



## Cornerstones September 2016 PAL celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> birthday!

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## Return of the Heritage Home Tour

The Preservation Alliance of La Crosse will be reviving its  
Heritage Home Tour this **October 9** after a five year absence.

The highlights are:

- the Cargill/Pettibone House at 145 8th St. S - owned by RLR Properties
- the Torrance House at 726 Cameron - owned by Kevin and Peggy DuBois
- the Madsen House at 225 8th St. S - owned by Lucas Schwalbe and Courtney Lokken Schwalbe.
- AND MORE

Never before open to the public! Details on page 3



Cargill/Pettibone House

Look for PAL in  
the Rotary Lights  
Parade Nov. 25.

Memorials to our Board Member Myrna (Dee) Peacock  
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PAL has recently lost a true pal, our long time board member  
Dee Peacock. We have collected a few memories here.

I got to know Dee through PAL and League of Women Voters. She was the most amazing power behind so many initiatives. She did the hard work, and stayed in the background doing ever more good work. A couple of examples were her constant good work as treasurer for League... at least 42 years... and for PAL. She and her husband, Lyle, volunteered in so many capacities; it's hard to know where to start. In the early days of the Friends of McGilvray Road (Seven Bridges Road), her encouragement and advice were invaluable. The meetings were complicated and that the Seven Bridges could be saved was not a given. After the meetings, she would help give perspective and encouragement. Her loyalty and love for the community, for historic preservation, and for humanity is a model for all of us.

-Nancy Hill

My memory of Dee spans my time in La Crosse. While I didn't know her personally then, she was on the staff at Community Camera in downtown La Crosse. As a new faculty member at UW-L in 1970, who taught photography, Community Camera became a frequent stop. Several years later, I had the privilege of having Dee and Lyle's son Mark as a student. Tragically, he died as a young adult. Ever since, I have admired Dee for her extraordinary compassion for others and, with Lyle, her wide-spread volunteerism as they processed a heavy emotional burden. Dee and I have served on the PAL board for several years. Health permitting, she was always at meetings, often with her current knitting project, and offered informed support for PAL activities. Sadly, with her passing a chapter in community giving has closed. She will be dearly missed.

-Roger Grant

Dee was most proud of her family. She was the first to encourage me to start the PAL ornament project and she and Lyle set aside time and space in the Community Camera store to work on them. She never was one to waste a moment; which explains all the beautiful handiwork she did while sitting at meetings or waiting for clients. I have recently tried to emulate her, but I'm not adept enough at knitting to do two things at the same time.

-Mariel Carlisle

One time I was selling raffle tickets for another nonprofit and I'd brought them to a PAL meeting. I explained how great the first prize was and I was totally surprised when Dee said she'd buy one and pulled out a \$20.00 bill. After the drawing, Dee was so excited to tell me that she had put her son-in-law's name on the ticket and he'd won! She said the pleasure she had given him was worth much more than the ticket and she thanked ME for selling it to her!

-Judy Cobb

Dee has been a good friend since our early days with PAL and other organizations. She and Lyle always have been willing to help with anything. We will miss her.

-Sharon Ryan

Dee was always so caring, friendly, and helpful ALL the time. Whenever we need anything done for PAL, Dee was there!!!! Always!!!! She was the most reliable person on the board.

-Lisbeth Reynertson

I will particularly remember Dee for the way she always considered others. Hardly a meeting or an event went by that she didn't pull me aside and give me an extra thank you.

-Candace Brown

*Continued on page 3. Do you have thoughts or memories to share? They will be posted to our website and appear in the December newsletter.*

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# HERITAGE HOME TOUR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup> – 1:00-4:00

Tours of newly renovated and previously unavailable homes. Costs are \$20 or \$15 for PAL members. Tickets and memberships may be purchased at any of the properties on the day of the event. Tour headquarters are at the Cargill/Pettibone house on the corner of 8<sup>th</sup> and King. Refreshments and information on our 2016 ornament will be available.



## HISTORIC DOWNTOWN DAY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup>

10:00 -5:00

Celebrate the rich history of downtown La Crosse. Discover free historical tours and characters, horse drawn carriage and trolley rides, children's games and activities, history hunts, entertainment, food and more!

## STEPPING UP TO THE PAST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup>

Historical Characters re-enacted by volunteers from the La Crosse County Historical Society. Located throughout downtown.

## WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH 130TH ANNIVERSARY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup> Activities and building tours.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup>-10:30 Wesley will be reenacting the dedication service from August 14, 1886. We have found the original order of service and a recap of that service from the Library archives.

Dee Peacock was one of the first people involved in historic preservation that I met when I moved to this community in 1991. An early project I was peripherally involved with was the moving of the Grand Crossing Tower to Copeland Park, next to the 4000 Locomotive. Dee and Lyle Peacock were involved with the planning of that move. Though I wouldn't end up on the city's Heritage Preservation Commission for years after, I often went to HPC meetings to follow new designations, particularly ones which were somewhat controversial (the Michel Brewery comes to mind!). As an original commission member of that group, Dee always showed up with her canvas bag full of previous agendas and minutes. She always was attentive, and when she did speak out in her modest, quiet way, it was

always because she really had something to say!

I came to really know Dee and Lyle when I came on the PAL board in 1995. Eventually, as president, I always found that Dee was one of the most reliable people I could have on the board! As years went on, she couldn't always help with the more physical tasks, but she showed up to help on whatever she could. I often spoke of Dee as "the memory of PAL" because of her long-time association with PAL and all things historic preservation in our community. She was my friend, and she is missed by me, and by the PAL community.

-Barbara Kooiman, PAL President, former Heritage Preservation Commission member



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or one of our retailers starting at  
Thanksgiving.



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