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BARN AGAIN! 2008 Award Winners

Barn owners in four states, including Montana, have received 2008 BARN AGAIN! Awards. Since 1988, the National Trust for Historic Preservation and *Successful Farming*® magazine have partnered to present awards to barn owners who put forth exceptional efforts to preserve and maintain their historic barns. Winners receive cash awards and recognition in a feature article that appeared in the March issue of *Successful Farming* magazine.

The winner of the top prize in this year's contest, the BARN AGAIN! Farm Heritage Award, is the **Hetherington Family of Pennsylvania**. Their 1875 barn in **Schuylkill County**, is a key component of their diversified farming enterprise. The Hetheringtons replaced deteriorated posts, beams, and siding with matching wood species and reroofed and repainted the entire barn. The total investment in repairs was \$25,000 which is less than the cost of a comparable replacement structure. The Hetheringtons use their barn to sort and store a range of fresh produce, which they sell to area wholesalers and directly to consumers through on-farm sales. In recognition of their stewardship of this historic barn, the Hetheringtons received a BARN AGAIN! plaque, a \$1,000 award check, and an honorary membership to the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Cash prizes for the BARN AGAIN! program are provided by Toy Farmer Publications of

LaMoure, North Dakota.

In addition to the top award, the BARN AGAIN! program presented \$250 checks to four Recognition Award winners this year including **John and Julia McCafferty of Belt, Montana**.

Covering 7,900 acres in northwest

Montana, the sprawling John McCafferty Ranch, (1916 barn pictured on left) has been home to three generations of McCaffertys since 1947. Used to shelter cattle, the barn was recently repaired and painted to



keep it looking as good as new. The decision to rehab the barn was easy. "The barn is not only an important feature on the landscape and in the history of our ranch; it is a vital and integral part of it. Without this barn we would not have a place to house and protect our cattle," say the McCaffertys.

Other Recognition Award recipients:

- ✦ Russell Groskreutz of Wells, MN
- ✦ Robert Warriner of Montrose, PA
- ✦ Todd and Mary Kay Wegener of Fenton, IA

Want more BARN AGAIN! information? Know of an award-worthy barn restoration project? Consider submitting an application for the 2009 Awards, downloadable at www.barnagain.org. The deadline for applications is August 29th, 2008.

10 New Explore Colorado Sites Announced

Explore Colorado is a multi media partnership with KUSA Channel 9 to promote Colorado's wealth of authentic historic sites, communities and historic and scenic byways to an in-state audience. Ten new Colorado historic places have just been added to the *Explore Colorado* Program. They are:

- The Byers-Evans House, Denver
- Camp Amache, Granada
- Four Mile House, Denver
- Grand Mesa Scenic Byway
- Independence Ghost Town
- Downtown Littleton
- Town of Oak Creek (pictured below)
- Pawnee Pioneer Trails Scenic Byway
- Town of Redstone
- Steelworks Museum of Industry and Culture, Pueblo



Tune in to 9News KUSA-TV through September to see these sites on Friday morning episodes of *Colorado & Company* and in short vignettes running throughout the day. More details and information about visiting these unique places can be found on 9News.com. These new sites join 40 other sites previously featured.

Funding for *Explore Colorado* has been provided by a grant from the State Historical Fund, the Gay and Lesbian Fund, the JK Mullen Foundation and the Colorado Tourism Office.



Intern Improves Preservation Nation Offerings

The Mountains/Plains Office is pleased to have Michelle Chichester (pictured below), a recent graduate of the University of Colorado Environmental Design program, as its 2008 summer intern. Michelle, along with interns in DC and in other regional offices, is working to add new and enhance existing content on the National Trust's newly improved website, PreservationNation.org



Specifically, Michelle is adding new pages to PreservationNation (PN) on the BARN AGAIN! Program that will link to *Successful Farming*, the National Barn Alliance web-

site, and other sites devoted to the preservation of historic barns. This will include searchable case studies of past award winners, publications and photos.

Michelle is using her internship to learn more about the field of historic preservation and plans to return to graduate school to pursue a master's degree in the field. Check out her work and enhancements to the new National Trust website at www.PreservationNation.org.

2009 Distinctive Destinations Sought

Each year since 2000, the National Trust for Historic Preservation has selected 12 vacation destinations across the United States that offer an authentic visitor experience by combining dynamic downtowns, cultural diversity, attractive architecture, cultural landscapes and a strong commitment to historic preservation and revitalization. Last year, Crested Butte, Colorado was selected for this program.

Nominations for the 2009 Destinations are now being accepted and the deadline for submissions is August 29 with

the announcement of the selected destinations on January 13, 2009. To apply, see www.preservationnation.org.



Partners in the Field

Partners in the Field (PIF) was created by the National Trust for Historic Preservation in 2007 through a generous gift from the Robert W. Wilson Charitable Trust to expand the delivery of preservation service across the country. The program provides matching funds to help state and local preservation partners enhance their capacity to provide preservation services to a broader group of constituents.

In 2008, Historic Denver and the Montana Preservation Alliance received PIF grants. MPA recently hired Kate Hampton (pictured on right), formerly the National Register Coordinator with the MT State Historic Preservation Office, as a new field representative who will represent both MPA and the National Trust in Montana. She will be working with MPA's most endangered places program and helping communities across the state to preserve important historic places.



Historic Denver is using their grant to launch a new program to provide preservation services to Denver's first ring suburbs. They have hired Alice Gilbertson, previously staff to the Denver Landmark Preservation Commission. Alice will be assisted in this work by graduate student Mike Weber.

A final round of PIF grants will be awarded in 2009. Letters of intent to apply are due September 30. For more information, please contact the Mountains/Plains Office staff. at 303-623-1504 or mpro@nthp.org.