



RESTORIA



KUDOS OF THE MONTH

We would like for our members to send in their nominations for "Kudos of the Month". If you think someone should be credited for their hard work at restoring their home, both inside and out, please nominate them. You may nominate anyone you see fit. They do not have to be members of our organization. We eventually would like to get a small tasteful sign or plaque to put in their yard, in recognition of their hard work and attention to detail.

Kudos to The City of Astoria for installing the old street lamps in downtown, and for the fresh Christmas wreaths that adorned them. It's beginning to look a lot

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¿ WHAT'S IN A NAME ?

While the membership has voted to name our organization the "Lower Columbia Preservation Society," many of you expressed a liking for "Restoria" as an option. So we thought we would see how you like it for the name of the organization's newsletter. Please, share your thoughts about it!

THE HISTORY OF YOUR OLD HOUSE

Ever wonder about the history of your old house; who its first owner was; when it was built? Don't miss our January meeting where **BRUCE BERNET** will explain the ins and outs of "Researching the History of Your Old House". No one is better qualified to speak on this issue - recently retired as librarian for the Astoria Library, Bruce has a deep interest and commitment to the preservation of Astoria's homes. The meeting will be held at the library, so that Bruce can show us specific resources and how to use them for research. If this topic interests you, don't miss the January 27th meeting, at 7pm (refer to the meeting agenda on page 3 for more information).

WOOD FLOOR WORKSHOP

Our thanks to **PAUL CARUANA**, who gave a very insightful presentation and demonstration on refinishing wood floors. Approximately 20 of our members attended, took notes, and asked a lot of questions.

We also wish to thank the **CLATSOP COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY** for donating the Flavel House for the workshop, and especially to the CCHS volunteers who prepared the work area by tearing off linoleum and stripping the floors of glue. Anyone who has ever prepared wood floors for refinishing knows what a difficult task this was.

EXPLORING OUR WEB SITE

We want your feedback as to what you think of having a web site for our organization. Paul Altieri and Cynthia Silvers, at "Happy Bear Massage and Spa", have set up a temporary web site for our group. We encourage all of you to visit the site and check it out. Please keep in mind that what you see there now, is strictly for example, not fact.

The web site address is: <http://disc.server.com/Indices/30474.html>.

The email address is: presociety@hotmail.com.

Once again, please let us hear from you regarding this matter so that we may move ahead with this project.

OUR APPRECIATION

• To Dixie Swart for preparing our first two newsletters. Because she is working full-time now she had to give up that responsibility. However, by volunteering so generously, she has helped us get off the ground and on to a great start.

• To Cannon Beach attorney, Charles Hillestad, who has offered to assist our organization, pro bono, as we begin the application process to incorporate and become a charitable organization.

VOLUNTEERS

Margaret Stevens has accepted the responsibility to write copy for our future newsletters. Call Margaret at 338-6572, if you have information to submit to the newsletter, items for sale, interesting tidbits, whatever.

Kari Franzen and Ann Gyde will be working on the graphic design, printing and distribution of the newsletter.

Rosemary Johnson at the City of Astoria maintains the mailing list. If you know of someone who should be on the mailing list, please contact her at 325-5821.

Want to help by volunteering? We need people to coordinate membership, develop a resource directory, and plan programs and workshops. Call Linda Oldenkamp, at 325-3981, after 5pm, if you can help.

LET YOUR OPINION COUNT

If you haven't made your feelings known regarding the proposed SAFEWAY building, now is the time to do so.

We want to remind you that the suggestion/comment box is still out at the library.

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like the old historic downtown it was meant to be!

Paul Larsen repaired the front of his commercial building on 14th and Commercial Street. Built in 1916, the young building's shell survived "The Great Fire of 1922". Paul replaced crumbling brick and restored the sheet metal cornice.

Randy Stemper repaired the front facade of the Svenson Blacksmith Shop on 18th and Exchange Street. Randy replicated wood trim and window muntins. He returned the windows to their original, unevenly spaced position out of respect for the 1920 "Folk Carpentry" methods. Randy also restored the wood sidewalk in front of the building.



CLASSIFIED ADS

Original Arts and Crafts, square four lantern chandelier with 3-foot hanging chain. Similar to those shown in Rejuvenation Lamp and Fixture Co. ads. Excellent condition. Also, carriage lantern of the same type and age. Also, (2) 20x30 inch stained glass windows. 1920 Craftsman. Use one on either side of a fireplace. 325-2124.

Old Victorian phonograph. Insides have been removed; ideal for hiding your stereo. Sell cheap, \$40. Call 325-3981 after 5pm.

1920's house to be demolished soon; owner selling bldg. materials/house parts. Call Tim Dawson at 661-2648.

Please contact Margaret Stevens (338-6572), ASAP, in order to get your ads in the next newsletter.

TIPS & RESOURCES

Check out this great site on the Internet. It has an amazing amount of preservation information: www.preservenet.cornell.edu/pnetman2.htm. Also worth checking out is an article in the Nov/Dec '98 issue of *Preservation* magazine, "Desperately Seeking Supermarkets," about supermarkets locating in historic downtown areas.

