



“DUST TO DAZZLE” TOUR SET FOR JULY 9

Butte Citizens for Preservation and Revitalization, Inc is presenting this year’s “Dust to Dazzle” home tour on Saturday, July 9th, 2005. Designed to showcase recent and on-going renovation projects in Butte’s Historic District, it will provide an opportunity to view six homes in varying stages of renovation. Homes on the tour will include several Butte cottages, a remodeled apartment, and a three-story apartment building converted to a single-family residence.

Owners will be on hand at each home to speak with tour attendees. They will explain the renovation process, the problems they encountered, and their motivation for the purchase and repair of their building. A short history of each building and its National Register significance will be available as well.

The tour will be sponsored in part by area vendors whose products and services have been used in these projects. These vendors will be set up in the tour homes, so they can display their products or explain their services. They will also be able to answer questions and discuss costs. We anticipate representation from many fields including products and services which may be new to tour attendees.

In addition, we expect representation from Montana Tech’s Historic Preservation Degree program and the Butte -Silver Bow Land Sales Committee and Health Departments. The Montana Tech program offers several excellent classes, while Butte-Silver Bow will explain the process for buying its surplus properties and offer information on the Lead Abatement Program.

Tickets are \$10 each, or two for \$15. Proceeds will benefit Butte CPR’s many projects, most notably its Building Improvement Fund. (See page 2 for info on applying for a BIF grant.) While the funds raised will be a welcome assist with our projects, the principle reason for our tour is to inspire people to purchase and restore historic buildings in Uptown Butte, to show what great results can be achieved while bringing an historic building back from the brink, and to meet the varied and wonderful people who enjoy doing it! Hopefully we’ll find a new neighbor!

For questions regarding vendors, call Janice at 782-2093; public relations call Bob at 782-1796; and for tour locations call Mitzi at 782-0494. Watch for tickets to go on sale this summer!



BUTTE CPR ONLINE

CPR's web site, www.buttepr.org, went live in April 2004. Resources such as historic building descriptions (including some that are for sale), the Brick Workshop brochure, O'Rourke updates, and the next meeting location are available. You can print a membership form to accompany your annual dues payment. Guidelines for the annual Building Improvement Fund grants can be found and the application cover sheet is available for download. A growing list of links to old-house resources as well as to other preservation organizations connects us to the rest of the world. We seek YOUR input to existing pages as well as ideas for more content.

The website was designed by volunteer Dick Gibson with the advice of the Education Committee, and he also maintains it.

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This April 2005 issue of the Butte CPR Newsletter was compiled by Irene Scheidecker, who is grateful for the submission of articles by Bob Benson, Dick Gibson, Larry Smith, Mitzi Rossillon, and Andrea Stierle.

SPECIAL THANKS

Butte CPR is always grateful for all the donations we receive each year. This past year, however, we received some particularly generous donations, and take this opportunity to thank the donors by name.

Brad O'Neill (\$300) Mr. O'Neill is a Butte native who now lives in Blaine, Washington, and owns an architecture and custom build business. The year 2004 was the second in which he made a generous donation. We've never met Mr. O'Neill, but hope someday to thank him in person when he returns to visit his family and friends.

National Historic Landmarks Program of the National Park Service (\$5000) The National Park Service, through its Heritage Partnerships Program, provided the funds used to pay structural engineer Tom Beaudette for an analysis of the O'Rourke building and of the Mary MacLane house at 417 No. Excelsior. This grant allowed Butte CPR to demonstrate that the O'Rourke is structurally sound, and that demolition to protect public safety is unnecessary.

Butte Board of Realtors (\$500) The Butte Board of Realtors' donation last summer sponsored one of five Building Improvement Fund grants awarded in 2004. The VuVilla Bar and Restaurant was the recipient of the sponsored grant, and the owner made significant progress on facade painting last year. The project should be completed within a few months.

Silver Bow Properties, LLC (\$300) Butte newcomers C. Max Detjens and Robert F. Edwards of Silver Bow Properties LLC recently purchased the Imperial block on East Park Street and are in the midst of a major renovation project there. Upon hearing of Butte CPR's earlier efforts to close open windows at the rear of the building, the two generously donated \$300 and have volunteered to help us with future hands-on projects.

Thanks again to these major donors, and thanks to others whose donations of cash, volunteer time, materials, and services made 2004 another good year for Butte CPR and the preservation of historic Uptown Butte.

BUTTE CPR GRANTS AVAILABLE

Are you thinking of fixing up your historic building? Funding is now available to help you restore your historic facade -- your building's face, that is. Three \$500 grants will be offered to home or commercial building owners this year. Butte Citizens for Revitalization (CPR) will refund the cost of materials or paint for facade improvement of historic Butte buildings. Buildings must have been constructed before or during 1940 to qualify as "historic".

Funding for the grants comes from the sale of materials salvaged by CPR from buildings slated for demolition. Additional funds come from CPR's Tour of Historic Homes. Through the Grants program, CPR is fueling the resurgence of interest in Butte's historic architecture.

CPR's Building Improvement Fund Committee will review the applicants and select the recipients. Applicants must submit a completed application for consideration. This includes photos showing the current condition of the facade, clear plans for restoration, and a grant budget. Applications will be evaluated against grant guidelines and design review requirements.

Eligible activities include exterior painting, re-pointing, cleaning, wall stuccoing; improvements to windows, awnings, and doors; and replacement or repair of original architectural features such as cornices. Ineligible activities include interior renovations, roof and chimneys, vinyl or aluminum siding, plumbing and electrical, and substantial reconstruction of structural elements.

