
Manhattan / Riley County PRESERVATION ALLIANCE NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2004

FROM THE PRESIDENT—JIM SHEROW

Greetings One and All, It's been a busy, busy past nine months! Your Alliance has been in the thick of many issues, and has contributed to the success of many initiatives. Our membership has assisted in defining the boundaries of the Multi-Family Redevelopment Overlay district. If you will remember, this was a keenly debated issue, and our efforts helped to preserve important older housing stock in Ward Two. Our membership was directly involved in defining the guidelines for the Traditional Neighborhood Overlay districts and in supporting the creation of these three districts in Wards One and Two.

Our membership contributed to the success of the Holiday Historic Homes Tour. The proceeds from this event are significantly contributing to the restoration of both the Wolf House and the Union Pacific Depot. Our membership is continuing to work with the fund raising for the matching funds that will allow the completion of the restoration work on the depot.

Our membership played a significant role in the public discussions on the design guidelines for the Downtown redevelopment project. Historic preservation was a key issue, and buildings such as the Community Center will remain intact. The older, single family residences, if all goes well, will be relocated into Wards One and Two rather than being razed.

While we can congratulate ourselves on jobs well done, there is still much to be done. It will take the continued involvement of as many of us as possible to continue promoting historic preservation in our community. Our historic home awards program is slated for the June meeting and will take preparation. Manhattan Downtown, Inc., and the Chamber are involved in

promoting historic tourism, and they both need our assistance. There are still lingering issues regarding the TNO districts that will require our vigilance. Fund raising for the depot match must continue unabated. Together, our membership can accomplish much. If left to a few, important issues will linger incomplete and unattended.

I encourage all of us to attend the next meeting, April 8th, 7:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, to plan how to meet the needs of historic preservation in our community. Then mark your calendars for the next meeting, May 13, when Bonnie's class of senior history majors give illustrated presentations on the buildings for which they are preparing National Register nomination forms. Then again, plan ahead for our biennial Historic Preservation Awards celebration on June 10th.

TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN
THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY!
SEE YOU SOON!

Jim



Above, 811 Osage, belonging to Sara Fisher. She spoke in favor of the TNO District before the Commission on February 9, 2004, saying that she is in the process of converting her property back to a single-family house.

**RILEY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
THANKS SPONSORS AND VOLUNTEERS
WHO HELPED WITH THE
2003 HISTORIC HOMES TOUR**

The following article appeared in the March 2004 issue of the Historical Society Newsletter. It is reprinted with their permission.

The organizing committee of the 2003 Historic Homes Tour is pleased to report the event was a success with over \$6,000 in profits to be split equally between the two sponsoring organizations. The Riley County Historical Society will use its share of the proceeds to support the Wolf House Museum. The Manhattan/Riley County Preservation Alliance, Inc. will use its share of the proceeds to leverage additional funds to support the rehabilitation of Manhattan's Union Pacific Depot.

We would like to thank the homeowners who made their houses available to the public for this tour: Elmer & Roxie Blankenhagen of 1010 Claflin, Kathy Biswell of 1630 Pierre, Karen De Bres of 1932 Sunset Lane, R.C. & Melissa Jones of 2120 College Heights, and Jim & Sherry Reed of 121 North Juliette were uniformly gracious participants and we salute their contribution to our community.

Special thanks go to Randy Martin of Hawley Printing for providing a generous subsidy to the cost of printing the ticket brochures.

We offer our heartfelt thanks to the local businesses that supported the tour as underwriters who were generous during a difficult economic time: Amelia's Home Ambience; Ben Franklin Crafts & Frame Shop; Borst Restora-

tion; Bruce McMillan AIA Architects, P.A.; Commerce Bank; Elaine Mohr Custom Tile Work; Endacott Lighting; ERA Ann Christian Linda Conderman Real Estate; Kansas State Bank; Lilacs on the Prairie; Manhattan Medical Supply; Manhattan Monuments; Master Landscape Inc.; Merry Maids; New England Financial; The Paint Bucket; Realty Executives Weis Real Estate Company; Shortridge Bed & Breakfast; The Trust Company of Manhattan; Timber & Stone Design/Build; and Timberline Cabinetry & Millwork.

