

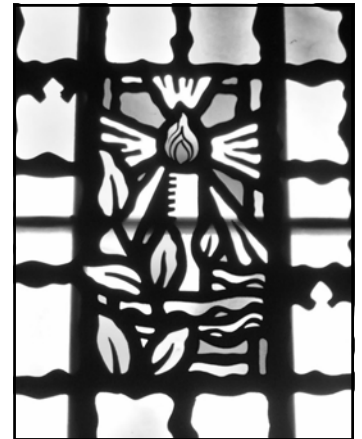


STAINED GLASS TOUR III

Butte CPR is organizing its third tour of stained glass windows on April 23, 2006. Butte is blessed with an amazing array of stained and leaded glass windows. This year the tour will focus on historic places of worship, which hold some of the most spectacular examples of stained glass that Butte, once one of the wealthiest cities in the nation, could muster. You'll see glass manufactured by artisans from Chicago, Minneapolis, San Francisco, New York, and Butte. Because most of the glass is best viewed from the inside, this tour will take place on Sunday afternoon, April 23, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. The following places of worship will be open, with volunteer guides provided by the Butte CPR.

The tour is FREE, and an informative booklet published by the CPR will be available for purchase for \$5.00. Publication of the booklet was supported in part by grants from the Montana Cultural Trust and Butte's Urban Revitalization Agency, assistance that is greatly appreciated. The tour can be started at any of the sites listed.

- * Immaculate Conception Catholic Church at Caledonia and Western
- * St. Joseph Catholic Church at 2nd and Utah
- * St. Patrick Catholic Church at Washington and Galena
- * St. John's Episcopal Church at Broadway and Idaho St.
- * B'Nai Israel Synagogue at 327 W. Galena
- * Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church, 2100 Continental Drive
- * Mountain View Methodist at Montana and Quartz
- * First Baptist at 201 W. Broadway
- * St. Mark Lutheran at 223 S. Montana
- * Trinity Methodist, 971 North Main



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BUTTE CPR GRANTS

BIF Changes Name and Increases Grant Amount

The Building Improvement Fund (BIF) has changed its name to the Historic Improvement Project (HIP) to more accurately reflect the subject of the grant.

For the past ten years Butte CPR has provided grants of up to \$500 for individuals who wish to improve the façade of their building. However in recent years it has been determined that many of the applications do not exhibit the historic aspect. The BIF committee (consisting of Andrea Steirle, Larry Smith, and Kelly Rose) decided the application needed to be simplified and clarified to emphasize historic improvement. What resulted was a streamlined one page application. In addition the dollar amount of the grants was increased from \$500 to \$1000. The name of the grant was also changed. The hope is that applications will focus more on the historic aspect of an applicant's building.

For more information or to download and print an application, go to www.buttecpr.org and click on the grants link. This year's Historic Improvement Project (HIP) grant application deadline is Friday, May 12.

Butte Realtors and Butte CPR Partner for Uptown Building Improvement

For the past ten years, *Butte CPR* has provided funding to help with façade improvements of historical structures in Butte homes and businesses. Three grants of up to \$500 are offered annually through our BIFcom. grants program (recently renamed "HIPcom"). Funding for the grants comes from the sale of materials salvaged by *Butte CPR* from buildings slated for demolition. Additional funds come from *Butte CPR's* Tour of Historic Homes. Through the Grants program, *Butte CPR* is fueling the resurgence of interest in Butte's historic architecture.

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.

Recipients of this year's \$500 Building Improvement Fund grants are the Wolds (Diamond St.); the Waddells (East Mercury St.); and Mike Byrnes (the Stephens Block, West Park St.). We are please to announce that for the second year in a row, the Butte Board of Realtors has partnered with *Butte*

Butte Citizens for Preservation and Revitalization 2005 Financial Report

Beginning Balance:	
Checking	\$2,671.24
Certificate of Deposit	\$5,636.01 (12/16/05)
Total:	\$8,307.25
Receipts:	
Dues	300.00
BIF donation	500.00
Alice Bishop Memorial donations	45.00
other donations	424.82
Dust-to-Dazzle (ticket sales & sponsors)	1573.75
salvage sale	455.00
interest on CD	44.77
Brick & Window workshop fees	505.00
Total Receipts:	\$3,865.44
Expenses:	
Building Improvement Fund	\$1758.16
Newsletter	92.98
HCCA Boiler Fund donation	500.00
Dust-to-Dazzle tour expenses	653.37
workshop expenses	36.00
stained glass tour expenses	14.25
Miscellaneous	155.98
Total Expenses:	\$3,204.56
Ending Balance:	
Checking	\$3,287.35
Certificate of Deposit	5,680.78 (12/16/05)
Total:	\$,8,968.13

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CPR to sponsor one of this year's Building Improvement Fund grants. Butte Realtors' generous donation of \$500 will underwrite the Stephens Block award. *Butte CPR* members are thrilled with the Butte Realtors' donation to its popular BIF program. The group hopes that others interested in the architectural beauty and promise of Uptown Butte will consider the generosity of the Butte Realtors and step forward to partner with *Butte CPR* on BIF (HIP) grants in 2006 and beyond.



