



Quincy Preserves

Preservation is for everyone.

Quincy Preserves is alive and well despite the trials of the past two years. We've been forced to cancel events, including the annual membership meetings, spring and fall house tours, and the annual membership picnic. This letter is to catch everyone up on what Quincy Preserves has been doing, provide a status of the organization, a brief discussion of issues, and invite you to our annual meeting on Tuesday March 22th at 7pm to be held at the Quincy Historical Society 2nd Floor space, 332 Maine Street. Light refreshments will be served.

Catching Up

Quincy Preserves strives to support preservation of historic structures and neighborhoods in Quincy by fostering interest and sustaining appreciation in the architecture of our city. Our past tours have showcased the unique breath of architecture in our area while providing an opportunity to educate. The pandemic's impact on tours for the past two years has been substantial. As we move forward, we are hopeful we can again offer home tours, but we are mindful that the new normal may require new approaches. We are exploring options to offer more walking tours, outside house tours, and even new virtual tours. For 2022 we are looking to hold our annual Spring garden tour along with the return of our Fall home tour.

Our commercial and residential façade programs encourage preservation by providing financial incentives for the renovation of historical structures in the community. Both programs continue today, and we are actively accepting applications. The commercial facade program provides financial incentives to selected projects by providing both a loan and a grant upon completion. The program is not meant to pay major portions of these projects, only enough to encourage preservation of architectural features and characteristics.

Some of the projects we have interacted with over the period reported herein are: 121 N 6th Street (\$5,271 loan, \$5,271 grant) and 123 North 4th Street (\$7,500 loan, \$7,500 grant). Both projects are now successfully complete, and the grant funds have been repaid. For private residences, the preservation objective remains the same but there is no loan portion, and the maximum grant is \$1,000. Over the past two years two such grants were made; 1231 S 11th Street and 300 S 18th Street.

Where We Are

Tours. We have been able to safely hold two tour events. The first was a downtown walking tour in 2020 which netted ~\$1,000. The second was the spring garden tour held in 2021 which netted ~\$4,500. These numbers are down from pre-pandemic events in 2019 where total tour income was ~\$16,000.

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Membership. Membership in QP has remained strong and grown over this period. Membership dues in 2020 were ~\$13,000, and in 2021 ~\$12,000. These are both up for pre-pandemic 2019 where dues were ~\$8,000. Membership numbers have increased accordingly.

Exceptional Income. Over this period, we had two unusual contributions. The first was a pandemic related grant from the Community Foundation for \$2000. The second was bequest from estate of Ray F. Hendricks for ~\$39,000. Other income included an annual donation from the Community Foundation, book sales, and miscellaneous donations came to ~\$1,500 in both 2020, and 2021, nearly the same as 2019.

Expenses. Expenses, including operating, plaque program, and scholarships, remained relatively constant at ~\$7,000 over 2020 and 2021. Miscellaneous donations to other organizations were ~\$2,000 in 2020 and ~\$1,000 in 2021. Again, these numbers were typical of prior years. Expenses for the coming year are projected at ~\$10,000. For income we forecast ~\$12,000 from memberships, ~\$7,000 for tours, for total of ~\$19,000, or a net gain of ~\$9,000. Facade program investments are not included in these estimates and will depend upon project submittals and will be funded primarily from reserves brought forward from prior years.

Balance Sheet. QP has \$~106,000 in cash, ~\$16,000 in facade loans (payable to us over five years), ~\$9,000 in facade loan reserve (currently committed pending commencement of facade projects), and ~\$4,000 in unsold book inventory.

Issues

Because of the pandemic we were unable to hold the membership meeting in 2020 and in 2021 it was held virtually. Both meetings failed to satisfy the by-laws to vote and approve the operating board. Unaware of the compliance issue the 2020 board slated for approval moved forward with best intentions for Quincy Preserves. The board was recently notified of the by-law issue and has been actively working to resolve the issue by holding our 2022 membership meeting on March 27th.

Another issue facing Quincy Preserves is how to continue our mission of creating interest and pride in the architecture of Quincy in a post-pandemic era. To help answer this question and others reaching out to our members and community with the following survey. These questions and your response will aid in shaping our focus to improve our community involvement.



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Survey Poll: 5 Questions to help Quincy Preserves

1. What type of events interest you? (select all that apply)
 - Interior Tours (in-person tour of residential/structures)
 - Exterior Tours (walking sidewalk tours)
 - Porch/Garden Tours (Exterior Only)
 - Visual/Virtual tour (online)
 - Education Workshops (in-person or online)
 - Resource References (contractors, sources, etc.)

2. Are you aware of that Quincy Preserves has a Commercial and Residential Façade grant program?
 - Yes/No

3. What format do you like to see information delivered? (Rank 1-3)
 - Mail or Printed Newsletter
 - Email Newsletter
 - Online newsletter

4. What has been your patriation in Quincy Preserves?
 - Current member
 - Previous member
 - Never been a member.

5. Are you interested in participating in Quincy Preserves thru volunteerism or professional skills?
 - Yes. Email _____
 - No.

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