



## Cornerstones July 2018

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Thank you to Phil Addis for this photo of the War Eagle mural formerly on the Schubert Meat Market building. A full color version can be found on our website. [www.preservation-alliance.org](http://www.preservation-alliance.org)

You have probably noticed by now that this building has been demolished. PAL was successful in applying for and receiving local landmark status through the City of La Crosse Heritage Preservation Commission. Unfortunately, this designation was overturned by the city council.

See page 3 for more information



Remember, all of the most current PAL news is also on our Facebook page! Search for Preservation Alliance of La Crosse (PAL)

# 2018 Heritage Award Winners

Gundersen Cottage

Roosevelt School Apts.  
1307 Hayes St.

Maria Angelorum Chapel

Nick and Mandy Roush  
1217 Caledonia St.



Gundersen Cottage



Roosevelt School Apts.



Maria Angelorum



Root Down Yoga

Photos by Roger Grant



Barb Koiman presents award to the building manager from Gorman Inc.



Sig Gundersen III



Barb with Nick and Mandy Roush

### **PAL Initiates New Chapter of Archiving for Rotary Lights.**

In December, 2017, in order to further PAL's initiative of chronicling the annual history of Rotary Lights, PAL began recording interviews with Rotary Lights volunteers who have been instrumental in making Rotary Lights the overwhelmingly successful event it has become. 2017 volunteers interviewed were Tom Svec and Tom Hundt. These individuals, as volunteers, undertake a monumental task each year.

Rotary Lights, with the assistance of many volunteers for set-up and take-down and local Not-for-Profit volunteers during the open viewing season of the lights display, provide food to local food shelves as well as some fund raising opportunities for the local Not-For-Profit organizations. The edited interviews will eventually become a part of the Rotary Lights archives and hopefully available on their website. PAL thanks Lewis Moen for his videography skills!

**By Dan Moen and Judy Cobb**

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### **War Eagle Mural** continued

Collins Sign Co. originally had the mural painted on the wall of the building. The owners decided that the wall needed paint, anyway, and he thought it a good idea to have the picture painted on it. The picture was an exact copy of a painting a childhood friend had done for Mr. Collins many years ago. The name of the original artist is in the corner. The name of the copy artist (a Collins employee) is also there.

Robert Taunt suggested to Mr. Collins that he paint the dates the boat was in service on the painting - 1854-1870. Fortunately the artist wasn't completely done and could add this detail, which Mr. Collins agreed would give the boat a marker in history. Robert has been working on a factual book about the War Eagle for years and has accumulated quite a bit of research about its 16 year life on the river. It is truly La Crosse's boat, with the home port here in 1870 when she burned.

Artifacts from the War Eagle wreck can be viewed in Riverside Museum along with the story of their recovery. Robert taunt has written a short version of the War Eagle story that is available for purchase at the Hixon House Visitor's Center or from the La Crosse County Historical Society website as well as a DVD about the War Eagle.

Thanks to Robert Taunt for the information

Thank you to PAL board members Tim Acklin and Marcus Zettler for their presentation:

Successful Historic Tax Credit Projects in La Crosse, April 16.

<p><u>Architectural Treasure Hunt Winners</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David Buroker and Sandy Keller 1<sup>st</sup> place</li> <li>• Judy and Tom Sleik</li> <li>• Robin Watson</li> </ul> <p>Thanks to all who entered</p>	<p><u>Prize donation thanks for the Architectural Treasure Hunt</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Robin Moses at DMI, gift certificate</li> <li>• Ricahard and Lisbeth Reynertson at Wilson Schoolhouse Inn, free night's stay.</li> </ul>
<p><u>National History Day</u> <u>Joan Rausch Scholarship Winners</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Andrew McKillip, Amber White, Brittany Horner</li> </ul> <p><i>Pleasant Ridge: Racial Harmony in Southwestern Wisconsin</i> Senior Group Documentary</p>	<p><u>Pump House/WIZM Radio Auction</u> <u>PAL ornament and membership winners</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mike &amp; Barb Chase</li> </ul>

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**OCTOBER 21**  
**2018 HERITAGE TOUR**



**Summer Fun Checklist:**  
**How many of these have you done?**

<p>Historic Trolley Tour Hixon House Museum Riverside Museum Ghosts of La Crosse Tour Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe</p>	<p>Norskedalen McGilvray Road/Seven Bridges Maria Angelorum Chapel La Crosse Queen Dahl Auto Museum</p>	<p>Pump House Gallery Grandad Bluff Concert in Riverside Park Dark La Crosse Tour Segway Tours</p>
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## Wilson Schoolhouse Inn

The second graders at Southern Bluffs Elementary School recently visited the Wilson Schoolhouse Inn and learned what it might have been like to be a student in a one-room schoolhouse more than 50 years ago. Joyce Wuske and her sister, Catherine Martel, who attended Wilson School in the 1940s for 8 years and later became teachers, described their experiences for the students.

The second graders learned that grades 1-8 were in a single classroom with one teacher, the older children often helping the younger. They learned how students would help make lunches, stoke the fire, and how they used the outdoor toilets. In addition to being an elementary school, the schoolhouse was also a community meeting place where residents from the area would have Christmas parties and other community events.

The Wilson Schoolhouse was an elementary school from 1917 to 1965. It is now designated as a City of La Crosse Historic Site, and it is also on the National Register of Historic Places.



Thank you to Lisbeth Reynertson for the photos and article.

Remember, you can order previous PAL ornaments from our website.

[www.preservation-alliance.org](http://www.preservation-alliance.org)

Sometimes the subjects of PAL ornaments turn up in the news. We have the Anderson Memorial Band Shell, and the Gambrinus statue in stock as well as the Public Library and over a dozen more.





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