

Coordinating Neighborhood Organizations

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Masten Block Club Coalition
Parkside Association
PLDG West (Parkdale, Lafayette, West Delavan, and Greenwood)
Polonia District
Vermont Triangle Block Club
West Side Community Collaborative
University District

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Forum Presented by National Trust For Historic Preservation

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Preservation Buffalo Niagara
Preservation League of New York State
Buffalo Board of Block Clubs
Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society
Central Terminal Restoration Corporation
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"Making Neighborhoods Matter"

Spring Neighborhood Preservation Forum

The Central Terminal

▪ 495 Paderewski Drive ▪ Buffalo, NY ▪

Saturday, May 21, 2011 • 8:00 AM – 4:30PM



"Making Neighborhoods Matter" Spring Neighborhood Preservation Forum

The Buffalo Neighborhoods Alliance presents with the **National Trust for Historic Preservation**, Central Terminal Restoration Corporation, Buffalo & Erie County Historical Society, Buffalo Board of Block Clubs, Preservation League of New York State, Preservation Buffalo-Niagara, The Buffalo Olmsted Conservancy and the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation; today's "Making Neighborhoods Matter" forum on revitalizing neighborhoods, rehabbing homes, restoring commercial corridors and preserving our historic treasures.

The Buffalo Neighborhoods Alliance is a collaboration of 15 neighborhoods from all over the City in partnership with Preservation Buffalo Niagara, the Preservation League of New York State, and presenting sponsor, National Trust for Historic Preservation. This Forum answers the question, do Buffalo neighborhoods matter? We say, "Yes, they matter and here are ways we can transform and make something great happen together."

The "Making Neighborhoods Matter" Spring Forum is being coordinated and presented by the block clubs, community associations and neighborhood groups from all across the City. The eight forum sessions will serve to enlighten, inspire and educate the public on neighborhood revitalization, commercial corridor restoration, housing rehabilitation, and historic preservation.

"How-to" demonstrations will "showcase" experts in historic preservation, commercial restoration, and neighborhood revitalization from Buffalo, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

This Forum has been made possible with funding from the National Trust For Historic Preservation, the Baird Foundation, The Margaret L. Wendt Foundation, New York State Council on the Arts and Preservation Buffalo.

Presenters

Cynthia M. Van Ness

Cynthia has an MLS from the University at Buffalo and a BA in art history from SUNY/Empire State College. She has been working in libraries since getting a page job at the Rochester Public Library all too long ago. Her first job after library school was at the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, where she worked for 13 years. Half of those years were in the Grosvenor Room, the local history & genealogy collection, where she developed research and reference expertise in the people, places, things, and history of Buffalo. She was appointed Director of Library & Archives at BECHS in October, 2007. On her own time, she is the webmaster behind BuffaloResearch.com, a guide to researching ancestors, buildings, and companies in Buffalo.

Jim Turner

Jim Turner began his career as a 13 year old working for his family's business, the Turner Lumber Company in Barneveld, New York, which is still in operation. Trained as a mechanical engineer, Jim graduated from the Rochester Institute of Technology and worked in his profession until turning his attention to timber frame design and construction. He also worked as a home builder until 1984. In 1987, Jim opened the Honeoye Falls Millwork in a waterside village near Rochester. This business specializes in wood window restoration, sash reproduction, and custom architectural wood work. His clients include homeowners, public institutions and religious congregations. Jim believes that "preservation is important because there is too much emphasis on throwing away valuable building parts instead of fixing what you have".

Demonstration and Information Tables

Craftsman Demonstrators

John Gulick

Vince Kuntz

Robert Krause

Others

Buffalo Neighborhoods Alliance
Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society
Campaign for Greater Buffalo
Central Terminal Restoration Corporation
Framing Hope Warehouse
Homefront
National Trust For Historic Preservation
Preservation Buffalo Niagara
Preservation League of New York State
South Buffalo NHS
New York State Historic Preservation Office
New York State Office of
Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
West Side Housing Partnership

Presenters

Barbara A. Campagna, FAIA, LEED AP

For the past 25 years, Barbara Campagna has worked as an architect, planner and historian – reinventing and restoring historic and existing buildings. She is the recipient of the 2002 National AIA Young Architect of the Year Award and a 2009 Fellowship in the AIA as “the leading national architect and policymaker for the integration of preservation values into green building practices.” She was co-founder and architectural leader of the National Trust for Historic Preservation’s Sustainability Program. Barbara grew up in Buffalo, and was the first Executive Director of the Landmark Society of the Niagara Frontier in Buffalo, ran her own architecture firm for many years in NYC, served as the Regional Historic Preservation Officer for the Northwest Region of the General Services Administration and from 2006-2011 was the Chief Architect for 29 historic sites operated by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Kim Ellis, Ph.D.

Dr. Kim Ellis is the Executive Director of the Historic Hill Institute, in contract with the Pennsylvania History and Landmarks Foundation, and with funding support from The Heinz Endowments. She is a consultant with the Downtown Pittsburgh Market Square Underground Railroad Project, and is the Project Manager of the “Greening History” Campaign, greening around historic properties, promoting weatherization for older homes and buildings and securing green jobs for all. She was the co-organizer of the Preserve Pittsburgh Summit, with the Young Preservationists Association, August Wilson Childhood Home Tour and Group Facilitation.

