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DUMAS REVITALIZATION UPDATE

Butte CPR continues to work with contractors to get the Dumas roof repaired and masonry stabilized.

By the time you read this, work on the roof, contracted to Thomas Roofing, should have begun. Our masonry contractor hurt his knee, so that part of the project is delayed.

CPR President Larry Smith made a presentation to the Urban Revitalization Agency, resulting in a 25% match of our funds. The URA grant totals \$6,975 of our estimated total \$27,900. Almost all the rest of the funding comes from

Curt Buttons' generous donation earlier this year.

At the October CPR meeting, Curt indicated the possibility of an additional personal donation in 2008. We hope to accomplish our goals with present funding, but Curt's gener-

osity and enthusiasm continues to be the spark that makes this project progress.



Below: some of the interior masonry damage at the Dumas. Above: Embossed plaster medallion on a wall—many of these have already disappeared.



DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

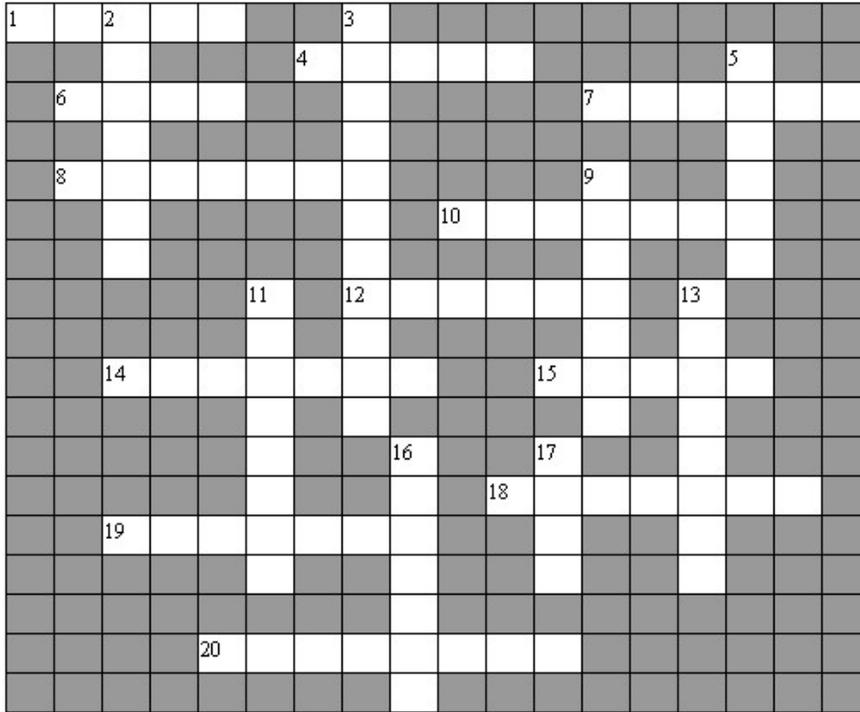
When you receive this, the mail ballot for the Archives bond issue (reported in the September CPR e-newsletter) should be in your hands. It is critical that at least 40% of voters return ballots, or the election requires a 60% supermajority to pass.

Please encourage your friends and colleagues to vote for the bond issue, to save Butte's history!



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ACROSS

- 1. Now a restaurant, an early CPR project
- 4. A brothel CPR is helping save
- 6. Nineteen-ninety _____ (year CPR began)
- 7. Part of a buliding CPR HIP grants benefit
- 8. What Butte's historic cobblestones are made of
- 10. Andrea _____, CPR vice-president
- 12. John _____, recipient of CPR preservationist award
- 14. Street that was center of Butte's red-light district
- 15. The hotel where CPR salvage material is stored
- 18. Vegetable that gave its name to Butte's slum area
- 19. An important mineyard
- 20. A geological street name in Butte



VuVilla—one of many projects to receive a grant from CPR's Historic Improvement Project. More than \$17,000 has been awarded altogether over the past 10 years.

DOWN

- 2. CPR spent lots of time and money here
- 3. With a "dot", CPR's web address
- 5. A Salt Lake brother who gave his name to a town
- 9. A Butte residential hotel
- 11. CPR supports a bond issue for this
- 13. National Historic _____ District
- 16. Kind of iron
- 17. A copper king

POP QUIZ



*Last month's answer:
Can you name the building graced by this intricate masonry emblem?
Old YMCA (MoFAB)*

*Bonus: when was it built?
1917*

What defining event in Butte history occurred at this former church, and when?