WORKSHOP NEWS

2005 Brick Workshop

Butte CPR ran its annual historic brick workshop for an impressive crowd of old and new members in the Fall of 2005. Twelve people turned out to learn about and discuss the repair and maintenance of masonry surfaces in Butte. The workshop was split into a Thursday afternoon introductory session and hands-on repair on Saturday morning.

Topics covered included assessing problems with exterior walls, mortar mixtures, repointing techniques, foundation problems, and drainage problems. Half of the attendees showed up for the hands on session on a cold, windy, rainy, and snowy Saturday morning. With the help of an electric grinder and many scraping tools, about five of us repaired bricks around deteriorating window sills and missing mortar between bricks.

Although the weather made further outdoor work impossible last year, we hope to run one or more workshops this year for others interested in masonry and other preservation practices. For further information anyone interested should read the National Park Services' Preservation Brief 2 on the repair and maintenance of historic masonry. Information is available on the web at:

<http://www.cr.nps.gov/hps/tps/briefs/presbhom.htm>

or you can access Butte CPR's Preservation Pamphlet on historic masonry in the Butte area on our website at <http://www.buttecpr.org>. If you are interested in getting a hard copy of our pamphlet, or want more information, please contact Larry at buttecpr@hotmail.com, or call 782-3429.

FUTURE WORKSHOP PLANNING

Butte CPR is in the planning stages for a set of workshops on various aspects of building preservation.

Reconstructing porches and repair/repointing of common brick are two workshop topics that have been set. Other possible topics include exterior and interior wood repair and painting, historic window repair, introduction to hot water heat and radiators, working with contractors, and foundation repointing and stabilization.

If there is a preservation-related issue you would like to learn more about, or if you have a special area of expertise you can share, contact Larry by email at buttecpr@hotmail.com or info@buttecpr.org.

2005 DUST TO DAZZLE TOUR SUCCESS

Butte CPR's Dust to Dazzle Renovation Home Tour, held this past summer on July 9, successfully combined fund raising with public education. Designed to showcase recent and on-going residential renovation projects in Butte's historic district, it provided community members and visitors an opportunity to view six homes in varying stages of renovation. Homes on the tour included both single and multiple family dwellings.

A large group of volunteers, totaling 32 individuals, were involved in overall tour organization, home preparation, compilation of house histories, and assistance on the day of the tour. Butte CPR sold 136 tickets to the event, through its two off-site ticket vendors, Cavanaugh's County Celtic and Montana Restorations, and at the door.

At most of the homes, the owners were on-hand to speak with tour attendees. They explained how they accomplished (or were accomplishing) the renovations, problems encountered, and their motivation for building purchase and repair. A short history of each building was made available in a 12-page pamphlet.

The tour was sponsored in part by four area vendors. Butte Insulation, Montana Tech's Historic Preservation Technology Program, Northwestern Energy, and Triple S Building Center set up exhibit materials in the tour homes, and in two cases had staff available to explain their products and services. Steve Luft of the Historic Preservation Technology Program told visitors about classes in hands-on construction technologies offered at the College of Technology, while Deb Young of Northwestern Energy promoted energy audits and the use of compact fluorescent light bulbs to increase home energy efficiency.

The Butte-Silver Bow Community Enrichment Committee co-sponsored the tour event. Dori Skrukud of the city-county's Land Sales Committee was on-hand to answer questions about the availability of residential properties for purchase from BSB, and the Health Department provided a display and written materials about its lead abatement program.

After all expenses were paid, the event raised \$820. Proceeds will benefit Butte CPR's many projects, most notably its Historic Improvement Fund. While the funds raised are a welcome assist, the principal reasons for the tour are to inspire people to purchase and restore historic buildings in Uptown Butte and to show what great results can be achieved while bringing an historic building back from the brink.

Butte CPR extends special thanks to the homeowners who made the event, namely, Toni and Paul Seccomb, Jim Warner and Mitzi Rossillon, Bob Benson and Mark Stone, Butch Gerbrandt and Gretchen Geller, Jim Kephart, and Mark Reavis and Dori Skrukud.

Don't Miss It!

