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THE TRUST

is a leading force in the community, championing historic preservation which enhances the quality of life for all citizens.

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is to promote historic preservation through restoration and visibility of the architectural heritage of our community.



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Three homes at, 851 Rose Street (W. Lafayette), 412 South 9th Street, and 502 PerrinAvenue (Lafayette), and will be recognized on October 29th as outstanding examples of our community's historic residential architecture.





Please join us on Thursday, October 29th, 6:30p, at the Renaissance Revival home of Jim & Marifran Mattson, 412 Jouth Ninth Jtreet, as 3 local homes are awarded the Trust's

Fall Plaque Presentation

October 29 • 6:30p

∫ycamore Leaf Preservation Plaques. At the ceremony, you will experience for yourself the architectural beauty of the Vyverberg-

Ellis-Drysdale-Mattson House, built in 1909, hear the fascinating history of all these 3 houses and enjoy light refreshments. Other recipients are the home at 851 Rose / treet in West Lafayette, built c.1925 in a vernacular style using unique sheet metal panel construction, currently owned by Art and Mary Remnet, and the home at 412 Perrin Avenue in Lafayette, built c.1907 in

the American Four-J quare style, currently owned by Robert ∫oden.

This event is FREE and open to the public.



"Tours, Tunes & Tastes" Gala Annual Meeting November 12

Tours, dinner, wine tasting, and soft jazz will bring gala and glamor to the Trust's Annual Meeting on November 12, 6:30-9:00p at the home of Bob and Ellie Haan. Members will enjoy tours of the interior of the mansion with its outstanding collection of Indiana art and extensive display of American antique furniture.

🙆 Caterer Tracy Hilburn has created a special dinner menu featuring "new" tastes introduced at the 1904 World's Fair. Guests will enjoy select wines throughout the evening, and Judd Danby's Jazz Trio will add a magical touch to this elegant event.

🧭 "Tours, Tunes & Tastes" is a members-only event at \$35/person. Members may make pre-paid reservations by phone, online or at the Trust office. Non-members may make significant collection of historic a \$50/person pre-paid reservation which includes Trust

membership through May 2010. For more information, please the world." Laurette McCarthy, contact the Trust office at 765.420.0268.

Holiday Tour of Historic Homes December 13

The Trust's Holiday Tour of Historic Homes will showcase 3 restored homes in Lafayette's Centennial Neighborhood, each of which displays the the Trust's green Jycamore Leaf Plaque. 🙆 From 2-5 on 🗸 unday afternoon, December 13, guests will enjoy touring the homes, light refreshments, music, and perhaps may catch a glimpse of the Old Elf making a early visit!

Featured homes are the 1870 Peirce-Byers-McIlwain House at 416 North / eventh / treet (Brian Dekker, owner), the 1892 Gouloos House at 640 Ferry / treet (Tim & Erin Vanderkleed, owners), and the 1887 Kellogg-Atlas Townhouse at 511 North /eventh/treet (Dr. Bill Bray, owner).



(more pictures on page 6)

home was dismantled and relocated to 920 / tate / treet in Lafayette. Today, the restored 21' x 40' Great Hall, pictured above, reflects the grand scale of the home and sets the stage for guests to enjoy the Haans' extensive art collection. "(The Haans' collection) is the largest and most

Indiana art in the country, if not Art Historian

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TICKETS

on sale November 16

\$15 per person

The Haan Mansion

was the Connecticut /tate Pavilion at the 1904 World's Fair in /t. Louis as pictured above. Following the Fair, the

JAN PAYNE () NAMED INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECT?R

I am so happy to be working with the Wabash Valley Trust Board of Directors - this is such an exciting time for the Trust!



We have two projects that

we are working on with CHDO (Community Housing Development Organization)/HOME funds through the Lafyette Housing Consortium. The 1720 Morton/treet project is nearing completion under the direction of our contractor David/tout. Morton/treet is a great 2 bedroom home that will be move-in ready for a someone looking for a completely renovated home.

206 Railroad / treet in Battle Ground, scheduled to be completed in late April, will be a 2 unit home (a 1 bedroom unit on the first floor and a 3 bedroom on the ground floor). Chris Tabor is the contractor partnering with WVT on this huge highly visible project.

In addition to our CHDO/HOME Funds projects, I am eager to foster volunteer opportunities for members and citizens to become more knowledgeable and involved in historic preservation. Please call me if you are interested!

I am looking forward to the exciting events the Trust is planning for the rest of this year: the October 29th Plaque presentation, the Gala Annual Meeting at the Haan Mansion, and the Holiday Home Tour of 3 of the Trust's plaqued houses. I look forward to seeing you at these events!



Jan

From *"Private Light,"* a stained glass postcard collection published by the Wabash Valley Trust. Complete sets of 12 are available at the Trust office.

