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YOU'RE INVITED ...

League to Host Pillar of New York Gala on 11/9/10

*Beyer Blinder Belle,
Matthew Bender will be honored*

The Preservation League will present its most prestigious honor, the Pillar of New York Award, on Tuesday, November 9 at The Waldorf=Astoria. Join us as we honor Matthew Bender IV and Beyer Blinder Belle Architects & Planners for their tremendous contributions to preservation.



[Visit our website](#) for more information or to purchase tickets.

CONFERENCES AND TOURS

Slavery in *New York? Slavery Today?* *Engaging critical texts and critical issues in the classroom*

Friday, October 15 - 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
High Peaks Resort, Lake Placid, NY
\$55.00 per person

Featuring historian Margaret Washington, author of *Sojourner Truth's America*; John Bowe, author of *Nobodies: Modern American Slave Labor and the Dark Side of the Global Economy*. A program of the freedom education project John Brown Lives!



This workshop will be of interest to:

- Teachers of economics, current affairs or global studies;
- Educators whose curriculum includes New York State History and the Underground Railroad; and
- Those who strive to bring the complexity of our human condition into the lives of students through classic and contemporary authors, artists and musicians.

\$55 fee includes box lunch, lesson plans and other resource materials. For information and to register, contact [Martha Swan](#) at 518-962-4758 or Lindsay Pontius at 518-962-8672.

Project for Public Spaces *Fall Training Programs in NYC*

PPS training programs introduce new ways of looking at public spaces and provide both practical skills and inspiration to people who want to improve the public environment in their city, town or neighborhood. Training includes building awareness of public space issues and opportunities, understanding how people use public spaces, building internal capacity to implement place-based projects, observation and data gathering techniques, and public space design and management skills. For more information or to register, contact Please contact Dana Kitzes at



- [How to Create Successful Markets](#) will focus on four crucial elements to successful markets: the right mix of vendors and products; a strong sense of place; solid economic and operational underpinnings; and a firm commitment to the surrounding

community. October 15-16, 2010.

- [How to Turn a Place Around](#) introduces new ways of thinking about public spaces and how Placemaking and creating the city of the future can be transformative for neighborhoods, towns, cities, regions and even countries. October 21-22, 2010 dkitzes@pps.org .

- [Streets as Places](#) is a two-day training seminar about how to redefine transportation and streets to build communities, not simply move cars. Issues that will be addressed include: how street design can promote community health and economic vitality; how communities are using Action Planning and street improvement experiments to transform their streets into quality public spaces; how to incorporate bicycle lanes and multi-modal infrastructure in urban and rural areas where street space is limited; how to develop more walkable neighborhoods around transit stations; and how citizens can use Placemaking to build great streets and great communities. November 4-5, 2010.

The Municipal Art Society of New York **Conference on
MASNYC Preservation &
Climate Change
in New York City**

How can old buildings contribute to New York City's sustainable future? On Saturday, October 16th, 2010 policy makers, architects, environmentalists, planners, preservationists and others will gather at Columbia University's Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation to explore how preservation can be integrated into New York City's climate change, green building and sustainability agendas. The goal of the conference is to find common ground across disciplines and seek to advance both the fields of sustainability and preservation.

[Follow this link](#) for more information.

ENHANCING MAIN STREET

Making Upper Floors Work Again

Workshops Slated for Troy and Middletown

Wednesday, October 20

9:00 am - 3:30 pm

35 State Street, Troy

Presented by the Preservation League of New York State at Christ Church in Troy. The workshop's featured presenters will include:

- Sloane Bullough, who will discuss the NYS Rehabilitation Tax Credit program and the important role it can play in stimulating downtown revitalization;
- Joe Fama, architect and Executive Director of the Troy Architectural Program in Troy, who will explain how New



- York's building codes and preservation can work together;
- Joe Rabito and Chris Leo of NYS Homes and Community Renewal, who will provide information on the New York State Main Street Grant Program; and
- Gary Beasley, Executive Director of Neighbors of Watertown in Jefferson County, who will discuss "Making the Best Use of Upper Floors."

The workshop is free and open to the public and includes lunch and materials. Seating is limited, please register by Monday, October 18. For more information or to RSVP, contact Shelley LaClair at the Preservation League, (518) 462-5658 x13 or slaclair@preservenys.org .This workshop is approved for 4.5 Learning Units by AIA New York State.

SAVE THE DATE:
Thursday, Nov 4, 2010
11-19 Depot Street, Middletown

More information to come.

FUNDING AVAILABLE

Endangered Properties Intervention Program

Loans are now available from the Preservation League

The goal of the League's Endangered Properties Intervention Program (EPIP) is to assist in the rescue, preservation, and re-use of historic resources throughout New York State. Historic resources may be threatened by abandonment, demolition, disinvestment, or inappropriate development. The program has a particular interest in making investments that can benefit broader campaigns of neighborhood stabilization and revitalization.

The Preservation League's EPIP Program can assist in two ways:

- Loans to persons and/or organizations desiring to save, preserve or re-use historic properties;
- Temporary acquisition by the League of properties being threatened by inappropriate development, demolition, abandonment or disinvestment.

