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Fall 2015

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Marcia Ward:

We have settled into our new office at 21 N. Depot St in Binghamton, adjacent to the PAST Salvage Center. We welcome our members to visit the office and browse our library. If you are researching your house style or your house history, we may be able to offer assistance. The office is open 10AM -2PM, Monday-Friday, but arrangements can be made if you are not able to visit during those hours.

Dave Hawley has enthusiastically agreed to chair the Advocacy Committee and is looking for members to help him. He plans to reevaluate PAST's "Eyes on Five" (our most endangered buildings) and increase our efforts to educate the community about the value of preserving our architectural heritage. We have commitments from some Board members to serve on the committee, and we invite interested members to join, as well. The time commitment would be no more than one meeting per month. We would really like to get representation from Tioga County. Please contact the office if Advocacy is something you would like to get involved with.



The Board is also planning more educational programs and workshops for the coming year. We would welcome suggestions and specific topics from our members, so that we can provide helpful programs that will be well-attended.

Some ideas suggested include: repairing old windows; researching your house history; selecting historic paint colors; and the history of specific buildings or neighborhoods. Please let us know what you would like to attend and the time of day that you would prefer.

Please consider joining us for the "Spirits of Binghamton's Past" on the evening of October 16th. The talented troupe of "Spirits" provide a fascinating view into Binghamton's History. If you have attended in the past, there are new spirits every year. If you have never attended, it's an exciting and educational way to enjoy the architecture and historical figures of Binghamton.

COMING EVENTS

PAST is offering these wonderful upcoming events. Please support PAST with your attendance ... and bring a friend!

Spirits of Binghamton's Past Tour

Friday October 16th, 6- 9pm

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Members Holiday Party

Friday December 11th

Save the date!

COMING EVENTS

2015 SPIRITS OF BINGHAMTON's PAST TOUR - Friday October 16th, 6pm – 9pm Tours begin every 15 min. at Christ Church, 10 Henry St, Binghamton



PAST is proud to present its annual Spirits of Binghamton's Past walking tour. The tour is a walking tour of downtown with speakers from Binghamton's past. The tour will leave every 15 minutes from Christ Episcopal Church.

Reservations are highly recommended as this tour sells out quickly. Walk-in's will be accepted on a first come first served basis. To reserve tickets and your tour time, or for more information call Julia at 607-237-0887. Sorry- but this tour is not handicapped or stroller accessible.



Ticket Prices: Adults: \$10, Children 14 & Under: \$5.

Purchase tickets online: www.pastny.org or by calling 607-237-0887.

BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY ART MUSEUM EXHIBITION

Reclaiming Ruins: The New York State Inebriate Asylum and Other "Abandonscapes" by A.D. Wheeler

Thursday, September 17 – Saturday, December 19, 2015



The Binghamton University Art Museum will open its fall exhibitions on Thursday, September 17, 2015. The Main Gallery exhibition, Reclaiming Ruins: The New York State Inebriate Asylum and Other "Abandonscapes" by A.D. Wheeler, is guest curated by Julia Walker, Assistant Professor of Art History and PAST Board Member. The exhibition will be on view through December 19, 2015.

NEWS AND UPDATES

2015 HOUSE TOUR

PAST had a very successful 2015 House Tour of 5 beautiful Binghamton homes. Hope you enjoyed it. Below are a few of the highlights of this year's tour.

*"SAVE THE DATE" - For 2016, PAST's Historical House Tour which traditionally has been in May, has been moved to **September 17th**. Stay tuned for more information as we get closer to the date. Don't forget to enter it on your calendars!*



NEWS AND UPDATES

2015 ANNUAL MEETING AND OPEN HOUSE

PAST's 2015 annual meeting was combined with an open house of our new office and the salvage center.

At the meeting PAST honored:

- St. Patrick's Catholic Church (Leroy St)
- 86 Carroll Street (OFB Apartment building)

with our 2015 Historic Preservation Awards.

PAST was also honored in May by the Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce as an organization of the week.

Opposite are a few highlights of this year's annual meeting and open house.



PAST 2015/16 BUDGET

Our 2015/16 budget has been approved, and requires PAST to explore new fundraising ideas to increase income. We welcome your input, suggestions, and support for new fundraising ideas. Please contact President Marcia Ward (797-0875, cell 725-3535) with your input and ideas.

Ideas already approved:

- Small \$5 increase in membership dues (first increase in a very long time)
- End of year appeal to members
- Business and students membership drive

Additional ideas being explored:

- Then and now photos sale; photography contest
- Renewed focus on grants; partner with like-minded groups
- 2016 gala linked to Eyes on Five sites and/or Historic Preservation Award winners

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2015 PAST SACRED SITES OPEN HOUSE By Ron Borgna:

The third annual Sacred Sites Open House Sunday was held on Sunday, May 17, 2015. This year included twenty sacred sites in Binghamton, Endicott, Endwell and Johnson City. This was a state-wide event sponsored by the New York Landmarks Conservancy and co-sponsored locally by the Sacred Sites Committee of PAST. Various architectural styles, including Gothic, Romanesque, Byzantine and Modern were featured at the sites along with guided tours and photo displays. The Sacred Sites Committee wishes to thank all the participating sacred sites, pastors and volunteers who gave their time to make this event a success.



Stained glass window depicts Descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost at Holy Spirit, Byzantine Catholic Church Binghamton



Iconostasis (icon screen) at Dormition of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church, Binghamton

2015 GARDEN TOUR

PAST also had a very successful 26th annual Garden Tour of 5 beautiful Gardens in Endwell. Hope you enjoyed it! Below are a few of the highlights of this year's tour.



ONGOING EVENTS

ARCHITECTURAL SALVAGE CENTER

PAST's salvage center at 21 North Depot St is open the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month. Karen Anderson and her dedicated group of volunteers have been 'salvaging' several homes in our area and have some very special new items. See pictures of new items at:

<https://www.facebook.com/ArchitecturalSalvageCenter>

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PROFILE

PAST Board Member

Profile: Jeff Lubs

Jeff Lubs joined the PAST Board of Directors in 2015. He has had a lifelong interest in history and architecture. Jeff looks forward to working with the Fund Development and Membership Committees. He also is interested in helping with the organization's accounting and finance functions.

Jeff grew up on Binghamton's West Side and currently lives there. He has a great appreciation for local landmarks that he remembers from the 1950's and 1960's; shopping in all the old buildings downtown, taking classes in the Roberson Mansion, and visiting Grover's Pig Stand. Some of these structures are still here for us to enjoy. Others have been lost.

When not working Jeff enjoys home improvement projects (not a historic building), as well as hiking, skiing and kayaking on local trails and waters. Trips to the Adirondacks are scheduled as often as possible. Jeff holds a BA in History from Muskingum College, New Concord, OH and an MBA from Northeastern University, Boston, MA. For the past twenty years he has been the Controller of Binghamton Material Handling, Inc.

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