



Cornerstones

December 2009

Happy Holidays

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President's Message:

Yet another year has passed, and we now approach into the next decade. We've had a wonderful and productive year. Our board of directors has had some changes, with Mariel Carlisle and Bob Poehling moving on and Dan Estep, Lisbeth Reynertson and Mark Terpstra joining us. We had a successful Heritage Awards banquet in May, an incredible Heritage Home Tour in October, and our beautiful new Martindale House ornament which is currently selling like crazy at our dedicated retailers around town (call the PAL office for a list of local retailers, including the Pumphouse, who are selling our ornament this year). Our board also continues to work behind the scenes to educate the public and trying to recognize threatened properties in our neighborhoods, attempting to reach situations before it is too late. We cannot do all the wonderful things we do without the support of our members and supporters. THANK YOU and HAPPY HOLIDAYS to all of our wonderful friends in preservation in the Coulee Region.

Barbara Kooiman, President of PAL



***Martindale House
Ornaments Still
Available!
\$19***

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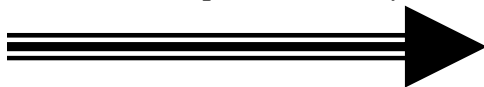
Thank You

For the first time in several years, PAL has complete sets of our ornaments available. A set of all twenty-two ornaments can be purchased for \$270 plus postage & handling.

If you missed any of our earlier designs, you can complete your own set by purchasing ornaments individually or with our pre-packaged complete sets.

2009 Martindale
2008 Holway House
2008 Holy Trinity
2007 Pump House
2006 Gambrinus
2005 McGilvray Bridges
2004 War Eagle II
2003 La Crosse Players
2002 Pettibone Beach House
2001 Ott House
2000 First Evangelical Lutheran
1999 Cass St Bridge
1998 St Rose Convent
1997 St James Church
1996 #4000 Locomotive
1995 Pettibone Pavilion
1994 Mons Anderson House
1994 Christ Episcopal
1993 UWL Main Hall
1992 Old Court House
1992 Hixon House
1991 Old Post Office

PAL board members and friends took part in the Rotary Lights parade on Nov. 27. Please let us know if you would like to be part of decorating the exhibits or the parade next year.



Save the Date

PAL Winter Party,
Feb. 21, 1 - 4 p.m.
1702 King St., the home of
Jon and Deb Frickson
2001 Heritage Award Winners



Mons Anderson House

PAL Heritage Awards
Banquet,
May 4, 6:00
at the Freighthouse.

Is there a person or building in your neighborhood that deserves recognition? Watch for Heritage award nomination info in our next newsletter.

Phil Adamczyk has constructed a website dedicated to the Mons Anderson House at 410 Cass St. The house is having work done to repair water damage from last winter and is back on the market.

Phil's website has photographs and video as well as a brief history of the house. Please take a look:

www.monsandersonmansion.webs.com

Do you have a good idea for a future ornament design? Watch our newsletter for information on our PAL 2010 ornament design contest.



Erickson House



Satory House

Heritage Home Tour

2009

Thank you again to our generous hosts:

- Dr. Martin and Ruby Smith
- William Meyer
- John and Beth Satory
- Paul and Terri Erickson



Meyer House

Thank you to everyone who braved the wet and cool weather in order to see these wonderful historic homes. Hope to see you again next year.



Smith House



La Crosse County Historic Sites Preservation Commission

The La Crosse County Historic Sites Preservation Commission, which oversees the designation of historic properties in the rural areas of La Crosse County, has had a busy year. The commission lost member

La Crosse Heritage Preservation Commission

The La Crosse Heritage Preservation Commission has likewise had a very busy year. This commission is busy with the designation and protection of landmarks in the city of La Crosse. The commission is

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Dick Bedessem (Bangor) and is still trying to replace him (so if you know anyone from the Rockland/Bangor/West Salem area who would like to serve on the Commission, contact Chair Vicki Twinde-Javner at 785-6475). Bev Mach came on the commission and is serving as the County Board representative. Other commission members are Vicki Twinde-Javner (chair), King Holley, Harriet Schuppel, Kent Sween and Barbara Kooiman (vice-chair).

The LCHSPC has been busy working with the county's webmaster to finalize a website for the Commission. That will be operating in early 2010. Additionally, the Commission is having color bookmarks printed which will highlight some of the county's historic sites and advertise the new website at the same time. Look for those in early 2010 at local libraries and other venues as well. The commission added two new sites to its inventory in 2009 as well. The Weigel House (N1904 Wedgewood Dr, La Crosse) and the John & Razy Wright House (W5670 County Rd. F, La Crosse) are both now county historic sites.

The Commission has an annual grant, typically around \$1000, which it awards to local historical groups for small projects. In 2009 the grant recipient was the Bangor and Area Historical Society. They were awarded money to pour concrete steps to their historical museum, making them safer and more attractive. Overall it was a productive year for the Commission.

Submitted by Barbara Kooiman

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made up of Barbara Kooiman (chair), Terry Collins (vice-chair), Charles Clemence, Eric Seeger, Wayne Olson and Doug Farmer (Council member). Jim Bloedorn, council member was also a member of the commission until April 2009.

The HPC chose consultants Carol Lowry-Cartwright and Joan Rausch to prepare nominations for the Edgewood Place Historic District and the 23rd & 24th Streets Historic District. Drafts of those nominations were submitted to the state of Wisconsin in early December and final designation is expected of both in 2010.

In September, the HPC decided to designate several of the nearly 100 boathouses in the city of La Crosse. They are described as important historical cultural entities in our community and are special to the upper Mississippi River Valley. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources allows very limited expenditure on upkeep of the boathouses and they are slowly disappearing. However, the DNR's state statutes also indicate that if a boathouse is designated "historic" it may have further protection, allowing expanded upkeep and maintenance to be permitted. Therefore, the HPC designated 58 northside boathouses.

The commission also designated the Ranum-Nelson House at 1132 Rose Street. The property owners are restoring the house and are considering pursuing National Register designation of this lovely Prairie School style house as well.

Submitted by Barbara Kooiman