

Education. Partnerships. Relevance.

We want to see you at the 21st Annual Statewide Historic Preservation Conference on Sept. 28 and 29 in the historic Mississippi River town of Winona. Join architects, planners, public officials, heritage preservation commission members and staff, historians, property owners, and citizen



A photo of a river boat on the Mississippi, Riverside Park and the Winona business section, taken in 1905.

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advocates from every corner of the state who will gather in Winona for this annual event.

The new Statewide Historic Preservation Plan will be distributed for the first time at the fall conference, and it couldn't come at a better time. The three words in the title characterize the main priorities embodied in the new plan: education, partnerships, and relevance. Education, because greater public awareness and understanding are keys to addressing the critical needs of preservation in Minnesota today. Partnerships, because historic preservation is everyone's responsibility, and its success depends on working together to advance a shared agenda. And relevance, because historic preservation speaks to broad issues facing the entire state in the years ahead – building healthy, livable communities; promoting smart growth; protecting the environment and our historic and cultural resources.

The same words can be used to describe what participants can expect from the preservation conference in Winona. This year, participants will have an opportunity to explore the rich history of the built environment along the Mississippi River. A series of technical sessions, lectures and walking tours dealing with the preservation of Minnesota's historic religious properties are sure to inspire one and all.

Other sessions will focus on topics of relevance to Minnesota communities across the state: heritage tourism, downtown revitalization, and preservation-friendly development and planning policies. There'll be a chance to mingle informally with other preservation partners during an evening public reception and keynote concert featuring songs of the river by Charlie Maguire, the "Singing Ranger" of the National Park Service's Mississippi National River and Recreation Area.

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June 25: Tour of houses in the Prospect Park neighborhood, Minneapolis, from 1-5 p.m. Sponsored by the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota (PAM). For more information call PAM, 612/341-8140.

July 8: Nicollet Island Tour, 2 p.m., St. Anthony Falls Historic District, Minneapolis. Learn about the industrial and social history of the island and the stories behind 19th-century houses. Space is limited; reservations required. Fee charged; free to MHS members. Call 612/627-5433 for more information.

July 12-26: Compleat Scholar Class. "The Ideal Parlor" and the Changing American Home, 1800-1860." Meets four times on Wednesday evenings at Amundson Hall, University of Minnesota. For information or to register, call 612/625-7777.

July 15: Westside Milling District Walking Tour, 2 p.m., St. Anthony Falls Historic District, Minneapolis. For 50 years, Minneapolis was the flour milling capital of the world. As you tour the mill ruins you'll find out why this was such an important part of the city and region. Space is limited; reservations required. Fee charged; free to MHS members. Call 612/627-5433 for more information.

Aug. 4-6: National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC) 2nd biennial forum at the historic Westin William Penn hotel, Pittsburgh, PA. Called "Forum 2000," this national gathering offers training for preservation commissions and staff. Fee: \$85 for NAPC members until July 17. Call NAPC at 706/542-4731 or see www.arches.uga.edu/~napc.

Aug. 5: Summit Avenue Walking Tours, James J. Hill House, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Learn about the architecture, development and social history of the fashionable mansions built by business and civic

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leaders during St. Paul's Gilded Age along Summit Ave. Tours last 90 minutes. Reservations recommended. Fee charged. Call 651/297-2555 for information.

Aug. 22: State Review Board meeting, 7 p.m., Minnesota History Center, 345 Kellogg Blvd. W., St. Paul. For agenda information, call Michele Decker at 651/296-5434.

Sept. 2: Summit Avenue Walking Tours. See above.

Nov. 1-5: 53rd National Preservation Conference, Los Angeles, CA. Call the National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1-800-944-6847.

NOMINATION DEADLINE

Aug. 11: Preservation Honor Awards. To be presented by the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota (PAM) in November. Categories include brick-and-mortar projects, individual contributions, and community efforts. For details call PAM at 612/341-8140.

GRANTS

In its 2000 Session, the Minnesota Legislature approved funding for the State Capital County and Local Preservation Projects grants program administered by the Minnesota Historical Society. A total of \$500,000 was appropriated for a matching grants program to county and local jurisdictions for historic preservation projects of a capital nature. Grant recipients must be public entities and must match state funds on at least an equal basis, and the facilities must be publicly owned. Up to \$350,000 will be awarded in the fall 2000 cycle; the balance will be available for award in 2001.

For a copy of the application materials, call or write the MHS grants office, 345 Kellogg Blvd. W., St. Paul, MN 55102-1906; telephone: 651/296-5478; FAX 651/282-2374.

GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINES

Aug. 11, 2000
Pre-applications due

Sept. 15, 2000
Applications due

Oct. 26, 2000
Grants Review committee meets

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For the past 20 years, Minnesota's preservation community has gathered for the annual conference. The numbers of participants have increased, sessions and tours now fill two full days, and the meeting locations showcase different communities each year as our working laboratory.

