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SPIRITS of BINGHAMTON's PAST

PAST's third annual Halloween event will take place on Friday night, October 22.

Spirits of Binghamton's PAST is a nighttime walking tour through downtown Binghamton, featuring ghostly appearances by personalities from Binghamton's history.

Visitors will witness Dr. S. Andral Kilmer brewing his patented Swamp Root Kidney, Liver and Bladder Remedy, then travel through another dimension, *not only of sight and sound, but of mind...* to meet Rod Serling at the new bus station.

Joshua Whitney will greet visitors at Christ Church which he founded 200 years ago.

Other personalities making appearances include Nellie Connor, heroine of the 1913 Binghamton Clothing Company Fire, architects Isaac Perry and Truman I. Lacey, Willis Sharpe Kilmer, and serial killer Edward Ruloff, hanged in Binghamton in 1871.



John Darrow, as Dr. S. Andral Kilmer

Don't miss this event... the best ***Spirits of Binghamton's PAST*** tour yet! The tour starts at Christ Church, 10 Henry Street, Binghamton, and returns to Christ Church where refreshments will be served. Groups leave every 15 minutes starting at 6:00pm, with the last group leaving at 8:00pm.

Cost for the tour is \$7 per person, or \$25 per family. Tickets may be purchased on-line at PAST's website, www.pastny.org, or by contacting the PAST office, 607-237-0887, located at 89 Court Street, Binghamton.

Come meet the *Spirits of Binghamton's PAST* – Friday night, October 22

COMING EVENTS

SPIRITS OF BINGHAMTON'S PAST

Friday, October 22, 2010, 6 – 8 pm

A Halloween Walking Tour of Downtown Binghamton. Encounter spirits of the past and hear curious tales of murder, mayhem and history.

Meet at Christ Church, 10 Henry St., Binghamton and park in MetroCenter lot (free). Tours begin at 6pm and leave every 15 minutes. Tour ends with refreshments.

Rain or Shine!

\$7 per person/ \$25 per family.

Tickets may be purchased by credit card at PAST's website: www.pastny.org, or contact PAST at 607-237-0887.

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE IN HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Mark your calendar for a wonderful evening, Tuesday, November 2, 2010 at the Helen Foley Theatre at Binghamton High School. More information about the event will be mailed to members.

HOLIDAY PARTY

Scheduled for Friday, December 10., at a location to be determined. Members will receive invitations by mail.

PAST SALVAGE SHOWROOM

Pick up an architectural treasure at the SALVAGE SHOWROOM, open first and third Saturdays of each month., 9:00am – 1:00pm, 21 North Depot Street, Binghamton.

Get directions and details at www.pastny.org.

FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK

Make the historic Perry Building in downtown Binghamton your first destination for every **First Friday Art Walk!** PAST's exhibits are always interesting, filled with photographs and information regarding local architecture and historic preservation.

- First Friday, November 5, 6-9pm **Green Men of Binghamton**
- First Friday, December 3, 6-9pm **To Be Announced**

For more information call the PAST office: 607-237-0887
or visit www.pastny.org

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Make note of PAST's new Office Hours:

Monday through Friday
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WATSON

Review by Marilyn Gaddis-Rose

WSKG held a focused fund-raiser, September 9, bearing on PAST's current **Eyes on Five** initiative.

Brian Frey presented film clips and anecdotes for "Watson," a proposed film on Thomas J. Watson and to a lesser extent on George F. Johnson.

The film clips, preserved in 35 mm, came from IBM archives and included snippets of a parade for a sales meeting in 1919, the official opening of the factory in December 15, 1942, a "Square Deal Town," an award ceremony from the Army and Navy for contributions to the World War II, a June 13, 1953 celebration at the IBM Country Club as well as a ceremonial meeting of Watson and Johnson prior to the latter's death in 1948.

Gerald Smith, WSKG Board chair, and Brian Sickora, WSKG President and Chief Executive Officer, preceded Frey, who is WSKG Television operations director.

The Southerntiersmen performed, both before and after Frey's presentation.



