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Minnesota's National Register properties are just a click away



Edgewater Beach Cottages, built in Detroit Lakes in the late 1930s of rare stovewood construction, are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Need information about a Minnesota property on the National Register of Historic Places? Look no further than <http://nrhp.mnhs.org/NRSearch.cfm>. This searchable National Register database, added to the Minnesota Historical Society web site in June, joins the growing body of information accessible on the web about the state's historic properties.

Gradually over the past several years, we have put on the Society's web site information about various categories of National Register properties. Great Lakes shipwrecks were the first, followed by bridges, rustic-style resources in Minnesota's state parks and a selection of properties in a searchable format illustrating four Minnesota history themes.

Now comes the database of more than 7,200 properties – Minnesota's 1,500-plus National Register listings as well as some 5,700 properties located within historic districts. Inclusion of the district data opens a rich vein of information about properties previously relegated to State Historic Preservation Office files deep in the Minnesota History Center. A basic search of the database allows you to access the properties by name, location or address. The advanced search function offers more options: you can search the 1,500 listings by architect, style, theme, construction date and/or building function.

A work in progress, the database will be refined as it is used. Over time,

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CALENDAR

MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS

Oct. 8–13: 55th National Preservation Conference, Cleveland, Ohio. For details call the National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1-800-944-6847, or go to www.nthpconference.org.

Oct. 12: Gaytee Stained Glass Studio Tour, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Minneapolis. The tour includes several sites noted for their Gaytee glass work, including the Lakewood Cemetery Chapel. Fee: \$60, or \$30 for Preservation Alliance of Minnesota members. For more information call the Alliance, 612-341-8140.

Oct. 22: State Review Board meeting, 7 p.m., Minnesota History Center, St. Paul. For agenda information call Michele Decker, 651-296-5434.

Oct. 24–26: "Future with a Past: Design, Planning and Management of Historic Campuses," University of Minnesota. Conference fee: \$295. To register go to <http://register.cce.umn.edu> and enter event ID 174560. For more information call Julie Grazier, 612-624-3044.

Nov. 9: 15th Annual Gales of November Shipwreck and Diving Program, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Duluth. Keynote address: "Sole Survivor," by Dennis Hale, curator, Ashtabula Marine Museum, Ashtabula, Ohio. For prices and tickets call 218-727-2497 or go to www.lsmma.com.

CLG GRANT DEADLINES

Jan. 17, 2003: Pre-application due by 4:30 p.m.

Feb. 21: Grant application due by 4:30 p.m.

April 3: Grants Review Committee meets.

SAVED

Goodhue County: Commercial Building (ca.1902), Red Wing. This Neoclassical commercial building in the locally designated Red Wing Downtown Historic District has been rehabilitated using federal preservation tax incentives. Work included stripping and repointing the brick walls, replacing windows, repainting the metal cornice, rehabilitating the storefront and installing a new mechanical system.



St. Louis County: Duluth Union Depot (1892), Duluth. Designed by noted Boston architects Peabody and Stearns, Duluth's picturesque railroad station exhibits Chateausque styling. Rehabilitation of the depot, which included installing new windows, was funded in part with a grant from the State Capital Projects Grants-in-Aid program.



Red Wing commercial building before (top) and after rehabilitation.

Duluth Union Depot before (top) and after rehabilitation.

REGISTRATION

Recent additions to the National Register of Historic Places

Hennepin County: Minneapolis Pioneers and Soldiers Memorial Cemetery/Layman's Cemetery (1925), 2925 Cedar Ave. S., Minneapolis.
Prepared by Marjorie Pearson.



The oldest surviving cemetery in Minneapolis, Layman's Cemetery was established in 1858 on land owned by Martin Layman adjacent to his farmstead. Acquired by the city in the 1920s and renamed Minneapolis Pioneers and Soldiers Memorial Cemetery, it became the focus of an early preservation movement to protect sites significant to local history.

Hennepin County: Theodore Wirth House/Administration Building (1910), 3954 Bryant Ave. S., Minneapolis.
Prepared by Marjorie Pearson.