Harvey Garrett

Harvey Garrett is an early founder and Executive Director of the West Side Community Collaborative (WSCC) an organization that has been instrumental in Buffalo’s West Side turn around over the past 10 years. In addition to his work with the WSCC, Mr. Garrett is past CEO of Buffalo ReUse, past Executive Director of Western New York AmeriCorps’ Community Renewal Corps. Currently, Harvey provided leadership in working with the National Trust for Historic Preservation to develop today’s conference. Harvey is a founder of the Urban Roots Garden Center; he coordinated the founding of the new Buffalo Waterfront Coalition. He is co-founder of the Buffalo Immigrant and Refugee Empowerment Coalition and founder of the West Side Housing Partnership.

Melissa Jest

Melissa Jest is the Preservation Alliance Neighborhood Preservation Program Coordinator whose focus is on outreach to African American residents of Philadelphia. Ms. Jest relocated to Philadelphia from Savannah, where she served as neighborhood coordinator for the Historic Savannah Foundation and was the first African American to join the foundation as fulltime preservation staff. Her work with residents in Savannah’s historic neighborhoods earned her awards and recognition as a National Trust for Historic Preservation Emerging Leader in 2001. She holds a master’s of urban studies from Savannah State University.

Schedule of the Day

8:00 – 9:00 AM

Registration, Morning Refreshments,
Networking and Information Tables

9:00 - 9:15 AM

Welcome - Wendy Nicholas,
Director of the National Trust For Historic Preservation's Northeast Office

9:15 – 10:15 AM

Morning Plenary Session

“Cultural Preservation - People Focused Preservation”
Catherine Buell, Chair of the DC Historic Preservation Board

10:30 – 12:00 PM

Neighborhood Forum Session One
choose from one of four sessions

12:00 – 1:45 PM

Networking Lunch
Information Tables and Vendor Area

2:00 – 3:30 PM

Neighborhood Forum Session Two
choose from one of four sessions

3:30 – 4:30 PM

Networking and Information Tables, Refreshments

Neighborhood Forum Sessions

Main Session 9:15 –10-15

Catherine Buell Chair of the Washington DC Historic Preservation Review Board
Cultural preservation can be viewed as a preservation approach that includes not only the buildings, but landscaping, archaeology, and other aspects of neighborhoods that are important to its residents.

Morning Sessions (choose one) 10:30 – 12:00 PM

Learning from the Hill District - Kim Ellis, Ph.D. ED, Historic Hill Institute
The cultural center of African-American life in Pittsburgh, Pa, the Hill District is an American city working its way back against the odds

Weatherizing your Historic Home - Barbara Campagna, Jim Turner
How to do it efficiently while preserving its historic value

Revitalizing Commercial Districts - Michael Bonafede
Learn how to transform the way we think about the revitalization and management of our downtowns and neighborhood commercial districts

Researching the History of your House - Cynthia M. Van Ness
If walls could talk, the stories your house would tell... Want to get a glimpse into the secret past of your abode? This session is for you

Afternoon Sessions (choose one) 2:00 – 3:30 PM

Best Practices in Neighborhood Revitalization - Harvey Garrett
Address crime beautification vacant housing including; how to create a block club.

Upper Floor Revitalization in Commercial Districts - Gary C. Beasley
New uses for upper floors of store fronts located in older neighborhoods

Inspecting your Home – John Bero, Founder Bero Associates
Learn how to set priorities and tackle issues facing your older home

Maximizing the Character of your Historic Neighborhood - Melissa Jest
Neighborhood coordinator for the Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia

Presenters

Gary C. Beasley

Gary C. Beasley has been involved in rehabilitation and community revitalization activities throughout his working career, first as a contractor and for the past three decades with Neighbors Of Watertown, Inc. (NOW), where he is Executive Director. Under Mr. Beasley's leadership, NOW, re-develops historic buildings and develops affordable housing. Matching housing and community development programs with Low Income Housing Tax Credits and Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits sold to investors, major historic properties in Watertown have been transformed from rundown vacant or underutilized properties to productive, historically rehabilitated buildings. Several of these projects have been honored with Excellence in Historic Preservation awards by the Preservation League of New York State. Gary now serves on the board of the state's Rural Housing Coalition, is past President of the Neighborhood Preservation Coalition of NYS and is the Chairman of the Town of Brownville Planning Board.

John Bero

John Bero, a registered architect, founded Bero Architecture in the 1970s, and has worked on the restoration and rehabilitation of hundreds of Rochester landmarks, museums, churches, and houses, including the restoration of the George Eastman House and the derelict Hoyt Potter House (now headquarters for Rochester's Landmark Society). He has provided building surveys and condition reports on the Susan B. Anthony House, the Stone-Tolan House Museum, the Genesee Lighthouse and many more and is a noted lecture on the care of older buildings. He is a recipient of the Landmark Society's Presidents Award.

Michael Bonafede

The owner of two historic buildings in Downtown Albion, Michael Bonafede led the grassroots effort to establish the Albion Main Street Alliance (AMSA) and get the program designated by the National Trust for Historic Preservation in 2008. He built coalitions between local officials, building owners, business owners and residents, and coordinated a pledge campaign to cover operating costs for AMSA's first three years. Michael served as AMSA's first president and interim program manager, and currently serves in the position of Past President on the Board of Directors

Catherine Buell

Catherine Buell was named Chair of the Washington DC Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) in June 2010. She's been a member of HPRB since 2008, is a proud resident of Historic Anacostia, where she was instrumental in the successful implementation of the Historic Home Owners Grant program, administered by DC Historic Preservation Office. Catherine is an attorney at Patton Boggs LLC where she assists clients with real estate matters. In addition to her HPRB responsibilities, Ms. Buell is on the board of trustees for the National Urban League as well the board of directors for both the Southwest Renaissance Development Corporation and the Levine School of Music. Given her commitment to community service, it's no wonder that the Washington Bar Association named her its Young Attorney of the Year in 2008.