



BUTTE CITIZENS FOR PRESERVATION AND REVITALIZATION

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EVERYTHING... AND THE KITCHEN SINK

Mike Hogan and Jean & David Abrams, volunteers who coordinated the August salvage sale, report strong sales of doors, windows, toilets, and kitchen sinks.

More than 100 salvage purchasers also claimed beds, box springs, and bed frames. If you missed the salvage sale, you can still browse and buy—just call us (490-3216) to schedule a visit to the salvage space.

Mike reports that plenty of beadboard, wood trim, and bathroom sinks are still available.

Preliminary revenue estimate from this sale is \$1,500, which will help support CPR's Historic Improvement Program grants. Thanks to Mike, Jean, and David and all the volunteers who helped—and also thanks to those who are recycling Butte's historic materials.



**Next Hot Water Heat
Workshop
tentatively planned for
October**

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OFFICE HOURS & UPDATES

CPR's office hours are **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.



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, decorations, 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).

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.buttepr.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 Sept. 8, 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.buttepr.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.

ORGANIZER NEEDED

In order to make the Fall Preservation Film Festival a reality, we need someone to lead the way. Brainstorming for this possible program at the July CPR meeting was described in the August newsletter (go to the web site, www.buttepr.org, and to the “About CPR” heading to find the E-newsletters list), but nothing has happened.

Here’s your chance to help CPR as well as the community! It’s mostly a matter of finding a venue, organizing equipment, and some publicity.

If you are interested, please contact Nicole—info@buttepr.org or 490-3216.



CPR TO APPLY FOR STIMULUS MONEY

A rare opportunity for historic preservation funding is available to the entire state of Montana. The HB 645 Historic Preservation Competitive Grant, thanks to Butte’s own Jon Sesso, will disperse \$3.6 million in stimulus money to worthy preservation projects around the state.

CPR is already in the process of assisting BSB save and stabilize the Greek Café through a grant secured by the NPS Challenge Cost Share Program. Further renovations are in the planning stages if CPR is able to secure more grant funds through HB 645.

As with the NPS grant, CPR is applying on behalf of BSB and will orchestrate any work that is funded. Proposed projects are prioritized as many groups and organizations are expected to apply for this money.

We expect 2010 to be a great year with grant money secured for a major project Uptown, the possibility of even more grant money, and a positive partnership with BSB saving the Greek Café, seen in the photo at left.

We will keep you posted.



\$8,000 TAX CREDITS AVAILABLE UNDER STIMULUS PROGRAM

First-time homeowners (non-owners of a principal residence for the past three years who purchase an old house and close by the end of 2009 and live in it for three years can take tax credits of \$8,000 under the economic stimulus program. For more information, explore the National Trust web site: preservationnation.org/resources/public-policy/perfect-storm.

Member Profile: Donna Ritchie Capps

CPR MEMBER BUYS BIRTH PLACE

CPR member Donna Ritchie Capps purchased her home at 807 S. Dakota St. from Butte-Silver Bow in 2007 in a surplus property sale. For \$500 she secured a very rundown historic home in need of immediate attention. Donna was elated, and undaunted by the work that lay ahead, for she was born in that very house.

Life took Donna to Washington State where she worked until retirement as a seamstress for the Teamsters. With siblings and a mother back in Butte, she returned often. Now she spends much of her year here in Butte, and days are spent painstakingly renovating her home.

Donna has taken advantage of many options available to residents of Butte. Purchasing her home through a Developer's Packet. Applying for and receiving grant money from CPR's Historic Improvement Project Program. Scrounging and salvaging many elemental pieces for her home, such as her porch posts and spindles.

Meanwhile, she has replaced the roof, rewired, restored wood floors, built a porch, and restored her granite retaining wall, just to name a few projects.

CPR applauds her for making her home a true Butte project.



Donna Ritchie Capps stands on the restored granite steps leading to her home at 807 S. Dakota St.



Lost building: The Copper Block—called a residence for prostitutes, but almost certainly a brothel in its own right, managed by Jean Sorenson (Dirty Mouth Jean) into the 1970s. This building stood at the corner of Wyoming and Galena Streets. HABS/HAER photo from Library of Congress.

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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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