2006 *Dust to Dazzle* Tour

coming July 1

Watch for Details

PAINTING THE LADY'S HOUSE

THE MARY MACLANE STORY CONTINUES

Long time Butte CPR members will recognize the name "Mary MacLane House" as one of our first battles in the ongoing effort to save old buildings. Over the last 7-8 years CPR members have spent weekends replacing bearing beams torn out by previous owners and tenants, tearing off offensive and deteriorating wooden "add-ons" that contributed to its general air of decrepitude, and pulling weeds and painting the trim to provide a somewhat more comely facade. CPR even roofed the house to help prevent further water damage, while we looked for potential buyers. Throughout these endeavors, Bill Macgregor, Professor of Professional and Technical Communication at Montana Tech, has been a constant supporter in the effort to maintain and revitalize the house while honoring the woman who made it famous -- Mary MacLane. Many of Bill's students over the years have worked with him on numerous fund-raising and "conscientiousness-raising" efforts on behalf of the Mary MacLane house. Despite some promising leads, the Mary MacLane house remained a problem without a solution. Until Bill stepped forward and actually bought the house, and made the project even more personal. Last year Bill applied for and was granted a BIFcom grant. He used the funding to help pay for the cost of paint and supplies for a major facade painting.

Andrea Stierle

PAINTING DAY

The Mary MacLane House at 417-419 North Excelsior got its long-awaited new coat of paint on July 16, 2005, with the help of a \$500 BIF grant from CPR. The large-scale painting job was turned into merely a "painting day" with the help of Dan Cornell and professional-level lift and spray equipment, as well as the helping hands of Mitzi Rosillon, Andrea Stierle, Mark Reavis, Dori Skrurud, Bill, Sheila, Alex and Andy Macgregor, and Dan Cornell's visiting daughters.

The work party began at 8 a.m. and finished with a celebratory glass of champagne at 8 p.m. Several neighbors have already come forward to express their appreciation (and their relief) that visible progress is being made on this property. Other neighbors provided access to electricity and water for the project, since the site has no current utility service. The facade's hardscape (the retaining wall and front steps) also received minor patchwork, and awaits better weather for more substantial repairs. Reavis purchased anchor buttons for the brick veneer, and installed an array of them on the upper level of the building where the veneer had come loose from the balloon framing.

The site is currently owned by Bill Macgregor, who has formed a non-profit corporation, The Mary MacLane Home, Inc., with himself, Reavis, and Ellen Crain as officers, to help achieve long-term rehabilitation and reuse of the building for a variety of public uses. Studies conducted by engineering students at Montana Tech, as well as a structural review by a professional engineering firm, Tom Beaudette Engineering, have paved the way for moving forward on the project in small increments.

Macgregor expressed his gratitude not only for the BIF grant, and for the CPR members' helping hands, but also for the painting experience of Dan Cornell. "Even with a dozen people working on this, the job would have taken at least twice as long without the manlift and heavy-duty compressor rented for the day - Dan's experience helped us get this job done by making the best use of the volunteers' time. The rental cost of the equipment was well worth it for this job, and should be considered for any future CPR volunteer projects."



Yellow eyesore before painting project begins.



Painting in progress with help from lift.



The end result— looking elegant once more.

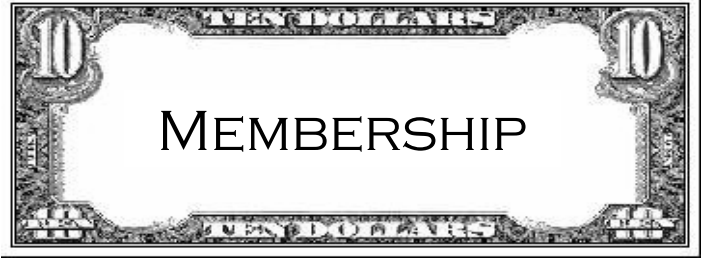
WEBSITE SUCCESS

Our web site is working! We were pleased to learn that Robert Edwards and Max Detjens, investor-renovators focusing on the Imperial Block and nearby 44 E. Park Street, learned of Butte through the Butte CPR web site. They came to Butte from Livermore, CA, drawn by history, business opportunity, recreation, and lifestyle, and have become active in the CPR.

More recently, shortly after we posted an opportunity for investment and development of the Sears Building on the web site, Butte-Silver Bow County reported at least two inquiries that came into the development office as a result of the information posted on the CPR site.

In November 2005, Mitzi Rossillon and Dick Gibson submitted a proposal for funding from the Butte-Silver Bow (BSB) Economic Development Mill Levy program to develop a section of the BSB web site to highlight economic development opportunities for investors. The enhanced web pages would have summarized financial opportunities, led potential investors through the maze of government procedures required, and most importantly, provided information about BSB properties that are available. Although the proposal was not funded, one of CPR's ongoing goals is to assist the city-county in drawing preservation-oriented development to Butte. We routinely add BSB Developer's Packet information about county-owned properties to our own web site.

Visit www.buttecpr.org – we're always open to suggestions.



Membership time is here again. If you would like to be a member of Butte CPR and continue to receive this newsletter, dues are just \$10 and can be made out to Butte CPR and mailed to Butte CPR, P.O. Box 164, Butte, Montana 59703.

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