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Time to Celebrate!



As historic preservation advocates, the Staff and Board of Hartford Preservation Alliance cannot be more pleased with this growing network. The Capital City deserves the attention from business owners, residents, workers, preservation-minded organizations and the civic professionals who guide the city in its daily operations. Private citizens from all over the region have continued to support historic preservation in Hartford through their memberships and contributions to HPA. Funders and sponsors have stood with HPA through these past several years by supporting programs and services at many levels.

56 Arbor Street, the former Underwood Typewriter Factory in Parkville, was recently named to the National Register of Historic Places.

Hartford (1635) is one of the most historic cities in New England, and in recent years the City has rallied around its historic buildings, embracing historic preservation as a tool for strengthening neighborhood character and fostering economic revitalization. The Mayor's Office, City Council and the Economic Development, Planning, Housing and Licenses & Inspections Divisions have taken a leading role in originating and supporting preservation efforts in the city. The Mayor's Office in particular has been open and generous with preservation ideas, time and financial support. Additional preservation support has been received from the Town and City Clerk's Office, Public Works, Office of Management and Budget and the Hartford Public Library.

On the state level, The Community Investment Act (C.I.A.) has been an integral component in empowering historic preservation efforts in Hartford. Over the past four years, \$561,500 in C.I.A. funds has been allocated to the Hartford Preservation Alliance for programs such as creating Historic Districts, basic operating support, as well as a three-year architectural survey of Hartford's entire building inventory. CIA funds are administered through the CT Commission on Culture & Tourism. The staff at CCCT endeavors to share as many resources that support historic preservation initiatives. The CT Trust for Historic Preservation has also been an invaluable partner and supporter of HPA programs and staff.

All of these efforts have enabled HPA to prosper and grow. Advocacy efforts have grown as economic downturn, demolition threats and urban blight continue to plague Hartford's built environment.

Through historic preservation, Hartford has increased the number of commercial sites, jobs, and sustainable housing. Education has been enhanced through community appreciation events such as architectural walking tours, workshops, and lectures. Often these opportunities are in collaboration with community development corporations such as SINA, NINA, CIL, CAC, MHA, and the State-created Neighborhood Revitalization Zones (NRZ's) along with Hartford 2000.

Please join the Staff and Board of the Hartford Preservation Alliance in Celebration of the Accomplishments of 2010. Please see event details on the back cover.



Highlights of HPA's Banner Year!

- HPA has increased office space to twice the original size. A Board & Conference Room and administrative office for the Executive Director, Laura Knott-Twine, and her Assistant Lynda Karas, is located in one section. The Program Department that houses the office of Tomas Nenortas, Director of Programs, and Senior Program Assistant Mary Falvey are situated in the other. Work stations for Undergraduate and Graduate Interns from local colleges and universities and a Resource Library are also located within the Program Department. There is also a loft that holds business records from 1997 to 2010 as well as a large supply and storage closet. HPA wishes to thank landlord Alfred Pedemonti who helped coordinate this much needed expansion.

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Mission Statement

*The mission of the
Hartford Preservation Alliance
is to advocate for the preservation
and revitalization of
Hartford's unique architectural heritage
and neighborhood character.*



From the Office

Laura Knott-Twine, Executive Director



I am pleased to be introducing our new Office Assistant, Lynda D. Karas. Lynda joined us on January 31, 2011. She will be working part-time, assisting with the numerous details of memberships, appeals, program and event notifications and general office organization. A generous grant from Hartford Foundation for Public Giving's Nonprofit Support Program allows us this much needed support as Hartford Preservation Alliance continues to grow in its Community Outreach, Education and Advocacy programs. With Lynda coming on board, Mary Falvey will have greater opportunity to work specifically on program-related activities with Tomas Nenortas, Director of Programs. Now that we have doubled our space, Lynda and I will share an office and Tomas and Mary will be in our Program Department.



Lynda D. Karas

Lynda's resume is impressive in the breadth of her skills and accomplishments. She formerly worked in the fields of: banking, insurance, property management, actuarial and legal secretarial, and in commercial real estate. Most recently, she was an Office Manager for a general contractor. Lynda attended the Asnuntuck Community College - Office Administrative Careers, Executive Secretary program. She hails from Windsor, CT where she lives with her husband Henry. Welcome aboard Lynda!

Time to Celebrate!

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- The building which houses HPA's offices, 56 Arbor Street, has just been individually named to the National Register of Historic Places. The site is part of the former Underwood Typewriter complex.
- New part-time Office Assistant Lynda Karas.
- Two new Directors serving on the Board, Heidi Sirota and Joyce Bolaños.
- Brand new logo and Brochure.
- Successful fundraising events in 2010: the May Preservation Awards and September's Designing Spaces and Market Places.
- 15 Historic Hartford Walking Tours.
- Oxford-Whitney and Fairfield Avenue National Register Historic Districts created.
- The addition of the Oxford-Whitney Historic District pushed the total number of registered sites in Connecticut to over 50,000.



HPA's new brochure.

There are 3,505,000 residents in Connecticut, 121,600 of which live in the Capital City. The Hartford Preservation Alliance proudly serves all stakeholders.