GREETINGS to Members, Jponsors, Contributors and

Preservationists!

The Trust has had an extraordinary year! In June, we moved from Graves House at Fifth and North / treets to our wonderful new office at 14 / outh Third / treet, made



Trust President Shirley West and Vice President Richard Stout

possible by the generous support of Mark f charer. Please come by and visit us and use our resource materials when you are downtown.

I wish to sincerely thank Mary Whittaker, our former Interim Executive Director for her service to the Trust for nearly two years. Jhe accomplished many special things for the Trust and we are truly appreciative. Also I wish to thank Carl Dillman, our Bookkeeper and assistant to Mary for his dedication and diligence with all of our projects in the last 2 years that he served the Trust. Without the efforts of both of these employees, the Trust could not have functioned as well during their tenure.

As we move forward we welcome our new full-time Interim Executive Director Jan Payne who began her employment with us in August; she is doing a wonderful job! We are excited to have Jan and look forward to great leadership and smooth operation of our organization for years to come.

The Trust has two HOME funds projects which are progressing well, one on Morton / treet in Lafayette and one on Railroad / treet in Battle Ground. The Morton / treet house is expected to be completed in October of this year and we are hoping to find a qualified buyer as soon as the project is completed. The house in Battle Ground is a larger project with incredible change from what it was when we began. It is not due to be completed until / pring of 2010. (see pictures on page 4)

Our Board of Directors has been hard at work creating a vision and direction for the Trust in the future. To that end a /trategic Plan was developed to be implemented over the next 5 years and our new /trategic Plan Implementation Committee will be working to develop the processes for achieving our goals. Thanks to our Governance Committee we have updated our Bylaws and are compiling a Policies & Procedures Manual for efficient operation of the organization.

Our financial situation is becoming much better than it has been at times in the past, thanks in part to our obtaining reimbursement for the funds invested in stabilizing the four historic buildings at the Indiana Veterans Home. We give our sincere thanks to fenators Hershman and Alting and Representatives Truitt and Klinker for accomplishing this task.

The entire Board of Directors has been a tremendous support and help to me so far in my year as President of the Board and I offer my heartfelt thanks to them. We look forward to great times ahead!

Shirly

ALL ARCHITECTURE is shelter, all great architecture is the design of space that contains, cuddles, exalts, or stimulates the persons in that space.

PHILIP JOHNSON

THANK YOU.THANK YOU.THANK YOU.THANK YOU.THANK YOU!



MARY WHITTAKER Honored for Outstanding service As trust director

Retiring Interim Director of the Trust, MARY WHITTAKER, receives an offical commendation from the Indiana Legislature from / tate Representative / heila Klinker. The Board of Directors hosted a reception on August 6th to thank Mary for her leadership and loyal service to the Trust.

🛞 PATTY BARRETT: A V9ICE F9R THE C9MMUNITY!

In our new offices we have some history: our own history! We thank long-time Trust member PATTY BARRETT for her continued vision and generousity.

In 2001-2002, Patty graciously endowed and furnished the Barrett Community Room in the Graves House, which also housed the Trust's offices.

When the Trust vacated Graves house last summer for our new space on Third

∫treet, Patty's vision came with us! The custom-designed ∫ycamore Leaf stained glass window and the brass plaque are now appropriately displayed in our new offices. ∫oon, we hope to create a new "Barrett Community Room" space to provide a research, archive, and a gathering area





for the community's preservation needs and pursuits. Again - thank you, Patty!

CARL DILLMAN RETIRES

We thank CARL DILLMAN for his two years of work with

the Trust. Carl was always on hand and ready to help! We especially appreciate his assistance in our preparing Graves House for return to Trinity Church, his photography, and his "as needed" support at events and meetings. Carl kept the office running while producing newsletters, serving as bookkeeper, and dispatching info for monthly Board meetings. We wish you the best in your new job, Carl!

WABASH VALLEY TRUST 2009 B9ARD 9F DIRECT9RS

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WE'RE L??KIN' G??D -Thanks t? G<u>rea</u>t lafayette Business Supp?rt!

The Trust's new offices have put us right in the heart of the hustle and bustle of historic downtown Lafayette, and we're enjoying it!

We thank MARK/CHARER for his generous rental agreement and providing updated interior renovations.

PYRAMID /IG/I and REX DEATO/I donated the signage on our street-level front door which has received rave reviews, even from casual passers-by.

Our thanks to both of these benefactors!

🛞 PFFICE & PRGANIZING THANKS!

Our recent move and staff changes were made much easier by the kind help of Trust friends. We are grateful to: /TEVE KLI/IK for solving reoccurring computer mysteries. MARK DAVI/ for his efficient tutorial on Quick Books. BRITTA/IY BROW/I for helping set up the office space. PAUL_/CHUELER for organizing our archives. TERRY PHILLIP/ for stepping in as Bookkeeper while we search to fill this new office position.

