

Preservation in progress awards

The Preservation in Progress Awards—“PIP Awards” is a new LPA program that began this past May during national preservation month. The PIPs are meant to recognize projects/people that are doing preservation work which improves a structure, environs, promotes preservation concepts, or sets the stage for future preservation efforts. We plan to announce awardees several times a year.

May/June 2012 Awardees

Aaron Paden and Lilly Mason: 1208 Delaware
Whole house rehabilitation.

Gerry Miller: 743 Louisiana

Exterior refurbishing, minor interior re-plastering, redesigning a huge garden, and some electric replacement.

Tom Harper: 2 National Historic Register listings
Ecumenical Christian Ministries at 1204 Oread
Avenue and Hyperbolic Paraboloid 21st and
Alabama Street

Elvira Angeletti: 1015 W. 9th Street

The shop has new brick work at the front entrance which contributes to the preservation of a building that began its life as a neighborhood grocery store.

Great job everyone!



The Paden family



Tom Harper

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LPA Purchases Lawrence Turnhalle

On September 25 LPA initiated a giant step for preservation interests in Lawrence by purchasing the Turnhalle at 900 Rhode Island from Rod Ernst, owner of Ernst Hardware. Turnhalle (1869), the oldest standing community building in Lawrence, was a social and physical fitness center for this city's German-American community until the outbreak of World War I. Many of these citizens, including community leaders and prominent downtown business owners, lived near the Turnhalle on the west side of East Lawrence. LPA believes Turnhalle (pronounced 'Turnhalluh'), to be the most significant threatened historic structure left in Lawrence.

LPA sees itself as an interim owner of the property and, as a non-profit, the best possible owner to complete extensive repairs to the structure's exterior shell. Both community support and grant monies will be needed to achieve this goal. The commercial-zoned property, once stabilized, will be ready to be passed on to a sympathetic, preservation buyer with the ability to bring the Turnhalle back to full use and a vibrant place within the Lawrence community.

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Turnhalle has been owned by the Ernst family for generations since the 1930s. The Ernst family were members of the Lawrence Turnverein, the social organization that met at the Turnhalle. Rod approached LPA in the belief that LPA would be the most likely entity to preserve the structure and continue its rich history. It took over three months to negotiate terms of the sale.

This is the biggest rehabilitation project ever attempted by LPA. To succeed we will need the support and goodwill of the entire Lawrence community. There will be much more to come regarding this major story.

You are invited to the LPA Annual Meeting

Oct. 21, Sunday, 2:30–4pm

Watkins Museum Community Room

All members are encouraged to join us for this once-a-year gathering. We'll start with a short business meeting to recap LPA initiatives of the last year and preview what's on tap in the coming year (Turnhalle!). At 3 o'clock, we will welcome Steve Nowak (spelled with a 'w' but pronounced 'Novak'), as our guest speaker. Steve is the new executive director of the Watkins Museum.

Steve was hired by a revamped and refreshed board of directors of the Douglas County Historical Society in March 2011. Together they have done extensive planning for the future vitality of the Watkins Museum, and have begun implementing those plans.

Steve will discuss the broader goals for the museum and bring us up to date on a major core exhibit to be completed by fall of 2013. Fundraising for the entire project is about half complete, and

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Verdell Taylor, Jr., Carol von Tersch

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includes significant private donations. This year the museum received a critical grant of \$100,000 from the Douglas County Heritage Conservation Council. Show your support for both LPA and the Watkins Museum by making plans to attend!

Learn how to fix those old windows at our Window Repair Workshop

Oct. 13, Saturday, 9am–Noon

1313 Massachusetts

If you could do one and only one thing to improve the energy-efficiency of your older home, what would it be: **A)** replace your original windows with new vinyl ones, or **B)** buy a high-efficiency furnace? If you answered 'B', you are showing an understanding of how preservation and sustainability can go hand in hand!

On October 13 we will offer our second free hands-on double-hung window repair workshop for do-it-yourself homeowners and building repair professionals. Dismantling, re-roping, glazing, epoxy repair and caulking will all be covered while we work on actual original windows in the little beige house just south of the Castle Tea Room.

Our first seminar in June was well-attended and everyone, including the presenters, learned a few things. Space is limited so please pre-register for this seminar at lawrencepreservation.org.

Old Housewarming

Nov. 11, Sunday, 1–3pm

1701 Tennessee

Join us at the Albach House for a tour of one of the oldest surviving residential structures in Lawrence. Built in the mid-1850s, the property includes a carriage house. This home was a frequent overnight stop for travelers on the Oregon Trail, and the home's history also includes stories about Quantrill, his raiders, and a ghost named

George. Featured on the House Beautiful Tour by the American Association of University Women in 1952, it is now cared for sixty years later by LPA members Tim and Judy Keller, who have graciously invited LPA members to visit and learn about this historic Lawrence home.

2012 KPA awards

Kansas Preservation Alliance 2012 Awards for Excellence were presented May 18 at Memorial Hall in Topeka, and as usual the Lawrence area was well-represented, including some of our favorite folks. Stan and Joni Hernly, and Mike Myers, of Hernly Associates, were honored for their work on the Horace & Rosemond Lamborn Farmstead North Barn, a structure built in 1890 in Leavenworth County. Joni currently serves as secretary on the LPA board.

Josh Davis, another LPA board member, and Julia Manglitz, who has also served on the LPA board, were honored for their work with Treanor Architects as part of the project team for Exterior masonry Preservation at the Kansas Statehouse, a painstaking, multi-year task.

