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## “Protecting the Irreplaceable since 1997”

### HPA: Serving All Those Who Care About Hartford!

- 702 paid members of HPA
- 43 active volunteers
- 280 participants in the Colt's Lecture Series
- 203 participants in walking tours
- 105 attendees at presentations at Trinity and New Haven
- 78 participants in the 7 HPA workshops
- 105 attendees at 2008 Awards Event
- 26 attendees at Parkville Business Association Lecture
- 40 at A. V. Davis Foundation Lecture
- 69 attendees at Prosser Library (23) Hartford Public Library (19) and Monday Book Club (27)
- 705 residents reached through Neighborhood Revitalization Zone (NRZ) monthly meetings
- 182 individual requests for technical assistance for private residential consultations
- 179 developers provided technical assistance and information on federal and state tax credits
- 36 Historic Districts in place
- 2 new Historic Districts being formed
- 4,200 buildings covered by the Historic Preservation Ordinance
- 124,500 residents of the city of Hartford



## 2009 Hartford Preservation Alliance Awards

For the ninth year Hartford Preservation Alliance (HPA) has selected preservation efforts in the city of Hartford that stand out for their attention to detail and commitment to the community. This year, more than any other, it is critical we recognize those who continue to contribute to Hartford's neighborhoods and downtown. The buildings that have been renovated are: private homes, commercial offices, places of worship and higher education. Also selected are: recognition of a public awareness news article, a sensitively newly-built apartment building that maintains the character and flavor of the neighborhood and a celebration of a Hartford icon.

On May 20th we will gather in celebration of our neighbor's efforts. A reception will be held at the corner of Park and Bartholomew Streets in the former Hartford Rubber Works factory that has been restored and is now home to Hartford's emerging design center, where one finds interior designers, architects, a restaurant, lighting and oriental carpet stores and much more. We owe it to ourselves to recognize and protect the places where we live and work. We are proud to recognize the people who care enough to thoughtfully repair, restore, honor and build in the Capital city.

#### 2009 Awardees:

- Christian Activities Council ~ *Rehabilitation of 19 and 29 Edgerwood Street*
- The Seymour Family ~ *Adaptive reuse of the former Stackpole, Moore & Tryon building*
- Immanuel Congregational Church ~ *Historic window replacement*
- University of Hartford ~ *Adaptive reuse of the former Thomas Cadillac building*
- A.R. Godbout & Company ~ *Restoration of 137 Seymour Street*
- Riverfront Recapture and the DOT ~ *The 100th anniversary of the Bulkeley Bridge*
- Northside Institutions Neighborhood Alliance (NINA) ~ *Revitalization of the Asylum Hill Neighborhood*
- Trinity College ~ *Restoration of the Trinity Long Walk*
- Immanuel Hudson House, Inc. "The Seasons" ~ *In-fill housing at 363 Hudson Street*
- Nancy Schoeffler Andrew Friedman, Ananda Walden, & Bob MacDonnell ~ *The illustrated Hartford Courant article on Hartford architectural styles*



### Coming Events

- May 2 Gospels in Stone Walking Tour**  
 10:00am - 12:00pm. Tour the four places of worship on Asylum Hill ~ Asylum Hill Congregational Church, Asylum Avenue Baptist Church, Trinity Episcopal Church, and The Cathedral of Saint Joseph ~ with historian Dorothy Bosch Keller. Meet at Asylum Hill Congregational Church parking lot. FEE: \$ 10.00
- May 7 Opening Reception ~ The Moderns Exhibit**  
 5:30 pm 7:00pm. Commission. on Culture & Tourism  
 1 Constitution Plaza. **FREE**
- May 7 Ancient Burying Ground Tour - Butler-McCook**  
 3:30 pm - 11:59 pm. Join Ruth Shapleigh-Brown of Connecticut Gravestone Network on 1st Thursday walking tour of The Ancient Burying Ground. **FREE**
- May 16 The Moderns - Downtown Walking Tour**  
 11:30 am - 1:30 pm 1 Constitution Plaza. **FREE**
- May 19 The Moderns - Lunch Time Tour -**  
 12:00 pm- 12:30 pm 1 Constitution Plaza. **FREE**
- May 20 2009 HPA AWARDS CEREMONY**  
 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm Design Center, Hartford. **FREE**
- May 22 The Moderns - Lunch Time Tour**  
 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm 1 Constitution Plaza. **FREE**
- May 26 The Moderns - Lunch Time Tour -**  
 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm 1 Constitution Plaza. **FREE**
- May 29 The Moderns - Lunch Time Tour -**  
 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm 1 Constitution Plaza. **FREE**

**Check our website Calendar for all upcoming events!**

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**Mission Statement**

*The mission of the  
Hartford Preservation Alliance  
is to preserve and revitalize  
Hartford's unique architectural heritage  
and neighborhood character.*



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## From The Office

Laura Knott-Twine, Executive Director



### HPA's Advocacy for Historic Preservation

As Executive Director of HPA, I have played an active role on the board of CT Preservation Action (CPA) a coalition of state preservation organizations. We have worked hard to collaborate with many across the state to see that the Community Investment Act (CIA) passed. While we have accomplished much since 1997, we cannot do this job alone. Over half of our members and supporters—the 2,770 recipients of our newsletters and mailings—live outside of the city. Many people in Connecticut have a strong desire to see Connecticut's state capitol thrive. Maintaining the Community Investment Act funding will help ensure that wish.

