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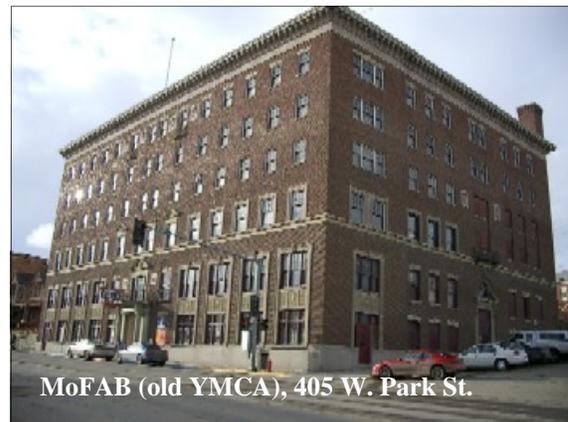


OCTOBER MEETING TO INCLUDE TOUR OF MOFAB

The next regular CPR meeting, 7:00 p.m. October 14, will include a presentation by Butte-Silver Bow Arts Foundation Director Glenn Bodish about possible ways and means for the Art Foundation to interact with Butte CPR.

Glenn has ideas for refurbishing the 5th and 6th floors of the Museum of Fine Arts-Butte (MoFAB), where about 72 small rooms are in need of loving care to become usable as artist spaces, hostels for visitors, or other purposes. This historic (1917) building, where CPR has its office, is in need of significant work. We'll tour those rooms during the meeting.

The October meeting will also (probably) feature a report from the ad hoc Jim Warner Preservation Award Committee, regarding nominees for this new recognition program.



MoFAB (old YMCA), 405 W. Park St.



We can also expect a summary of our efforts at salvage in the Archives building, and discussion of future plans regarding what is still, even after our salvage garage sale, a large supply of materials.

Beth Yost works to remove a painted-wood-grain locker door in the Archives building.

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Hot Water Heat Workshop—October 8

7-9 p.m., MoFAB 2nd Floor

\$10 members • \$35 non-members

Pre-register: 723-2174

Windows Workshop—Spring 2009



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 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.



Brick by Brick, our weekly series of articles in the *Montana Standard* has resulted in 19 articles to date, by four writers. Topics have included ghost signs, brick repair, windows, the Dumas, calcimine pain, granite, Italianate architecture, and Sanborn maps. If you've missed an article, they are all linked on our education web page at www.buttecpr.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. 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.**



2009 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.buttecpr.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 Oct. 14
CPR Office, MOFAB
(405 W. Park)
7:00 p.m. — 3rd floor

MEMBERSHIP

Reminder: Dues are now payable for 2009. Please refer to the web site, www.butte.cpr.org, or call Nicole at 406-490-3216 for details of membership levels outlined above. **Dues received after Oct. 1 will apply to 2009 memberships.**

SALVAGE STILL AVAILABLE

The garage sale is over, but we still have plenty of stuff you can buy. Call Robert at 723-1219 to make an appointment. Typical prices:

- doors—\$10-\$40 • trim—50¢/ft • toilets—\$25
- maple flooring—\$1.50/sq ft
- beadboard—\$1/sq ft
- single-pane windows—\$1 • multi-light—\$20
- radiators—\$30 • light globes—\$4
- pine timbers—\$2/ft • door hardware—\$1

Salvage Want List

Several people have joined the list requesting specific materials, including clawfoot tubs (we have some donated, at the old Sears building—needs a work party), water fountain, hairpin fencing, and iron fencing. □

ELEMENTS



This huge masonry “6” is one of four commemorating the year 1906—the time of one of Butte’s biggest building booms. The medallions are on the Napton Apartments on East Granite Street.

President: Larry Smith ♦ Vice-President: Andrea Stierle

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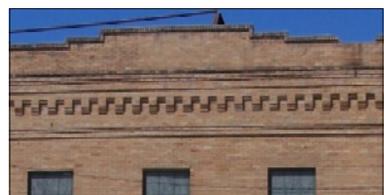
Webmaster & Newsletter Editor: Dick Gibson

Membership Directory: www.buttecpr.org/directory.htm

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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GROWIN' UP ON THE ANACONDA ROAD

By Julie Crowley

It used to be one of the earliest log cabins in Dublin Gulch where my Grandma and Grandpa Crowley lived and raised three boys; one died young from Miner's Con, or Miner's Consumption. Mom and Dad remodeled it, and I remember Mom's story about how she peeled late 1890's newspapers off the logs, but they just disintegrated. The newspapers were cheap but effective insulation.



Julie Crowley

37 Anaconda Road (Road) was a humble home, small, one bedroom, painted white with one big window, right on the sidewalk, no front yard, and a long porch that ran the length of the house. My bedroom was a closed-in porch, wide enough for a twin bed on one wall and on the opposite a chest of drawers with enough room for a person to walk between them. There was a small metal closet in one corner and a desk/vanity in the other. The back door was on the same wall that my bed was against. My dad caulked off the spaces between the frame and the door, but the cold air still came in. It wasn't heated, but I don't recall complaining about it.

We used to walk up the Road with our wooden skateboards that had narrow metal wheels to the old orange Pit Viewing Stand. We'd take a look at the pit operations, shrug our shoulders, and then head down the Road on the boards.

