

HISTORIC HOMES RENOVATION PROGRAM

Butte CPR is working on an important new program that will allow it to renovate dilapidated and at-risk historic homes on an ongoing basis. The basic idea is to buy a house, renovate it according to historic preservation standards, sell it for a small profit, and put those funds toward renovating more houses.

Because the money cycles from one project to the next, this type of program is called a revolving fund. Preservation revolving funds have had major impacts in other cities, restoring numerous properties and sometimes entire neighborhoods over time. We hope to grow the Butte program, which will operate under the name Butte Historic Trust, to restore several houses each year, with a long term goal of partnering in the restoration of historic commercial buildings in the Uptown area.

This program represents a major investment and a big step forward by Butte CPR in that the organization will not only support, educate, and advocate for preservation, but will also actively save at-risk historic buildings.

This bold new initiative has been made possible by the 1772 Foundation, which last year awarded Butte CPR a \$16,000 grant to conduct a feasibility study. A steering committee researched the benefits, mechanics, and finances of such a program. The study was completed in September, and the committee has nearly finished work on a strategic plan to guide the program during its first two years. Recently the 1772 Foundation invited Butte CPR to make an additional grant request that will be the cornerstone of its capital fundraising effort. The goal is to have construction on the first restoration project underway this summer.

We are excited to get this program off the ground, and we know that many Butte residents also care deeply about preserving the city's colorful history. To provide an avenue for the community to participate, we plan to establish an investment cooperative that will allow members to make a modest return while investing in preserving specific historic buildings. Stay tuned for more details on this during the coming year.

Members interested in receiving a digital copy of the feasibility study or strategic plan can make a request through info@buttecpr.org.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARDS GRANTS

The Butte-Silver Bow Community Foundation recently awarded four \$1,500 grants to local non-profits. Butte CPR was among the 2020 recipients. The BSBF grants are made available from investment earnings of funds vested in a permanent endowment with the Montana Community Foundation.

NEW RULES FOR CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION DEDUCTIONS UNDER THE CARES ACT

The federal coronavirus stimulus bill, known as the CARES Act (Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act), is giving taxpayers the ability to receive a \$300 deduction for donations even if they won't itemize their taxes in 2020.

The change benefits taxpayers who take the standard deduction – it's up to \$300 for individuals and \$600 for those who are married and file jointly.

In the past, taxpayers could not take a charitable deduction unless they itemized. The CARES Act changes this by allowing taxpayers who do not itemize to deduct up to \$300 of cash contributions per year to public charities with an above-the-line deduction in tax years beginning in 2020 and applies to all future years as well.

Such deductions must be:

- In cash (no property like old clothing) and
- Given to a 501 (C) (3) public charity which includes Butte CPR

For purposes of the new rules, donations of stock, real estate or other non-cash items would not fall under the increased donation limits. Any donation for which equal quid pro quo is provided to the taxpayer is not a donation for charitable donation purposes.



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CPR MEMBERSHIP

As a member of Butte CPR, you are taking part in an important part of your community. Through education, historic improvement project grants, workshops, house tours, ordinance oversight, salvage, and advocacy, Butte CPR works to preserve and revitalize the fabric of your community.

WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US!!!!

- If you are interested in becoming a member of CPR, check our website to find out how to become a member or email us at info@buttecpr.org.

There are a variety of personal membership levels available.

- If you are already a member and want to renew your membership for 2021, you can send your check in care of Butte CPR and mail to:

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HIP (HISTORIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS)

In 2020 CPR was able to award SIX Historic Improvement Project grants from the 12 submitted. The awards totaled \$8,720, one of the highest amounts we've awarded in this yearly grant cycle. Since 1996, CPR has been able to award more than \$133,000 for these grants thanks to generous donations from members and the hard work of fundraising.

Here are the 2020 HIP Recipients:

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\$2,000	\$60,000	Montana Tech	1308 W Broadway
\$2,000	\$4,466	Jim Richards	450 N Idaho St.
\$1,220	\$1,220	Pat Mohan	108 S Arizona
\$1,000	\$5,300	Oscar Mayorga and Lisa Wade	315 W Granite
\$1,000	\$50,000	Bart and Dana Wackerbarth	317-319 E Aluminum
\$1,000	\$14,925	Nancy Woodruff and Steve Thompson	625 N. Main St.
\$500	\$4,577	James and Kelly Rose	1135 W Mercury St.

CPR HAS A NEW ADMINISRATIVE COORDINATOR



Maggie Trimiew moved from Portland Oregon to Montana in 2002 to “experience something new”. Growing up in Oregon, Maggie attended Oregon State University and obtained her degree in interior design at Bassist College in Portland. While raising her family in Portland, she worked for interior design and archetctural firms. At the same time, Maggie was involved in a neighborhood project to develop a plan for the Hawthorne district in Portland to stop Burger King from turning the neighborhood into a fast food alley. The 3 year project was eventually adopted by the city and has preserved this historical and artistic destination to this day. Maggie’s passion for historical preservation, resulted in obtaining a position at Rejuvenation Inc., a company which manufactured reproduction lighting and sold architectural salvage. When the company purchased a 100,000 sq.ft historical building, Maggie became manager of the design department and incorporated reproduction furniture and accessories to compliment the lighting. She developed the in-home design service and worked with customers to stage homes and sets for movies, TV shows and magazines.

