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2002 Honor Awards

Each year the National Trust celebrates the best of preservation by presenting National Preservation Awards to individuals and organizations whose contributions demonstrate excellence in historic preservation. This year, five projects within the Midwest Region were recognized on October 10th at the National Preservation Conference in Cleveland.

Wabash YMCA Chicago, IL: When the Wabash YMCA closed its doors in 1969, Chicago's Bronzeville neighborhood lost an institution that had been a center of activity for half a century. After an extensive renovation, this treasured landmark has returned and again stands as a center of the neighborhood, providing 101 single unit apartments and spaces for after-school programs.

Coronado Theatre, Rockford, IL: In 1927, the people of Rockford celebrated the opening of the Coronado Theatre. Seventy-five years later, The City of Rockford, with the help of local supporters, turned a beautiful theatre into a premier facility that has sparked significant reinvestment in the downtown.

Inn on Ferry Street, Detroit, MI: The Inn stands as a prime example of adaptive use, blending the turn-of-the-century charm of four large Victorian houses and two carriage houses with modern-day amenities and conference facilities. This unique inn has helped revitalize a neighborhood.

Union Station, Kansas City, MO: Once America's third largest train station, the beaux-arts style Union Station again inspires civic pride and showcases urban redevelopment. To make renovation possible, voters of Kansas and Missouri passed the nation's first cultural sales tax across a state line and generated \$118 million to transform a crumbling giant

structure into an economic engine that draws more than 1.3 million visitors each year to theaters, shops, restaurants, a science center and a performance stage.

The Cleveland Arcade, Cleveland, OH: Built in 1890, the Arcade, a National Historic Landmark, is a showcase of yesterday's engineering daring and today's preservation craftsmanship. Once one of the city's most prestigious commercial addresses, the Arcade suffered through years of decline, but now it has been reborn as a dazzling hotel.



The Cleveland Arcade

New Midwest Advisor to the National Trust

We are pleased to welcome Eric Youngberg as a new Advisor to the Midwest Office. Eric is a Senior Management Consultant with the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation in Kansas City, MO.

Eric started championing preservation causes at the age of 11, beginning with issues such as the refurbishment of the Iowa State Capitol Building and saving the old Federal Building in Des Moines, Iowa. Since then, his strong preservation ethic has been demonstrated as a citizen activist, elected official and by 30 years of professional experience work-

ing with preservation and housing organizations in Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

Eric has served as a trainer in community revitalization strategies at Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation's National Training Institutes in Philadelphia, Chicago, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Oakland, Kansas City and Baltimore. He is also a frequent lecturer around the country on preservation, neo-traditional planning and community revitalization issues.

11 Most List Highlights Two Midwest Sites

The National Trust for Historic Preservation recently named the Guthrie Theater in Minneapolis and the Historic Bridges of Indiana to its 2002 list of *America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places*.

The **Guthrie Theater** opened its doors in 1963 and while the building has undergone substantial alterations, including the loss of its signature screen wall, its interior environment remains essentially intact and its intimate relationship between actor and audience has the same magic that inspired dozens of imitations in communities and on college campuses since that time.

Today the Guthrie Theater Company has plans to relocate to a new theater and the Walker Art Center, which owns the building, announced its own plan to demolish the historic Guthrie and replace it with an expansion of their outdoor sculpture garden. They convinced the City of Minneapolis to authorize demolition in November of 2001.

Along with our statewide partner, the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota, and SavetheGuthrie.org, the Midwest Office has forged a coalition called the Historic Guthrie Preservation Coalition, to conduct a study of the feasibility of contin-



Guthrie Theater

ued use of the historic theater and fight demolition. Since the Guthrie Company is unable to pinpoint the date of their departure to a new facility as yet unfunded, the battle will continue until at least 2005.

Throughout the state of Indiana hundreds of **Historic Bridges** are a testament to America's engineering and industrial

past. While appreciation for covered bridges has increased, the destruction of other types of historic bridges is on the rise. From 1987 to 1999, 62 percent of Indiana's metal bridges built between 1860 and 1930 were destroyed, many with the use of federal funds. The

demolitions are the result of a number of issues, including bad policies, questionable compliance with Section 106 and 4(f) requirements and the lack of a state bridge preservation plan.

The National Trust's Midwest Office, Legal and Public Policy Departments are working with the Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana to turn the table and save these remarkable historic structures. On September 24th, the first meeting of the Indiana Historic Spans Task Force was convened and strategic actions are forthcoming.

Wisconsin Field Office

Good news! The National Trust for Historic Preservation, with support from the Jeffris Family Foundation of Wisconsin, has established a new field office in Wisconsin. In addition to its D.C. headquarters, the Trust has six regional offices and three field offices, including the Wisconsin Field Office (WFO). So far, Wisconsin is the only state with its own office (other states share field offices).

Jeanne Lambin, formerly the Field Representative based in Chicago, has relocated to Mineral Point, Wisconsin. As Field Services Coordinator, she spends most of her time traveling around the state assisting communities involved in historic preservation efforts and provides technical assistance, grant aid and other resources to assist in those projects. She also coordinates with the Wis-

consin Trust for Historic Preservation and the State Historic Preservation Office. If you have questions about the Wisconsin Field Office (WFO) or feel that the WFO could help with your local preservation ef-



fort, please do not hesitate to contact Jeanne at the number or e-mail address listed.

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Midwest Office Calendar

November

November 2, Rockford, IL—*Historic Properties Development Seminar*. Royce A. Yeater will be part of a panel discussion addressing rehabilitation issues.

November 7, Cincinnati, OH — *Livable Communities Conference*. Royce A. Yeater will speaking on the relationship between smart growth and school planning.

November 9, Urbana, OH — *Saving the Legacy . . . Building the Dream*. Susan DeVries will be speaking at Main Street Urbana — Champaign County's fundraising kick-off event and award ceremony.

Save the Date!

May 5-11, 2003 — Preservation Week

September 30–October 5, 2003—National Preservation Conference, Denver, CO.

New Publications

The National Trust has recently released two new publications. *Protecting America's Historic Neighborhoods: Taming the Teardown Trend*, is the first and only comprehensive report on strategies and best practice solutions being used in communities today to control the teardown epidemic. Written by Jim Lindberg and Adrian Scott Fine, this 20-page booklet empowers property owners with necessary preventative tools to combat tear-downs and offers viable alternatives for preservationists and local governments seeking to limit this devastating trend.

A Blueprint for Lobbying was produced jointly with Preservation Action and written by PA's president, Susan West Montgomery. The booklet describes the legislative process and provides step-by-step instructions for effective lobbying strategies.

Both publications can be ordered from Preservation Books, 202-588-6296, www.preservationbooks.org

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