for Preservation and Revitalization Membership Application

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The Medical Arts Building that once stood on Park Street between Main and Dakota Streets was one of the fine Uptown buildings lost to a tragic fire.

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Butte Citizens for Preservation and Revitalization

In the summer of 1994 a group of Butte residents committed to the preservation and promotion of Butte's unique historical architecture came together to form the Butte Citizens for Preservation and Revitalization—Butte CPR.

OBJECTIVES

- Promote public awareness of the value of historic architecture.
- Encourage economic revitalization through historic preservation.
- Recognize individuals and groups for outstanding renovation and maintenance of historic structures.
- Provide financial aid in preservation, restoration, and revitalization of historic structures.
- Promote historic preservation through public policy.
- Mothball abandoned buildings, securing and stabilizing them for future use.
- Stop the demolition of architecturally significant buildings.
- Salvage architectural features for reuse.





Citizens for Preservation and Revitalization





Photo courtesy of Jim Shea.

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Education

CPR sponsors educational events, highlighting the importance, preservation, and maintenance of Butte's historic architecture. Past activities have included tours of historic residences, ongoing restoration projects, and the Uptown business district. Our workshops on historic brick repair and wooden windows are parts of our successful training programs. Popular publications include our book on historic stained glass and brick restoration brochure.

CPR also gives awards to owners of residential and commercial buildings, increasing public awareness of outstanding renovation efforts.



CPR members organize workshops on historic preservation techniques.



This beautiful example of a restored multifamily structure was opened during a home tour.

Ordinance and Oversight

CPR keeps abreast of initiatives by local government and business and civic organizations, supporting or opposing them and offering development assistance as appropriate. CPR was instrumental in improving Butte-Silver Bow's sales of tax delinquent and surplus properties. CPR members have been appointed to the Historic Preservation Commission and County Planning Board.



CPR helped to keep the O'Rourke Apartments (background) from demolition. (Photo shows federal troops in Butte during 1914.)



The home on the right was restored after severe damage and neglect.

Historic Improvement Project Grant Program

Through its Historic Improvement Project grant program, CPR gives grants to owners of pre-1950 residential and commercial buildings in Butte. Recipients can use grant money for facade improvements such as exterior repainting, brick repointing, and replacing or repairing original architectural features.

Salvage

When demolition is unavoidable, CPR salvages historic architectural features and sells them for recycled use in historic buildings. CPR volunteers have organized major salvage efforts of commercial building and various residential properties. CPR was able to salvage maple, oak, and fir flooring, staircases, moldings, pillars, hardware, doors and door frames, casings, baseboards, drawers, "tin" ceiling tiles, marble, windows, banisters, and bathroom furnishings. Also, a significant number of architectural items are donated by individuals. If you would like to donate or purchase items, check our website http://www.buttecpr.org.





Volunteers remove architectural items from buildings destined for demolition or renovation.