Maggie moved to Big Sky and started her business; Home Enhancements, Inc. as a general contractor for residential and commercial projects. Together with her partner, John Snider, their love for historical preservation inspired them to purchase the Kelley Mansion in 2016. Together, they enjoy sharing the remarkable history of the home through fundraisers such as the “ Dust to Dazzle” and Holiday tour of homes.

Maggie is delighted to be a part of CPR to preserve and revitalize the history of Butte..

LEE WHITNEY RETIRES, ALMOST

Lee retired this August after two years as Butte CPR’s administrative coordinator. Among her noteworthy accomplishments during her tenure were growing membership, bringing CPR’s concerns before the Council of Commissioners about a proposed demolition ordinance revision, and initiating a prismatic glass restoration project. She wrote a successful grant proposal to the Superfund Advisory and Redevelopment Trust Authority (SARTA) for restoring and preserving prismatic glass windows at a handful of Uptown Butte’s commercial buildings. As overall project supervisor, she coordinated completion of the first of them (at 7 S. Montana) earlier this month. CPR’s prismatic glass volunteers will continue their work into next year with Lee’s support, making her only “semi-retired” for at least several more months. Her work has insured that CPR continues to be front and center in hands-on preservation. Thanks, Lee.

JOHN KUGLIN, BUTTE CPR SUPPORTER

A few years ago, John Kuglin called CPR from Helena and said he had written a book. Published by The History Press, “Montana’s Dimple Knees Sex Scandal” was the story of Butte’s 1960s prostitution scandal. John said his publisher was offering a modest royalty and he was looking for an organization that might accept the royalties in John’s name. He wanted to recognize the efforts of our small preservation group, and would we be interested? Well, we don’t often have an offer like that (never, before John’s phone call). Butte CPR accepted and to date have received \$1628.91—a very generous gift indeed. I am sorry to report that John died last February 29, and I never got a chance to tell him again how much his donation meant to us. Even in death, his contribution continues as royalties are deposited yearly. Thank you, John, wherever you are.

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BASIN CREEK CARETAKER’S HOUSE

The City and County of Butte-Silver Bow (BSB), Butte CPR and other partners have been working towards saving the historic Caretaker’s House at Basin Creek Park and Reservoir, Following its completion in 1913, the house primarily housed Butte Water Company employees that tended the two dams and reservoirs at Basin Creek. The house, became a primary cultural feature of a new park. The company clearly had the park in mind when it commissioned Montana’s most prominent architectural firm of the time, Link & Haire, to design the house, a sturdy but elegant Craftsman-style home. Unfortunately, in the more recent past the house was abandoned in use and became the target of vandals.

BSB has recently secured sufficient funds to rehabilitate the house. The largest source of funding is federal monies allocated by the Department of the Interior National Park Service to the Montana State Historic Preservation Office’s Revitalizing Montana’s Rural Heritage grant program. BSB’s award of \$100,000 is bolstered by a \$10,000 contribution from Butte CPR, \$11,000 SARTA grant and a \$37,900 insurance payment to BSB for vandalism to the house. BSB is readying to submit a grant to the Montana Tourism Office for funds to assist with reconstruction of the house’s existing handicap ramp and 1st story bathroom to current ADA standards for Accessible Design.

BSB will soon advertise for bids for the house’s rehabilitation this winter. We expect construction to commence in Spring 2021 and be completed by mid-Summer 2022. The restored house will accommodate a seasonal host charged with monitoring visitor activities at the park and, when completed, a new public recreation area at the Basin Creek reservoirs. The new visitor center in the former living room area will allow the public to appreciate its historic architectural features and access interpretive materials and artifacts related to Basin Creek’s history and environment.

PRISMATIC GLASS RESTORATION

Butte CPR’s prismatic glass repair project for 2020 is finished! Our window contractor removed the fixed transom window at 7 S. Montana Street in mid-July, and the volunteers immediately got busy with paint removal, cleaning, polishing, and resoldering. The crew also stripped the copper molding that spans the length and width of the entire 3 x 18-foot window. It really is quite beautiful. The window was reinstalled on November 5. Now the public can see firsthand the results of our thoughtful restoration.

Meanwhile, our volunteer coordinator Lee Whitney has met with the owner of another commercial property that sports prismatic glass. He is very interested in the transom restoration project and we hope to receive his commitment soon so that work can begin in the Spring of 2021.

Thanks to partial funding by the Superfund Advisory & Redevelopment Trust Authority (SARTA) and the Urban Revitalization Agency (URA), the financial commitment of property owners, and the dedicated efforts of volunteers, we are restoring a handful of commercial prismatic glass windows in Uptown Butte one window at a time.



FUNDRAISERS AND PARTIES

The 2020 “*Dust to Dazzle*” historic homes tour was cancelled due to the coronavirus. Unfortunately, this year’s *Christmas Party* has also been cancelled