Thank you to Hartford Preservationists everywhere!

Supporting HPA

The Hartford Preservation Alliance has been financed in part by the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism, the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, the City of Hartford, Aetna Foundation, The Hartford and the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation, in cooperation with the Connecticut Humanities Council and New Alliance Bank Foundation. Many others, including businesses and our members, have contributed to the operation of our organization, and we wish to thank them for their support.



Connecticut Commission
on Culture & Tourism



Connecticut Preservation Action
"Advocating for Historic Preservation Since 1980"



New England Management, Corp.
56 Arbor Street office rentals



Membership Dues:

- Student \$ 15
- Individual \$ 25
- Household \$ 40
- Preservation Friend \$ 100
- Preservation Ally \$ 150
- Preservation Advocate \$ 250
- Preservation Patron \$ 500
- Benefactor \$ 1,000

Join the Hartford Preservation Alliance!

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Mail to: Hartford Preservation Alliance,
56 Arbor Street, Suite 406, Hartford, CT 06106
All contributions are deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Greening of America's Capitals



Tomas Nenortas entertained the design team on their last day with a field trip to the Mark Twain House & Museum. From left to right: Jennifer Brooks, Jeffrey Longhenry, and Thomas Woltz of Nelson, Byrd, Woltz Landscape Architects NYC and Clark Wilson and Abby Hall of the Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, D.C., Tomas Nenortas.

busy budget session was particularly gratifying. I also wish to acknowledge the leadership efforts of Abby Hall with the EPA during these three days of workshops and discussions.”

On September 8, 2010, the EPA announced the selection of Hartford as one of five state capitals to receive sustainable design assistance. The focal point of the study is a section of the city that includes the Connecticut State Capitol and Legislative Office Building, the State Library, the State Supreme Court, and the Governor O’Neill State Armory, as well as residential and retail areas of the Frog Hollow neighborhood. The goal of the workshops at the State Capitol and the Lyceum helped to further understand the constraints and opportunities of this historic area, and to move towards a set of small interventions in a phased-in re-design approach.

“It is very satisfying to learn that the federal officials felt that Hartford is uniquely situated because of our One City, One Plan for conservation and development. We are proud of the number of projects and priorities already established and underway,” remarked the Mayor. “The goal is for all the participants to feel empowered and to build a sense of community. This is yet another example of collaborative thinking producing positive solutions.”

In addition to federal, state, and local officials, representatives from neighborhood organizations, the business community, and individual employers were stakeholders in this environmental vision for Hartford’s future.

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The Hartford Preservation Alliance was invited to participate in a 2.5 day visioning workshop at the State Capitol for the Capitol Avenue corridor from Main Street to Sigourney Street which encompasses the South Downtown (SoDo), Asylum Hill and Frog Hollow neighborhoods. The City of Hartford was awarded an EPA “Greening of America’s Capitals” grant which funded the workshop lead by Nelson, Byrd, Woltz Landscape Architects from New York City and representatives from the Environmental Protection Agency. Tomas Nenortas, Director of Programs represented HPA as well as SoDo in his capacity as President of the SoDo Neighborhood Revitalization Zone. The following City release details the event as well as next steps in this milestone project.

PRESS RELEASE ... PRESS RELEASE ...

More than 125 people participated in the interactive discussions that will lead to the creation of a unifying vision for the State Capitol District. This is all part of the effort known as “Greening of America’s Capitals.” This project is a Partnership for Sustainable Communities among the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Department of Transportation (DOT) to help state capitals develop an implementable vision of distinctive, environmentally friendly neighborhoods.

Mayor Pedro E. Segarra extends his appreciation to Governor Dannel P. Malloy for his participation and support of the collaborative effort. “For him to take time out of this



Thomas Woltz of Nelson, Byrd, Woltz Landscape Architects presenting the workshop findings to Governor Dannel P. Malloy. Seated next to the Governor is Jared Kupiec, Chief of Staff to Mayor Pedro E. Segarra.

From the Board

Richard Ott, President

The Board of Directors is pleased to welcome and introduce two new Directors, Joyce Bolaños and Heidi Sirota. Joyce is a television producer at Viva Hartford Television Production, Hartford, CT. She is the creator of the Arts, Culture and Entertainment program “Viva Hartford,” “AQUI Connecticut” a family entertainment program and is the Executive Producer of “Cocinando con Suso.” In 2008, she was the recipient of the Governor’s Culture and Tourism Advocacy Award in Film.

Heidi is Vice President of Marketing at OptumHealth, a UnitedHealth Group company. She has led several award winning engagement campaigns in her career and is recognized for translating complex, financial and health care concepts into simple actions and ideas that help consumers navigate health and wealth matters. She previously led marketing at Phoenix Life



Insurance for 14 years. Heidi was appointed to the Windsor Youth Commission in 2009 and participated in Leadership Greater Hartford’s Quest program in 2010. She is active in education and the community in her hometown of Windsor, CT, and is an avid promoter of Hartford’s history and treasures that contribute to the quality of life and economic advancement within the city.

