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Preservation Network News

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

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WORKSHOP - ENHANCING MAIN STREET

Making Upper Floors Work Again in Mt. Morris

Thursday, October 29, 2009

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Genesee River Reception Center

134 North Main Street Mt. Morris, NY

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In 2004, the Preservation League of New York State launched an ambitious pilot project of workshops and technical assistance to address an important aspect of Main Street revitalization: the reuse of vacant upper stories in downtown commercial buildings.



The League is bringing its workshop to Mt. Morris later this month. The workshop's featured speakers will include:

- Buffalo architect Clinton Brown, who will discuss Main Street revitalization and why it matters, and also present a case study of mixed-use project in Medina, Orleans County;
- Murray Gould of Port City Preservation in Oswego, who will provide information on funding sources and strategies for downtown conversion projects;
- Corning-based architect Elise Johnson-Schmidt of Johnson-Schmidt and Associates, Architects, who will make a presentation titled Living on Main Street;
- Christian Leo of the NYS Division of Housing & Community Renewal, who will present an overview of the New York Main Street Grant Program; and
- Preservation architect Andrea Rebeck who will outline design and review considerations necessary to securing tax credits.

The cost of presentation is \$20.00 and includes lunch and materials.

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Contact Us

To submit information for consideration for publication in an upcoming issue, contact

[Colleen Ryan](#)
at the Preservation League
of New York State.

Seating is limited, please register by Thursday, October 22. Call 585-245-5048 for more information or email alliance@geneseo.edu.

Enhancing Main Street: Making Upper Floors Work Again is presented by the Preservation League of New York State and sponsored by the Livingston County Development Corporation; Alliance for Business Growth; Empire State Development Corporation and the Wyoming County Business Center. The workshop is co-presented by the Association of Village Boards of Livingston County; Livingston County Planning Department; and Wyoming County Planning and Development; with additional support provided by The Margaret L. Wendt Foundation and the New York State Council on the Arts, a State Agency.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Conference on New York State History Ithaca Area - June 3-5, 2010

Call for Papers Deadline December 31, 2009

The Conference on New York State History is an annual meeting of academic and public historians, librarians and archivists, educators, publishers, and other interested individuals who come together to discuss topics and issues related to the people of New York State in historical perspective and to share information and ideas regarding historical research, programming, and the networking of resources and services. Ten to fifteen presentation sessions, workshops, and a keynote address permit more than fifty individuals to take part in the formal program.



Individual paper abstracts, panel proposals, workshop plans, and other program suggestions are invited for the 2010 conference to be held in the Ithaca area. Presentations may consider any aspect of the history of New York State over the past 400 years. Diverse theoretical perspectives and innovative methodological approaches are welcomed.

Send proposals to:
Field Horne, Conference Chair; Conference on NYS History; Box 215;
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866-0215. For more information call (518)
587-4962 or email conferencechair@nysha.org.

Sponsored by New York State Historical Association in collaboration with New York State Archives Partnership Trust, cosponsored by New York Council for the Humanities.

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

Free workshops for CDBG, Main Street grant applicants

October - November, various locations

The NYS Office of Community Renewal is conducting free workshops for the NYS Community Development Block Grant & NY Main Street programs. Topics will include effective program & grant administration and an overview of the 2010 NYS CDBG & NYMS grant application round. Members of the OCR program staff will be available to provide technical assistance.



October 20 - Albany
October 22 - Lake Placid
November 2 - Buffalo
November 9 - Syracuse
November 13 - Long Island (NY Main Street only)

To register, or for times, locations, and additional information, visit www.nysocr.org or call (518) 474-2057.

Green Theology: Energy Efficiency and Sacred Sites

Thursday, October 22, 2009 8:45 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
26 West 84th St., NYC

Religious institutions are treasured touchstones of strength, comfort and stability for congregants and community alike, but the costs of heating, cooling and running facilities present considerable challenges even to the most robust congregations and the most creative facilities managers.



"Green Technology," "sustainability" and "energy efficiency" are frequently used buzz words that can leave caretakers of religious properties enthusiastic, confused about how to maintain their older buildings, or under the mistaken impression that "green building" is meant for new structures.

The seminar is designed for members of the clergy and others to

guide them as they strive to improve the energy efficiency of their buildings and reduce associated costs. A case study of an actual energy efficiency audit of a religious property, from the perspectives of both the auditor and the religious institution, will be presented to provide a hands-on understanding of the range of challenges and potential solutions that are useful in managing these important sites.

Church of St. Matthew and St. Timothy
26 West 84th Street
(between Columbus Avenue and Central Park West)

Call (212) 496-1714 to register. \$25 includes coffee and lunch (\$20 for additional registration from the same institution).

This project has been funded in part by a grant from the Johanna Favrot Fund for Historic Preservation of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Sponsored by The New York Landmarks Conservancy, Episcopal Diocese of New York, Landmark West!, National Trust for Historic Preservation and New York Interfaith Power & Light.

