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PAST -- Saving for Our Future

Spring 2016



By Marcia Ward:

The Binghamton University School of Pharmacy will bring a great opportunity for revitalization to downtown Johnson City. The university will break ground this spring on the School's 90,000 square foot facility on the corner of Corliss Ave and Faatz Alley. The new building is expected to open in 2018, which will bring at least 300 students, faculty and staff to this area, one block from the commercial heart of Main Street. This area will also attract pharmaceutical industries, as it has been designated a tax-advantaged zone through the Start-Up NY program.

Even more exciting for those of us interested in preservation and adaptive re-use, is the recent news that one of the EJ factories will become home to the Binghamton University Decker School of Nursing. One of the projects that received funding through the Southern Tier Upstate Revitalization Initiative, is the rehabilitation of the factory at 48 Corliss Ave in Johnson City. The School of Nursing will relocate to this building and become part of the Health Sciences and Technology Innovation Park. The upper floors of the former factory will be leased to businesses in the pharmaceutical industry.

Another positive note for preservation and adaptive re-use is the Goodwill Theatre Performing Arts Complex.

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COMING EVENTS

Please support PAST with your attendance at these upcoming events...and bring a friend!

Everyone Has A Hometown Photography Contest May 3rd to 28th, see page 2

PAST Annual Meeting & Preservation Awards May 19th, 6pm, see page 3

PAST Booth at the Home and **Antiques Shows** Apr 9-10, 15-17, see page 3

Sacred Sites Open House Binghamton, Johnson City, Endicott, Endwell. Sun May 22nd, 11am-4pm, see page 4

PAST 2016 Garden Tour **Enchanting Endicott Gardens** Sat June 4th, 1-4pm, see page 5



EVERYONE HAS A HOMETOWN PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST 2016, May 3rd to May 28th



Sponsored by the Preservation Association of the Southern Tier

With partial funding by a United Cultural Fund Grant from the Broome County Arts Council



Three of the goals of the Preservation Association of the Southern Tier (PAST) are to advocate for the heritage of our communities, educate and improve civic engagement. We ask that the photo subjects reflect the cultural, historical and architectural elements that are found in Broome County.

The Art Mission and Theater has graciously agreed to allow us to use their Gallery for the month of May. Burger Monday on Henry Street has agreed to be our back up gallery if needed.

May 3rd 3:00 to 6:30

Entrants may bring their framed photography to The Art Mission and Theater, 61 Prospect Street, Binghamton (http://artmissions.org). Applications will be available at the Art Mission, at the PAST Salvage Center, 21 North Depot Street and at PAST's web site (http://pastny.org). Each photo requires a short application and a \$15 entrance fee. Students in High School or Middle School will have a \$10 fee. Make checks payable to PAST.

Photos need to be framed and ready to be hung. A 3 X 5 card needs to be attached to the back of the frame and be filled out with the title of the picture, where in Broome County it was shot, the name of the photographer, their email address and phone number. *Note: The photographer does not have to be from the town that they photograph.* Judges will use the number assigned to the frame to determine winners.

May 6th First Friday to May 28th - Everyone Has A Hometown Photography Show The three judges will select two winners.

There will be a People's Choice voting box at the Art Mission Gallery and the third winner will be decided by voting. First Friday to May 28th the photography show will be available to the community to vote. Please refer to The Art Mission site for their hours.

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST JUDGES

A Reputation for Excellence. **Chuck Haupt** is based in upstate New York. His work during his 30-year career at the Binghamton Press & Sun-Bulletin is recognized throughout the region for its impact and excellence. Chuck is known for his captivating images of residents of New York's Southern Tier, images that reveal character and evoke a powerful response (<u>www.chuckhaupt.com</u>).

Kirk and Lesli Van Zandbergen are commercial photographers who met at a photography school in California and moved to the Binghamton area in 1982. Kirk left a local business as a staff photographer after 11 years and joined his wife in her freelance business. They are at every happening in the Southern Tier catching action shots, working for local business promotions, doing portraits and finding time to enter photography contests (www.vzphoto.com). Kirk was awarded "Best of Show" this year in the Bob Johnston Memorial Photography Show and Competition.

