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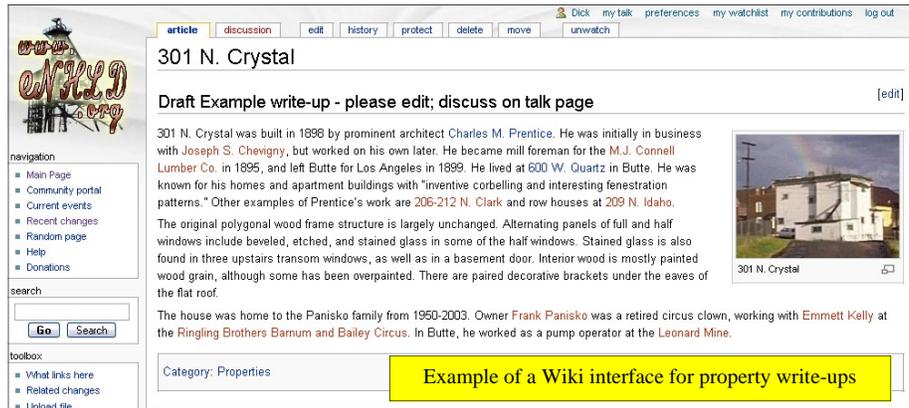
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VIRTUAL HISTORIC BUTTE TO CONTINUE

In March 2007 Butte CPR applied for a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to create “Virtual Historic Butte.” The work would have provided information about all 6,000+ contributing properties in the Butte-Anaconda-Walkerville National Historic Landmark District, as well as some that have been lost.

The project would have collaborated with the Butte-Silver Bow Archives, Montana Historical Society, local libraries and museums, and others. It would have represented about seven full-time equivalent jobs over a two-year grant period.



In August, the program organizers were notified that the NEH had decided not to fund the effort.

But the project will continue, albeit on a scaled-down level using volunteers, and still under the auspices of Butte CPR.

Text information will be derived from historical plaques, NHLD nomination forms, and other sources; modern and historical photographs will be included. In passing, this effort will also benefit the upcoming (2009) Vernacular Architecture Forum, whose Guidebook will use some of these same write-ups.

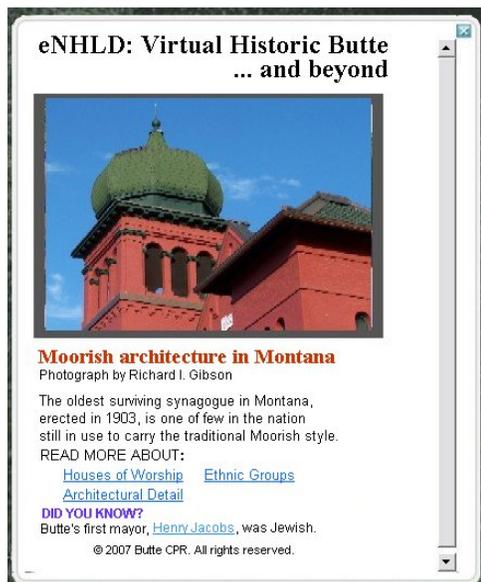
(Left) Example of a Google Earth teaser screen leading to in-depth web pages.

The plan is to create the draft property descriptions in a Wiki—already created by CPR member Max Detjens, and used by the organizers to write the grant application. This affords a ready means of collaboration.

The next step is to incorporate the locations, words and photos into a Google Earth interface, so that when you explore Butte in Google Earth you find dozens of icons leading you to this place-oriented historical information.

Stay tuned!

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PROTECT-A-GATE

The great popularity of CPR’s free protect-a-gate effort is leading us to create a brochure outlining the simple steps you can take on your own to guard your historic wrought iron fences and gates.

Robert Edwards, Max Detjens, Mitzi Rosillon, Jim Warner and others have worked to install bolts on 40 or more gates—but the backlog of requests is huge!

So watch for a new, free, downloadable brochure on CPR’s web site describing techniques for doing the work yourself. Check www.buttecpr.org/wroughtiron.htm for updates and a link to the new brochure when it is ready.



Butte’s wrought iron—often locally made—is both beautiful and historic.

WELCOME WAGON

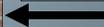
Butte CPR has collated a suite of its materials for distribution to the Butte Newcomer’s Club. Included are the organization’s brochure, the pamphlet on appropriate historical design, HIP grant information, the Uptown Historian Program flyer, and a Butte CPR bookmark.

CPR has also offered to make a presentation about the organization and its work to a Newcomer’s Club meeting sometime this winter. They usually meet on first Wednesdays.



Pop Quiz: Can you name the building graced by this intricate masonry emblem?

Bonus: when was it built?



ON THE ROAD AGAIN WITH STAINED GLASS

CPR members Irene Scheidecker and Dick Gibson are off to Missoula October 3 to present *Through a Glass Brightly: Vignettes of Butte History through Stained Glass*, their PowerPoint Presentation based on the CPR book “Historic Stained Glass in selected Houses of Worship in Butte, Montana.”

The venue is the Missoula Public Library; time is 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday October 3, and it’s free and part of the Library’s “Know Montana” lecture series.

This is the third presentation of this talk, which was previously given in Helena and Butte.



NATIONAL SUMMIT OF MINING COMMUNITIES COMING TO BUTTE

The National Summit of Mining Communities has met in Leadville, Colorado since its inception as a forum for discussing economic, tourism, and preservation issues in former and nearly former mining towns. The conference comes to Butte in September 2008.

Numerous Butte organizations are involved in planning for the meeting, which often has as an important theme the role of historic preservation and cultural tourism in mining communities.

Several folks from Butte are attending the September 2007

meeting in Leadville, representing the Butte Restoration Alliance, which is a co-sponsor of the Butte 2008 meeting.

The Butte delegation hopes to learn about the nature and

expectations of the organization that created this forum.

The conference is expected to bring 150 to 200 attendees to Butte next year.



CPR OFFICE AND OFFICE PERSON COMING IN 2008

Thanks to a two-year grant for operational support to CPR from the Montana Cultural Trust, we expect to have an office and to hire a quarter-time person to handle membership, publications sales, and other activities, and to attend some of the many meetings in Butte that pertain to CPR concerns. Most of the Cultural Trust awards for the 2008-09 biennium were cut in half, so we plan to have a concerted membership drive to help accommodate the expected shortfall—but the consensus of the CPR Board was that it is important that we recognize our own maturity, and that it is time to “step up a notch” as an organization. The Cultural Trust money should be available by January 2008, so that is the target for establishing the office and hiring the part-time person.

**NEXT CPR MEETING
Tuesday Oct. 9
Dick Gibson's home
301 N. Crystal St.
7:00 p.m.**

CPR membership is just \$10 per year for individuals and \$60 for businesses. Dues and donations help us provide free informational brochures and flyers, as well as free services like wrought-iron gate protection and stained glass tours.