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First Fridays are PAST Fridays at the Perry Building

Binghamton's *First Friday Art Walk* seems to get better each month, and now, with PAST located in the historic Perry Building right in the center of downtown Binghamton, there's a whole new reason to "walk the walk." Each month PAST has an exciting and informative exhibit on display. The exhibit is open from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm during the *First Friday Art Walk*, and may also be seen during office hours throughout the month. Call PAST for more information or to schedule a group visit: 607-237-0887.

CASTLE ON THE HILL

September 3



On First Friday, September 3, PAST featured a display of the New York State Inebriate Asylum. Designed by Isaac Perry in 1858, this was the first facility in the country designed for the treatment of alcoholism. Later converted to an asylum for treatment of mental health, it served in this capacity until closing in 1993.

The exhibit featured rare interior photographs, vintage lithographs, historic documents, and a continuous slide presentation on the history and current status of this historic landmark.

GREEN MEN OF BINGHAMTON

October 1 and November 5

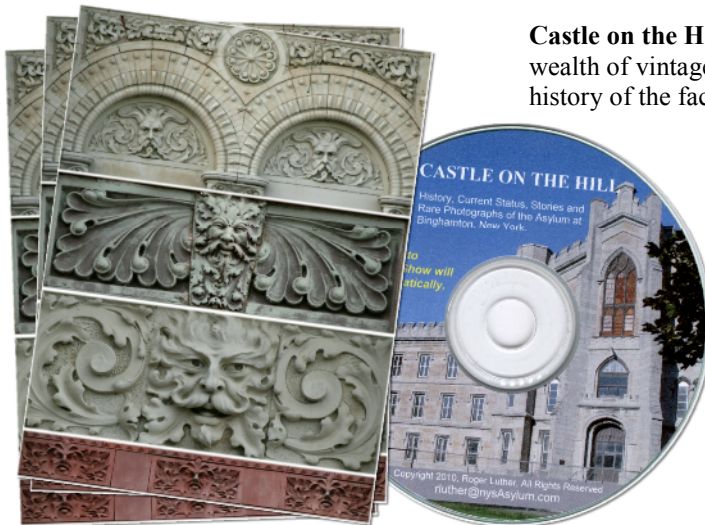
The "Green Man" has appeared in architecture of many cultures for over 2,000 years. It is usually depicted as a male face surrounded by foliage and is symbolic of renewal, rebirth, and new life.

Many fine examples of Green Men can be found in the Binghamton area, and some of the most exquisite were on the recently demolished Ross Building.

Along with posters and photographs, this exhibit includes actual Green Men salvaged from the Ross Building prior to demolition.



Gifts and collectibles from PAST's First Friday exhibits are now available on a limited basis!



Castle on the Hill – A computer slide presentation on CD contains a wealth of vintage and current photographs, rare original documents, a history of the facility and current status.

Green Men of Binghamton – A set of five note cards showing some of the finest examples of this unique architectural feature in the Southern Tier.

Both of these items are great collectibles, and make perfect gifts for anyone interested in the historic and architectural treasures of our area.

Each item is available for a donation of \$10 or more to PAST. *Get some today before they're gone...*

a perfect way to
***Promote This Area's Architectural Treasures,
and Support Their Preservation!***

Update: Eyes on Five

Last May PAST identified five historic and endangered structures in the Southern Tier. Following is a status report on each.

Carnegie Library

The building continues to be listed for sale or lease by its out-of-state owner. An appraisal survey prompted by Broome County was recently completed, however, possible future plans for the structure are unknown at this time.

Stone Opera House

When roof repair work stalled in July, the City of Binghamton took action against the out-of-state owner. Repair work then resumed and roof repair is now nearly complete. PAST recently learned that roof repair work has once again come to a halt and informed the City. A potential buyer remains interested in the building.

Broadmoor Hall

A Connecticut firm has been contracted by the Dormitory Authority of New York State (DASNY) to perform an archeological study in preparation for proposed demolition of Broadmoor and Wagner Halls and construction of a Broome County nursing home.

Masonic Temple

The building remains for sale by its out-of-state owner.

