



Historic Preservation Commission Newsletter

Welcome

Welcome to the first issue of the Historic Preservation Commission Newsletter. The goal of the monthly newsletter is to share information between the State Historic Preservation Office and the Historic Preservation Commissions throughout North Dakota.

SHPO News

- **New address and look to the SHSND website**

The state's history agency, the State Historical Society of North Dakota (SHSND), has launched its newly redesigned website at www.history.nd.gov, which features improved navigation and provides users with a new web experience.

"We are excited about the launch of our new website and all that it offers to visitors, from the casual reader to the dedicated researcher," said SHSND Director Merl Paaverud. "It's rich with information useful to everyone, and is displayed in a highly attractive and easy-to-locate manner. It highlights all that we do as the state's history agency."

- **CLG Grant application deadline**

The 2009 Certified Local Government Grant Application Guidelines were sent out the early part of January and are due in the SHPO by February 15.

- **2009 Historic Preservation Fund**

The necessary federal legislation funding the Historic Preservation Fund has not been passed. It was anticipated that several appropriations bills, including that one funding the HPF, would be put together and voted on in early January and ready for the President on his first day in office.

Please note: CLG contracts will not be finalized until the federal funding legislations is passed.

- **State Historic Preservation Review Board**

The North Dakota State Historic Preservation Review Board will meet Friday, January 30 at 10 a.m. at the North Dakota Heritage Center in Bismarck. The meeting is open to the public.

Board members will consider the Prairie Rose Carousel in Wahpeton for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

- **New employee in A&HP**

In November 2008, long time administrative assistant for the Archeology & Historic Preservation Division, Jean Erickson retired. Her position was filled by, Lisa Steckler (lsteckler@nd.gov) who previously worked in the Support Services Division of the SHSND.

Regional News

Interesting HP related news from around the region.

Ruling: Virginia City house to be demolished

BUTTE — A Virginia City landowner will have to tear down a partially built home because it doesn't comply with historical review guidelines, the Montana Supreme Court ruled this month.

The court unanimously upheld a district court ruling that the town of Virginia City was justified in ordering the late Greg Olsen to tear down the house. The case arose in 1999 after Olsen began construction of a home that didn't meet setback requirements and didn't comply with the town's historical review standards.

For more of this story, click on or type the URL below:

http://www.helenair.com/articles/2009/01/18/state/105st_090118_virginia.txt

News from the ND Historic Preservation Commissions

- **Historic Preservation Month**

May is Historic Preservation Month and an opportunity for local communities to celebrate the diverse and irreplaceable heritage.

Visit the National Trust for Historic Preservation web site for information
<http://www.preservationnation.org/take-action/preservation-month/>

Some possible activities could be....

- Sponsor a historic preservation lecture series.
- Guided tour of historic district
- Host an open house to show off a historic building that has recently been restored or is in need of restoration.

- **Wrap up of 2008 HPC projects**

- A quick rundown of what the HPC were up to for 2008.....

Buffalo – Administration and education/training

Devils Lake – Hosted the CLG workshop and sponsored the replacement of the furnace at the US Post Office and Courthouse which houses the Lake Region Heritage Center.

Dickinson – Administration, education/training and a National Register Nomination of the XX

Fargo – Administration, education/training and neighborhood survey

Grand Forks – Administration, education, National Register District marker and National Register Nomination of the WPA structures at the Grand Forks County Fairgrounds.

Pembina County - Administration, education and purchase of National Register plaques

Walsh County - Administration, education and purchase of National Register plaques

Preservation Web Links

NPS Preservation Briefs – www.nps.gov/history/hps/tps/briefs/presbhom.htm

National Alliance of Historic Preservation Commissions - www.uga.edu/napc/index.htm

Preservation Action – www.preservationaction.org

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation – www.achp.gov

Upcoming Events

- **January 30** State Historic Preservation Review Board Meeting, Heritage Center, Bismarck, ND
- **March 7-11** National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers, Annual Meeting and Advocacy Day, Washington DC
- **April 27 – June 8** – Amy Munson will be on maternity leave.
- **May 2009** Historic Preservation Month
- **Preservation North Dakota Conference** May 1-3, Bismarck, ND
- **April 24** - State Historic Preservation Review Board Meeting, Heritage Center, Bismarck, ND