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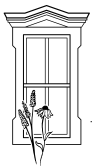
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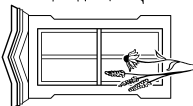


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Preservation Achievement Award Winners

*Cider Gallery
810 Pennsylvania
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7-9pm*

Please join us for a special evening as we honor this year's winners: Dennis Domer, David and Susan Millstein, and Michael Shaw. The Preservation Achievement Award honors individuals or groups who have contributed in extraordinary ways to help preserve buildings or natural sites important to the history of Lawrence and Douglas County.

Dennis Domer is a retired professor of historic preservation, an architectural historian and a past president of LPA. He serves currently as Project Director of the New Cities Initiative in Lawrence. A champion of vernacular architecture, Dennis led a wide-ranging initiative to study and document over one hundred residential East Lawrence structures built before World War II.

David and Susan Millstein have owned the historic Ridenour and Baker (Barteldes Seed after 1880), building on Massachusetts Street for many years. At this site they founded their business Sunflower Surplus (now Sunflower Outdoor and Bike). In the mid- 1980's, they joined with Charles and Tensie Oldfather to purchase the Lawrence Opera House complex on the corner of 7th and Mass., at a time when the 600 block of Massachusetts street was blighted and threatened with mall development. Their painstaking rehabilitation culminated not only in the rebirth of Liberty Hall Theatre, but also paved the way for

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others to found great local businesses La Prima Tazza, The Raven Bookstore, and Free State Brewery.

Michael Shaw, Associate Professor of Classics at the University of Kansas, has been a selfless worker for preservation at the state and local levels over four decades. He and his wife Anne have cared for the S.T. Zimmerman house, built in 1870 in the Second Empire style at 304 Indiana, and made it their home. A longtime board member and past president of LPA, Michael was also a founding member of the statewide preservation group Kansas Preservation Alliance in 1979, and served as KPA president in 1980.

Reserve your space! Include the name(s) of those in your party with a check (\$25 per person), and send it to Lawrence Preservation Alliance, PO Box 1073, Lawrence Ks., 66044...or send us an e-mail at lawrencepreservation@gmail.com and pay at the door. We look forward to seeing you there!

East Lawrence Local Register Listings

A major volunteer effort to document East Lawrence housing stock, begun in 2008 and led by Dr. Dennis Domer, has culminated in action by the City Commission to approve the nominations of twelve vernacular National Folk properties to the Lawrence Register of Historic Places.

The twelve individual listings are part of a broader multiple property context document prepared by the group that offers an in-depth study of typical housing styles with variations built in East Lawrence during the era preceding World War II. The context study provided detailed architectural and historical analysis that was then cited in each of the twelve individual nominations. Without the provided context, that comprehensive research would have had to be included for each of the twelve listings. An added benefit of this work is that future listings of individual properties in the neighborhood will also be able to cite the general information in the context document, which will make those listing projects easier to complete, and allow those new listings to add to the whole of

the documentation already completed.

Another unusual aspect of this project was that Dr. Domer and his group, which included Brenna Buchanan, Dave Evans, and a number of East Lawrence neighborhood leaders, studied each property's interiors as well as the exterior facades. This entailed entering attics and crawlspaces to search for clues to help discover the way each structure evolved over time as multiple additions occurred. Materials and structural systems were documented that simply could not have been seen by a person standing on the sidewalk studying the structure from a distance

While twelve properties made it into our local historic register, 100 properties were initially considered by the group, and 44 were closely studied, so much more is now known about a significant number of East Lawrence properties. The newly-listed properties are 934, 945, 1029 and 1208 Delaware; 821 New York; 936, 946 and 1002 Pennsylvania; and 645, 742, 946 and 1004 Connecticut.

Preservation News

The Lawrence Preservation Alliance has been chosen to receive a 2015 Honor Award for Excellence by the Kansas Preservation Alliance in recognition of the **Lawrence Turnhalle** project. LPA purchased Turnhalle in September 2012 and completed a major stabilization project there before selling the property in December 2014. The presentation will be Friday evening, May 8, at 5:30 pm at the Kansas Statehouse. A reception at the Dillon House will follow. For more information about the event, please visit kpalliance.org.

Who are the preservationists of tomorrow? The Douglas County Heritage Conservation Council and the City of Lawrence want to find out. A **Preservation Youth Summit workshop** is scheduled for May 14, 6:30pm, at the Watkins Museum of History. The goal of the workshop is to plan a hands-on event for later this year where high school and younger students can be introduced to local historic, cultural and natural resources. The workshop will include an overview of successful programs already in place across the na-

tion. Participants will work in groups on how to plan an event that will attract student participation and spark their interest. Anyone involved in preservation-related groups or in the education process (both teachers and students), is invited to attend. Reserve your space by contacting Jan Shupert-Arick at jshupert-arick@douglas-county.com, or call 785-330-2878.

The nine second floor double-hung windows of historic Constitution Hall are now beautifully restored thanks to eighteen participants in the **Lecompton Window Restoration and Weatherization Boot Camp** that was sponsored by the Kansas Historical Society from April 7-10. The boot camp was led by nationally recognized preservationist Bob Yapp, brought to Douglas County by a grant from the Douglas County Heritage Conservation Council. LPA paid the registration fees of three professional participants. Go to our website for their contact information if your old windows need some maintenance.

Carol Buhler Francis passed away on March 21 at the age of 87. Carol led a very full life, of which preservation was a large part. Her friends knew that she was also an accomplished researcher and writer, a strong supporter of downtown Lawrence, active in Girl Scouts and swimming, and was an experienced canoeist! Carol served on the LPA board for many years. She and husband George bought the House building at 731 Massachusetts in 1978. Understanding and caring for that historic structure became a focal point, and through her efforts the building is now listed on local, state and national historic registers.

Carol won the LPA Preservation Achievement Award in 2013. She was one of seventeen people who donated at the \$1000 level and above to help LPA save the Turnhalle. The family has requested memorials be made to LPA, and to date over \$1000 has been raised in her honor.