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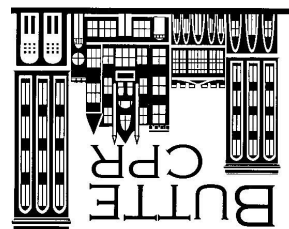
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Annual Christmas Party

Butte CPR's annual Christmas Party will be held at Taco Del Sol/Pita Pit 146 W. Park St, on December 19, 6-8 pm. The event is pot luck, so bring a dish to share. Hope to see you there!



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DUST TO DAZZLE 2023

A church, a deli, and a hoist house go on a tour. Sounds like the beginning of a bad joke. But this was no joke. These were three of the seven featured properties of this past June's Dust to Dazzle tour. The theme of the tour was "A Walk in Walkerville," and the properties were close enough together that guests could literally walk to each destination.

The church is the St. Lawrence O'Toole at the crest of Main Street. The church was erected in the late 1890s and by the mid-1980s was slated for demolition due to declining population. Thankfully the town of Walkerville saved the St. Lawrence from the wrecking ball. It is used today for weddings and other gatherings. It retains much of its grandeur with frescoes on the walls and stained-glass windows.

The deli is the Caplice & McCune building, also on North Main Street. This building has undergone many transitions ranging from a general store to a Methodist church (when the gothic-style windows were installed). The past few years have seen extensive gutting, remodeling, and structural improvements by the current owners, who plan to return this space to its roots and open a deli/mercantile in 2024.

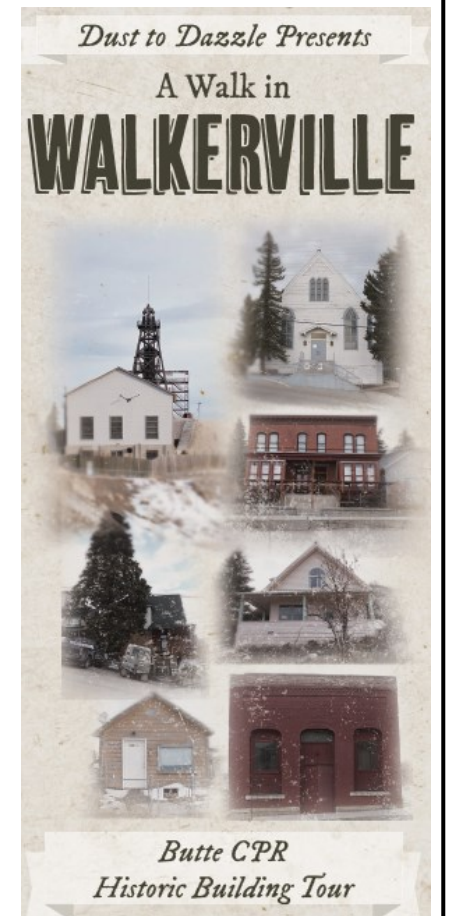
Sandwiched between the church and the deli is the Lexington Mine Hoist House, also on North Main Street. This building invoked many memories of a time when the underground mines were industriously hoisting miners and ore up and down the mine shafts. Mining ended at the Lexington in 1957, but the hoist house and its equipment are almost completely intact. Other than a little dust over the decades, it appears as if the last miner just closed the door and walked away.

Two lovely homes are located at the west end of Walkerville on Daly Street. The John and Mary Rich house, built in 1906, is an example of late Victorian architecture. It was occupied by the Riches until 1925, and then by William and Bessie Richards and their descendants until 1990. At that time Pat and Jan Munday took ownership and have thoughtfully maintained and upgraded the house.

Across the street is a charming small bungalow, built around 1917 with an impressive view of the Summit Valley. The Northam family were the first owners, and a member of that family lived in the house until 1979. It has been recently updated yet has kept its historical charm.

A simple miner's cottage in the 100 block of Daly Street was one of the first homes in Walkerville. In fact, it still retains original 1880s logs in the front section. This home is a major work in progress as it has been completely gutted, but is on its way to being a viable home in the near future. Behind this house, and on the same property, is what many will remember as the workshop for the Santa Claus of Walkerville. Jim Worthem portrayed Santa Claus for decades and decorated the building with lights and Christmas-themed painting. It too is awaiting rebirth.

Lastly, guests were able to tour a prominent brick duplex currently being resurrected. This building served as a hospital for a short time but also was rental property as well as a home to the Carpenter family who raised 10 children in it. This building had fallen into desperate times, but the current owner is bringing it back to life.





