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Quincy Preserves 2008 Annual Meeting

Quincy Preserves will hold its 2008 annual meeting on Tuesday, March 18, 2008, at the Granite Bank Gallery, 428 Maine Street. (More information about this building can be found on the next page.) Doors will open at 6:30 p.m.; dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m.

A short business meeting will follow the dinner. Reports will be given on the past year's events, the organization's finances, and its façade and scholarship programs. Plans for a spring membership drive will be discussed. Members present will be asked to vote on the election of four new board members: Judith Taylor, William Maier, Kevin Skeesick, and Vicki Dempsey and to approve the slate of officers proposed for the 2008-2009 year: President, Bruce Gardner; Vice-President, Susan Schwartz; Secretary, Jayne Fentem, and Treasurer, Robert Hanson.

The owners of five buildings will be presented with Quincy Preserves plaques which recognize their buildings' architectural and/or historical significance and the preservation of their original integrity. These buildings are selected by a committee of Quincy Preserve members.

The buildings receiving plaques are:

- **1239 Gardner Expressway**, built in 1888 as the Quincy House of Correction; currently owned by Jeff Bunch and used as the location of Gem City Armored Security, Inc.
- **1678 Hampshire Street**, built in 1889 as the Walter P. and Mary Smith House currently owned by Robert and Sandy Nachenberg.
- **1440 Kentucky Street**, built in 1918 as the Oliver G. and Myrtle Pieper House, currently owned by Phillip and Monica Begley.
- **2706 Maine Street**, built in 1906 as the William E. and Lillian Morehead House, currently owned by John and Greta Read.
- **1301 State Street**, built in 1882 as the Louis and Antonia Wolf House, currently owned by William S. Starkey.

All Quincy Preserves members and anyone interested in learning about the organization are invited to attend.

The cost for the dinner is \$15.00 per person. Reservations are required and must be made by Friday, March 14, 2008. An RSVP form may be found on the back of this newsletter. Please mail this form and payment to Quincy Preserves, P. O. Box 1012, Quincy, IL 62306. For more information or to reserve by phone, contact Gary Wittler at 224-3444.



1301 State Street



2706 Maine Street



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 Let us hear
 from you.

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Quincy Preserves

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Are you on the members list? Do you wish to be a member?

Each year's membership expires December 31. Questions? Call 217-224-3520.

Yes, I will be attending the Annual Meeting

Number in party _____

Payment enclosed (\$15 per person) _____

Yes, I would like to be a member of Quincy Preserves.

Household \$10

Business \$25

Yes, I am interested in helping with Quincy Preserves projects.

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National Preservation Month

May is National Preservation Month, a time when the country's diverse and irreplaceable heritage is celebrated. Twenty four area museums and organizations in Quincy and Adams County are working together and planning events to observe National Preservation Month.

The celebration begins with Dogwood Weekend on May 2, 3 and 4 featuring "No Debating Our Lincoln Heritage."

The annual Preservation Dinner sponsored by the Quincy Preservation Commission and Quincy Preserves will be held on Thursday, May 8, 2008, at the Busy Bistro, 617 Hampshire Street. The evening will get off to a festive start with cocktails and music by Ben Bumbry and the Messengers. Following dinner, attendees will walk one-half block to St. John's Episcopal Church for a program featuring the presentation of certificates to property owners of recently designated Quincy Local Landmarks, and speaker, Walker Johnson, an architectural consultant. Johnson will speak on

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historic restoration with an emphasis on the re-building of the church after a devastating fire in 2002.

On Saturday, May 10, 2008, the Gardner Museum of Architecture and Design and Quincy Preserves will hold a tour of several historic area churches.

On Saturday, May 17, 2008, the 2nd annual "Open House of Historic Properties" will be held and will include properties in Quincy and Adams County." Special events, exhibits and programs will be held throughout the month.

Nauvoo, Illinois, is inviting visitors from the Quincy area to visit their historic town the weekend of Saturday, May 24. And a reciprocal invitation is being offered by Quincy to residents living in Nauvoo, Hannibal and the tri-state area.

A complete listing of events, programs, and profiles of participating organizations and museums will be listed in a special four-page section of the Quincy Herald-Whig on Sunday, April 27, and information will be available from all local media.

Friends Of The Log Cabins

John Gebhardt, president of the newly organized group, Friends of the Log Cabins, is pleased with the progress being made in the restoration and repair of the cabins on Quinsippi Island.

Work days this past fall were spent chinking the exterior of the Herlemann cabin. Plans for the spring include more work days, doing chinking of the interior of the cabin as well as a general cleanup. Watch for more information about these events.

The Quincy Park District has agreed to replace the doors on all the cabins and the smokehouse if wood can be provided. The

Friends group is looking for 7-8 foot lengths of old barn lumber. Anyone who has information about lumber may contact John Gebhardt at 223-9078.

