



BUTTE CITIZENS FOR PRESERVATION AND REVITALIZATION

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WINDOWS WORKSHOP SET

Windows 101. Thursday May 7, 7:00 p.m. at MoFAB. **FREE.** Presented by John Bartram (Architectural Representative for Minot Builders Supply) & Irene Scheidecker (Butte CPR).



If you're thinking about your home's windows at all, this informational presentation is for you. All the options will be presented, from repair to replacement to weatherizing, so that you can better judge which choice is the right one for your particular situation.

Hands-on window repair workshop

Friday, May 8 & Saturday, May 9, 9 a.m.— 4 p.m. at MoFAB, \$20 (non-members), \$10 (members) for materials & lunches.

Pre-registration required.

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HIP GRANT DEADLINE LOOMS



Applications for CPR's Historic Improvement Program are due **Friday April 3.** Mail to the CPR address above or deliver to a committee member—Larry Smith, Andrea Stierle, Kelly Rose, or Jen Titus.

2009 ACTIVITIES: YOU CAN HELP

Please contact Nicole (info@buttecpr.org, or 490-3216, or visit the office during office hours) for information about helping with these upcoming CPR activities:

- ◆ **Dust to Dazzle Tour Committee**
- ◆ **Other Tours**
- ◆ **May—National Historic Preservation Month**
- ◆ **Everything else we do**

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Windows Workshop—May 7-8-9, 2009
Hot Water Heat Workshop—Spring 2009
How to research your home—TBA
Brick Repair—TBA



CPR's 2008-09 workshops are supported in part by a sub-grant from the State Historic Preservation Office's Preserve America Grant.

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OFFICE HOURS & UPDATES

Nicole is expanding and changing CPR's office hours to **Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**



Please stop by the office on the second floor of the Museum of Fine Arts—Butte (405 W. Park 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.

We still seek volunteers to give talks to **Beyond Assisted Living** once a month. Peggy Eustice, the coordinator of these programs, tells us that they were so happy with our presentations, they'd like to open it up to any topic—not just Butte history or things within CPR's focus. **So if you have an interesting family story, a travelogue, just about anything, please contact Dick if you are interested.**

Likewise, if you want to contribute to the Newspaper article series *Brick by Brick*, contact Dick (rigibson@earthlink.net, 723-9639).

CPR has applied for a grant from the Rudd Center of Brigham Young University to support our workshop programs following the expiration of our SHPO sub-grant from Preserve America. We'll know about April 15 if we got it.

2009 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.shtml. 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 Meeting
Tuesday April 14, 2009
7:00 p.m. — MoFAB
405 W. Park St.

MEMBERSHIP

Reminder: Dues are now payable for 2009. Please refer to the web site, www.buttecpr.org, or call Nicole at 406-490-3216 for details of membership levels outlined above. Dues payments after October 1 are applied to the following year.

By Nicole von Gaza

ON THE CORNICE



It has been a scant three months since the Council of Commissioners overrode the suggestions of the HPC and voted to allow the demolition of 1207 W. Silver St.

A similar situation is on the table again. Hanging in the balance are 303 and 303 ½ S. Idaho St. Both abandoned, these small structures sit on the same lot. 303 faces S. Idaho St and 303 ½ -a rare surviving alley house – sits to the west on the alley. Both date to the 1880's.

The owner, Dr. Rindo Sironi, has invested a lot of money in his new medical building that sits on the lot directly south of these two structures.

Dr. Sironi, following proper procedure, has appealed to the HPC for review of this property. It is his wish to demolish these two structures. It is his belief that these structures have no historical value, and incite bad behavior in the neighborhood.

The HPC has called for a 90-day delay on the issue before making their determination. During this period, an updated inventory will be done on both structures. These two quaint buildings could easily be renovated and zoned for conditional use by Dr. Sironi or the medical community. Perhaps a small professional office? Lodging for visiting Doctors?

Unfortunately, Dr. Sironi is not interested in any alternative suggestions at this point. Expect to see this case before our council.

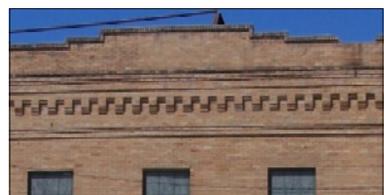
Obviously, much more public awareness is necessary regarding demolition of historic properties in an NHLD. Let's get on it. □

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Robert Edwards, Carrie Kiely, Julie Crowley**
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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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Topics covered will include:

- ◆ Removing the sash from the frame and sealing the opening.
- ◆ Paint and putty removal: pros and cons of various methods.
- ◆ Testing for and dealing with lead paint.
- ◆ Repairing or replacing damaged or rotten wood components.
- ◆ Reglazing (putting the glass back in with putty).
- ◆ Repainting the sash and frame.
- ◆ Weatherizing for maximum energy efficiency.
- ◆ Replacing the sash in the frame and reconnecting the sash weights.

