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# CPR



## \$20,000 TO SAVE THE DUMAS

Butte Citizens for Preservation and Revitalization announced a \$20,000 gift from Butte native Curt Buttons, earmarked for the CPR to seek contractors to perform major roof and structural work on the 1890 Dumas Brothel.

Curt's generous donation will be used by Butte CPR to pay for critically needed repairs, including structural brick and foundation work. "Our goal is to save the building. Without a new roof and foundation repair, this important building will rapidly deteriorate," CPR President Larry Smith said, adding that Curt's gift was the spark that made the effort possible.

Owner Rudy Giecek has encouraged the CPR's efforts in the project, expected to cost at least \$40,000. The CPR will administer and manage fi-

nances and oversee repairs, and is actively seeking donations including private support as well as local agency funding and matching. In addition to Curt Buttons' contribution, Butte CPR received \$1300 raised by Susan Roberts' pass-the-hat production of "Scarlet Ribbons" and \$250 from an anonymous donor.

The Dumas' roof is leaking badly, about 10 feet of an originally exterior, load-bearing masonry wall is collapsing, and roofing is separating from brick parapets, allowing moisture into the exterior wall structures. The goal is to fix the foundation, stabilize the structure, and install a new roof.

Butte CPR is nominating the Dumas to the Montana Preservation Alliance's "Most



Threatened" list for 2007. The MPA has listed the Dumas in the past, but the threat to the building is much greater today than it has ever been.

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## BRICK WORKSHOP SUCCESS • WINDOWS WORKSHOP PLANNED

Larry Smith conducted the 2007 **brick workshop** at the Dumas and reports a small but interested group of participants including the owners of the Uptown Café and Finlen Hotel.

Irene Scheidecker has contacted the National Park Service and they are interested in presenting another **Historic Windows Workshop**, which will likely be in October. Watch the web site for details.

# HIP GRANTS ANNOUNCED

Six awards, totaling \$3,000, were announced in CPR's Historic Improvement Program:

- 659 Maryland Street, painting, Jen Titus, \$900
- the old Blue Ox, 601 W. Park, painting, Etchingshams, \$750
- corner Montana & Park, historic light fixtures, Bryan Woodford, \$450
- 415 W. Broadway, porch work, Dan Rice, \$250
- 845 W. Granite, historic steps recreation, Josh Yarrington, \$150
- 724 Maryland, repaint & bolt bricks, Derringer LLC, \$500

With these grants, CPR has now awarded \$20,000 in façade improvement assistance since the program began in 1997.



*CPR's grants will help with porch work at 415 W. Broadway (top) and painting at 601 W. Park (above).*



*Bryan Woodford has already enhanced the prominent corner of Park and Montana by repainting his woodworking business. The CPR grant will help with installation of historic lighting fixtures here.*

## DESIGN PAMPHLET AVAILABLE

Nicole von Gaza has prepared a guideline for historic rehabilitation. Copies are available from CPR and can be downloaded from the web site at <http://www.buttecpr.org/pubs.htm>

# DUST TO DAZZLE A GREAT SUCCESS

The third annual Dust to Dazzle tour on June 30 drew about 300 attendees from New York, California, Georgia, and Washington, as well as from cities all over Montana.

This fund-raiser generated nearly \$3,000, much of which will be returned by CPR to the community in the form of Historic Improvement Grants.

From dust—the Tait Hotel, being aggressively renovated—to dazzle, including a Henry Patterson-designed home restored by a Montana Tech hydrogeology student, this tour has proved immensely popular. CPR is already planning for the

2008 tour, attentive to the fact that many participants asked about the progress on sites visited in previous years.



*Above: Denny Dutton explains repointing brick on his 1917 craftsman bungalow to Dust-to-Dazzle visitors. Left: The functional elevator in the carriage house at Andrew Jackson Davis's 1890 home on Granite Street.*

## UPTOWN HISTORIAN PROGRAM BEGINS

CPR has created a “scavenger hunt” designed to entice visitors to spend more time in Uptown Butte, learning about our historic buildings as they do.

Twenty questions can be answered by reading the historic plaques on buildings in the Granite to Park, Wyoming to Washington Streets area.

Where was Butte's first mayor born? What did the Thornton Building cost to build? The questions lead visitors through Butte's labor, ethnic, and political history. Copies of the free Uptown Historian flyer have been distributed to motels on the Flat and to businesses all over Uptown. Single copies can be downloaded from <http://www.buttepr.org/pubs.htm>

**NEXT CPR MEETING**  
**Tuesday August 14**  
**Leonard Hotel**  
**215 W. Granite St.**  
**7:00 p.m.**

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