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CPR



\$3,650 IN HIP GRANTS

Butte CPR announced \$3,650 in awards as part of its 2008 Historic Improvement Program. Grants are intended primarily for façade and visible exterior improvements, and funds for the awards are generated entirely by donations and fund raisers. CPR does not rely on grants from any agency for this program.



This year's awards went to 6 properties—the best among 20 applications whose projects totaled \$61,000. The winners are:

- ◆ Mai Wah buildings
- ◆ 710 W. Broadway
- ◆ 845 W. Broadway
- ◆ 729 W. Galena
- ◆ 401 W. Granite
- ◆ 807 S. Dakota

Special thanks to the Butte Board of Realtors, underwriters for the fifth year of one of the HIP grants. The Mai Wah award is designated as the Board of Realtors award. ■

DUMAS: STABILIZED!

A big step forward for the Dumas was completed when the new load-bearing wall was tied into the main structure of the Dumas in June. At least for now, the most critical work on the Dumas is complete. The most recent phase coordinated by Butte CPR was foundation footing to second-floor masonry work.

Walt Amick of Alpine Masonry completed the work June 18, which included a 10-foot section of foundation that had collapsed into the basement. New masonry was added from the foundation up. As the collapsed wall was not only the support for a rear wall and the roof, but also the main internal staircase and floor joists, failure of the foundation threatened the structure and use of the building.



Although they were not part of the contract with CPR, Alpine Masonry donated work exceeding \$3000 in value to support the floors and stairs. We

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OFFICE HOURS & UPDATES

Nicole von Gaza, CPR's Public Relations Coordinator, has office hours **Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 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.



Larry Smith's June **Brick Repair Workshop** was small but successful, and plans are to try to offer it again this summer.

The **Window Repair Workshop** had to be postponed because of health issues with one of the presenters. Look for a rescheduled workshop this fall.



Brick by Brick, our weekly series of articles in the *Montana Standard* is well underway. Topics have included ghost signs, brick repair, windows, the Dumas, calcimine pain, and Sanborn maps. If you've missed an article, they are all linked on our education web page at www.buttepr.org/edu.htm. Got an idea for a story (or want to write one)? Contact Nicole.

We still seek volunteers to give talks to **Beyond Assisted Living** once a month beginning in August. Contact Dick if you are interested. ■

MEMBERSHIP

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

NEXT CPR MEETING
Tuesday July 8
CPR Office, MOFAB
(405 W. Park)
7:00 p.m. — 3rd floor

MEMBERSHIP

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 outlined above.

DUST TO DAZZLE 4: DAZZLING!

Intriguing architectural and historic details were highlights of the 2008 Dust to Dazzle Tour, ranging from a bank vault converted to a closet in an elegant Metals Bank loft to a hide-away bed that slides out from beneath the bathroom in a 1916 shotgun duplex.

At the 1897-98 former pastor's home of the Mountain View Methodist Church, owners Gordon and Tracy Reid recently learned that their house was designed by Butte's premier architect, Henry M. Patterson. In addition to interesting painted wood-grain, the home has an unusual tiled bathtub (right).

The Hummingbird Café in the 1886 Haller Building (a past recipient of a CPR HIP grant) and the extensive home complex upstairs reveals the history of a Swiss-born baker and his family. Renovation is in progress.

A 1916 Craftsman home on South Washington and an 1892-93 Queen Anne on North Crystal, built by a successful grocer rounded out this year's tour.

Several hundred visitors toured the six locations and



culminated their explorations with a tea in the cool basement of St. Mark's Lutheran Church. Thanks to all the owners and volunteers for making the tour a success!

2008 Dust to Dazzle Sponsors—THANKS!
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Butte Ace Hardware • NorthWestern Energy • Triple S Building Center
Montana Tech College of Technology Historic Preservation Program
Montana Historical Society • BSB Historic Preservation Commission
Absolute Estate Liquidation (Tea)



Dust to Dazzle 2008
Left: Noorjahan Parwana displays the hide-away bed in her shotgun duplex.

Right: Park Street view through the upstairs bay windows of the Haller Building.



HISTORICAL BEST PRACTICES



Left: New construction on East Park Street, soon to be the office of dentist Peggy Lowney, promises to have a historically appropriate cornice and façade. *Right:* The house at 401 N. Wyoming is undergoing extensive brick repointing. This house is in the heart of Butte’s labor history, barely a block from the site of Frank Little’s abduction, the Miners Union Hall, and the Anaconda Road Massacre.

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are sincerely grateful to Walt and Alpine Masonry. They deserve our heartfelt thanks in helping to preserve this important Butte building.

The new roof still needs a drain, a leaking skylight needs a more permanent repair, and collapsed bricks in the rear corner of the building need to be rebuilt to keep water from entering the historic structure—so your continuing donations can make a difference! Larry Smith hopes to have a second Brick Workshop at the Dumas, possibly in September, focusing on the deteriorating interior brick. A number of people will be needed to stabilize this wall.

The project would not have been possible without the impetus of Curt Button’s donations, and the resulting team effort, 25% matching Urban Revitalization Agency (URA) grants, funds generated from Susan Robert’s play *Scarlet Ribbons*, and other contributions. To date, this project has cost just over \$37,000. It will take another \$500 to

\$1000 to install the roof drain and shore up the back wall.

Owner Rudy Giecek plans to have the museum open for at least part of the summer. In addition, volunteer architects and students (Lesley Gilmore, Amanda Moore, Martina Parrish, and Kosh Mayer-Blackwell) from Montana State University and the University of Utah spent a day in the Dumas in June measuring and recording details of the structure in anticipation of the June 2009 national conference of the Vernacular Architecture Forum in Butte (*photo below*). The team, plus architecture professor Maire O’Neill (MSU), also documented the Hamilton Hotel and Rookwood Speakeasy.