12th Annual New York State Conference on Preserving Historic Barns

Saturday, October 24 - Ithaca, NY

The New York State Barn Coalition and Historic Ithaca will present the 12th Annual Conference on the Preservation of Historic Barns on October 24.



This conference is open to anyone with an interest in historic barns and their preservation. For more information, download the [registration form](#).

This year's conference will be held at Ithaca Foreign Car Service, 501 West State Street. Built in 2006, this new timber frame building houses an auto shop in the heart of downtown Ithaca. For his contribution of this extraordinary building to the downtown streetscape, owner Dave Brumsted is the recipient of a 2007 Pride of Ownership award from the City of Ithaca.

Late registration deadline is 12pm October 22, cost for conference is \$40. Contact Kristen Olson at (607)273-6633 to confirm that space is available.

Main Street Forum

Presented by the New York Main Street Alliance
Sun Nov 1 - Mon Nov 2 - Liberty, NY

The New York Main Street Alliance (NYMSA), in conjunction with the Liberty Museum and Arts Center is hosting a two-day conference on November 1st and 2nd in downtown Liberty, New York. This year's theme is "Successes in Challenging Times" and the conference will include presentations from over 36 different specialists in downtown and main street revitalization, as well as in building preservation, from around New York State.



This two-day conference is open to anyone with an interest in either Historic Preservation or Main Street revitalization. You may register for one or both days -- Preservation Sunday or Main Street Monday.

[Download this PDF](#) to review special rates for reservations made on or before Friday, 10/23.

Please mail your registration & payment to:

Liberty Museum & Arts Center

46 South Main Street. Liberty NY 12754

Phone : [845] 292-2394 www.LibertyMuseum.com

You may also register by email: LMACinfo@libertymuseum.com

The 2009 Main Street Forum is produced with assistance from the following Conference Co-Sponsors: The New York Urban Council; The New York Main Street Alliance; The New York Planning Federation; The New York Conference of Mayors; The Catskill Center; The Liberty Museum & Arts Center.

PERSONNEL UPDATES

Preservation Buffalo Niagara Hires Key Staff

The Preservation Buffalo Niagara (PBN) Board of Trustees recently named Henry McCartney to the position of Executive Director. He will start working full time in Buffalo on October 20th.



Henry has been working with PBN since April 2008. He provided advice to PBN's predecessor organizations and transition committee, helping develop the strategy and case statement that guided PBN's creation. He served as interim director in 2009 while PBN conducted its national search for an executive director.

Andrea (Andee) Rebeck has also joined Preservation Buffalo Niagara as technical staff for the newly launched Preservation Partners program. Representing both PBN and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Andee will offer field services to owners of historic properties, preservation organizations, preservation commissions, public agencies and community organizations in a seven-county region.

Andee is a licensed architect with over 30 years experience in the preservation of historic buildings. From 1997 to 2005 she worked with New York State's historic preservation office, serving the state's ten western counties.

For more information on PBN, visit <http://www.preservationbuffaloniagara.org/> .

FUNDING AVAILABLE

Battlefield Preservation Grants

US Department of the Interior

Application Deadline: January 21, 2010

The American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP) of the National Park Service invites non-profit groups, academic institutions, and local, regional, state, and tribal governments,



and other private sector organizations to submit applications for grants. The purpose of this grant program is to provide seed money for projects that lead directly to the identification, preservation and interpretation of battlefield land and/or historic sites associated with battlefields. Project funding has ranged from \$5,000 to \$80,000. The ABPP encourages potential applicants to contact the ABPP staff and discuss proposed projects before preparing an application. Contact the ABPP Grants Manager by [email](#) or at (202) 354-2037 for more information.

Root Cellar Preserves

Preserving Traditions, Supporting Preservation

Canning and pickling have been an American tradition since homesteaders arrived in the new world. Today, preserving fruits and vegetables has become a lost art. Root Cellar Preserves offers a variety of delicious pickled products once commonplace, but now hard to find.



Root Cellar Preserves is committed to the preservation of early American homesteads. Many of these buildings, which represent the historical foundation of our country are giving way to disrepair, neglect and rural development. Root Cellar Preserves has established a fund from its proceeds to support local community efforts to preserve these homesteads for future generations.

For more information, and a list of retail locations for Root Cellar Preserves products, visit www.rootcellarpreserves.com .

AROUND THE STATE

Preserving Small Business: A Roundtable Discussion

Presented by The Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation

Tuesday, October 27

6:30 - 8:00 P.M. (Doors open 6:15)

Our Lady of Pompeii Father Demo (Basement) Hall
240 Bleecker Street (between Carmine and Leroy)

Subway: West 4th Street A, B, C, D, E, F, V



Small businesses are increasingly in peril in our community as rents sky-rocket, large chain stores drive out local business, and bank branches seem to flourish. Small businesses create a valuable and unique presence in Greenwich Village vital to its character. This discussion will explore ways to help our local stores and restaurants as well as preserve the diverse and wonderful character of the area created by local small businesses. Co-sponsored by the Greenwich Village-Chelsea Chamber of Commerce. Free; reservations required. RSVP to rsvp@gvshp.org or (212) 475-9585 ext. 35.

