



BUTTE CITIZENS FOR PRESERVATION AND REVITALIZATION

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CPR



CURT BUTTONS SUPPORTS DUMAS – AGAIN

At the February 12 monthly meeting of Butte CPR, member Curt Buttons displayed his generosity and dedication to Butte by donating \$10,000 to CPR as additional support for revitalizing and saving the Dumas Brothel.

Curt's donation of more than \$16,000 last year, together with other individual donations and a 25% URA matching grant, allowed CPR to pay for a new roof. Now, perhaps, critical masonry stabilization can be completed to "save the building."

CPR member Denny Dutton has offered to paint the cornice if money can be allocated to cover expenses, and Main Street Uptown Butte had previously expressed interest in helping with such costs. Other individuals and organizations wishing to contribute matching donations to help improve the building's structure and appearance should contact Butte CPR.

Thanks to all those who have taken the lead on saving this important element of Butte history—especially Curt Buttons.



MEMBERSHIP DRIVE IN PROGRESS

Reminder: Dues are now payable for 2008. Please refer to the web site, www.butte.cpr.org, or call Nicole at 406-490-3216 for details of membership levels, which begin at \$10 for students and \$25 for individuals. Levels are also listed on page 2 of this newsletter.

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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: \$95

Historic Improvement Program Grant underwriting: \$750



NEXT CPR MEETING
Tuesday March 11
CPR Office, MOFAB
(405 W. Park, Ste. 200)
7:00 p.m.

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

ABOUT THE WEB SITE

Butte CPR's web site is representative of many contributors and supporters. Hosting was initially paid for by James & Kelly Rose and provided at a discount by Big Sky Internet.

Butte's Renewable Technologies, Inc. (RTI) arranged for our domain name registration, and pays for the annual renewal of it.

Today, our web site is generously hosted at no charge by Silverbow Software, with technical support from CPR member Max Detjens.

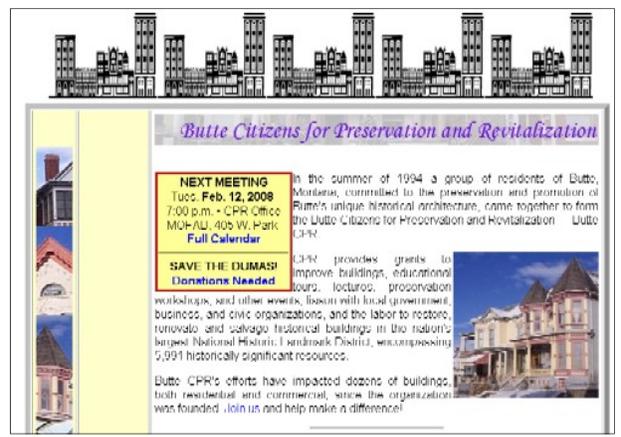
With input from many members, Dick Gibson designed the original site in 2004 and continues to serve as volunteer webmaster.

Visitation to our website is world-wide. In a recent week, we had visitors from 26 states, plus Canada, U.K., Philippines, India, France, Australia, Romania, South Africa, Italy, Albania, Malaysia, and Singapore. Often enough, California or New York will outnumber Montana in visitor count.

By far the most popular pages are the brick repair page and those related to historic buildings, especially "For Sale." Our Brick Repair PDF is typically downloaded more than 100 times a month.

Our daily "unique visitor" count—a better representation of how many people see our web site than "hits"—ranged in 2007 from 62 (Dec.) to 101 (June) **visitors per day**.

If you haven't visited lately, we hope you'll explore some of our 50 or so internal pages—and contribute!



NEWS SNAPSHOTS, FEBRUARY 2008

- At the February meeting, formal Board elections were held. The CPR Board of Directors consists of Larry Smith, Andrea Stierle, Mitzi Rossillon, Robert Edwards, and Carrie Kiely.
- CPR is providing free monthly presentations at *Beyond Assisted Living*, three homes where a total of 33 people live. Mitzi, Dick, Irene, Denny, and Julie have volunteered to participate—if you are interested, contact Dick Gibson.
- Dick gave a talk on CPR and its goals and activities to the Butte Newcomers & Friends February 6.

- Nicole's Newspaper Article project is about to take wing. The *Montana Standard* is excited about these contributions, and Nicole is near the necessary 10 items in her "slush pile" to get it going. If you are interested in writing a 300-400-word article, contact Nicole at 406-490-3216.
- Thanks to Jim Warner for the printing of our new Membership Flyer!
- Thanks to Carrie Kiely for donating a nice desk and chair to our new office. Mitzi Rossillon donated a file cabinet. Thanks!



- Please visit the Meeting Minutes page on the website for details of other CPR activities and plans.



2008 PAID MEMBERS: NEW & RENEWING

Butte Preservationist Level

Curt Buttons

Queen Anne Level

Barbara Gregovich &
Brice Boedecker
Don & Irene Scheidecker
Larry & Debbie Smith

Italianate Level

Vernon & Barbara Griffiths

Bungalow Level

Jeanette Barnes
Barb & Denny Dutton
John Jakupcak & Mitch Werner
Suzzann Nordwick
Noorjahan Parwana &
Mark Sylverson
Kelly & James Rose
Nicole von Gaza & Russ Hansen

Miner's Cottage Level

Sharon Amundsen
Kathy Carlson
Ellen & Gordon Crain
Jan Cronquist
Julie Crowley
Steve Foreman
Phyllis Hargrave
Carol Link
Mary McCormick
Toni Seccomb
Cindi Shaw
Andrea Stierle
Lee and Steve Whitney
Anonymus



Business Members

Gibson Consulting Tour Guide

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.



HISTORIC WINDOWS REHAB DO'S AND DON'TS



**DON'T.
PLEASE DON'T.**

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!