NICK CAR/ON for reorganizing and updating our membership and mailing databases.

BILL MELLETTE, our volunteer webmaster, for his continued cheerfulness as we send him "new" information!

BQ/WELL for organizing Mary Whittaker's reception.

WELC?ME NEW MEMBERS!

The Trust welcomes our newest members who have joined us since June. We appreciate their commitment to preservation in this part of the Wabash Valley!

Thomas & Margaret Abbott Ron Alting Buck Black Kitti Carriker Roland Ditto Robert & Kathleen Gloyeske Mary Louise Foster William & Roberta Keirce Gerry McCartney Martha Sackett Joe & Bernie Seaman Chase Slaughter Richard Stout Sara Strickler Arnold & Janet Sweet David & Dorothy Taylor Linda Tolley Randy Truitt David J. Williams

🛞 MAY MEMBERSHIP RENWAL

The Trust recently adopted an "easy to remember" May-to-May renewal cycle, but we've had a few "difficult" times with our data! We appreciate our COATIAUIAG MEMBER/ and PATROAY for understanding our mailing errors and omissions. We are working hard to make it simple! Please call the office if you have any questions concerning your membership or contributions to the Trust! 765.420.0268.



From "Private Light," a stained glass postcard collection published by the Trust.

ARCHITECTURE should speak of its time and place, but yearn for timelessness. FRANK GHERY

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THE TRUST'S AFF?RDABLE H?USING PR?JECTS.....



THEN (c.1960s) As pretty as a picture postcard! This image is from a postcard which named the house "McKinney Manor."



NOW (/eptember 2009) / tabilization and restoration have begun!

Note that the sliding doors are now "history!"

206 RAILR9AD STREET Battle gr9und

In the style of /econd Empire, also called French Mansard, this home was built in 1886. The mansard roof, the major defining element of the /econd Empire style, is a dual-pitched hipped roof. In addition to a mansard roof, the /econd Empire style is characterized by lavish ornamentation and boldness of form. The roof ridges were decorated with cast iron cresting. The /econd Empire style was well suited to the flamboyant post-Civil War and post-railroad era when ostentation and excessiveness of taste was not at all discouraged!

In the 1950s this home served as the Melvin Jackson Funeral Home and later it was used as a floral shop known as McKinney's Floral / hop. The home at one time had a green house located on the south side of the house. The house fell into disrepair in the 1990's and was acquired by the Trust for rehab in its affordable housing program.

1720 MQRTQN STREET LAFAYETTE

Possibly constructed in the 1860's, this gable-front home is located in Lafayette's North End Aeighborhood. This style of home was first seen during the years when the Greek Revival style was popular in Indiana, from 1830-1860.

The development of urban areas as well as its adaptability to a variety of architectural styles caused the gable-front house to endure well into the early twentieth century.

This charming home will be offered for sale at \$79K for low-to-moderate income families. Down payment assistance will be available as part of the purchase package.



∫eptember 2009: We're getting close to completion!



The sign is posted!

ARCHITECTURE has recorded the great ideas of the human race. Not only every religious symbol, but every human thought has its page in that vast book. VICTOR HUGO

TRUSTworthy RESOURCES available

You're trying to find out the age of your home or the style of your storefront. You can't remember the name of those little wood thingies that divide up the glass in your Victorian windows. You're not sure how to be environmentally-friendly while remodeling your Craftsman Bungalow bathroom. Does that siding salesman really know what's appropriate for your Mid-Century home?

TRUST us. We can help.

f top by our office or give us a call. We have resources on site; we have a list of reliable contractors and specialists. If we don't



have an immediate answer for you, we're happy to help you find the people who do! By the way, those little wood thingies are called **MUNTINS**.

RANCH HOUSE, a recent donation to our library, is an extensive overview and history of this post-WWI housing movement. Yes, it's true: some houses 50 years old are now being designated "historic!"







May Tour a Huge Success!

The Trust and HLFI (Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana) thank homeowners, volunteers, and visitors for the fascinating and successful May tour of 5 Mid-Century Modern West Lafayette homes. The Trust and HLFI each realized a \$4000 profit!

Our special thanks to owners George Benda, Janet & Arnold Sweet, Connie & Dick Grace, Sara Strickler, and Phyllis & Sid & Kilsheimer for opening their Mid-Century homes, and to Dr. John Christian for hosting the pre-tour reception at Samara!

VPLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT BRITTANY BRPWN /he's looking for the FIRST /lational Home!

The Trust is benefitting from the skills and knowledge of one of its latest volunteers, Brittany Brown. A cum laude graduate of

Ball/tate University's Interior Design program, she is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Historic Preservation through the Javannah College of Art & Design.

