founding in 2004 of Old Butte Historical Adventures, Butte's first walking tour company. Denny is now a freelance guide offering a wide diversity of tours. He also serves as Logistics Chair for the Vernacular Architecture Forum (coming to Butte in 2009), and is a member of the Chamber of Commerce Convention & Visitors Bureau Board. He and his wife Barb opened their home, a 1917 Craftsman bungalow on Lowell Street, to the 2007 Dust to Dazzle Tour.

REMINDER: ALL VOLUNTEER HOURS ARE VITAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE REQUIRED MATCH FOR OUR MONTANA CULTURAL TRUST GRANT. PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP TRACK OF VOLUNTEER HOURS!