Plus information on where to find window hardware, weatherization supplies, and more.

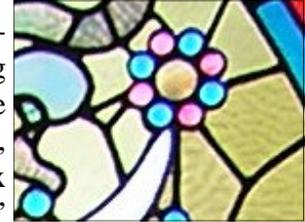
\$20 registration fee will cover cost of Tyvek suit for each participant, lunch for both days, and handouts. (\$10 for CPR members)

Workshop Instructor: Kirby Matthew, Deer Lodge, Montana, is the Program Manager of the Historic Building Preservation Team for the U.S. Forest Service Northern Region. His introduction to historic building preservation came when he worked as a seasonal archaeologist at the Lolo National Forest from 1981 to 1986. He was subsequently certified by the National Park Service as a master preservation carpenter. As many early 20th-century buildings age, Matthew's proficiency in traditional building techniques helps preserve our history.

*Busy old fool, unruly Sun, why dost thou thus,
Through windows, and through curtains call on us?*
—John Donne (1573-1631)

STAINED-GLASS TOUR PLANNED

Back by popular demand—we're planning a repeat of the churches walking tour, to focus on four to six churches in the "zone" from Mountain View Methodist to St. Mark's Lutheran. The likely date will be Sunday May 31.



VERNACULAR ARCHITECTURE FORUM: CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Thursday June 11—Butte Day for the Vernacular Architecture Forum, a national conference meeting in Montana for the first time.

On that day approximately 40 different locations, ranging from private homes to churches, businesses and mine yards, will be open for exploration by an expected 200 architectural historians, folklorists, cultural history tour guides, academics, architects, and others. Thanks in advance to all the owners who have generously made their property available.

Most of the locations have been professionally measured and floor plans drawn—the VAFers are especially interested in the physical layout of places because they can relate that to the way people lived, worked, and played.

Dick Gibson is the volunteer coordinator for Butte Day—he will need a body in each of the locations on the tour, which is on-your-own for the VAFers and is not a guided program. So in essence, someone needs to be in each place pretty much all day, 9:00 a.m. to about 4:00 or 5:00 p.m. Yes, it is a Thursday—a work day for many. Yes, it will be boring—there is no expectation that you’d have to entertain the VAF folks — in fact, they prefer that you don’t. They like to explore for themselves,

using their guidebook as the guide.

So if you are willing and able to help out—even if only for part of the day—PLEASE contact Dick (406-723-9639, or rigibson@earthlink.net). Early volunteers can have their choice of locations!

And be forewarned—Dick will likely be applying pressure SOON for your help on this!

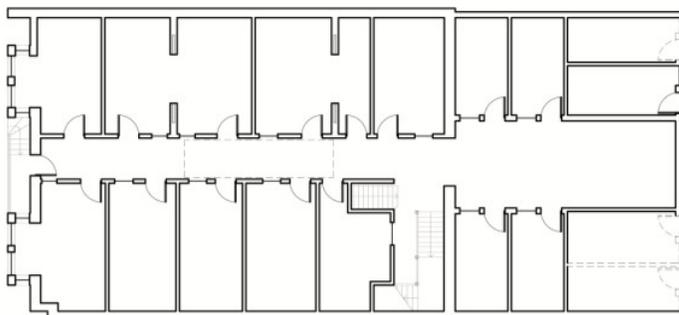
Information on the conference:
www.vafmontana.org

THANKS!



BUY IN BUTTE!

CPR has nominated Butte in the “Best Places to Buy an Old House” contest. This is the second year for this contest, sponsored by PreservationDirectory.com and *This Old House Magazine*. With Butte’s wide array of house styles and sizes, great prices, unique history, and fabulous people, we are hopeful to be in the running. Winners will be published in an upcoming issue of *This Old House* magazine. We will keep you posted. Good Luck Butte!



(left) Example of VAF-style floor plan. This is the Dumas.

Dumas Fieldwork: Martina Parrish, Lesley Gilmore, Amanda Moore, Koshlan Mayer-Blackwell, Maire O’Neill.

Drawing team: Todd Lampinen, Martina Parrish