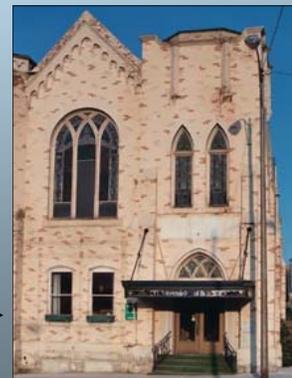


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CPR REPRESENTED AT MONTANA HISTORY CONFERENCE

Five Butte CPR members made presentations at the 34th annual Montana History Conference in Helena October 18-20.

A session on using Butte history as a vehicle for cultural tourism included Denny Dutton's talk on why tourists love Butte's historic underground city—the Speakeasy, old City Jail, underground barber shop, and more.

Julie Crowley's presentation focused on architectural elements that tell Butte's history (though Julie was unfortunately unable to attend the conference). Irene Scheidecker and Dick Gibson reported on CPR's stained glass tours and the presentations they have made on historic vignettes reflected in stained glass.

Dick Gibson gave a short update on the Uptown His-

torian Program, designed to educate, entertain, and keep visitors in the Uptown a bit longer. (*See related story on page 4.*)

Max Detjens and Dick provided an update on the "Virtual Historic Butte" program, reported in the last CPR e-newsletter. That project now has 200 properties ready for content addition in our Wiki, and more than 50 articles have been started, albeit in a bare-bones fashion for some. People who want to be contributors should contact Dick Gibson at rigibson@earthlink.net.

The presentations were well-attended by 50 to 60 historians from across the state, and the 1 hour-10 minutes of talks generated 40 minutes of questions, comments, and compliments—most gratifying to the presenters.



Photo by Jim Warner



MEMBER PROFILE: NICOLE VON GAZA

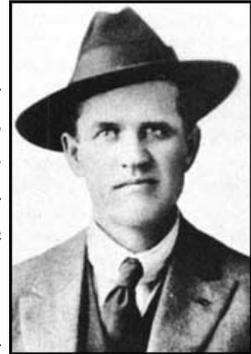
Nicole has only lived in Butte for just over a year, but has become very active in CPR, as well as forming her own stained glass business, working as an archaeological cataloguer for the Mai Wah dig, and much more. Nicole came to Butte from Skagway, Alaska, where she was a tour guide for 17 years with various organizations. Nicole has taken the lead on a languishing CPR project to provide regular newspaper articles to the Montana Standard—but she needs your contributions! Visit the "members only" section of the web site for more information. Nicole also created the Appropriate Design pamphlet that can be downloaded on the web site. Nicole and her husband Russ Hanson are restoring and renovating an 1893 Queen Anne home on Crystal Street.



UPTOWN HISTORIAN PROGRAM IN SECOND PRINTING

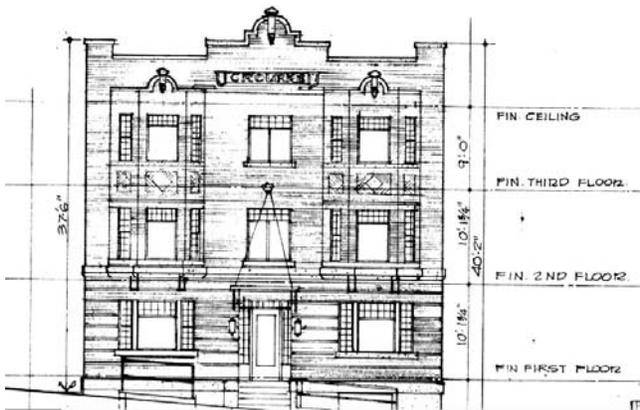
The Uptown Historian Program, a “scavenger hunt” for tourists to answer questions based on the historic plaques on uptown buildings, is about to go to its second printing. The first 1000 were distributed during the summer, but most disappeared quickly even when they were replenished. Hotels and the Chamber Visitor Center have requested copies to have available over the winter.

The second printing is changed a bit, to reflect the generous financial sponsorship of the following underwriters: Books and Books (Jo Antonioli), Silver Bow Properties (Robert Edwards, Max Detjens), Denny Dutton Tour Guide, Nicole von Gaza Tour Guide, and Dick Gibson Tour Guide. At this writing we still seek three underwriters at \$25 each. Thanks for supporting this project!



Frank Little

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Part of an architect's drawing of the O'Rourke, one of the many buildings Butte CPR has helped save.

BUTTE BOARD OF REALTORS DONATES—AGAIN

CPR is happy to announce that the Butte Board of Realtors has made a \$500 donation to the Historic Improvement Grant Program. 2007 marks the fourth year the Board of Realtors has supported this program.

The Realtors' donation is a significant portion of the \$3000 awarded this year by CPR for façade and similar grants.

THANK YOU!

**NEXT CPR MEETING
Tuesday Nov. 13
Stierle home
1118 Waukesha
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.