



BUTTE CITIZENS FOR PRESERVATION AND REVITALIZATION

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CPR



COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

The January CPR meeting included brainstorming new ideas as well as follow-up on some older ideas. Several new committees were formed that need help.

Any member who is interested in contributing to Butte CPR is encouraged to join one of the following committees. In most cases, no more than an hour or two a month is involved, with perhaps a two- to three-hour contribution on the day of a particular event.

Historic Improvement Program Grants. Larry Smith, Kelly Rose, and Mark Reavis are on the committee to review grant applications when they come in, and recommend to the full Board of Directors amounts to grant. One or two more members would be welcome—contact Larry (uptownlarry@hotmail.com).

Historic Preservation Film Festival. Carrie Kiely and Mark Reavis are helping Pat Munday with this program for late Winter or early Spring. One more person could help with promotion. Contact Pat (PMunday@mtech.edu).

Revolving Fund. Mitzi Rossillon, Mark Reavis, Irene Scheidecker, and Dick Gibson will be working on nuts and bolts of trying to get this off the ground. Especially if you have experience with real estate (buying, selling, evaluating) and repair, consider volunteering. Contact Mitzi (mitzi.rossillon@gmail.com).

Standing committees include the Dust To Dazzle tour (contact Kelly, jkruse@bresnan.net), Greek Café (contact Nicole, info@buttecpr.org), and National Historic Preservation Month (contact anyone).

UPTOWN ARSON TOPIC OF FEBRUARY MEETING

CPR's regular meeting February 9 will feature Butte-Silver Bow Fire Marshal John Lasky, who will give a short presentation on the all-too-frequent arsons that have been taking place in the Uptown district, often threatening historic properties.

Members are encouraged to attend, and to come with ideas, suggestions, and questions for Mr. Lasky.

Thanks to CPR member Stephen Foreman for organizing this presentation.

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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.



Link on CPR home page, <http://www.buttecpr.org>

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, decoration, 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.buttecpr.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

MEMBERSHIP

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

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

Next Meeting
Tuesday Feb. 9, 2010
7:00 p.m.
Jacobs House
201 W. Granite

INTRODUCING NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Butte CPR thanks Andrea Stierle and Julie Crowley for their dedicated service as members of the Board of Directors. At the January meeting, the other four Board members, Larry Smith, Mitzi Rossillon, Robert Edwards, and Carrie Kiely, were re-elected by the members present.

New Board members elected are Mark Reavis, Mike Hogan, and Wendy Ward.

Mark is a professional architect who also taught in the Montana Tech College of Technology Historic Preservation program. He also served as Butte-Silver Bow's Historic Preservation Officer for many years. Mike Hogan is a long-time member who conducts CPR's Historic Hot Water Heat Workshops.

Wendy Ward is our first "remote" Board member. She is Director of Preservation

Napa Valley (California) and serves on the Cultural Heritage Commission for the City of Napa. She has a standing interest in Butte that was piqued by her participation in the VAF conference last summer. Her web site is at



www.preservationnapavalley.org

Following the Board election, the Board re-elected officers Larry Smith (President), Carrie Kiely (Vice-President), and Dick Gibson (Secretary). Jean Abrams was elected Treasurer January 25.

Photo above from Napa Valley

President: Larry Smith ♦ Vice-President: Carrie Kiely
Treasurer: Jean Abrams ♦ Secretary: Dick Gibson

Board of Directors: Larry Smith, Mitzi Rossillon, Robert Edwards, Carrie Kiely, Mark Reavis, Mike Hogan, Wendy Ward
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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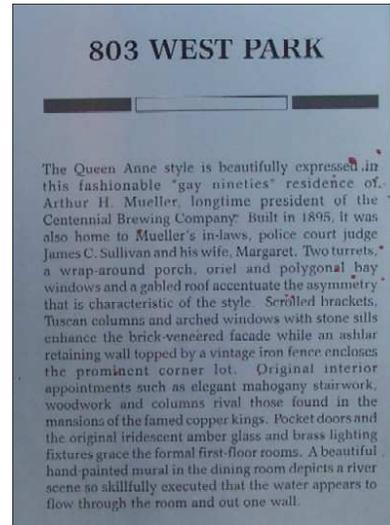
LIGHT-EM-UP BUTTE!

This project is spearheaded by Robert Edwards and Denny Dutton. The goal is to enhance the aura of the Uptown business district after hours by lighting up many of the unused floors on Uptown business buildings. They'll appear occupied and vibrant.

The plan is to place lamps in strategic locations in numerous buildings all set with timers to control the on-and-off cycle. Most windows would be lit for 4 to 6 hours per evening.

Needs include curtains or drapes for windows (to focus the light), extension cords, timers, lamps, and bulbs (preferably new energy-efficient types). Anyone willing to donate or finance the purchase of such items should contact Robert or Denny.

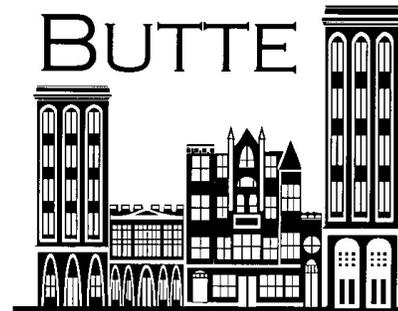
You can help make the Uptown come alive!



GET YOUR HISTORIC PLAQUE

The Montana Historical Society claims to have a “lull” just now and has put out a call for applications for National Register sign applications.

Visit <http://mhs.mt.gov/shpo/signs.asp> for details. In short, if you own a contributing property in Butte, you can get a \$475 plaque for \$35.



Hirbour Tower (left) is a prime candidate for the Light-em-up BUTTE campaign.

CURT BUTTON, DUMAS BENEFACTOR, DIES



John “Curt” Button, long-time friend of Butte CPR, passed away December 19. From 2007 to late 2009, Curt attended most CPR meetings where he was a vigorous voice supporting preservation of the Dumas Brothel Museum.

His enthusiasm and leadership went beyond words at meetings. Curt donated nearly \$30,000 to Butte CPR to save the Dumas (*below*), a spark that expanded into a fire. With support from Curt and others, and matching grants from the URA, CPR contracted for a new roof and repair of critical interior ma-

sonry. These repairs have, we hope, stabilized the building, which was a high point on the Butte Day walking tours during the June 2009 Vernacular Architecture Forum.

Dumas owner Rudy Giecek plans a celebration of Curt’s life at the Dumas on St. Patrick’s Day.

Curt also supported other causes, including Pintler Pets, Butte Central Booster Club, and the ACLU.

Curt will be missed.



CCSP PROGRAM FUNDED; GREEK CAFÉ PROJECT TO BEGIN

In January, CPR was notified that Congress had funded the National Park Service’s Challenge Cost Share program. We had previously been informed that our application on behalf of the BSB-owned Greek Café building (*lower left*) was top applicant for the 2010 cycle, but release of money was contingent on funding of the program as a whole.

CPR will receive \$30,000 on a reimbursement basis to put a roof on the building at 88 E. Park Street. A significant contribution from the owner, Butte-Silver Bow County, was pledged by the Council of Commissioners through the Urban Revitalization Agency. Details of how the project will play out are being defined by the project leaders, Nicole von Gaza and Mitzi Rossillon, with assistance from the Greek Café committee.

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):

Rooming House Level (students): \$10 annually

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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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