Preservation People

Kate Hampton and Jim Jenks Pursue New Opportunities

All of us at MPA are sad to report that two beloved MPA staffers, Kate Hampton and Jim Jenks, are leaving our post in Reeder's Alley. Kate, our Most Endangered Places Program Director, will head back to the Montana State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) in her new job as Community Preservation Coordinator. Kate spent eight years at the SHPO prior to coming to MPA in 2008. Jim Jenks, our Senior Staff Historian for the past five years, will be leaving to pursue his interest in opening a pie company in Moscow, Idaho. Both Kate and Jim will be sorely missed for their intellect, professionalism, and wacky senses of humor, but we are confident that they will continue to support and encourage our efforts from afar.

Patty Dean Joins MPA

To meet the demand for preservation assistance, the MPA Board of Directors moved quickly to hire Patty Dean of Helena, as our new Director of Field Services, replacing Kate Hampton. Patty comes to MPA with more than 30 years of experience as a curator, writer, and advocate working to save, protect, and promote history. We at MPA are so excited to have Patty on staff, and know that her experience combined with her bubbly personality, love for architectural history, and commitment to preserving Montana's heritage will go far in helping people and communities transform beloved historic places into preservation success stories.

Welcome Patty!

Our Better Half

Many Thanks to MPA Volunteers

Behind almost every project at MPA is a dedicated volunteer working to gather information, promote preservation, and keep MPA organized and professional. Our three volunteers donate on average about two to three hours a week completing tasks ranging from filing, data entry and proofreading to historical research and field work. We are ever grateful to them for their time, effort, and interest in our work! Thank you so much Jim, Miki, and Bobbie for all your hard work!

Jim Greene, a retired school teacher, has been with MPA since 2007. As an avid lover of Montana history, he first helped us with field work and research on our forthcoming book, "Montana's Historic Barns," and recently assisted with collecting research on our Nez Perce Trail project. On both projects, Jim complimented our research efforts and made it possible for us to find far more information than we could have using staff hours alone.

Jim Greene

Miki Wilde, a full-time nurse at St. Peter's Hospital, came to MPA as a volunteer in 2008 and is our master organizer. She assists with filing, proofreading, membership mailings, event planning, and more. Miki's keen eye for detail, keeps us on track and on time.

Miki Wilde

Our newest volunteer is Bobbie Kokoruda. She is ably assisting us with data entry, membership coordination, and report production. She is so enthusiastic and is fast to pick up everything we throw her way.

Bobbie Kokoruda

MPA currently has room for one more volunteer interested in helping us further design and maintain our website. We also keep an e-mail list of volunteers for those interested in occasional hands-on projects. Please call Chere Jiusto or Christine Brown for more information.

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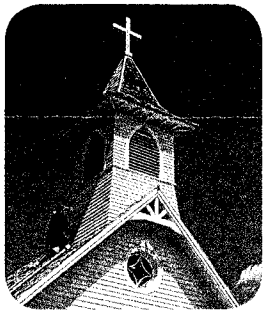
A Job Well Done

MPA Presents 2010 Preservation Excellence Awards

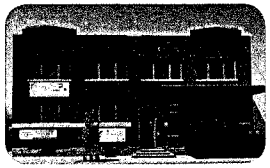
A standing-room-only crowd at the Montana Club in Helena applauded the recipients of the 2010 MPA Preservation Excellence Awards on September 29. Our six award honorees stand tall among Montana's keepers of history and by honoring their achievements, we hope to inspire others and encourage a host of new preservation projects. For more detailed descriptions of each outstanding project, visit our website at **www.PreserveMontana.org.**



St. Wenceslaus Church, Danvers

St. Wenceslaus Church Restoration, Danvers, MT

The Friends of St. Wenceslaus, Diocese of Great Falls-Billings, Domier Painting, and Lowes of Helena collaborated with MPA to preserve the St. Wenceslaus Church in Danvers. Through the tireless efforts of all involved, the church is now the property of the Friends group and just recieved a new coat of paint. The work continues, and soon, the roof and foundation will be repaired, and a digital archive of the community's history will be established. This is one country church that is no longer an endangered property, thanks to the amazing efforts of all involved.



Swift Building Lofts, Billings

Swift Building Rehabilitation, Billings

Joni and Steve Harman worked with High Plains Architects of Billings to rehabilitate a vacant historic warehouse into high-performance, loft-style apartments. The design blends historic restoration, cutting edge green building technologies, and met two sets of rigorous design standards: The LEED* for Homes Platinum certifcation and the Certified Historic Tax Credit Rehabilitation criteria. The renovation has spurred a renaissance in the area due in part to the pioneering spirit of the Swift Building Lofts.

Jones House, near Gardiner

Jones House Restoration, near Gardiner

Homeowners Alex and Beth Sirr bought the 1907 Jones House near Gardiner in 1993 and spent the next 13 years transforming it into a functioning modern home, with wonderful rustic character. Alex Sirr did all of the work himself, including replacing over a mile of chinking. Two-story log houses are a rarity in Montana and it is a pleasure to see the Sirr House in use and well cared for.