The Community Investment Act money is accumulated through a \$30 land record filing fee. The funds are critical to the existence of those measures that ensure that Connecticut will maintain and build upon the enduring environment of its past. It is at this time of economic difficulties that we all must act prudently and with foresight. We must protect the quality of life that remains.

HPA believes that a key strategy for revitalizing the city and increasing the level of homeownership is to protect and subsequently rehabilitate Hartford's architecturally and historically significant buildings in the city's neighborhoods. The restoration of buildings in these neighborhoods will bring improved housing, less blight and a better quality of life to those who live and work in the city.

Thank you to our members and supporters who actively advocated in saving this vital program. We are proud to have been one of the following 22 groups who collaborated in preserving the Community Investment Act (CIA) funding:

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| <i>Audubon Connecticut</i>                    | <i>CT Community Development Association</i>             |
| <i>CT Farm Bureau</i>                         | <i>CT Farmland Trust</i>                                |
| <i>CT Fund for the Environment</i>            | <i>CT Forest &amp; Park Association</i>                 |
| <i>CT Housing Coalition</i>                   | <i>CT Land Conservation Council</i>                     |
| <i>CT League of Conservation Voters</i>       | <i>CT Main Street Center</i>                            |
| <i>CT Preservation Action</i>                 | <i>CT State Grange</i>                                  |
| <i>CT Trust for Historic Preservation</i>     | <i>Hartford Preservation Alliance</i>                   |
| <i>Local Initiatives Support Corp. (LISC)</i> | <i>1,000 Friends of Connecticut</i>                     |
| <i>Partnership for Strong Communities</i>     | <i>Regional Water Authority</i>                         |
| <i>Sierra Club</i>                            | <i>The Nature Conservancy</i>                           |
| <i>The Trust for Public Land</i>              | <i>Working Lands Alliance / American Farmland Trust</i> |

We need to continue to carefully watch that this fund does not "disappear" in this current legislative session. Other important advocacy work we have undertaken is to preserve and protect the CT Commission on Culture & Tourism offices and staff so that they remain intact and a separate entity. We also advocated for the saving of the CT State Tax Credit Program which is a strong economic development tool that allows for the adaptive reuse of historic buildings from private residences to commercial buildings. One can find current advocacy projects, which we invite you to participate in with us, on our website under the ALERTS/ACTION page. Your voice is needed!!

## www.hartfordpreservation.org

In light of today's deepening economic woes we at HPA want to ask you to appreciate that we have to cut back on expenses. Without exception, every cost to produce printed media has gone up. As part of our efforts it was decided to have this newsletter printed on recycled paper and lesson the amount of color pictures and as you can see, produce a smaller edition. We plan a full color, 16 page addition in the fall of 2009. We do encourage you to log on to our newly up-dated interactive web site. There you will find: information about HPA, Preservation News, a Calendar of Events, Alerts and Actions, Publications, including all of our past newsletters, and our wonderful supporters and more. By using our website to get late-breaking news and upcoming events you will help HPA save dollars and our information will reach you sooner.

### 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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All contributions are deductible to the extent allowed by law.

You can log on to our website and download this form to mail in or simply write the information and send in with your membership dues.

## Supporting HPA

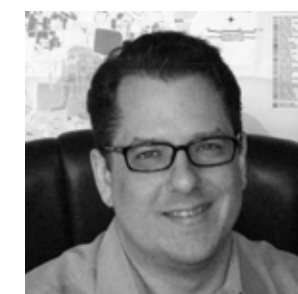
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- CT Commission on Culture & Tourism
- CT Trust for Historic Preservation
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- City of Hartford
- Shipman & Goodwin, LLP
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- Colt Gateway
- Materials Handling Systems, Inc.
- Fiondella, Malone & LaSaracina
- JCJ Architecture
- Westside Property Management

## Board and Staff Updates:

At the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors in January 2009, the directors elected the following board members to serve as Officers and Executive Committee members of HPA.

- Richard Ott, President
- Natalie Sweeney, Vice President
- Kevin Donovan, Treasurer
- Synfoni Bailey-Green, Secretary



Tomas Nenortas, HPA's Historic Resources Advisor has been promoted to Director of Programs. On staff since 2005. Tomas will continue to offer technical assistance to residential homeowners, commercial developers, businesses, city officials, and Hartford's 13 Neighborhood Revitalization Zones (NRZs). He will also continue on as the lead project manager for the 3-year, city-wide, architectural survey of Hartford's neighborhoods. Capitalizing on his extensive knowledge of the city's history and built environment will enable greater protection of the capital city's unique architectural heritage and bring preservation awareness to Hartford's many diverse communities.