



Preservation Matters in Independence

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Historic Preservation Month, May 2007, a Success

This year's theme for Historic Preservation Month was "Making Preservation Work." The theme is chosen each year by the National Trust for Historic Preservation to reflect changing attitudes and trends in preservation efforts across the country.

Preservation works for the community in a variety of ways:

- ❖ Preservation of our historic built environment provides a physical reminder of our city's rich heritage.
- ❖ Historic buildings provide a mutual recognition and sense of pride within neighborhoods.
- ❖ Those people with interest in historic architecture or that are captivated by the charm of a district find retention of the architectural or streetscape features a necessity. The architecture therefore defines the neighborhood.
- ❖ Preservation of historic properties has been known to stabilize and even increase property values.

In order to celebrate as well as highlight the many

attributes of the heritage and historic architecture of the City of Independence, the City's Preservation Division hosted a series of events including a "Wind the Clock" walking tour on the Square, a walking tour of historic Pitcher Cemetery, presentation of W.Z. Hickman Awards by the Independence City Council, and Lunch 'n Learn lectures on "Preservation in Independence: Then & Now," and the "Last Gunfight on the Independence Square." Other events included an open door tour of local historic sites for all City of Independence employees and an all day Civil War Battlefield Tour.

This year's preservation month activities also coincided with the groundbreaking for the new Midwest Genealogical Center in Independence.

More than 100 people participated in the various Historic Preservation Month activities throughout the month of May. A special thank you to all those who made this year a success. They include: David Jackson and the Jackson County Historical Society, Eric Fowler, Bill & Annette Curtis, Kathleen Tuohy, Michael Calvert and the Civil War Roundtable of Western Missouri, the Mid-continent Public Library, the Harry S Truman National Historic Site-Truman Home, the

Chicago & Alton Depot, the Bingham-Waggoner Estate, the Vaile Mansion, and the 1859 Jail.



Historic Wood Windows Workshop June 16, 2007

The City of Independence Preservation Division is sponsoring a wood windows restoration workshop from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday, June 16. The workshop is divided into two sessions; a morning lecture and afternoon field session. Participants will learn identification of wood windows components, routine maintenance, repair and weatherization, and how to determine if replacement is necessary. The cost is \$10 for half day or \$20 for full day registration (includes light breakfast and lunch).

The morning session will be held at the Truman Memorial Building, 416 W. Maple. Historic property owners, contractors, architects, students, and local preservationists are encouraged to attend. No previous experience is necessary. Tools will be provided. For more information, call (816) 325-7419.



What is a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA)

and when would I require one?

A COA is an application to request approval by the Independence Heritage Commission or the Historic Preservation Manager (administrative approval) authorizing exterior alterations, new construction (additions or infill), removal, or demolition affecting a defined feature or improvement of a landmark (individually listed historic property), historic district, or conservation district.

National Park Service Requests Support Letters from Local Residents

The Midwest Regional Office of the National Park Service is working to expand the Harry S Truman National Historic Landmark District eastward to include the Independence Square. In order to show the mutual collaboration on the project, the Park Service is requesting local letters of support. If you are a property owner or local resident (even outside of the proposed expansion area) and wish to express your support in a letter that will be presented in Washington, D.C. this fall, contact Wendy Shay at 325-7419 or via e-mail at: wshay@indepmo.org. For a sample support letter, go to the City's Web site at: <http://www.independencemo.org/comdev/HistoricPreservation.aspx>

Jane Short Mallinson Receives the 2007 W.Z. Hickman Historic Preservation Award

The W.Z. Hickman Preservation Awards were established in 2001 by the Independence Heritage Commission. The awards namesake, William Zere Hickman (1845-1921) was a local historian and pioneer historic preservationist. In 1909, he marked the original Santa Fe Trail and in 1916, he led efforts to restore the 1827 Log Courthouse, now located at 107 West Kansas.

The Hickman Awards were developed to honor the challenges of preserving Independence's rich heritage and intended to recognize the efforts of individuals, organizations, and restoration or rehabilitation projects that display an exemplary commitment to historic preservation in Independence. The awards are presented each year at the first City Council meeting in May as part of the celebration of historic preservation month.

The recipient of the 2007 W.Z. Hickman Award for Outstanding Individual Service in Preservation is Jane Short Mallinson.

Mrs. Mallinson has dedicated more than 25 years to regional preservation efforts. She is perhaps best known for her promotion of the trails including the Lewis & Clark, Santa Fe, Oregon/California Trail. She is an active member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and has cultivated an extensive collection of historical archives. Mrs. Mallinson has

also authored a variety of newspaper articles and produced videos pertaining to preservation and Missouri heritage.

Among her numerous awards in heritage related work is recognition by President George Bush for Community Leadership and by the Governor's Advisory Council on Literacy for community service. She was also recognized with the 2004 Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation Meritorious Achievement Award, the Independence Pioneers Chapter Community Service Award (2003), Who's Who of American Women (1999-2000), the National Daughters of the American Revolution Gold Award-Historic Preservation in 1996 and the United States Department of the Interior Gold Award for invaluable contributions to the advancement of the Santa Fe Trail, also in 1996.

Mrs. Mallinson was presented the 2007 W. Z. Hickman Award by Brent Schondelmeyer, Heritage Commission

Chair, at the Preservation Awards Ceremony at the May 1, 2007 City Council Meeting.



Congratulations to Mrs. Mallinson on all her achievements in the advancement of heritage education and historic preservation advocacy.