Co-sponsors of this year's conference are the State Historic Preservation Office of the Minnesota Historical Society, the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota, the

City of Winona, the Winona County Historical Society and the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area, National Park Service.

We hope you'll plan now to attend. Come prepared to learn and be inspired. It's an event you won't want to miss. Watch the mail for more information and registration materials.

Britta L. Bloomberg
Deputy SHPO

Faribault Hosts Building Code Workshop

More than 55 participants gathered in Faribault on April 28 for a one-day workshop devoted to learning how property owners, architects and local officials can work together to maintain the architectural integrity of historic buildings. Charles Nelson, State Historic Preservation Office historic architect, gave an overview of how the Secretary of the Interior's Design Standards for Historic Properties can be applied while maintaining compliance with the Minnesota Fire Code, the Uniform Building Code and the Uniform Code for Building Conservation.

A panel comprised of architects, contractors, and fire and code officials discussed the practical application and interpretation of the Secretary of the Interior's Design Standards and building code requirements. In the afternoon, participants inspected several historic buildings in downtown Faribault. Each building was being rehabilitated and served to illustrate both the problems and potential solutions involved with such projects.

Part of this highly successful workshop will be repeated at the Statewide Preservation Conference in Winona on September 28-29. Copies of a videotape of the workshop are available at a nominal cost. For more information, call either Mark Hudson or Sara Anne Daines at 507/334-2222.



Participants in Faribault's Building Code Workshop inspect the interior of a downtown building undergoing rehabilitation.

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Recent Additions to the National Register of Historic Places

Goodhue County: *Cannon Falls Commercial Historic District*, Fourth St. between Mill St. and Main St., Cannon Falls. Prepared by Susan Granger and Kay Grossman.

Norman County: *Zion Lutheran Church*, off Co. Hwy. 3, Shelly Twp., near Shelly. Prepared by David C. Anderson.

Olmsted County: *Viola Cooperative Creamery*, 10500 Viola Road NE, Viola Twp. Prepared by Garneth Peterson.



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The Cannon Falls Commercial Historic District (left) is comprised of 29 buildings in a five-block area centered around 4th St. North and Mill St. West. Most of the buildings, constructed during the 20-year period from 1880-1900, were built of local limestone in elaborate Italianate or Commercial Queen Anne styles. The district is representative of a small Midwestern agricultural service community, and is significant as the historic center for Cannon Falls' retail, service and banking industries.

The Viola Cooperative Creamery, (right) which was built in 1924 and closed in 1948, represents the high point of the smaller specialized creameries that served dairy farmers throughout Minnesota. These creameries reflect a period when butter-making was shifting from farms to factories. After World War II, the dairy market, farming technology and operations all changed, and the dairy products industry became more centralized; small creameries with limited product lines became obsolete, and creameries like Viola's began to close.



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Before



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During

The Slade Hotel (1891), before (left) and during (right) the building rehabilitation. All-new energy efficient windows were installed, using funds provided in part through the state bond-funded County and Local Preservation Project Grants-in-Aid program.

Ten CLG Grants Awarded

At its meeting on April 11, the Minnesota Historical Society's Grants Review Committee made grants from the CLG grant program to the following 10 municipalities. A local government can become a CLG, or Certified Local Government, when it enacts a preservation ordinance and is certified by the SHPO and the National Park Service.

This program is administered by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) with funds provided through the U.S. Department of the Interior's National Park Service; federal regulations stipulate that at least 10 percent of the Minnesota Historical Society's annual Historic Preservation Fund Program allocation be awarded as pass-through funds to cities with CLG status.

City of Eden Prairie, National Register Nomination for Minnesota Valley Wayside, \$750

City of Chatfield, Historic Context Study, \$6,700

City of Duluth, Evaluation of Concrete Paved Streets, \$6,500

City of Henderson, Survey, \$5,000

City of Lake City, Business District Zoning Standards, \$2,500

City of Minneapolis, Survey of Downtown and SW Minneapolis, \$24,000

City of New Ulm, Intensive Survey of New Ulm's south side, \$5,000

City of Red Wing, Survey of Old West Main Street Area, \$3,000

City of St. Cloud, Survey, Phase V, \$9,000

City of Stillwater, Survey of Carli and Schulenburg Addition, \$4,500

For further information, contact Mandy Skypala at the MHS grants office, 651/296-5478; e-mail, mandy.skypala@mnhs.org.



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Watch for a postcard about the conference later this month and further details this summer. For more information, contact the SHPO at 651/296-5434 or by e-mail, mnshpo@mnhs.org.



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A view of downtown Winona in 1900, from the water tower. Tours of Winona's National Register Commercial Historic District, which covers a seven-block area along East and West Third Street, will be given during the Statewide Preservation Conference.



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