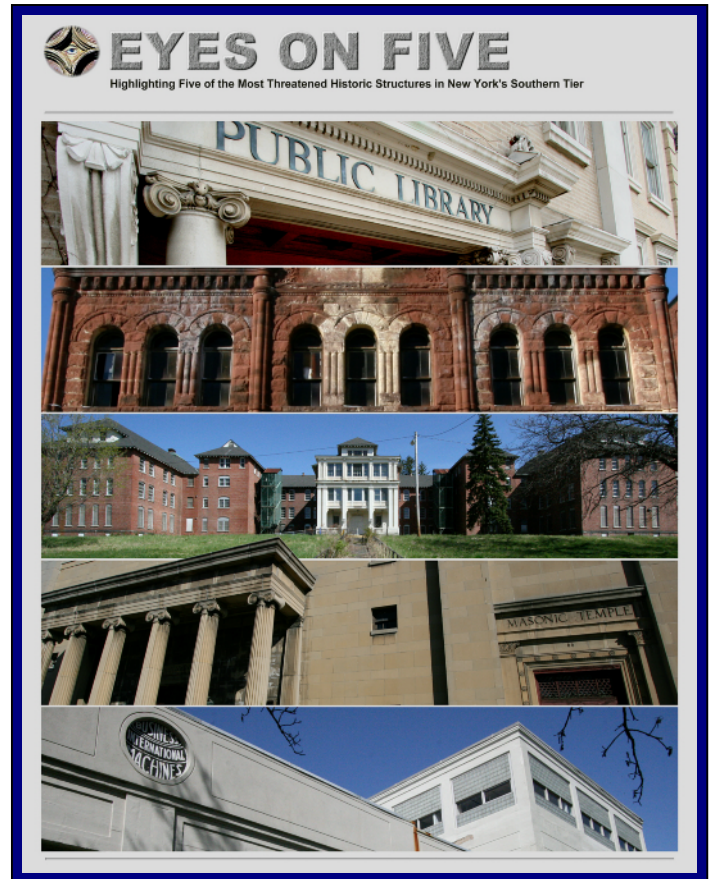
Original IBM Complex

Demolition of original buildings continues to be widely rumored, but any such plans are unconfirmed at this point.

Other news:

As reported in the Binghamton Press & Sun-Bulletin, October 7, 2010, U.S. Rep. Maurice Hinchey, D-Hurley, announced that the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior and Environment has put aside \$750,000 for repairs and upgrades to the Forum Theatre in Binghamton. Plans include restoration of the building's façade, a new marquee, and new seats. The Forum was built in 1919 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Demolition of First Baptist Church of Johnson City began September 17. The building had previously been purchased by neighboring Wilson Hospital. Following demolition the property reportedly will be used as a parking lot for the hospital.



First Baptist Church of Johnson City prior to demolition.



Demolition in progress, September 17, 2010.

See photos of the demolition at <http://nysLandmarks.com/jcbaptist>

PROFILE

GETTING TO KNOW OUR BOARD MEMBERS

Marilyn Gaddis-Rose

by Kay Buckley

Meet a new member of the PAST Board of Directors: Marilyn Gaddis-Rose. Born and raised in Missouri, Marilyn is the daughter of an historian, and, as such, she shared her father's "love of the Border South." She reveals that she "transferred that love and interest to Binghamton" when she moved here in August 1968. Prior to becoming a Board member, Marilyn worked on the Landmark newsletter committee.

As a lifelong resident of Binghamton's West Side, Marilyn enjoys the history of her neighborhood, and, in terms of preservation, prefers "seeing an old building put to new use (like using the old Carnegie Library for government offices) than seeing a new building put up."

Marilyn has earned numerous degrees including a B. A. in English, Summa Cum Laude; an M. A. in French from the University of South Carolina (Phi Beta Kappa); and a PhD in French from the University of Missouri. In addition to her degrees, she has been awarded research grants and honors from Stephens College, the American Translators Association, the Alexander Gode medal; and the Binghamton University Excellence in International Education Award. Currently, Marilyn teaches in the Comparative Literature Department of Binghamton University where she has also served as Chair. When she isn't teaching, Marilyn attends conferences and workshops while, at the same time, serves on a number of editorial boards.

Besides being a preservation enthusiast, this busy woman is also a walking enthusiast. Most early mornings, you can see her walking west on Leroy Street. However, she is also a loyal Broome Transit rider.

The PAST Board welcomes Marilyn to its membership.