Thompson Falls High Bridge

Thompson Falls High Bridge Restoration

The Thompson Falls High Bridge is a prime example of how partnerships, good public communication, and perseverance accomplished a major community improvement project. The Sanders County Commissioners created the High Bridge Steering

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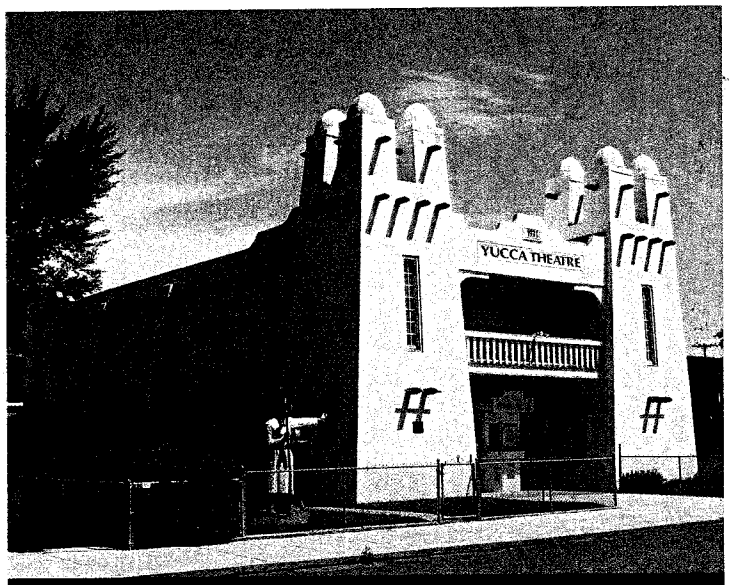

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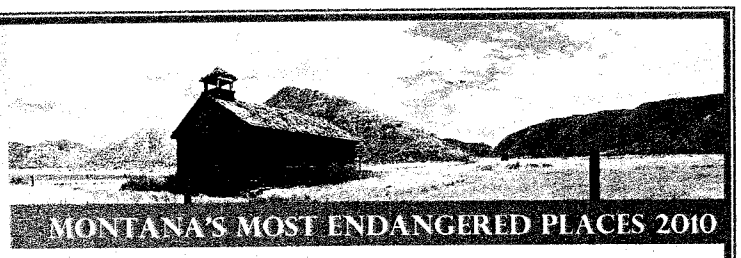

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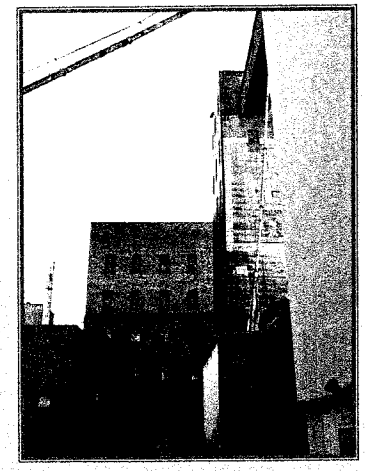

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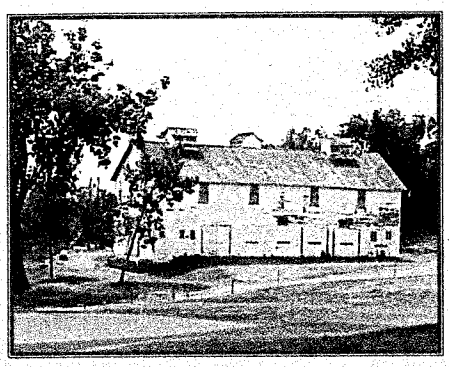

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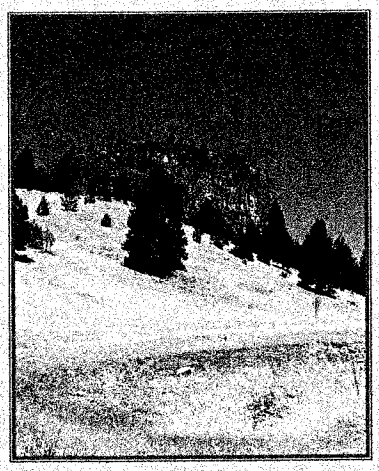

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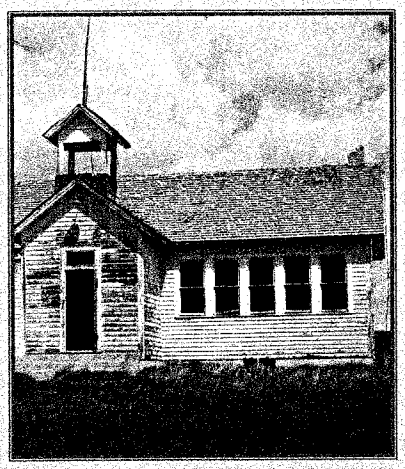

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