Progress continues at the Butte Historic Trust inaugural project house located at 423 North Jackson Street. Although the Board of Directors had hoped the project would be completed this Summer and on the market this Fall, various contractor delays and unforeseen circumstances have added both time and expense to the home. With inclement weather moving into the Mining City for the season, the home's exterior is being buttoned up while interior work will take place over the Winter.

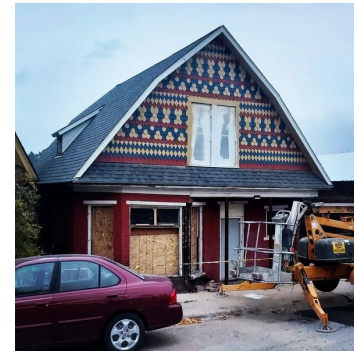
Multiple significant improvements were able to take place at this late 19th century home near the intersection of Caledonia and Jackson. With Butte's small window for exterior construction work, the majority of the board's focus was tending to those external elements.



The remnants of the failed sidewalk and retaining wall were demolished to make way for new ones. When the new concrete was poured, a historic but new-to-the-property wrought iron fence was set. The original back deck was unsalvageable and removed with permission by the B-SB Historic Preservation Commission. A new, enlarged deck was constructed and added necessary egress at the rear of the home, along with a place to enjoy a



breathtaking view of the Anselmo Mineyard. The brick veneer on the front of the house was actively failing and pulling away from the wood framing of the structure, thus calling for extensive masonry work. All the east facing brick was removed and reset with a blend of the original material and reclaimed soft red "butte-brick". A period appropriate reproduction porch was also installed at the front of the home which includes turned posts, spandrel, and decorative brackets.



Interior improvements also took place including mechanical rough-ins (electrical, plumbing, hvac), insulation, and continued restoration of the home's original wood windows. Once the envelope of the structure is sealed, finish work can begin. These activities include drywall, trim work, cabinet/fixture installation, along with flooring and paint activities.

REMODELS

Butte has great character and incredible wealth in its architecture. Old houses and buildings often require remodeling, sometimes as extensive as a gut remodel or other times something a bit less. These architectural gems are an economic resource in the early stages of local and regional recognition, drawing serious investment back into the community.

Some generic items for consideration when remodeling:

- ◆ Talk with others who have done remodels/restoration.
- ◆ Get multiple bids
- ◆ Check zoning and permitting
- ◆ Be very cautious about paying anyone upfront
- ◆ If your project is big or complex, you may want to consider developing specifications and scope of work
- ◆ Have plans, whether formal or hand drawn, it helps visualize before you build
- ◆ Consider whether you need an architect, structural engineer, or other professionals



Story of Butte puts Butte history at your fingertips. Developed by Butte Citizens for Preservation and Revitalization and the Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives, Story of Butte lets you explore Butte, Montana's unique history as a major copper mining town and urban center in the early West. Learn about people, places, and moments that shaped the history of the "Richest Hill on Earth" through curated, map-based, multimedia stories.

Three new tours have been added to the Story of Butte website and mobile app recently. The new articles feature historical information about the parks in Butte, the Women's Protective Union, and stained glass windows in houses of worship. All of the tours include photos and maps of site locations.

Clark Park is situated on land that was originally used by traveling circuses. The property was purchased in 1905 by Copper King William Clark in order to create a park for the boys of Butte. The park included skating rinks and fields for baseball and football. In 1921, grandstands were built, paid for by Butte Electric Railway. The grandstands held as many as 10,000 people for a baseball game in 1923, but unfortunately they burned down in 1957.



Blanche Copenhaver, a waitress, who joined the Women's Protective Union because she thought "everyone should have a union, because I'd been exploited all those years." She eventually served on the union's executive board, and during the union's only strike in 1949 she served as picket captain, organizing members to run a 24-hour picket in front of Butte's largest hotel, the Finlen. Later, in 1978, Copenhaver was the first female vice president of the Montana AFL-CIO.



Feast your eyes on the various photos of stain glassed windows from 10 locations of worship in Butte. The windows display examples of various styles of stained-glass artistry, as explained in the articles curated by Marian Jensen and Richard Gibson.

To view the full stories and tours, visit the website at storyofbutte.org or download the free Story of Butte app from the Apple App or Google Play stores.



HISTORIC IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Twelve projects were submitted for funding from Butte CPR's Historic Improvement Program – a significant increase from last year. We granted \$11,750 to nine of the submitted projects. The remaining did not meet HIP requirements. Grantees have 18 months to finish the project and as of October 2023, none have been completed.

We look forward to another successful grant cycle in 2024. If you have a project that qualifies, the application deadline is near May 1, 2024. Visit our web site at <https://www.buttecpr.org> for more information.