PAST 2016 HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS

Do you have a building/preservation effort you would like to nominate for a historic preservation award? If so please contact Kim Leonard: kimberlyjleonard@gmail.com, 607-759-6028.

2016 ANNUAL MEETING - May 19th, 6pm

The annual meeting of your PAST organization provides a good opportunity to share your input and suggestions, and to better understand where PAST has been and where we are headed. Please bring a dish or drink item to share and we hope to see you at the meeting! The location of the meeting will be finalized in April.

PAST will present the 2016 Historic Preservation Awards at the annual meeting. See who's making a difference in our communities and preserving historic properties and landmarks for future generations! For more information call the PAST office at 607-237-0887.

VISIT THE PAST BOOTHS AT THESE SPRING EVENTS

STHBA Home Show – April 9th and 10th at BU Events Center

Sertoma Antiques Show – April 15th, 16th, 17th at SUNY Broome

SACRED SITES Open House - Sunday May 22nd, 11am-4pm

By Ron Borgna:

The New York Landmarks Conservancy is once again sponsoring a statewide Sacred Sites Open House on Sunday, May 22th, 2016. This local event is hosted by the Sacred Sites Committee of the Preservation Association of the Southern Tier (PAST). It is free and open to the public. Sacred Sites in Binghamton, Johnson City, Endicott and Endwell will be welcoming visitors at varied times from 11:00-4:00. The New York Landmarks Conservancy has set the theme of, Celebrating the Diversity of New York's Historic Houses of Worship. All 21 participants, including three new sites, United Presbyterian Church, Binghamton, Northminster Presbyterian Church, Endwell and Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Endicott will showcase their unique structure, history and culture. This is an opportunity for visitors to view the spectacular interiors of varied religious structures in our community.



United Presbyterian Church, Binghamton



Memorial window at Northminster Presbyterian Church, Endwell

The sites are grouped in clusters along specific streets, neighborhoods or downtown areas. In this way, visitors can select groups of sites to visit that may be in walking distance of each other. Sites will welcome visitors, give tours, sing hymns, perform musical recitals, explain architecture, stained glass windows and tell the history of their building and congregation. Several sites also inform visitors about social and community activities that take place at the site outside of the religious service. The Sacred Sites Committee would like to invite everyone to this very important event and thank all the participants for their willingness and efforts to be included in this year's Sacred Sites Open House. The 2016 Sacred Sites are:

Binghamton - North Side and Downtown

- 1. Centenary-Chenango St. United Methodist Church
- 2. Christ Episcopal Church
- 3. United Presbyterian Church (NEW)

Binghamton - Clinton St. area

- 4. Saint Michael's Orthodox Church
- 5. Ascension Lutheran Church
- 6. Holy Spirit Byzantine Catholic Church
- 7. Dormition of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church
- 8. John Hus Presbyterian Church

Binghamton - West Side and Riverside Drive

- 9. First Congregational of Binghamton, UCC
- 10. Saint Patrick's Church
- 11. Temple Concord Synagogue
- 12. Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church

Johnson City

- 13. Community of Christ Church
- 14. Sarah Jane Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church
- 15. Sacred Heart Ukrainian Catholic Church
- 16. Saint John the Baptist Ukrainian Orthodox Church

Endwell

- 17. Endwell United Methodist Church
- 18. Northminster Presbyterian Church (NEW)

Endicott - Main Street and Union District

- 19. Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Nativity
- 20. Our Lady of Good Counsel Church (NEW)
- 21. Saint Andrew's Church

27th Annual PAST GARDEN TOUR – Enchanting Endicott Gardens, Saturday June 4th, 1-4pm, Rain or Shine

Join us for this wonderful garden tour of some of Endicott's most beautiful gardens. This year, "Enchanting Endicott" Gardens will be featured. There will be something for everyone: sun and shade, small and large, serious and amusing, level and hilly. Thanks to the owners of these gardens for graciously opening them to us for the PAST tour!

Ticket prices:

Advance purchase: \$15 (all tickets)

After May 25th: \$18



Tickets may be purchased at www.pastny.org, by mailing a check to PAST, 21 N Depot St Unit 1E, Binghamton, NY 13901, or on the day of the tour. Pick up your tickets, or buy day of tour tickets between 12:30pm – 1:30pm June 4th at the Union Presbyterian Church parking lot (on Loder Ave, near corner of Main Street in Union area of Endicott). For more information call the PAST office at 607-237-0887.