Public Art: An Illustrated Lecture Series

Presented by LANDMARK WEST! landmarkwest@landmarkwest.org or 212-496-8110

The admission cost for each lecture is \$15, or attend the pair for \$25!*

The Politics of Urban Beauty:

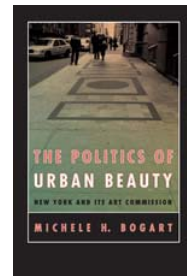
New York City and its Art Commission

Monday, November 2nd, 6:00PM

First Church of Christ, Scientist

10 West 68th Street

by Michele Bogart, former Vice President of the Art Commission of the City of New York (1999 to 2003), Professor of Art History at Stony Brook University



Praise for *The Politics of Urban Beauty: New York and Its Art Commission* (University of Chicago Press, 2006): "Eminently readable, Michele H. Bogart's political analysis of design excellence relates tales, familiar and obscure, of the transformation of our city's character and aesthetic quality through the efforts of the Art Commission of the City of New York.... Along with the passion of an engaged participant, former art commission member Bogart brings an historical perspective that edifies, clarifies, and excites any reader of the urban scene." -- Rick Bell, FAIA, executive director of the American Institute of Architects, New York Chapter

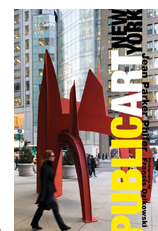
Public Art New York

Monday, November 9th, 6:00PM

First Church of Christ, Scientist

10 West 68th Street

by Jean Parker Phifer, former President of the Art Commission of the City of New York (1998 to 2003), Fellow of the American Institute of Architects, Professor



of Environmental Design at New York University

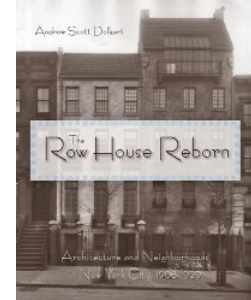
Praise for Public Art New York (W.W. Norton & Company, Inc., 2009): "Don't make your next trip to New York without this guidebook. Handsomely laid out with a color photograph for each artwork, easy to carry, sturdy, and a good value for the money, it's a good way of finding your way through the city's treasure trove of outdoor art." -- Landscape Architecture Magazine

The Real Estate of Bohemia A Lecture with Andrew Dolkart

Presented by the Greenwich Village Society for
Historic Preservation

**Wednesday, November 4
6:30 - 8:00 P.M. (Doors open 6:15)**

Grace Church School
86 Fourth Avenue (at 11th Street)
Subway: Union Square 4, 5, 6, N, Q, R, W, L



In the early decades of the 20th century, Greenwich Village was a center for the rediscovery and redesign of obsolete and deteriorated row houses. Speculative developers, feeding off the neighborhood's bohemian reputation, created "artist's studios" in many of the old row houses, often redesigning facades with stucco fronts, tile highlights, and large loft windows. These changes dramatically changed the character of the Village. Architectural historian and Columbia University professor Andrew Dolkart will discuss this transformation in the Village and explore the history of the row house in Greenwich Village. Free; reservations required. RSVP to rsvp@gvshp.org or (212) 475-9585 ext. 35.

Preservation is Sustainability:

**How to Make Your Historic House More
Energy Efficient**

Presented by the New York Landmarks
Conservancy

Thursday, Nov. 12 - 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church
85 South Oxford Street, Brooklyn



The seminar will feature a group of preservationists and architects who will provide a critical framework and practical advice on sustainability in historic houses. These professionals will discuss their own experiences, highlighting what is successful and what should be rethought, and will answer questions from the audience.

Speakers will include architects Walter Sedovic, AIA LEED and Christine Benedict, RA, and staff from the NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Tickets: \$5.00. Contact Meral Agish at meralagish@nylandmarks.org or call 212.995.5260 to register.

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**Buffalo Olmsted Parks
Conservancy Events**



Olmsted's Oktoberfest
Saturday, October 24
Cazenovia Park Casino
Noon - 5 p.m.
German Food, Beer, Music & Dancing
\$6 admission / \$10 meal
Call 716-838-1249 ext 17 for details

Tree Care Workshop
Saturday, October 31
Parkside Lodge
9 - 11 a.m.
Free
Call 716-838-1249 ext. 15 to register

Tree Planting
Saturday, November 7
Delaware Parks, Riverside Park, and Front Park
9 a.m. - Noon
Call 716-838-1249 ext. 15 to volunteer

Susan G. Komen Commemorative Grove Planting
Saturday, November 7
Agassiz entrance of Delaware Park
1 - 3 p.m.
Call 716-838-1249 ext. 31

Tree Planting
Saturday, November 14
Martin Luther King Jr. Park, Cazenovia Park, and Heacock Place
9 a.m. - Noon
Call 716-838-1249 ext. 15 to volunteer

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