All of the directors are gearing up to present the second year of Designer Spaces and Market Places in September. Once again, HPA will be co-producing this fund-raiser with Rebuilding Together Hartford. After the success of last year, the Board is looking forward to seeing the community come out and support and enjoy this fundraising event.

Above, left: Joyce Bolaños
Left: Heidi Sirota

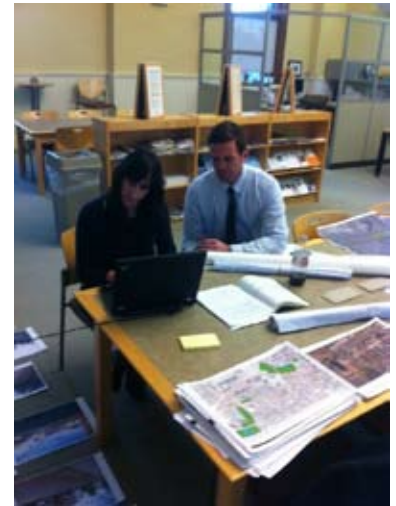
Greening of America’s Capitals

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Nelson Byrd Woltz Landscape Architects (NBW), a nationally recognized 30-person landscape architecture firm with offices in Charlottesville, Virginia and New York City, and his team are the EPA’s choice to lead Hartford’s “Greening America’s Capitals” efforts. Their next step is to summarize all these suggestions and ideas that were exchanged and recommend the best possible ways to implement the vision. That report is expected in about 30 to 45 days.

Meantime, the One City One Plan team is busy coordinating its next scheduled event for April 6th. Details will be announced shortly. For more information, please contact Roger O’Brien, Director of Planning at (860) 757-9055 or log onto oneplan@hartford.gov.



Above: Jennifer Brooks and Jeffrey Longhenry from Nelson, Byrd, Woltz Landscape Architects preparing the workshop findings for the Public presentation at The Lyceum.



Is your home on the National Register of Historic Places? Then you are eligible to purchase and display a stylish National Register plaque featuring the landmark Charter Oak. Individually listed buildings are also eligible for a similar plaque. If you are unsure of your home’s status, please contact HPA for additional information. Send your name and address with a check or money order for \$35.00 payable to Treasurer, State of Connecticut to:

Stacey Vairo
State and National Register Coordinator
Historic Preservation and Museum Division
Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism
One Constitution Plaza, 2nd Floor
Hartford, CT 06103

Save the Date!

**10th Annual
HPA Awards
Thursday,
May 12th**

Lynda Karas and Laura Knott-Twine at work in the new Administrative office.



Lynda Karas and Tomas Nenortas viewing a volume from HPA's archives in the new Board and Conference Room.



CCSU Intern Rachel St. Onge, cataloging HPA's Resource Library.



Todd Jones, volunteer, David W. Cranston III, Trinity Intern, and Mary Falvey involved in various preservation initiatives



Tomas Nenortas with consultant Lucas Karmazinas discussing the nomination of 56 Arbor Street to the National Register of Historic Places.



Tomas Nenortas with Rebecca Fenerty, CCSU Intern, who has been researching materials for bi-weekly published photos in Hartford News' "Once Upon a Time" front page feature.





Hartford Preservation Alliance has much to offer!

How can we serve you?

Technical Assistance for Hartford Homeowners: (Free)

We help determine if:

- Your home is on a Local, State or National Register of Historic Places.
- You reside in a Historic District.
- Your rehab project qualifies for State or Federal Tax Credits.
- Your project conforms to the Historic Preservation Ordinance.
- You have the right contractor for the job.
- You know all the resources available to you in Hartford and beyond.

HPA offers Walking Tours in Hartford in the Spring and Fall (\$15 each)

- Check our web site calendar for dates, places, and times.
- We do offer Private Walking Tours for groups:
Flat fees: \$150 for 6-10 participants
\$225 for 11-20 participants
\$275 for 21-40 participants

Tours available to groups such as: Religious Organizations, Clubs, Neighborhood Residents and Employee Groups. School Groups – (6th grade and up and accompanied by teachers and chaperones).

HPA offers Lectures: \$125 an hour

- Why Historic Preservation?
- Preservation as an Economic Stimulus.
- Before and After Restoration projects completed in Hartford.
- Preservation as the “greenest” way to protect the built and natural environments.

HPA offers Workshops for groups: (members \$15 & non-members \$20, minimum 15 people)

- Care for your Old House.
- Understanding the Design Guidelines - “Repair rather than Replace.”
- Contractors and Construction Workshop “Working on an Historic Building.”
- Preservation topic of your choice.

**HPA also consults with for-profit businesses such as:
Developers, Real Estate Professionals, and Commercial Building Owners.
(Fees based on projects undertaken)**

Call us today for all your Historic Preservation Needs!
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\$25 admission
to benefit HPA
light refreshments served

2010 WAS A BANNER YEAR FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

**Doubled HPA Office Space
New Staff & Board Members**

**56 Arbor Street now a
National Registered Building**

**OVER 100 NEW PROPERTIES NOW PROTECTED UNDER
HARTFORD HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE**

121,000 HARTFORD RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS SERVED



Hartford Preservation Alliance

NEW LOGO & BROCHURE