
Manhattan / Riley County PRESERVATION ALLIANCE NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2004

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE PRESIDENT—JIM SHEROW

Greetings Everyone! It was a busy December for sure! The Holiday Homes Tour went off without a hitch—okay, the weather could have been better. Still, our organization made a handsome profit, which will certainly benefit the depot. Details will be presented in our next meeting—this Thursday. Yes, technically, we should have had a meeting last week. But the 4th Street Corridor Steering Committee met at the same time, which involved Bernd Foerster’s and my time. Besides, I hope that the alliance will also have members there advising and responding to the proposals. Michael Mecseri was at the last meeting, and I was glad for it.

Speaking of the depot, apparently KDOT is wanting to disperse the money for restoring the depot sooner than anyone had anticipated. This means that we need to redouble our efforts toward raising the matching funds for the KDOT grant waiting in the wings. I’m optimistic that the

4th Street corridor project will do good things for raising the match. The current plans call for leaving the depot where it is now, and to construct a large tunnel under the west ramp leading onto K-177. This is to tie the depot to the ‘arts’ district’ of the 4th St. plan. More on the 4th Street Corridor plan at the next meeting.

At this coming meeting Bonnie will make a presentation on Damon Runyon. After the meeting, everyone is invited to see the restoration of the Runyon House, located at 4th and Osage.

Please plan on attending if you can. Invite a friend or anyone who is interested in historic preservation in this locale. Also, if you haven’t paid your annual dues there is no time like the present to do so!

Hope everyone had a great holiday, and now it’s time to get to work on preservation in the New Year.

See you this Thursday.

Jim

MARY DON PETERSON HONORED BY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Our good friend, Mary Don Peterson, was honored by the League of Women Voters of Manhattan/Riley County at the Mayor’s Hunger Dinner on Sunday, January 11, 2004, by receiving the League’s first annual Edith L. Stunkel Good Government Award. The award was named for the late Manhattan activist, commissioner and mayor.

Following are some of the remarks made by Debbie Nuss, President of the League, when she presented Mary Don with the plaque: “The person selected to receive this year’s award has been an active, visible, and positive member of [her] neighborhood association since its inception

and also served a term as president of the Coalition of Neighborhoods.” The listing of Mary Don’s accomplishments included her involvement in the zoning issues associated with Wal-Mart’s interest in the land on Seth Child Road, and in her leadership in regard to the passage of the Multi-Family Redevelopment Overlay (M-FRO) and the Traditional Neighborhood Overlay (TNO). Debbie went on to say, “. . . people listen [to Mary Don] because the approach is always direct, thoughtful, and firm. Statements are well-researched, well-organized, and presented with an appropriate amount of aplomb and tact. . . . [Mary

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Don's] calm demeanor ensures accurate responses under questioning and the organized, plainspoken nature of [her] presentations result in their often being able to persuasively and effectively carry the day."

The Preservation Alliance congratulates Mary Don Peterson on being so honored by the League of Women Voters.



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**SNAPS FROM THE SHEROW'S PRESENTATION PARTY
HONORING HOMES TOUR HOSTS AND HOSTESSES**



Cora Duchene's lovely watercolors were presented to the good sports who, for the love of preservation, allowed people to tramp through their homes on Friday and Saturday, December 12-13, 2003.



Left, **R.C. and Melissa Jones**. Their house is located at 2120 College Heights.

Right, **Sherry Reed**, who, with her husband, **Rev. Jim Reed**, lives at 121 N. Juliette, the Methodist Parsonage, chatting with **Karen De Bres**, who lives at 1932 Sunset Lane.





Above left, Jim Sherow presents a watercolor to **Kathy Biswell**, owner of the lovely little 96-year-old frame house at 1630 Pierre.



Above right, Jim honors **Elmer and Roxie Blankenhagen**, who have lived in one of Riley County's oldest houses, 1010 Claflin Road, since 1980. Quilts from the collection of the Riley County Historical Society were displayed in the Blankenhagen's house during the two days of the Historic Homes Tour.

Last but not least, a few of the organizers of the 2003 Historic Homes Tour get their own backs patted: **Jim Sherow**, president of the M/RCPA, **Edna Williams**, who donates endless hours to the Wolf House, and **Linda Glasgow**, who puts in her time at the Riley County Historical Museum. Thanks also to **Dixie West** for soliciting ads for the Tour book, and to many tireless volunteers. Thanks should go as well to the many "House Tourists" who made this year's effort so successful.



MANHATTAN/RILEY COUNTY PRESERVATION ALLIANCE

- Meetings:** Second Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m.
Location: First Congregational Church, Juliette and Poyntz
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AT THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, POYNTZ & JULIETTE, 7:30 P.M.

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