



Cornerstones

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Presidents Message *by Barbara Kooiman, President of PAL*

This year welcomes the return of the PAL Heritage Home Tour. Four homes will be featured, all within walking distance of 14th and Main streets in La Crosse. Please join us for an enjoyable day of local architecture, history and refreshments! PAL is also continuing to provide

educational forums concerning local historic preservation activities, such as the historic boathouses (recently designated by the city's Heritage Preservation Commission as landmarks), threatened properties in the city and beyond, and providing social gatherings in historic houses. Also, the new 2009 PAL collectable ornament has arrived. The Martindale House in beautiful gold three-dimensions... you must see this lovely ornament to appreciate it. It makes a wonderful gift to friends and family near and far away!! We hope to see you at the HERITAGE HOME TOUR this weekend!!

THE PRESERVATION ALLIANCE OF LA CROSSE SIXTH ANNUAL...

HERITAGE HOME TOUR



ADMISSION
\$20 - GENERAL
\$10 - PAL MEMBERS

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT
THE HOMES ON DAY
OF THE TOUR OR AT
THE PAL OFFICE,
PUMP HOUSE
784-1976

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4
1:00 - 4:00 P.M.

***The Burton/Holmes/Johns/
Smith House, 1428 Main
Street***

This house was built by George & Belle Burton in 1906. Mr. Burton was President of First National Bank of La Crosse (Wells Fargo). This is a grand Shingle Style House in which President Taft slept when in La Crosse in 1908. Present owners are Dr. Martin & Ruby Smith.

***The Elliot/Meyer House,
1414 Main Street***

Built by John & Isabelle Elliot in 1909, the house was originally home to the parents of John Elliot who managed and eventually owned the Stoddard Hotel and then Elliot Arms Apartments. This house is Eclectic with some Tudor and Craftsman features. The present owner is William Meyer of attorneys Moen, Sheehan, Meyer, Ltd.

***The Malin/Satory House,
1404 Main Street***

Frank & Anna Malin built this house in 1910. The family of Dr. John Satory has lived in this home since the 1940's. The house is a classic American 4 Square of which there are many examples in La Crosse in a variety of sizes and exterior finishes. Present owners are John & Beth Satory who own Satori Arts in downtown La Crosse.

***The Taylor/Erickson House,
210 South 14th Street***

Built by James B. Taylor in 1902-03 this house has been owned by two families named Erickson. The previous owners were Walter and Ann Phelan Erickson. This house could also be considered a 4 Square, but it has a stronger Colonial Revival presence because of the dormer windows at the roofline and the pillared front porch. Present owners are Paul & Terri Erickson.

PAL will provide complimentary refreshments in the Erickson yard and driveway for tour guests.

There will also be an opportunity to purchase the PAL gold commemorative ornaments including this year's edition of the Martindale House at 10th & Cass Streets, a unique landmark Italianate style house with the last remaining enclosed cupola in La Crosse.

*2009 Ornament
The Martindale House
237 S. 10th St.*

**Available NOW!!!
\$19.00/each**



Martindale House Ornament

Our ornament for 2009 represents a La Crosse home from the 1860's. The Martindale home is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, as a Local Landmark by the La Crosse Heritage Preservation Commission and is located in the Cass/King District of the National Register of Historic Places.

Construction began in 1855 by a Mr. Laverty and was completed by Cyrus Martindale in 1869. The Italianate architecture is defined by wide overhangs and heavy decorative brackets to support the roof. A white fence surrounds the home and gardens and a carriage house is located in the rear. A glassed cupola or lantern has round arched windows and the main floor features floor to ceiling windows which open onto the veranda making this one of our finest local landmarks in a neighborhood of many historic homes.

Volunteers Needed

If you would like to help with the Heritage Home tour on October 4, or help prepare our new ornament for sale, please contact the PAL office at 608-784-1976 or preservationalliance@gmail.com

*Heritage Award Winners
May 2009*

The PAL Heritage Awards Banquet was held at the Freight House on May 5. Three preservation awards were given this year.

Dan and Amy Estep were recognized for work on their residence at 1024 Cass known as the Vincent House.



Vincent House

Developers **Mike Keil and Marv Wanders** accepted for their renovation of the commercial building formerly known as the Standard Oil Building, now called the Spencer Building.



Standard Oil Building

The third award was accepted by Barb Janney on behalf of **Gorman & Associates** for developing the Gund Brewery Loft Apartments.



Gund Brewery Loft Apartments

Footsteps of La Crosse

Our friends at the La Crosse Public Library have been conducting very popular historical tours in the city this month. Two tours remain on Oct. 7 and 14 led by Eric Wheeler. If you would like to take a virtual, online version of all the tours, you can do so through the library website:

<http://www.lacrosselibrary.org>
Or directly at:
<http://www.footstepsoflacrosse.org>

Meet the new board members

PAL welcomed three new board members this year & we will introduce them to you through future newsletters. **Lisbeth Reynertson** has provided a short autobiography for the current issue.

I grew up in Denmark and while I was a student at the University of Copenhagen, I met my husband who was a foreign student there.

We have lived in La Crosse for 22 years and I recently retired from UWL where I was the foreign student Advisor at the Office of International Education. We operate an Inn in the Wilson Schoolhouse, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

I am presently Co- president of L.F.I.S (La Crosse Friends of International Students) which matches international students from UWL, Viterbo and WWTC with local host families. I am also on the board of UFAH (United Funds for the Arts and Humanities) and the Film Society at the Pump House.

I am happy to return to the board of PAL and look forward to working on new projects.

----Lisbeth

Thank You!!

to everyone who responded to our July membership drive. We are happy to offer a 50% discount to current 2009 members only on this year's home tour. Your newsletter address sticker will act as a reminder of when your membership is up for renewal again.