President's Message (continued)

This revitalization project will be comprised of three historic buildings connected by two new "infill" buildings. The Goodwill Theatre building on Willow Street is being restored to its original grandeur. The Municipal Building Fire Station at 46 Willow Street and the EJ Medical Building at 67 Broad Street are being renovated for offices, classrooms and rehearsal halls.

These preservation projects will help revitalize this once thriving area:

- Opportunities to renovate historic downtown buildings and establish new businesses and residential spaces.
- Property values will increase in the nearby residential neighborhoods, providing an incentive for owners to make improvements.
- Building owners in the Health and Cultural Historic District can take advantage of federal and state historic tax credits.



Photo courtesy of www.binghamton.edu



WELCOME NEW PAST MEMBERS

PAST welcomes new members Margaret Shavelier, Claudette Simonis, Erin Hopkins, Catherine G. Hill, David & Rebecca Jones, Clare Stenta, Elaine Cichowski, Megan Harrisk, and Jill A. Green. Thank you for your membership and support!

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE NOW IN OCTOBER

In an effort to improve efficiency we are consolidating the membership renewal cycle into October for all members. We appreciate your membership and support as we make this transition.

MEMBERS HOLIDAY PARTY

A great time was had by all 86 PAST members attending the 2015 holiday party at Washingtonian Hall. Wonderful food, drink, and visiting kicked off the holiday season in a very merry fashion! Below are a few pictures of the festivities...thanks to all who attended and helped. Special thanks to Kim Leonard for coordinating the event and Ken and Linda Jackson for hosting it.













PAST HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS TREES

Special thanks to Carol Hawley and Linda Gioia for creating the beautiful PAST salvage themed holiday trees at the Roberson Home for the Holidays event and at the Endicott Visitors Center. A wonderful theme and beautiful trees...thanks Carol and Linda!







IN MEMORIUM – JACK WATKINS Jr.

PAST would like to thank the family of Jack Watkins Jr. for their generous donation to PAST in memory of Jack. He was a member and leader of PAST for many years and helped guide and build PAST into the organization it is today.

2016 HOUSE TOUR "SAVE THE DATE" - September 17th

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!

THANK YOU LEVENE, GOULDIN, and THOMPSON, LLP.

PAST would like to thank our business member, Levene, Gouldin and Thompson, LLP for printing the membership renewal letters for the past three years. We appreciate your support!

NYS Historic Homeowners Tax Credit Workshops

Spring workshops in our area are:

Ithaca - April 20 - 5:30 pm

The History Center, 401 East State Street

Presented by Historic Ithaca, Preservation League of NYS, NYS Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation, The History Center, Ithaca Landmarks Preservation Commission. RSVP by 4/18 to Christine O'Malley, christine@historicithaca.org or 607-273-6633.

Elmira - April 21 - 5:30 pm

The Park Church, 208 W. Gray Street

Presented by Historic Elmira, City of Elmira, Near Westside Neighborhood Association, The Park Church, Preservation League of NYS, NYS Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation. RSVP by 4/19 to the Near Westside NA, nearwestside@stny.rr.com or 607-733-4924, ext. 204.

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

CHECK OUT THE LATEST PAST HAPPENINGS ON FACEBOOK

'Like' PAST on Facebook and keep up to date on the latest happenings and events! Access PAST on Facebook at:

https://www.facebook.com/pages/Preservation-Association-of-the-Southern-Tier/126254337428900

CHECK OUT OUR NEW SMARTPHONE TOUR



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



PAST Board Member

Profile: JoAnn Guiton Jones Kunkle



JoAnn Guiton Jones Kunkle happily accepted becoming a Board Member this March, 2016.

She was born in Binghamton, raised on the west side, lived on the south side, the west side again and now the north side of Binghamton.

She majored in Sociology with a minor in History from SUNY College at Brockport.

JoAnn has worked as a Social Worker at the Children's Home Wyoming Conference and later at Elizabeth Church Manor Nursing Home.

She is the mother of five and grandmother of nine.

Gardening, photography, genealogy and writing are areas of interest for JoAnn.

She plans to work with others in grant writing and public relations for PAST.

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