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Old House Workshops

by Nathalie Wright, Field Representative

Columbus Landmarks is pleased to conduct two hands-on workshops in our own neighborhood. Located in the Jefferson Center for Learning and the Arts, founded in 1975, this National Register listed campus provides offices for 23 nonprofit organizations. Our worksite, 100 Jefferson Avenue, built circa 1890, will soon be renovated to support a housing development for mentally ill adults. The historic property will supply the community space, featuring a large eat-in kitchen, yoga studio, computer lab, and visitors' salon, for 10 newly constructed residential units.

Investigating & Troubleshooting Series

Sat., July 14; Weds., July 18; Sat., Aug. 4;
Weds., Aug. 29; or Thurs., Sept. 20 \$5
Columbus Dept. of Health, 240 Parsons Ave.

This workshop is designed to help home owners identify and resolve common maintenance issues. The session will cover tips for examining the roof, the drainage system, masonry components, and wood components. Important safety issues, such as lead paint, will also be discussed.

NEW! Old House DIY: Break Out the Tools - Plaster Repair Workshop

Saturday, July 21st, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

100 Jefferson Avenue \$10

Are there cracks or holes in your plaster walls? The Plaster Repair Workshop, hosted by the Jefferson Center and taught by **Campbell Plastering LLC**, will cover the technique of plaster repairs. Join us for this new and exciting workshop, taught by a fifth generation plaster craftsman!

Old House DIY: Break Out the Tools - Window Repair Workshop

Saturday, August 25th, 9:00-1:00

100 Jefferson Avenue

At the Window Repair Workshop, taught by **A-Z Window Restoration & Centennial Preservation Group**, learn the basics of repairing historic windows. Participants will work in teams and be provided with all the tools and materials needed to complete the steps involved in window repair.



Laura Bidwa puts her skills to work at our March Masonry Repair Workshop.

COMING UP

Westin Downtown Walking Tours

Saturday, July 7 10-11:30 a.m.
Saturday, Aug. 4 10-11:30 a.m.

Historic Tavern Tours

Thursday, July 19 SOLD OUT
Thursday, Aug. 16 SOLD OUT
Thursday, Aug. 30 6-9:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 6 6-9:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 20 6-9:30 p.m.

Neighborhood Walking Tours Hungarian Village

Saturday, July 21 10 a.m. to noon

Harrison West
Sunday, July 29 2-4 p.m.

Franklinton
Saturday, Aug. 11 10 a.m. to noon

Civic Center
Sunday, Aug. 12 2-4 p.m.

1950s Archi-Journey Bus Tour

Sunday, July 22 1-4 p.m.

Lit, Lives & Landmarks Bus Tour

Friday, July 27 12:30-3:30 p.m.

So You Think You Know Columbus Bus Tour

Sunday, Aug. 19 1-4 p.m.

Old House DIY Workshops

(see schedule at left)

INFO/TICKETS:

columbuslandmarks.org
or call 614-221-4508

CENTRAL OHIO HISTORIC PRESERVATION NEWS

Historic Columbus Taverns Book Co-Authored by Trustees

Congratulations to Tom Betti and Doreen Uhas Sauer, Columbus Landmarks Trustees and co-authors of the recently published *Historic Columbus Taverns - The Capital City's Most Storied Saloons*.

Taverns came early to Columbus, refreshing settlers and travelers as far back as the 1790s. Tom and Doreen have been leading our popular Historic Tavern Tours and have documented fascinating stories of these establishments along with seldom seen images in this fascinating book.

Summer Tours Celebrate City's Bicentennial

Columbus Landmarks continues its celebration of our city's Bicentennial and our organization's 35th Anniversary with a full slate of summer tours. *Complete descriptions and tickets are available online at www.columbuslandmarks.org or by calling 614-221-4508.*

Westin Downtown Walking Tours Free to hotel guests/\$10 for others

Little Germany, Saturday, July 7
10-11:30 a.m.

Temple on the Hill, Saturday, August 4
10-11:30 a.m.

Summer Walking Tours \$10 members/\$15 non-members

Hungarian Village, Saturday, July 21
10 a.m. to noon (tour ends at Taste of Hungary event)

Harrison West, Sunday, July 29
2-4 p.m.

Franklinton, Saturday, Aug. 11
10 a.m. to noon

The Civic Center & Scioto Mile
Sunday, August 12
2-4 p.m.

The stories include Native American captivity stories, live bears, German "vinegar" brewers, Catholic Masses set against the backdrop of a tavern, cholera, typhoid, land speculation and political dealings, underground tunnels, a scandalous divorce and even a bordel-lo (imagine that).