A number of private individuals provided additional financial support to the tour. We thank our gold level sponsors Burke & Margery Bayer, Larry & Linda Glasgow, Roger & Virginia Reitz, and Steve & Debbie Saroff. We also thank our silver level sponsors John & Sydney Carlin, Gary & Paula Ellis, Bernd & Enell Foerster, Doris Grosh, John & Karen McCulloh, Ray & Pat Weisenburger, and Alvin & Edna Williams.

About two hundred docents donated their time and talents to the tour. Each room in each house was staffed with a trained docent to provide our tour patrons with a quality experience. We thank our docents for their service at a particularly busy season of the year.

The article concluded with the names and locations of each of the docents during the time of the Tour. The M/RCPA also thanks these stalwart individuals, but we will not duplicate the efforts of the Historical Society. If you want a copy of their newsletter, please call Barbara Poresky at the Museum.

**SECOND REMINDER:
CAMPAIGN ACADEMY, APRIL 22 — 7-9 P.M.
IN THE CHAMBER BOARD ROOM**

The Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce and the League of Women Voters are co-sponsoring a "Campaign Academy" on Thursday, April 22; 7-9:00 p.m. in the Chamber board room at 501 Poyntz Avenue—a nuts and bolts training

Left, 814 Osage, belonging to Marianne Korten, who also spoke in favor of the Traditional Neighborhood Overlay District before the Commission, adding that she would also like her neighborhood to be down-zoned. Many people spoke out on behalf of the TNO District and the down-zonings. Neighborhood participation is essential to keeping our older neighborhoods alive and in good repair.



on running or supporting a successful political campaign.

Anyone interested in running a campaign or supporting a campaign, or just curious about campaigns and local/state politics, is invited to attend. Registration for the workshop is \$20 and covers the cost of materials, which will include a binder shock full of useful information, forms, and deadlines, etc. critical to a successful campaign.

The workshop format includes participation by Janis McMillen, President, League of Women Voters of Kansas; former state legislators Kent Glasscock, Sheila Hochhauser, and Joe Knopp; Assistant County Clerk, Jolene Campbell; media representatives Cathy Dawes, Ned Seaton, and Mike Matson; and former city commissioner/mayor Rich Seidler.

The Campaign Academy Task Force is a Sub-Committee of the Public Affairs Committee of the Chamber of Commerce. Members of the task force include Terry Olson, Kent Glascock, Rich Vargo, Lyle Butler, Becky Blake, Debbie Nuss, and chair Kate Watson. Currently the task force is assembling material for the binders. Submitting material for consideration is encouraged. Materials, due by April 8, 2004, should be

topical and address reasons, processes, challenges, and benefits of running or supporting a political campaign. Humor, appropriate and non-partisan, of course, is welcome for consideration. Deliver materials to the Chamber or email to katewatson@cox.net or call Kate at 785- 341-1668, for pick-up and delivery.

You may also ask Kate for a Campaign Academy brochure and registration form, if you don't already have one. Mark your calendar today and plan to attend the Campaign Academy on April 22!



This neglected, but basically sound house at 931 Osage is being revitalized by its new owner, Larry Schoof, who bought it at auction when its elderly owner died. He and his cousin, Arnold Leeds of Wamego, are upgrading it into two spacious apartments. As with other properties we have looked at in this newsletter, we will keep an eye on this 1908 property as its new owners coax it back to life.



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Vice-President: Michael Mecseri
Secretary: Linda Glasgow
Treasurer: Barbara Poresky
Newsletter Editor: Marolyn Caldwell

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Dues date from the Annual Meeting in September. Dues paid mid-year confer membership status until the next Annual Meeting. Dues are \$15 for an individual, \$20 for a family, and \$60 for a sponsor. Checks should be made out to the Manhattan/Riley County Preservation Alliance, Inc. c/o P.O. Box 1893, Manhattan, Kansas 66505. Questions? Call Linda Glasgow at 785-565-6490.

If anyone has contributions for future M/RCPA newsletters, please contact Editor, Marolyn Caldwell (776-4862) or email marolync@flinthills.com.



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**DON'T FORGET THE NEXT MEETING—THURSDAY EVENING, APRIL 8, 2004
AT THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, POYNTZ & JULIETTE, 7:30 P.M.**

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