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BE A PART OF CPR’S MEMBERSHIP DRIVE!

Be a part of your historic community in 2019 and renew your membership or become a new member of CPR. The attached envelope lists the membership categories from $10 for a student up to $1,000 for a Butte Preservationist. You can select the category you like.

It’s simple: Put your check in the envelope and mail it to CPR or visit our website and use PayPal in our Membership tab. Be as active in our organization as you want: attend board meetings, work on Historic Improvement Project grants, volunteer for Dust to Dazzle or our Salvage Sales, present a workshop or attend one. You get to choose, but in any case, your dollars are an important contribution to our community.

And make your dollars grow by spreading the word that CPR is looking for new members. Butte CPR is a non-profit 501(c)(3) and your contribution is tax deductible.

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TWO SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS GET CPR FUNDING

CPR made a decision in August to fund two or three high-profile projects and invited prospective grantees to its September meeting. We are pleased to announce that the Stephens Block and the Basin Creek Caretaker’s House are the recipients.

STEPHENS BLOCK

CPR donated $7,500 for restoration of the mercantile look of the 1900s on the Stephens Block (SE corner of Park and Montana Streets). The Fishers, owners of the Pita Pit and Taco del Sol, did extensive work on both buildings and intend to carry the design of Taco del Sol to the rest of the building to the east. The building received new windows this summer to alleviate the pigeon problem and keep the weather from doing more damage on the interior. The Fishers believe the spaces will attract other businesses to the Uptown business district.

BASIN CREEK CARETAKER’S HOUSE

Butte-Silver Bow submitted a grant proposal in September to the MT Office of Tourism & Business Development for interior and exterior work on the house. If awarded, the grant funds will go toward making the building livable by installing new mechanical and electrical systems, kitchen and bathroom updates, and exterior improvements. The cost of the project is $143,700. CPR approved a match of $10,000, bringing BSB’s financial commitment to $47,900. We will learn if the grant is approved in mid-December.

A LETTER TO MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS

With 2018 drawing to an end and 2019 beginning, Butte Citizens for Preservation and Revitalization is entering its 25th year of activity in Butte. What began as a citizens group interested in Butte’s nationally important architectural heritage has remained true to the same focus a quarter of a century later. This volunteer organization has kept with its mission of encouraging revitalization of Butte through education, advocacy and financial support for Butte’s historical properties.

Our educational program in 2018 centered on the Dust to Dazzle building tour in late June. This event has grown through the years but reached incredible success in 2017 and 2018. Participation by community members and others from many parts of Montana and other states served to highlight great work in this community and inspires many to start or finish other historical improvement projects.

In the past year, Butte CPR has continued to press for renovation of the Basin Creek Caretaker’s House and has committed matching funds for a grant application. We have worked with the Historical Preservation Commission on this and other matters in the past years. The impending rebuilding of the Town Pump service station and store at Montana and Platinum is an ongoing topic for our community where we, and hopefully all interested citizens, will advocate for a historically appropriate design for this gateway location. Please stay tuned and involved in this.

Our Historical Improvement Program (HIP) grant program has been ongoing ever since we started fundraising. Most funds are derived from our Salvage Sales, the Dust to Dazzle Tour and individual donations. This year we committed to partly funding five projects. However, the pool of applications was weak this year. We want to encourage people to bring forward high-impact façade improvement projects when our request for proposals goes out in January or February. Because of the small size of the 2018 grants, we reached out to building owners and are funding some significant façade improvement projects.

We all hope for a safe, happy and successful upcoming year. It’s time to do those indoor projects through the winter and plan for those outdoor projects once the weather starts shifting toward summer.

Cheers to all,

Larry Smith
For the Board of Directors
2018 MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS

MINER'S COTTAGE
Debbie Bishop, Kris & Rick Douglass, Stephen Foreman, Janice & Peter Lucon, Kathlene McNamee, Lynn Schilling, Judy & Darryl Scott, Toni & Paul Seccomb, Betty & Steve Wing

COPPER KING
Mitzi Rossillon, Larry & Debbie Smith

BUNGALOW
Jeannette Barnes, Linda Borton, Sheri & Joel Broudy, Cari Coe, Joe Grifflin & Sherry Vogel, Phyllis Hargrave, Janice & Mike Hogan, Lee & Katherine Maxwell, Pat & Judy Mohan, DJ & DC Mueller, Noorjahan Parwana & Mark Syverson, Ernie Richards, Bobbi & Mark Stauffer, Mitch Werner & John Jakupcak

BUTTE PRESERVATIONIST
Danielle & Jeff Zimmerman, O'Rourke Building

ITALIANATE
Ingrid Akerblom, David Arbogast, Donna Capps, Butch Gerbrantd & Gretchen Geller, Finlen Hotel Complex, Susan McQuarrie & Charlie Anderson, Richard Nelson & Kristi Dunks, Fred Quivik, Don & Irene Scheidecker, Jason Silvernale, Julie Tramm & Mike Sheehy

QUEEN ANNE
Suzanne Held & Michael Herring, Samuel & Marie Kocosish, Don Kronenberger, Thomas Nance, Nancy O'Donnell, Brad O'Neill, Triple S, Lee Troman & Jan Cronquist

CPR HAS NEW ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR

Lee Whitney started working with CPR in September to provide administrative and public relations services. Lee's understanding of the importance of Uptown Butte makes sense considering her background. Lee grew up in the Dublin Gulch on Butte's northside. Her fondness for the Gulch led her to co-author a book entitled Butte's Irish Heart to honor her family and express admiration for her neighbors who grew up in the shadow of the Kelley Mine. Following the book's publication, Lee secured funding for an interpretive signage project that memorialized the Gulch, Corktown, Muckerville, and the Anaconda Road, all neighborhoods in the predominately Irish area surrounding St. Mary's Church.

Throughout her professional career, Lee held administrative and technical writing positions and has written numerous successful grant proposals. Lee retired from the Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives as Assistant Director after being closely involved in the renovation and construction project that made the Archives a quintessential archival facility in the Northwest. She has maintained a connection with the organization through volunteer work on the Smithers' photograph collection and serves on its Board of Directors.

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VOLUNTEERS
A mega-sized THANK YOU! to our many volunteers who helped with the Dust to Dazzle Tour, the Salvage Sales, the Central Butte SARTA Project, and our Historic Improvement Projects.

DUST TO DAZZLE, SALVAGE SALES AND SARTA GRANT FUND CPR PROJECTS

This year, six historic buildings that feature turn-of-the-century architecture brought Butte’s past alive during CPR’s annual Dust to Dazzle Tour on June 23, 2018. The event was very successful, generating $8,500.00 in income. Although Salvage Sales for 2018 were not as successful as in previous years, the sales garnered $3,094.00 thanks in part to the sale of donated radiators. CPR received a $20,000 grant from SARTA for home improvement projects in Central Butte, most of which are completed. We will highlight those residences, the buildings from the Dust to Dazzle Tour and the HIP projects we funded in our Annual Report (due for release during the first quarter of 2019).

WANTED
WELDER
CPR hopes to revive its project of safeguarding wrought iron gates from theft. Wrought iron is obviously a much sought-after item, and many gates in the community have been stolen. CPR helped a number of people in the past by welding their gates to alleviate theft. CPR wants to restart that project. All we need is a welder who is willing to volunteer some time. Volunteers, anyone?

WORKSHOPS
We always look for individuals to hold formal or informal workshops centered on building improvement skills where historical features can be improved or recreated. If you have experience in appropriate painting, rebuilding, or maintenance procedures, the board encourages you to reach out and propose a workshop in the coming year. Volunteers, anyone?