Signed copies of *Historic Columbus Taverns* can be picked up in the Columbus Landmarks office or purchased on any of our tours for \$15 or for \$20 if shipped. Buy online at www.columbuslandmarks.org or by calling 614-221-0227.



Co-Authors Doreen Uhas Sauer and Tom Betti at their first *Historic Columbus Taverns* book signing at the Jury Room. Photo courtesy of Betty Woods

The book is also available to download on Apple I-Tunes, Amazon Kindle and Barnes & Noble Nook.

Historic Tavern Tours

\$25 members/\$30 non-members

The cat is out of the bag! Our July 19 and August 16 Mystery Historic Tavern Tours have sold out, so we've added a date - September 6. This tour highlights three very different but complementary establishments whose restaurant roots are in jazz bars, old German taverns, a furniture store (and a novelty harness shop- whatever that is), an absolute "first" in Columbus eating history, sophisticated and historic pre-Prohibition cocktails, a mystery disappearance, scads of Lutherans and waves of immigrants, and the National Road-all food for thought (or drink).

On August 30 & September 20, the Original Historic Tavern Tour returns visiting the Gentlemen's Clubs of Columbus. Not to be confused with today's "gentlemen's clubs," these establishments serve as architectural markers for three eras of drinking, when drinking was, for the most part, limited to male patrons. They include the frontier tavern of politics, the Victorian establishment of billiards, and the turn-of-the-century sports world - although all deal with gaming, political wrangling, and even sporting.

1950s Archi-Journey Bus Tour

\$25 members/\$30 non-members

Archi-Journeys are bus tours that explore the history of the city from a seldom-seen perspective. On Sunday, July 22 from 1-4 p.m. we will journey through the Emergence of the Modern City and focus on development in the 1950s.

Lit, Lives & Landmarks

\$35 members/\$40 non-members

Friday, July 27, 12:30 -3:30 p.m. The lives of famous Columbus-born and Columbus-inspired authors, excerpts from the literature they wrote, and the local landmarks and scenes that inspired them come together on this partnership tour hosted by the Ohioana Library and Columbus Landmarks.

So You Think You Know Columbus Bus Tour, Part II

\$25 members/\$30 non-members

Part II of a four-part Bicentennial Tour will be held Sunday, August 19 from 1-4 p.m. and features a few carefully-selected on and off stops. Participants from the first tour agreed that it was "new to them!" Part II will focus on (but not repeat) the hidden side of local landmarks and the seldom-seen treasures of neighborhoods.

Cornerstone

Summer 2012

Columbus Landmarks Foundation advocates for, promotes and preserves Columbus landmarks and neighborhoods.

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Past, Present and Future



From your new President, greetings members and friends:

When I look back on the Past of this fine organization, with heartfelt thanks on behalf of everyone associated with Columbus Landmarks

Foundation, I wish to thank our former Past-President Donna Laidlaw for her years of service. Donna, your tireless efforts on behalf of our organization will be sorely missed.

Our Present has largely been shaped by our immediate Past-President Doreen Uhas-Sauer. Through her leadership and creative educational programming, Doreen has raised the organization to new heights, bringing a new level of membership potential to our door by engaging our members and general public in programs too numerous to mention. For your Past, Present and Future contributions, thank you, Doreen.

Our Future, with Becky West, Nathalie Wright and Kathy Mast Kane working for our organization, gives all Board Members a sense of optimism, while

City Hop Clubs Offer Port in Storm

by Kathy Mast Kane, Executive Director

City Hoppers like Carolyn Merry and Bob Redfield, pictured with me below, deserve special recognition this year for making their way downtown to support Columbus Landmarks during the severe June 29th storm. Guests navigated around fallen trees and debris to the hospitable havens of the **Columbus Club**, **The Athletic Club of Columbus** and the **Capital Club**. Congratulations to Ryan Szymanski, City Hop Chair, and his committee on such a lovely and successful event. Many thanks to our generous sponsors and raffle providers enhancing our profit margin for this fundraiser.

Congratulations are also in order for the owners of five Columbus historic properties awarded **Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credits** through the Ohio Department of Development. In total, \$35.8 million in tax credits were awarded to 18 owners around the state. The projects are expected to leverage

most non-profit organizations are facing cut-backs. Kathy's grant writing skills-carefully honed over the years- have resulted in more grants to the organization than at any time in recent memory. Becky's work to keep us all informed and organized and Nathalie's work in the field help form a great team that makes us all proud to be members.

My hope is to continue the good works of our Past and raise the recognition level for Columbus Landmarks by promoting, educating and advocating for the importance of our built environment. Over the course of my presidency I hope to gather Past-Presidents to form an Advisory Group, help the organization update our by-laws, and look for ways to enable our organization to pay our Executive Director full time so that we can realize our full Future potential.