Grant guidelines, design review requirements, and applications are available at the Butte Silver-Bow Archives at 17 W Quartz, the Community Development Office at the Courthouse or by calling Kelly at 782-8458. They can also be downloaded from the Butte CPR website - www.buttecpr.org. Applications will be accepted immediately. Deadline for submitting applications is May 13th, 2005.

Previous recipients include John Walden and Cindy McIlveen, 431 W. Mercury, Paul Guillemette, 727 W. Quartz, Janet and Gary Beals, 510 W. Galena, Zan and Kerrick Murray, 824 W. Park, and Pete Ygnatowiz, 911 S. Main.

HOME RESTORATION TECHNIQUES WORKSHOPS

Butte CPR will be running some hands-on workshops to introduce people to a few of the many techniques involved in home restoration. No workshops have been scheduled yet, but we are considering running a few this summer focusing on building exterior restoration and maintenance. Some possible topics are:

- **Repointing historic brick:** materials and techniques appropriate for "soft" brick.
- **Repainting exterior wood:** safely stripping lead-based paint, surface filling, and other preparation techniques for long-lasting paint jobs.

The workshop on repointing historic brick was run during 2004. About a dozen people participated in the Thursday evening session where evaluation of brick work, tools, materials, and techniques were covered. About half of the people showed up for the hands-on session where we repointed brick on a wall and around a window of a classic historic building in Uptown Butte. Afterwards, some of us visited one of the participant's buildings. We evaluated various drainage problems and strategies for repairing and restoring parts of this apartment building. We intend to run the workshops on weekend days. The cost will be as a membership and/or donation to Butte CPR. The work will possibly be done at the Mary MacLane House (417 No. Excelsior), where people will learn while improving the exterior of this important, but ill-maintained, structure. If you are interested in participating in one or more workshops, have ideas for other topics, or would like to lead a workshop on a topic on which you have become proficient, please contact Larry Smith (782-3429, uptownlarry@hotmail.com, or info@buttecpr.org).

***National Historic
Preservation Week is May 15-21
Celebrate!***



L-R Lt. Gov. John Bolinger, Mitzi Rossillon, Toni Seccomb, Don Scheidecker, Carol Westine, Larry Smith, Jim Warner, and Irene Scheidecker

BUTTE CPR HONORED AT STATE AWARD CEREMONY

The Montana Historical Society hosted the 2005 Biennial Historic Preservation Awards on Thursday, January 20 at the Montana Club in Helena. These awards recognize the outstanding efforts of those who have worked to save and honor historic buildings and preserved properties across Montana. As has been for the past twenty years, it was a special event that drew together many unsung heroes who dedicate their energies to preserving the best of our collective past.

Lieutenant Governor Bohlinger presented the awards, which honor individuals and organizations that have made significant contribution to the preservation of our significant places. In addition, owners of the twenty-seven properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places over the past two years received certificates of registration.

Butte Citizens for Preservation and Revitalization received the Community Action Award in recognition of their continued work to save the historic buildings of that city. Accepting the award were several members of Butte CPR: Mitzi Rossillon, Jim Warner, Larry Smith, Toni Seccomb, Carol Westine, and Irene & Don Scheidecker. Through their positive, hands-on participation in the civic life of Butte, they are creating a greater understanding that Butte's historic architecture is what makes Butte what It is. And that is something worth fighting for!

Butte CPR members were presented with a framed photograph of an old Butte trolley from the Historical Society's collection.

2004 FINANCIAL PRIMER SUCCESSFUL

Among its outreach programs last year, Butte CPR organized and sponsored a workshop for interested Butte landlords. Entitled "Financial Incentives for Historic Preservation: A Primer for Butte Residential Landlords" and held on April 24, the workshop featured four speakers who have knowledge about and/or experience in historic preservation and residential rentals. Featured were Pete Brown from the Montana State Historic Preservation Office who spoke on the federal and state historic preservation tax credits; Mark Reavis of the Butte-Silver Bow Historic Preservation Office, about property tax abatement; Pam Haxby-Cote then of the Butte-Silver Bow Community Development Department, about Urban Revitalization Agency grants; and Bob Baide who is a Butte residential landlord about his considerable practical experience in melding residential rental remodeling and historic preservation. About 40 individuals attended the workshop which included an informal session when they were able ask questions either about broad topics as funding cycles and application processes or about specifics pertaining to their own projects.

An afternoon session involved a walk-through of the Mother Bottego House and the Leonard Apartments. There, attendees asked Pete Brown and Mark Reavis questions about what specific renovations are eligible for tax credit, the possibility of having phased projects, and other topics. Don Scheidecker videotaped most of both the morning and afternoon proceedings

Butte Citizens for Preservation and Revitalization 2004 Financial Report

Beginning Balance:	Checking	\$2,349.35
	Certificate of Deposit	\$5,592.49
	Total:	\$7,941.84
Receipts:	Dues	290.00
	BIF donation	500.00
	other donations	805.00
	salvage sale	177.00
	interest on CD	43.52
	Brick workshop fees	85.00
	Total Receipts:	\$1900.52
Expenses:	Building Improvement Fund	\$1005.50
	Newsletter	92.98
	O'Rourke mothballing	132.16
	Miscellaneous	304.47
	Total Expenses:	\$1535.11
Ending Balance:	Checking	\$2,671.24
	Certificate of Deposit	5,636.01
	Total:	\$8,307.25

and has offered to make his tape available on loan for interested parties. Don can be reached at 498-0379.

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A Terrific Bargain
Membership Dues for 2005
still only \$10 per year!
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