



# SPRING 2022

## *Annual Report*

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### Highlights of the Past Year

**Historic Improvement Grants**—Because of a dropoff in fundraising during the Covid pandemic, only \$2000 was budgeted for projects in 2021. One grant of \$1596 was made for exterior restoration of 720 West Daly Street in Walkerville. See story on page 4.

**Salvage**— Several major salvaging projects were undertaken in recent months, notably tin ceiling tiles from the former ExerDance building, maple flooring from the north O'Rourke building, and architectural items from a residence on East Aluminum slated for demolition. Sale of salvage items brought in \$3753 in 2021, and the first sale of 2022 in March netted over \$1800 and freed up some much needed storage space. The next salvage sale is scheduled for April 28.

**Dust to Dazzle**— Although masks were required, the return of the Dust to Dazzle tour in 2021 after two years of pandemic was a great success, bringing in over \$8500. Plans for the 2022 tour are well underway.

**Butte Historic Trust**— With grant funding in hand, a house in need of love was purchased. See update on page 2.

**"The Story of Butte"** - Under Butte CPR's umbrella, this new project has obtained grant funding to launch a digi-

### Dust to Dazzle Tour 2022

The date has already been set for Saturday June 25, and properties have already been selected for this year's Dust to Dazzle Tour. It promises to be one of the best ever.

15 South Excelsior—An elegant and beautifully furnished Victorian-era home.

410 West Granite—After a devastating 2015 fire that could have resulted in demolition, this gorgeous home has been brought back to life.

First Baptist Church at 201 West Broadway— Its life as a church has ended, but the new owner has created a beautiful vacation rental space in the former fellowship hall in the basement, while the sanctuary level is being maintained for possible use as an event center.

405 West Mercury (1st floor) - This home was on a previous tour as a "dust" property, and is well worth revisiting now that it is a "dazzle."

701 South Arizona— New owners have created a lovely living space on the first floor of this warehouse building with plans to revitalize the upper floors as well. The entire building will be open for viewing.

Salvation Army Building at 121 East Broadway— This

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<u>Income</u>			<u>Expenses</u>	
donations	\$ 4,233		admin. coordinator	\$ 850
royalties	143		liability insurance	395
memberships	7,536		office supplies	123
Dust to Dazzle fundraiser	8,581		postage, po box	203
salvage sales	3,753		printing	738
Butte Historic Trust grant	105,000		rent	800
prismatic glass grants	7,476		internet	264
interest	5		video conferencing	187
miscellaneous	171		website	312
<b>TOTAL INCOME 2021</b>	<b>\$132,521</b>		other admin.	229
			Butte Historic Trust	128,804
			prismatic glass project	5,403
			historic improv. program	500
			<b>TOTAL EXPENSE 2021</b>	<b>\$138,858</b>
<b>NET INCOME: \$-6.338</b>				

**A Heartfelt Thank You to our Members and Donors**  
*and to the many volunteers who help us fulfill our mission*

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## Work Begins on Butte Historic Trust House

Restoration work has begun on the historic home acquired by Butte Historic Trust. Probably the most noticeable change from the outside so far is the removal of vinyl siding from the front gable. A 1959 photo shows scale siding on the gable, and we were in luck. The siding is still intact under the vinyl, albeit in need of paint.

Other changes to the exterior are planned to align the house with its original Queen Anne style. A stained glass window will be installed over the center bay window, and the front door will be replaced with a restored, period-appropriate door. Posts, spindles and brackets in keeping with the original style will be installed on the porch.

But before we get to the fun part of restoring the home's historic appearance, significant work must be done on the structure and systems of the house. First up will be work to stabilize the structure, as parts of the foundation are failing. The roof will be replaced, the windows will be restored, and utilities (electric, plumbing, heating) will be installed.

Our goal is to complete the restoration of the house by fall of 2022 and to put the home on the market. We've got a busy season of work lined up, but it's always an adventure doing a construction project, especially on an historic structure. Let's hope some of the surprises continue to be positive ones, like the scale siding on the gable.



## NEW DIGITAL PROJECT: The Story of Butte

Butte CPR and the Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives are undertaking a new project to interpret and tell the stories of Butte's early days. The Story of Butte project will create a website and mobile app featuring curated articles about Butte's history.

While much has been written about Butte, Story of Butte will be unique in two important ways: each article is associated with a geographic place, and the information is in a digital format, accessible from any device.

The direct connection of each story to a geographic place will help people literally walk through Butte's history and experience a bit of it for themselves. Mobile app users can walk from site to site on a themed tour, search for locations of interest nearby, or read about historic sites in front of them as they move around the city. Online users can also follow articles in a themed tour or choose topics from a map.

An excellent way to promote preservation is to create connections with Butte's historic buildings. While older generations remember the thriving Uptown of Butte's past, younger generations do not. By educating users about the community's buildings and the history they represent, Story of Butte will build appreciation for our architectural resources.

### 2021 HIP Grant Recipient

The house at 720 West Daly in Walkerville was a perfect candidate for a Historic Improvement Project grant. Although it retained much of its historic Craftsman character, years of neglect were apparent in its weathered roof and shabby exterior.

The house was purchased by Daniel Hogan and Butch Gerbrandt in 2021. They have been hard at work through the winter months on the



### HIP Grant Applications for 2022 Are Due Soon

Butte Citizens for Preservation and Revitalization (Butte CPR) once again has money available for Historic Improvement Projects that bring back the historical character of properties. To be considered for a HIP grant, properties should be at least 50 years old and in need of renovation or maintenance.

Grant amounts typically range from \$300 to \$2,000, and funds can be awarded to either residential or commercial applicants.

Project applications are due by May 3. You can review the criteria and get an application online at [buttecpr.org](http://buttecpr.org) or by emailing CPR at [buttecpr@gmail.com](mailto:buttecpr@gmail.com).