The Pit was no big deal to us, we saw it regularly, heard the blasts, saw the trucks, didn't care about the mine waste dumps, it was all just part of our life. Now it's the largest superfund site in the Country.

The ride down the Road wasn't easy. The metal wheels would hit a small rut, crack or pebble and come to an immediate stop. The sidewalks weren't in good condition, so we'd ride and walk, no big deal.

I remember climbing over, under and walking on the old air pipe that ran from the Kelley to the Steward. It was on top of an old waste dump and supported by wooden structures. It crossed over a bridge over Wyoming Street. It was coated with black stuff on the outside, and when we peeled it off, white stuff underneath. *I'm now sure that was asbestos.*

Two doors down from our house was the Madrazo Family. I still can taste Concha's chocolate chip cook-

ies. She made the best! Her back fence was lined with raspberry bushes and she'd let me go back there and eat 'em any time I wanted. I didn't even have to ask.

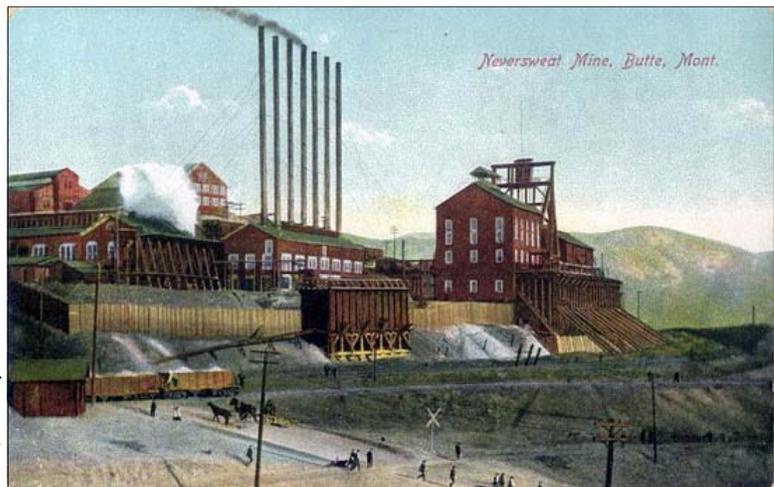
There were the Hastings, Holmes, Peltomas, Connors, Sheehy's, Gross's, Matules, Mulkaviches, Powers, McCoys, McAuley's, Byrds, Yeleniches, just to name a few families. Apologies to those families I've forgotten, it's due to my bad memory and not disrespect. Many of those mentioned made our first communion together in St. Mary's church.

Most of the houses were very small, altho' I didn't care. The Anaconda Company bought us out in 1974 and we moved to the Flats. I guess most people were afraid to relocate to somewhere on the Hill and take another risk of the Company buying us out . . . again. When the Company said you were moving, sooner or later, you moved.

Now in my adult life, when I hear some of the remaining miner's cottages, shotgun houses, and cabins referred to as "dumps" with such insensitivity, I take offense. These dumps were once someone's home, filled with memories and if 37 Anaconda Road still existed, I'm sure they'd be calling my childhood home a dump.

Why preserve or save what we can? Aren't McQueen, Meaderville, Finn Town, Dublin Gulch, East Butte, and the East Side enough to answer that question? ■

Julie Crowley is a life-long resident of Butte and an archivist with NorthWestern Energy. She is a longtime member of Butte CPR.



The seven stacks of the Neversweat Mine overlooked the Anaconda Road, seen in the foreground in this historic post card view.

RESTORATION ALLIANCE PLANS PUBLIC PROGRAMS FOR MOUNTAIN CON MINE YARD

As part of its outreach programming, the Butte Restoration Alliance is organizing tours of the Mountain Con mine yard and a public charrette—an opportunity for public input regarding the planned and potential uses of the vast Mountain Con area.

The program is designed to coincide with the public comment period on Granite Mountain Memorial Interpretive Area Phase II, the outline (and specific) work elements proposed by ARCO to remediate this area. The work will include, for example, a complex of walking trails to connect with the existing BA&P Railroad trail system, as well as extensive sculpting and reclaiming of large parts of the yard. No use has yet been chosen for the Engine Room (Hoist House) itself, so ideas are welcome. The Restoration Alliance through all of its committees—Neighborhood Enhancement, Historic Preservation, Recreation, and Environmental—is attempting to broker interactions among the affected and interested public and organizational stakeholders.

Input from Butte CPR members would be most welcome. Four guided tours are planned:



- ◆ **Sunday, October 19, 2008 1:00-3:00 p.m.**
- ◆ **Thursday, October 23, 2008 5:00-7:00 p.m.**
- ◆ **Saturday, October 25, 2008 1:00-3:00 p.m.**
- ◆ **Monday, October 27, 2008 Noon-2:00 p.m.**

Please meet at the start of the time period at the north entrance of the yard, near the hoist house at the east end of Center Street. Wear sturdy walking shoes and dress for the weather.

The tours will be followed up by a Restoration Alliance meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday Oct. 26, tentatively planned for the Blaine Community Center in Walkerville. The meeting will be dedicated to collecting public input, with the goal of organizing it to submit to the EPA as part of the public comment process.

Visit www.butterestorationalliance.org for more information on the Alliance, or contact any member (listed in the member section of the web site).