



Minnesota's Historic Preservation E-newsletter

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Breakfast with a Preservationist

Wednesday, February 23, 2010
8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
Mill City Museum, 710 South 2nd St.

What better way to break up a Minnesota winter than a talk about historic preservation in Cuba. Bob Mack of MacDonald and Mack Architects will make the presentation. In January 2010, Minneapolitans Patricia and Bob Mack visited Cuba with a group studying architecture and urban planning, including a fair amount of preservation. In February of this year, Bob will be returning with the Association for Preservation Technology for even more preservation-focused study. Join them to hear about Cuban policies and technologies related to preservation of their historic resources. This event is free!

NEWS FROM THE PRESERVATION ALLIANCE OF MINNESOTA

Medtronic TC Marathon turns 30. PAM turns 30. It was meant to be.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of two significant events that may at first seem unrelated: the running of the first Twin Cities Marathon and the founding of the nonprofit Preservation Alliance of Minnesota (PAM). The connection?? But for the Alliance's advocacy to save irreplaceable historic places in the Twin Cities, the Medtronic Twin Cities Marathon may not be called, "The Most Beautiful Urban Marathon in America." Running along the famed Grand Rounds National Scenic Byway, the marathon route runs through several historic districts and past nationally and locally significant historic resources preserved and protected through the Alliance's work. You run for your health, for the challenge, to cross the finish line. Now, run for a great cause and support PAM's mission to preserve the historic places that enhance our great quality of life and make the Twin Cities a community you'd run back to every time.

[Click here](#) to learn more about how to sign up to be a "30 for 30" Team PAM runner.

Minnesota's 2011 Historic Preservation Legislative Roundup

This year's Legislative session is shaping up to be one of the most interesting in recent memory. The political majority has shifted in both the Executive and Legislative branches simultaneously. The Capitol halls are filled with new faces as the House of Representatives welcomed 36 new members and the Senate a total of 24; the new mix promises to bring fresh energy and ideas, while also adding the challenge of revised committee assignments and introductions to new staff contacts. Even more significant is the estimated \$6.2 billion budget deficit our State faces this biennium. The Capitol will be assuredly hectic until this Session is scheduled to end on approximately May 23.

As the advocacy voice for historic preservation at the Capitol, the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota is analyzing how the new environment in which we're working will impact the significant gains made in preservation policy in 2009-2010. The Alliance's annual policy initiatives are guided by our strategic plan developed in 2009 setting forth our legislative priorities. We are still grateful and amazed that we accomplished the most important of these: passage of the state historic tax credit. [Click here](#) to learn about PAM's legislative initiatives in 2011 as we return to the Capitol.

Help Preserve Funding for Historic Preservation in Legacy Grants

The Legislature appropriated \$6.75 million through the Legacy Act Arts and Cultural

Silver and Gold: An In-depth Tour of Glensheen

February 19, 2011 @ 4:15PM

This is not your standard house tour: get ready to explore the complexities of Glensheen, the historic Congdon estate. From the innovative to the luxurious, this is a rare opportunity to take a closer look at this national treasure on the shores of Lake Superior.

With 39 rooms, 15 bedrooms, 15 fireplaces and more than seven acres, Glensheen is a hallmark of extraordinary design.

Limited to the first 60 guests to make reservations. Tickets are \$22 per person available through Glensheen's [website](#), or by calling 1-888-454-GLEN, (218) 726-8910

A fund-raiser for Glensheen and the Duluth Preservation Alliance

What Style is That House? Twin Cities Historic Home Styles Explained March 31st and April 2nd

A two-session course taught by Dick Kronick through the UofM College of Continuing Education. The first is an illustrated lecture detailing the origins and details of 14 home styles from the 19th and 20th centuries.

The second is an all-day tour, highlighting many of the styles from the lecture, including visits into restored homes, not otherwise accessible.

For more information [click here](#)

Heritage Fund in grant funding for the Minnesota Historical Society-administered Historical and Cultural Grants Program the 2010-2011 biennium (which translates to July 1, 2009, to June 30, 2010 in our calendars). The grants have already made a tremendous impact in incentivizing historic preservation projects statewide. However, the Legislature did not appropriate a specific funding amount after Fiscal Year 2011 as they wanted to evaluate the program's implementation and successes. **Participate in** History Matters Day at the Capitol on Monday, February 21, from 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. to share how the Legacy Funds have, and will be, used to make preservation work in your community. Go to www.mnhs.org/historymatters/ for more information.

The Minnesota Historical Society also released their report to the legislature on the Legacy Funds Program. [Click here](#) for more information.

