
Manhattan / Riley County Preservation Alliance Newsletter

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GREETINGS FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT

The Manhattan/Riley County Preservation Alliance, along with the Riley County Historical Society, is hosting the 2001 Historic Homes Tour this December 7-8. Currently, the following homeowners have graciously agreed to open their homes for this special event:

Dean and Alice Armbrust—2366 Grandview Terrace

Jim and Mary Harwell—3017 Mary Kendal Court

Pat O'Brien—501 Houston

Jim Sherow and Bonnie Lynn-Sherow—529 Pierre

Various committees are already bustling about selling advertising, taking photos of homes, organizing docents, and performing a myriad of other activities associated with the tour. We can always use more volunteers. If you have a few spare moments to help out, please contact Linda Glasgow at the Riley County Museum (565-6490). We need your help to make this year's tour a success. Tour proceeds are split equally between the Riley County Historical Society, for its work to preserve the Wolf House Complex, and the Manhattan/Riley County Preservation Alliance, which is dedicating its proceeds to rehabilitating Manhattan's Union Pacific Depot.

Preservation Alliance members have probably noticed the renovation activity surrounding the depot. To date these include: stabilization of the structure, removal of hazardous materials including lead based paint and asbestos, and replacement of the tile roof. However, much more work needs to be done. Currently the building is vacant, without heating or cooling facilities or restrooms. Moneys earned from this year's homes tour will be put to good use in the depot restoration.

Finally, I would like to remind members and potential new members that membership dues are currently \$15 per person or \$20 per family. Checks should be made out to the Manhattan/Riley County Preservation Alliance c/o P.O. Box 1893, Manhattan, Kansas 66505. As I compose this short editorial, I am reminded of a former logo of the National Trust for Preservation—"Old Friends are Worth Keeping." The Union Pacific Depot, along with many other structures in this community, are indeed worth keeping. In the upcoming year, we can all come together to protect the historic character of our community.

Dixie West—President

MEMBERSHIP FORM

(for those who have not yet renewed or begun your membership in M/RCPA)

Name _____

Street _____

City/State/Zip _____

Membership: Person (\$15) _____ Family (\$20) _____

Please return to:

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2309 Claflin Road
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