PAST is very pleased to announce the following Corinthian and Doric Level donors:

- Thomas and Patricia Davis
- Marilyn Gaddis-Rose
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Help a good cause and beautify your home and neighborhood by participating in PAST's Fall 2010 Dutch Flower Bulb Fundraiser. Just go to the PAST website www.pastny.org and click on 'PAST Shop' (at the bottom of the left-hand menu) to find out about this fun opportunity. Then click on the photo of the flowers to see the catalog of beautiful Dutch bulbs that have been selected for planting in our New York region. **PAST will earn 50% of your purchase to benefit preservation!**

Ordering is easy – just enter the quantity you desire in the box and pay with your credit card. Bulbs are delivered to your home complete with planting instructions. Choose from daffodils, crocus, lilies, hyacinths, tulips and more. Your bulbs are guaranteed to be top quality and guaranteed to grow. If you are not completely satisfied with your purchase, the Van Bourgondien company will send you a replacement, free of charge. You may also place your order at the office with a check at First Friday in November. All orders must be placed by November 30th for colorful Spring blooms!



Help promote this fundraiser by telling all your friends and family to order at www.pastny.org.

Plant now for colorful Spring blooms!

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING PAST!

My Space

Message from the Executive Director

Dear Members of PAST,

I am thrilled to acknowledge PAST's FIRST Corinthian PATRON Donor – Marilyn Gaddis-Rose. Marilyn has recently joined our board of directors and has shown her commitment to preservation by choosing the Corinthian level of membership. We hope she will inspire others with a passion for preservation to do the same.

PAST receives its revenue from three main sources:

1. Programs – primarily from the House and Garden Tours
2. Grants - primarily from New York Council on the Arts
3. Membership

In the past three years, revenue from our House and Garden Tours has dropped significantly, probably due to the economy and sometimes due to the weather. The NYSCA grant has steadily decreased. This year the grant is 25% less than that of three years ago. And because of New York State budget woes, we will be fortunate to receive any amount in the future. While our income goes down, our expenses are rising. For example, rent has increased due to the unexpected move from our Front Street location to the Perry Building on Court Street.

So you see how important your membership and financial support of PAST has become. If you have chosen an individual membership before, please think about a family membership this year. If circumstances allow, we ask you to consider becoming a PATRON of PAST. There are three PATRON levels: Doric (\$250), Ionic (\$500) and Corinthian (\$1,000). Each level comes with thank you gifts and free guest passes to events. These levels also make great Christmas gifts to honor someone, or to remember a loved one. You will also receive the personal satisfaction in knowing you are a part of preserving our community's architectural and cultural heritage, because a PATRON of PAST is dedicated to protecting the unique and historic sites where we have lived, played, worked and worshiped.

Thank You for being an important part of PAST!

Jane De Hawkhurst
Executive Director



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Days of Future PAST

A Message from the President

Often, while working in the PAST office at the Perry Building, I find myself looking out those huge windows so characteristic of Isaac Perry's cast iron landmark. The view is magnificent... every space filled with a wealth of architecture and history, including Court house square, the Soldiers and Sailors' monument, old City Hall, Security Mutual, Carnegie Library. It just doesn't get much better than this.

It's interesting to watch the people. Many are looking up, some searching for our resident Peregrine Falcon family, but most simply admiring the architecture. Many visitors have cameras in hand.

Maybe I'm biased, but surrounded by all this grandeur, it seems the looks and cameras seem to be directed most often toward the Perry Building. Even without gazing out the windows, one still is aware of the interest in our building. It comes in the form of occasional "tap, tap, tap" sounds. Invariably, passersby just can't resist the temptation to knock on the outside walls of the structure just to confirm that it is indeed made of cast iron.

One Saturday while leaving the office I noticed two out of state visitors admiring the building. As I walked out the door, sure enough, one man was knocking on the cast iron wall. He had never seen such an ornate building and wanted to know more about it. We talked for some time, and before leaving I told him about **Binghamton PAST**, our free cell phone tour of historic buildings, and pointed out a sign in the window showing the phone number to call for the automated tour, 240-5221.

The visitors were very impressed with our city and its magnificent architecture. As I drove away, they were still looking at the building, but now holding cell phones to their ear.

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