I think I can handle the first two tasks, but to accomplish the last I will need every member's best effort.

Until the next issue,

Bill Mattes

Columbus' Oldest Buildings Archive, Part 2

by Doreen Uhas Sauer,
Past President

Columbus Landmarks Foundation encouraged the public to help us locate some of the oldest buildings in the City of Columbus. *Columbus Dispatch* reporter, Jim Weiker, had featured the Beers-Baker-Zeigler cabin and carried out a request as part of his February story.



We promised in the spring issue of *Cornerstone* to keep you updated on information sent to us about Columbus's oldest buildings. Much of the information we received was on buildings that were technically not within the city's limits, but were not the less fascinating. Please keep the information coming. We are keeping a file on everything we receive.

Recently, during a Columbus Landmarks Foundation walking tour of Italian Village led by Roger Farrell, pictured above, two homes, each dating back to well before the Civil War, were mentioned as worthy of more investigation-one within the first block of East First Street just past North High Street, and the other in the 800 block of Summit Street.

Boyd Addlesperger remembered a log cabin with a fireplace made of field stone on West Kanawha that was lived in by the Langham family in the 1970s. We are happy to report it is still there but would appreciate more information if it is available. In addition, others reported that there were very old homes in and around West Kanawha and in Sharon Township and on Godown Road. Specific information would be most welcome.

Tracy Liberatore also reported a private home in Grandview was once the 1832-1833 Franklin County Poor House, and, of course, there are structures dating to the Kilbourne family and two log cabins which have been moved in from elsewhere to preserve them in Worthington. Within Columbus' city limits, a number of pre-Civil War homes still exist on East Town Street including the Kelton House, the Kappa Kappa Gamma Heritage Museum, and the Baldwin Mansion. However, sometimes it is the tiny, often-overlooked cottage or unsuspecting outbuilding that attracts the notice of someone with a discerning eye. We are curious about three - two in German Village and one off South High - and we will continue to keep you updated as we learn more. Whenever possible, we will include them on future So You Think You Know Columbus bus tours.

Nominate Your Favorite Now

Nominations are now open for the 2012 James B. Recchie Design & Preservation Awards. Nomination forms are available www.columbus-landmarks.org or by calling 614-221-0227.

Deadline to submit is August 3, 2012. Each year, Columbus Landmarks honors individuals and institutions that have made exceptional strides in promoting historic preservation and producing quality urban design in central Ohio. Columbus Landmarks bestows seven awards, including the prestigious James B. Recchie Design Award, at its annual Design & Preservation Awards Event to be held this year on **Thursday, Sept. 27** at last year's award winner, the Lincoln Theatre featuring a special guest.



Back-to-Back Grants

For the first time in Columbus Landmarks Foundation's 35-year history, we have been welcomed into the Greater Columbus Arts Council's family of organizations receiving annual Operating Support. Riding on the tails of the GCAC announcement, we were also notified of receipt of a grant from the Columbus Foundation's Small Grants program to further develop our fundraising capacity. Thank you to both institutions for their generous support!

Addressing Vacant and Abandoned Buildings Issue

by Carol Merry, Advocacy Chair

The growing catalog of vacant and abandoned buildings is an issue for cities of all sizes, with, for example, more than 6,000 identified in Columbus. With no market for many of the buildings and concerns from homeowners about the negative valuation effect of vacant houses on their own properties, a culture of demolition is developing in Ohio as well as around the country.

On May 23, 2012, Columbus Landmarks Foundation hosted a summit to discuss how the preservation community can claim a seat at the table on the subject of vacant and abandoned properties. The summit was co-sponsored by Preservation Ohio and Heritage Ohio, two statewide historic preservation organizations, and drew participants from Cleveland, Cincinnati, Dayton, Lancaster, Warren, Marion, Delaware and Galion, as well as from Columbus and the Ohio Historic Preservation Office. Royce Yeater, recently retired Midwest Director of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and a preservation consultant who has written and spoken extensively addressing vacancy and abandonment through preservation in urban settings, moderated the summit.

Columbus Landmarks Foundation has been actively meeting with government leaders and agencies in Central Ohio to raise awareness of the economic development and sustainable results of preservation, and to discuss how our organization can work with them to identify historically important buildings and landmarks among those vacant and abandoned. In addition, Columbus Landmarks Foundation will be working with neighborhood groups throughout Columbus to find appropriate solutions, including documenting, mothballing, funding restoration, resale, rehabilitation or demolition.

This is a long-term problem and although there are no easy solutions, Columbus Landmarks Foundation will continue to work through its advocacy committee to bring preservation expertise to the planning table at the city and neighborhood levels.