



NetNews@preservenys.org

Preservation League of New York State
44 Central Avenue · Albany, NY 12206
www.preservenys.org

Celebrating our past, enriching our future

Vol. 5 , No. 5

November-
December 2008

The online newsletter for preservation professionals, citizen activists, agencies and organizations around New York State

Preservation League Disburses Preserve New York Grants

Preservation Colleague groups well represented

At its August, 2008 meeting, the Preserve New York grant program panel selected 16 projects in 14 counties around the state to share \$141,400 in funding.



A partnership program of the Preservation League and the [New York State Council on the Arts](#),

Preserve New York has a strong track record of bolstering local preservation efforts and delivering a strong return on investment. In its 16-year history, Preserve New York has provided over \$1.3 million to 217 projects across the state, leveraging over \$20 million in additional project support and over \$500,000 in donated labor, services and materials.

This year, several of the League's [Preservation Colleague](#) groups made successful applications for Preserve New York grants, including the [Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation](#), [Preservation Association of the Southern Tier](#), [Landmark Society of Western New York](#), [New York Landmarks Conservancy](#) and the newest, [Preservation Buffalo Niagara](#). This is a particularly strong showing by diverse Colleague groups in every corner of the state.

To review the complete list of grant recipients, visit the League online at www.preservenys.org and click on Preserve New York.

Speaking of Preservation Colleagues ...



Preservation professionals meet in Kingston

The Preservation League convened a meeting of 30 Preservation Colleagues in Kingston this month, hosted by the

[Senate House State Historic Site](#), with assistance from Friends of Historic Kingston.

The meeting focused on the intersection of LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) and historic preservation, with presentations looking at LEED certification of historic preservation projects and energy efficiency within historic buildings.

Presenters included Jean Carroon, AIA LEED, Principal for Preservation with [Goody Clancy Architects](#) in Boston, MA, who addressed LEED and historic preservation, as well as Walter Sedovic, AIA, Owner and CEO of [Walter Sedovic Architects](#) in Irvington-on-Hudson, who spoke about traditional windows and energy efficiency. Julian Adams, Community Liaison Coordinator with the [New York State Historic Preservation Office](#), discussed how NYS programs and green building technologies interface with local historic preservation ordinances and New York State's Historic Preservation Review (Section 14.09).

The meeting ended with a tour of the recently rehabilitated, LEED-certified and [Excellence in Historic Preservation Award-winning Kirkland Hotel](#).

League Testifies at Budget Hearing

*Calls for investment in struggling
communities*



The League testified at the Assembly Standing Committee on Ways and Means hearings earlier this week on the Impact of the Economic Crisis on the State Budget, focusing on the need to expand the rehabilitation tax credit program.

"Although New York State faces a severe budget challenge, now is the time to identify the tools and programs that target public and private reinvestment where it is most needed and in ways that most effectively leverage private and federal dollars for community renewal and economic reinvestment. From the League's perspective, historic preservation has a critical role to play in economic redevelopment and environmental policy in New York State, multiplying the policy benefits of continued budget and programmatic investment in such programs."

Daniel Mackay's complete testimony is posted in the Public Policy section on the Preservation League's website, or [click here](#) to download the PDF.

American Planning Association Sponsors

Essay Contest

High School students urged to participate



APA sponsors this contest to encourage high school students to address critical planning issues in their communities. By responding to a challenging essay question, students will:

- Deepen their understanding of their own community;
- Learn how planning is part of the democratic process through which Americans can create communities of lasting value for today's residents and for future generations;
- Develop an appreciation for the important role that elected officials, planning professionals, and citizens of all ages play in that process;
- See how the knowledge and skills they acquire in high school (and continue to develop) will enable them to participate fully in the planning process wherever they may choose to live.

The deadline is January 15, 2009, and the top awards include two

\$5,000 scholarships. For more information, visit the APA online at <http://www.planning.org/essay/index.htm> .



Help Wanted Roslyn Landmark Society Seeks Executive Director

Located in the Village of Roslyn on the North Shore of Long Island, New York (28 miles from New York City), The Landmark Society was founded in the early 1960s to save and restore the Village's historic architecture. The Society offers lectures, publications and house tours and arranges traveling programs to historically important sites. The Executive Director's primary responsibilities will be to move the organizations toward long-term stability, programmatic excellence, financial sustainability and more effective community participation and outreach. S/he must be able to shape and communicate the organization's vision and goals to, and work with, the general public and local, State and Federal government officials.

Send letter of interest and resume, emails preferred, in confidence to the firm retained by the Board to execute the search:

Nancy Kaufman or Freda Mindlin
Opportunity Resources Inc.
196 East 75 St., Suite 14H
New York, NY 10021
Email: search@opportunityresources.net

News From Around the State

ERIE COUNTY

Groups join forces to form Preservation Buffalo Niagara

The preservation community has been busy in Buffalo! In October, members of the Landmark Society of the Niagara Frontier and The Preservation Coalition of Erie County voted to join forces and created [Preservation Buffalo Niagara](#). A new board of trustees was elected and by-laws were approved. Very significantly, four grant awards were announced, including a major grant from the John R. Oishei Foundation that will provide funds for an Executive Director over three years; a search is now underway. Other grant awards were from the Baird Foundation and the DB Trust. The Preservation League of New York State also announced a

Preserve New York grant award for a survey project. The new board is meeting and moving ahead to create a substantial, professional historic preservation organization for Buffalo and its region. For more information, including the Executive Director announcement, go to www.preservationbuffaloniagara.org

NEW YORK COUNTY

Historic Districts Council Launches Preservation Voters Initiative

HDC's League of Preservation Voters initiative will capitalize on this opportunity and work with elected officials and potential candidates to establish preservation as a priority topic during the upcoming 2009 election cycle. This aggressive campaign aims to engage both voters and candidates alike, to unify groups of community advocates, and to mobilize influential coalitions that educate political candidates and newly elected officials about the importance of preserving New York City's historic places, buildings and neighborhoods. For more information, visit <http://hdc.org/preservationvoters.htm> .

Staff Changes

Historic Albany Foundation welcomes new director of preservation services



Cara Manley was hired on August 1, 2008 -- just in time to change her name to Cara Macri on September 27, 2008 when she married Michael Macri! Cara, a native of

Connecticut, is a recent graduate of RPI's Master of Science in Building Conservation and had recently been employed as a Building Preservation & Restoration Assistant at Harwood Community College in Bel Air, Maryland. At Historic Albany, Cara is charged with the technical services program and dealing with all preservation related issues including vacant buildings, workshops, grant funding opportunities, contractors and consultant referrals and working on new nominations for historic districts.

Funding Available

Sacred Sites Applications Due 1/15/09



The New York Landmarks Conservancy's next application deadline for its Sacred Sites Program is January 15, 2009.

Applications to be considered during the January 2009 funding round need to be postmarked no later than January 15, 2009.

Through three grant programs, the Sacred Sites Program provides financial and technical assistance for the maintenance, repair, and restoration of historic religious properties of all denominations throughout New York State.

For more information about the Sacred Sites Program, contact Colleen Meagher, Grants Manager, at 212-995-5260 or by email at colleenmeagher@nylandmarks.org

[Click here](#) to subscribe to NetNews.

To submit information for consideration for publication in an upcoming issue, contact [Colleen Ryan](#) at the Preservation League.



The Preservation League of New York State

44 Central Avenue
Albany, NY 12206

www.preservenys.org

518-462-5658