- Ann Gyde

Have you heard of American Bungalow magazine? The most recent issue, No. 20 for Winter 1998, is well worth checking out. I found several articles and pieces of information that ought to be shared. The articles, while focused on bungalow homes and the Arts and Crafts movement, have started to include more practical and general preservation information applicable to all old houses, such as restoring with "sweat equity" and providing resources for historic preservation groups. In particular, I found the article "History Finds A Home in Monrovia," to give valuable insight into the forming of a preservation group such as ours. The article is written by a couple that restored a bungalow in Monrovia, California, a small town that declined after a highway diverted traffic away from it. It is now being rejuvenated by people moving there specifically to save the wonderful old homes that have been neglected for years. This renewal was partially sparked by an old house preservation group that was started by several couples in the process of restoring old houses, which in turn generated a new artist and craftsman colony! They discussed how their group started out and what they did to become successful, and how they have gone on to educate not only their town about historic preservation, but also lecture nationally! Check out their web site at: www.goss.com/mohgp. Also mentioned in this issue is an Internet site, www.restorationcentral.com, which offers a free four-page website to any not-for-profit group associated with restoration, renovation or decoration of old homes. RestorationCentral intends to be the single online source for comprehensive information on old-house products and services. Initially the website will include listings for 50 not-for-profit organizations, a searchable list of over 500 vendors and a nationwide calendar of events.

- Kari Franzen

- We want to hear your great tips too. Please contact Margaret Stevens (338-6572), ASAP, in order to get your tips in the next newsletter.

LOWER COLUMBIA PRESERVATION S.O.C.I.E.T.Y. MEMBERSHIP

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Ken Beasley
Bruce Berney
Janet & Lloyd Bowler
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Ken Charters & Julie Werner
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Stephen & Kimberly Nurning
Linda Oldenkamp
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Hotel Rosebriar
Cynthia Silvers
Margaret & Tom Stevens
Frank & Linda Stewart
Roberta & Anthony Stramiello
Jaakko Tuominen
Bill & Adele Wagner

UPCOMING NEW EVENTS

January 23, 9:30am-12:00pm, MULTNOMAH HOTEL REDUX / EMBASSY SUITES TOUR, 319 S.W. Pine St., Portland, OR. Newly renovated 1911 American Renaissance Revival building; guided tour by SERA architects. Call Bosco-Milligan Foundation at 503/231-7264 for more information.

February 27, March 20 & April 24, Seattle, WA: HISTORIC SEATTLE ARTS & CRAFTS GUILD LECTURE PROGRAM.

These lectures are part of a program of the Women in the Arts & Crafts Movement. Lecture topics include: **Feb. 27:** "Northwest Regional Artists & Photographers" by David Martin, "The World Beyond the Woods: Ann Brigman and the Phoro Session," by Susan Ehrens. **March 20:** "Sex and the Bungalow: A Woman's Place," by Cheryl Robertson, "Textiles of the Arts & Crafts Movement in America," by Diane Ayres. **April 24:** "The Phenomenal Mr. Liberty: Shaping British and American Taste," and "Arts and Crafts Jewelry," by Leah Roland. For information, call Larry Kreisman, Historic Seattle Arts & Crafts Guild, at (206)622-6952.

March 13, 10am-12:30pm, "BUILT IN A DAY: MAIL ORDER HOUSES," lecture by Barbara Grimala, Day's Music Co., 5516 S.E. Foster Rd., Portland, OR. Call Bosco-Milligan Foundation at 503/231-7264 for information.

April 3, Fourth Annual "Riches of a City" Heritage Auction, Melody Ballroom, Portland, OR. \$30 for Bosco-Milligan Foundation members, \$35 for non-members. Call Bosco-Milligan Foundation at 503/231-7264 for information.

MEETING AGENDA

JANUARY 27, 1999

7 - 9 o'clock pm

ASTORIA LIBRARY

FLAG ROOM

- I. Call to Order - 7pm
- II. Membership Report
- Dave Fitch
- III. Future Meeting Dates
& Workshops
- IV. Incorporation and
Non-Profit Status
- V. Report on Floor Finishing
Workshop
- VI. Question & Answer
Session
- VII. For the Good of the
Organization
- VIII. Researching the History
of Your Old House
- Bruce Berney
- IX. Adjourn

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MEMBERSHIP

Start the New Year out right. If you have valued the support, networking and resources that have been shared in our group, please express that appreciation by paying for your membership now!

Congratulations to all 51 new members who have made that recognition! By paying your dues, you've agreed that a preservation organization is a great idea, and you have made the commitment to help the organization get started.

And now to those of you who feel the same way about the organization, but just haven't gotten around to dropping your check in the mail - here is your gentle reminder!

Remember, our mission is to provide support to each other, build a system for networking and resources, educate ourselves and our community, and help advocate for the preservation of homes and buildings in the lower Columbia region. We'll have fun and meet interesting new friends in the process. Members will receive the newsletter, get information about upcoming meetings, receive discounts on future workshops, and lots more once we become larger and more established. So don't delay; fill out the following membership application and mail it TOMORROW - OR AT LEAST BY JANUARY 31st.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME
 ADDRESS
 CITY STATE ZIP
 PHONE NUMBER

- ☐ Apply \$5 workshop fee
☐ \$10 Membership
☐ \$20 Contributing
☐ \$50 Supporting
☐ \$ _____

(Prices noted are for
individual memberships)

Please indicate which areas you would be able to assist the organization as a volunteer:

- ☐ Planning meetings ☐ Membership
☐ Publicity
☐ Education
☐ Advocacy
☐ Newsletter
☐ Grant Writing
☐ Other _____

Please make checks payable to:
 Lower Columbia Preservation Society
 1676 Jerome Avenue
 Astoria, Oregon 97103