For more information, please contact Treacy Sayres at 518-462-5658 extension 10.

SAVE THE DATE

Fitch Forum 2011

"45 Years of Preservation Law:
New York City and the Nation, the Past and the Future"
February 5, 2011 - Columbia University - 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

For more information email fitchforum2011@gmail.com .

TAX CREDIT UPDATES

Governor "Gets it Right"

According to the [Buffalo News](#):

Tuesday was not the first time Gov. David A. Paterson came to Buffalo to tout a bill granting historic preservation credits that supporters say will spur hundreds of millions of dollars in development across upstate.



But after fixing flaws in last year's version of legislation championed by Assemblyman Sam Hoyt, D-Buffalo, Paterson said in Niagara Square that this time the state thinks it got it right.

Jay DiLorenzo, President of the Preservation League of NYS, said, "Governor Paterson and Assemblymember Sam Hoyt have again delivered a significant step forward for the New York State Rehabilitation Tax Credit program, which now allows significant new national investment by banks and insurance companies in New York State rehabilitation and redevelopment projects. If Governor Paterson will now commit to exempting this State Rehabilitation Tax Credit from the state tax credit deferral program, the full economic stimulus and redevelopment potential of this program will be fully realized."

For information about the tax credit programs, please visit the [New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation website](#).

AROUND THE STATE

Walking Tour of Hoyt House

On Sunday October 17 at 1:00PM, Calvert Vaux Preservation Alliance will host a walking tour of the Hoyt House grounds led by Alan Strauber as part of Hudson River Valley Greenway's month-long celebration of Historic Landscape Gardens of the Hudson Valley.



Vaux's work will be discussed in the context of the English picturesque movement as applied to America. We will explore the site's landscape design and architecture, with reference to available primary source documentation. A social history of the house will be discussed as well, in the context of the Hoyt House's place among the illustrious estates of the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area.

The event is free to the public.

Meet at 1:00 at the pillars on Old Post Road in Staatsburg (about 1/4 mile south of the entrance to Mills Mansion/Staatsburgh State Historic Site) - this is the original entrance to the Hoyt House. From there, after a few brief remarks, participants may either continue through the woods on foot to the house or drive using the main entrance to Norrie Park. For more information visit www.calvertvaux.org/.

News from the Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation

Landmarking the East Village: A Lecture with GVSHP Director of Preservation and Research Elizabeth Finkelstein

Wednesday, October 27

5:30 - 7:00 P.M.

Tompkins Square Branch Library

Free; reservations required.

The East Village has a rich cultural and architectural history that is still intact today. GVSHP is currently surveying this neighborhood to better understand its architectural resources and character -- a project funded in part by a [Preserve New York Grant](#). Join Elizabeth Finkelstein, GVSHP Director of Preservation and Research as she details the nuts and bolts of this multi-year project, shares some of the more interesting historical tidbits uncovered to date, and notes how we move from research and discovery, to a proposal for landmarking. Visit [their website](#) for registration and more information.

Landmarks Info Now Online

The Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation (GVSHP) has announced the launch of its [Landmarks Applications Webpage](#), which is the first of its kind in New York City. The webpage provides indispensable information about every application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) in Greenwich Village, NoHo, the East Village, the South Village, and the Meatpacking District that requires a public hearing.

With this new webpage, the public can find out critical information about current and past proposals to make changes to the exterior of an existing building, construct a new building, or demolish an existing building that is either landmarked or

Landmarks Applications



A running record of applications to the NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission for work on landmarked properties in Greenwich Village, NoHo, Gansevoort Market, the South Village and the East Village.

within a historic district. Information about new proposals is added to the webpage as soon as GVSHP receives word that an application has been added to the LPC's bi-weekly public hearing agenda. The page includes photos of all proposed designs as well as information about when the proposals are to be presented and heard at the local community board and at the LPC. After the public hearing process has completed, GVSHP updates the webpage with information regarding the LPC's final decision.

***Historic Districts Council
Seeks "Six to Celebrate"***

HISTORIC DISTRICTS COUNCIL



The Historic Districts Council, the advocate for New York City's historic neighborhoods, is inaugurating a new advocacy program called "Six to Celebrate."

HDC is soliciting submissions from neighborhood groups, large and small, that feel their areas' architectural significance, special character and historic qualities are threatened. The purpose of this initiative is to provide strategic help to the chosen neighborhood groups at a critical moment so that they reach their preservation goals. The program will help local residents learn to use the tools at their disposal to put in place a preservation strategy - documentation, research, zoning, landmarking, public awareness campaigns, publications.

In recent years HDC's concentrated advocacy has resulted in the designation of Sunnyside Gardens, Queens and Midwood Park/Fiske Terrace, Brooklyn, to name just two. Six to Celebrate builds on this history, formalizing and publicizing this process. While HDC will continue to assist neighborhoods that have not been selected this year (and they may apply next year), for the period of a year the chosen areas will receive HDC's hands-on help making their case with public officials, strategizing and implementing all aspects of a process leading to statutory protection of their neighborhood.

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