We are excited about Brittany's latest project! The is researching **NATIONAL HOMES**, its history and impact on post-WWII local and national housing. And, she has begun a search for Lafayette's very first National home!

The Trust hopes to find that first National home and invite the owners to allow Brittany to research possible designation with National Register of Historic Places, a fycamore Leaf Trust plaque, or an Indiana Historic Marker.

Do YOU have any clues for Brittany's detective work? Pictures, brochures, records, promotions or other materials? Please contact her through the Trust office at 765.420.0268.

56 years ago, from the ∫aturday Evening Post: an ad for National Home's "Exciting New 1953 Models!"

Local buildings tell local history

Purdue students enrolled in a course on Houses, Culture, and American History are conducting research on local public and private buildings that will shed light on various aspects of the community's history. They will present the fruits of their research in the form of CALENDARS, which the Wabash Valley Trust will sell just in time for the holiday season.

JPINING WITH PURDUE STUDENTS



Purdue history students recently presented an overview of their research to the Board of Directors of the Wabash Valley Trust.

The project, which is supported by a Purdue University fervice-Learning grant, provides advanced history students a chance to use their skills as historians to help the Trust further its mission to protect and preserve the history and architectural heritage of our community.

This service-learning course is being offered by Jusan Curtis, a professor of history and a member of the Board of the Wabash Valley Trust.

For a sneak preview of this project, plan to attend the Plaque Presentation event on October 29th (details on page 1). The calendars will go on sale at the Holiday Home Tour on Junday, December 13 at the Gouloos House and then will be available for purchase at the Trust office and online.

A modern, harmonic and lively ARCHITECTURE is the visible sign of an authentic democracy. WALTER GROPPIUS

WHAT ELSE IS NEW?

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You can peruse the Trust's new Bylaws and recently adopted Strategic Plan on our website.
Because of those new Bylaws, at the Gala Annual Meeting on Avember 12th, Trust members will officially elect new Directors to the Board for the first time in our history. We promise: the actual "meeting" part of the Gala Annual Meeting will be very brief!
You've probably noticed our new look! We've kept the Trust's signature Sycamore Leaf and have combined it with fonts from the official Frank Lloyd Wright collection and with colors from both the Victorian age and mid-20th century. These elements were incorporated to reflect the many architectural styles throughout our community.

Come visit our NEW location! We're just a few steps south of the County Office Building. Look for the big Jycamore leaf on the door!

- Serve as a **docent** (guide/host) or greeter for the Holiday Home Tour.
- Help out with **landscaping** on our affordable housing projects.
- ferve as a receptionist in the new office.
- **Research** information for *N*ational Register designation projects.
- Help organize and catalogue our resource library and archives.
- Help us design and set up a **gift shop** area in our new office location.
- Install new ceiling fans and lighting in the office spaces.
- Create a database of the awards, plaques, and recognitions given by the Trust.

WE NEED...

The Trust welcomes YOUR gifts, large or small, important or seemingly inconsequential! Here's a current little "wish list" you might be able to help us with:

- copy paper
- file folders
- 2 ceiling fans
- wall-mount plexigrass brochure and literature racks
- fixtures for existing track lights
- a handrail for the office entry
- 2-3 lightweight folding tables
- heavyweight plastic storage bins

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I know the price of SUCCESS: dedication, hard work, and an unremitting devotion to the things you want to see happen. FRANK LLPYD WRIGHT

233 PLAQUES in 19 Years!

Lafayette's **Downtown &** Centennial **Neighborhood** have highest numbers!



Location

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New Trust Publications /howcase Terra Cotta Ornamentation

Trust Board member Eileen Booth has written two important guides for our community: an architectural terra cotta walking tour guide to educate tourists about these unique buildings and a preservation guide to educate building owners on best maintenance practices.

Eileen brought SusanTunick, international terra cotta expert, to Lafayette for the Cornelius O'Brien Lecture. Tunick provided fascinating insight into the history and production of architectural terra cotta, the relationships between architectural terra cotta and pottery, the locations of historic terra cotta kilns, the hierarchy of professions within terra cotta factories, and the significance of the railroad for delivering terra cotta shipments.

Tunick was impressed with our community's terra cotta structures and consequently, the Friends of Terra Cotta March 2009 newsletter featured an impressive article on downtown Lafayette and West Lafayette's most significant terra cotta buildings. The newsletter shed an impressive light on the historic fabric of our community to an international audience.

The Terra Cotta walking tour and preservation guides will be available in February 2010 through the Trust. We are excited to be part of helping promote, protect and preserve the terra cotta structures in our community.



The Murdock Building



125 South Fourth Street



Vintage postcard showing the Oppenheimer Building at 400 Main Street

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