Built in 1939 by the Works Progress Administration, the Waverly Village Hall housed local government offices and provided space for community events, making it the social center of town. The building exemplifies the Moderne style, with its characteristic formal, symmetrical design; smooth, flat surfaces; and ornamentation in the form of zigzag panels, corner fins and fluted bands.

Wright County: Waverly Village Hall (1939), Fourth Street N. between Atlantic and Elm Avenues, Waverly.
Prepared by Rolf Anderson and Melanie Mullins.

Faribault launches history web site

Even before it was platted in 1855, Faribault's strategic location at the junction of two rivers set the course for its development. The city's emergence as a milling center and railroad hub brought prosperity and a flurry of construction – institutional, commercial and residential. Now Faribault's history and its efforts to preserve the city's historic resources take center stage through a creative new web site, www.ci.faribault.mn.us/History.

Funded in part with a Certified Local Government grant, the collaborative project involved the Faribault Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC), the City of Faribault, the Rice County Historical Society, History Education and Interpretation Services, volunteer tour guides, a local photographer and the web site developer, Clearsite New Media.

Titled *Preserving Faribault's Past*, the web site explores four themes in the



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city's history: the Downtown District, Homes and Neighborhoods, Civic and School Life, and Limestone Building Traditions. Each theme is illustrated with historic photographs and introduces the people and places that helped shape the city. Through such features as "Secret Stories" and "Extraordinary and Everyday Events," the web site creates a vivid picture of the city's past. Visitors to the site also can take virtual tours that offer contemporary photographs of buildings related to each theme.

In addition, the site provides children's activities, information about

architectural preservation, and links to local, state and national preservation web sites.

The Faribault HPC intends the web site to educate both residents and outsiders about the significance of the city's architecture. The site also builds on a previously completed curriculum project for local schools, providing students and teachers with up-to-date learning and assessment activities. For more information about the project, e-mail Stan Gustafson, Faribault's community development coordinator, at gustafson@ci.faribault.mn.us.

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additional information and photographs will be entered. And as new properties are listed on the National Register, they too will be added.

For the SHPO, launching the searchable database is one more step toward achieving a long-held goal: making information about Minnesota's National Register properties widely accessible to both the public and preservation professionals. It's all part of our larger mission to protect those historic resources. And the best way to protect them, we believe, is to foster a strong sense of stewardship in the communities

where those properties are located and among the people who own them. That stewardship is built on understanding the irreplaceable nature of our National Register properties and appreciating their importance to our communities – an understanding and appreciation that the wealth of information in this database can help impart.

We haven't done this work alone. Since Minnesota's National Register program began in 1969, countless individuals from federal, state and local agencies, local historical societies, and research organizations, as well as

private property owners, have contributed to the effort. The result: National Register listings in every one of Minnesota's 87 counties.

We hope you'll visit our expanded National Register web site soon – and often. Join us in spreading the word about this treasure trove of information. Experiment with the searches, have fun along the way and send us your feedback.

– Britta L. Bloomberg, Deputy
State Historic Preservation Officer

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CLG grant pre-applications due in January

Certified Local Government grant deadlines are fast approaching (see calendar, page 1). You are encouraged to submit a draft of your application by Jan. 17 so that Grants Office staff can offer comments and suggestions. Final applications are due Feb. 21.

Who is eligible?

Only cities with local historic preservation ordinances, commissions and programs certified by the State Historic Preservation Office and the National Park Service are eligible to apply for these matching grants. Heritage preservation commissions interested in achieving CLG status for their city should call Michael Koop, historic preservation program specialist, 651-296-5451.

Types of projects

Priority is given to projects that:

- promote surveys in areas of known development activity, in order to reduce project delays;
- generate data for planning use;
- involve properties associated with the history of under-documented groups or communities; and/or
- result in local designations.

Available funds

Funds are provided through the U.S. Department of the Interior's National Park Service. It is anticipated that at least \$70,000 will be available for CLG grant awards in Minnesota. The 2003 Certified Local Government Grants Manual for Heritage Preservation Commissions will be mailed to eligible cities in early December. For information before then, call the Grants Office, 651-296-5478.



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