The park district has also approved up to \$7500 to use for cabin restoration. Gebhardt hopes these funds can be matched by donations. At least part of the money will be earmarked for roof replacements and /or repairs.

For more information about the log cabins and the Friends of the Log Cabins group, contact President John Gebhardt at 223-9078.

Granite Bank Gallery

Most Quincy residents know the building at 428 Maine Street as the home of the Granite Bank Gallery and of Washington Perk. Did you know the building actually consists of an 1892 original and a 1906 addition? This is only one of the interesting facts about what was built as the State Savings Loan and Trust by Lorenzo and Charles Bull.

The 1892 Richardsonian Romanesque building was designed by the Chicago architectural firm of Patton and Fisher which had recently designed the Quincy Free Public Library and Reading Room one-half block away. The front features pink Missouri granite, beautiful proportions and skillfully placed and executed carving. Quincy architect Ernest Wood's 1906 addition seamlessly doubled the floor plan. Only the proportions of the windows were changed in order to fit the width of the expansion.

Entering through the massive oak and wrought iron doors, visitors are immediately impressed by the original hand-laid mosaic tile floor which consists of over 373,000 tiles. Cherry wood is used throughout the interior in raised paneling, banking counter fronts, and the elaborate wall, and the elaborate wall



Granite Bank Gallery, 428 Maine Street

dividing the front offices from the banking room. Art glass and bronze light dishes replaced gas corona-style chandeliers.

After the bank closed in 1932, the building had several owners, and in 1966 it was scheduled for demolition. Local preservationist George Irwin purchased the property and did major renovation and restoration. The back of the first floor and the upper floors were converted to offices while the main bank room was preserved. His efforts led to the listing of the building on the National Register of Historic Places in 1979.

How Did Our Tours Do?

Quincy Preserves Fall Tour, *Behind Closed Doors*, was held on Saturday, October 20, 2007. A total of 668 tickets were sold and a net income of \$4127.63 was realized. Attendance was down from previous years despite absolutely perfect weather. It was noted that four to five other major events were being held the same day.

The *Christmas Candlelight* Tour was held on Sunday, December 9, 2007, one of the several weekends that month that experienced snowy, icy, and cold conditions. For the first time in recent memory, cancelling the tour was considered. (We believe this tour has been cancelled only once.) The Quincy Preserves Board of Directors held an emergency meeting at noon on the day of the tour and reviewed its options: re-scheduling the tour would



not be possible, refunding money would be extremely difficult. Could the sidewalks be sufficiently cleared? Would anyone come? After lengthy discussion and consultation of several weather forecasts, the board decided to hold the tour as scheduled.

The weather proved to be clear but very cold. Attendance was better than had been anticipated. A total of 514 tickets were sold (296 in advance and 218 on the evening of the tour). It is not possible to determine how many of the advance tickets were actually used. A net income of \$2859.99 was realized.

The Quincy Preserves Board appreciates the support of all the tour-goers, homeowners, and volunteers who made our tours possible, sometimes under less than ideal conditions.

Quincy Preserves Scholarship Available

Applications for a \$500 Quincy Preserves scholarship have been sent to Quincy and Adams County high school counselors' offices. Quincy Preserves has awarded four scholarships in the last two years. By offering these scholarships, the board hopes to encourage an awareness of historic preservation among young people, but applicants need not be planning a career in the field. Applicants must submit a completed application form, two letters of recommendation, and an essay responding to questions devised by the board. Deadline for submission is March 18, 2008. Applications will be reviewed by a committee of Quincy Preserves board members, and the scholarship recipient(s) will be announced in April. For more information, contact Susan Schwartz at 223-4356.



PRESERVATION = RECYCLING

Green is the one of the current buzzwords. We are all encouraged to be green, to recycle, and to reduce our carbon footprint. When most people think of recycling, newspapers, cans, plastic, and cardboard come to mind, but consider the following comment by Richard Moe, president of the National Trust of Historic Preservation:

"Any new building, no matter how much green technology it incorporates, represents a new impact on the environment. An older building represents a heavy prior investment of resources and energy. If you tear that building down, that investment is wasted—but if you keep the building in use, you're saving energy and conserving resources. That's what people mean when they call preservation the ultimate recycling."

We're Looking For New Members

Quincy Preserves members Barb McClain and Fran Cook have volunteered to organize a spring membership drive during National Preservation Month in May. Preliminary plans include an afternoon tea at the Cook's home and an evening cheese and wine event at the McClain's garden. Those attending will learn about Quincy Preserves, its mission, its history, and its various projects. If you know of someone you would like to introduce to Quincy Preserve and/or you would like to help in planning this event, contact Barb McClain at 228-7936.