UP-TO-THE-MINUTE NEWS & EVENTS

Preserve Minneapolis Receives Legacy Grant

The Minnesota Historical Society recently awarded Preserve Minneapolis a Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grant of \$7,000.00. This money will be used to support the 2011 Minneapolis Historic Walking and Biking Tours, which Preserve Minneapolis is taking over from the Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission. The tour schedule will be revealed in the coming months on the Preserve Minneapolis [website](#).

The Minneapolis Historic Walking and Biking Tours enlighten and educate the attendees on architectural styles, neighborhood history, and preservation issues. This basic knowledge is the key to helping the residents maintain healthy neighborhoods; understand their own community histories and how history relates to the city at large.

Preserve Minneapolis also has a contract position open for a Tour Coordinator. To view the scope of services for this position click on [Job Description](#). To apply for the open position, send your resume [here](#). Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Leicester B. Holland Prize 2011: A Single-Sheet Measured Drawing Competition

This new competition, open to both students and professionals, recognizes the best single-sheet measured drawing of an historic building, site, or structure prepared to HABS, HAER or HALS standards for our collection at the Library of Congress.

The winner of the Leicester B. Holland Prize 2011 will receive a \$1000 cash prize, a certificate of recognition, and publication of the winning drawing in Architectural Record magazine.

There is no charge to enter the competition but the Holland Prize Entry Form (available on the HDP website) must be completed by May 31, 2011 and the completed entry postmarked by June 30, 2011. To download the Holland Prize Entry Form and for additional information on how to participate, including competition rules and recommendations, please [click here](#).

NATIONAL PRESERVATION NEWS

URGENT...Contact MN's Congressional Representatives and Senators Today!!

FY 2011 Historic Preservation Funding is at Stake! Preservation Action, the national historic preservation lobbying nonprofit, has been reporting that the funding levels for the federal government are currently being provided through a Continuing Resolution (CR) that expires on March 4, 2011. This CR, as result of Congress being unable to agree on a budget, extended funding for FY 2011 at FY 2010 levels.

What happens in February and March is anyone's guess. Many believe that there will be a serious attempt to cut funding for the rest of FY 2011 to FY 2008 levels, or much worse. [Click here](#) to learn what a rollback to FY 2008 would mean and how you can act today.

Add Your Two Cents to Draft Guidelines for Siting Schools

- Q: Have you – or someone you love – ever tried to save a school?
- Q: Does your community have an older or historic school that's central to its well-being?
- Q: Are you finding it difficult to revitalize a neighborhood without a quality school?
- Q: Are you looking for another use for one of your town's "white elephant" buildings?

If you answered yes to any of these questions above, please consider adding your two cents to the [Environmental Protection Agency's \(EPA\) draft voluntary siting guidelines](#).

PRESERVATION RESOURCES (OF ALL KINDS)

Free Update to National Register List in Minnesota

Get a free update to "[The National Register of Historic Places in Minnesota: A Guide](#)" compiled by Mary Ann Nord (2003) for [additions and removals, 2003-2010](#).

Preservation Grants Available

National Endowment for the Humanities Division of Preservation and Access offers [Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions](#). Deadline: **May 3, 2011**.

Become a member of the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota

You get our emails, you attend our events, but you aren't a member? Change that! Become a member of the Alliance today so you can take advantage our all our services and receive our magazine that is loaded with preservation information. Signing up to become a member is easy and only takes a minute. Individual membership begins at \$40; students are just \$20.

<http://www.mnpreservation.org/get-involved/join/>

Happy Hour with a Preservationist

Wednesday, March 16, 2011
5:30p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Dairy Barn (Pomeroy Center)
1964 Fitch Avenue, Saint Paul

Join us for a special Happy Hour as we will be touring two buildings in Saint Paul—yes Saint Paul—the Dairy Barn and the Student Health Service Building at the University of MN – St Paul campus.

The Dairy Barn was designed by architect Clarence H. Johnston, Sr. and built in 1907 for use as a cattle barn. Tucked in behind the Veterinary Medical Center, it has been recently rehabilitated into the Ben Pomeroy Student-Alumni Learning Center. The building has become an interesting mix of historic agricultural architecture and modern classroom and office space. After the Dairy Barn we'll tour the nearby former Student Health Service Building, which has also been rehabilitated into a campus chiller plant. [Click here for a map.](#)

National Preservation Institute Seminars for 2011

April 6-7: Madison, WI
May 4-5: Saint Paul, MN
June 2: Madison, WI

Go to [NPI's website](#) for more information.

Have an event or news item for the next Preservation Alliance of Minnesota e-newsletter?

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