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To learn about the latest developments in preservation and how you can become a member of the **National Trust for Historic Preservation**, send an email to nero@nthp.org to join our mailing list or to request membership information.

25 BOSTON-AREA HISTORIC SITES COMPETE FOR \$1 MILLION IN "PARTNERS IN PRESERVATION" GRANTS; ONLINE VOTING DETERMINES WINNER

BOSTON — The National Trust for Historic Preservation and American Express have just launched the Partners in Preservation program in Greater Boston, an initiative that will provide \$1 million in restoration grants to local historic sites. Officials from both organizations were joined by Governor Deval Patrick and Boston Mayor Thomas Menino on April 14th at the historic Faneuil Hall to announce the slate of 25 diverse sites selected to compete for the restoration grants. They range from churches and cultural centers to maritime treasures and a carousel.

This is not your typical grant program. To involve many more Americans in caring about and supporting historic places in their communities, Partners in Preservation includes lively on-line voting, with opportunities for people also to post personal stories and share photographs.

The 25 selected sites are competing for the most votes, between April 14th to May 17th. For the list of the sites and to cast your vote, click on www.PartnersinPreservation.com.

"Through the Partners in Preservation program, we seek to spotlight historic sites in Greater Boston, drive local tourism and business, while saving pieces of history," said Timothy J. McClimon, President, American Express Foundation. "Every vote counts towards providing a better future for Greater Boston's historic treasures. We encourage everyone to vote online daily and help us choose the winning sites to receive grant funding."

The site receiving the highest number of votes is guaranteed their grant funding. The remaining grants will be awarded on June 16th by American Express and the National Trust for Historic Preservation with counsel from an Advisory Committee comprised of area civic and preservation leaders.

"We are so pleased to be able to bring much-needed bricks-and-mortar money to support worthy preservation projects in Greater Boston," said Wendy Nicholas, Director of the Northeast Office in Boston. "In this economy especially, Partners in Preservation grants will preserve our heritage, and also help create much-needed jobs," she added. "Everyone is encouraged to go on www.PartnersinPreservation.com to vote for their favorite site."

Launched in 2006, Partners in Preservation is a program in which American Express, in partnership with the National Trust for Historic Preservation, has committed \$5.5 million over 5 years toward preserving historic places throughout the United States. The Greater Boston area is the fourth region to host the program, followed by San Francisco, Chicago and New Orleans.



VOTE NOW!

UPCOMING DATES, DEADLINES AND EVENTS

APRIL

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is accepting applications for the **8th Annual National Award for Smart Growth Achievement**. The competition is open to public or private sector applicants that have used the principles of smart growth to create better places. **Applications are due on April 23, 2009**. For more details and an application packet, visit: www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/awards.htm

Register today for the **24th Annual Rhode Island Statewide Historic Preservation Conference**. The conference is **Saturday, April 25th, 2009**, at URI's Kingston Campus. The registration form can be found on the back page of the **conference program**.

Historic Windsor Inc. and the Preservation Education Institute presents a **workshop on Wooden Window Repair and Reproduction April 23-25, 2009 in Danville, Vermont**. Working in instructor Sally Fishburn's workshop in Danville, Vermont, participants will learn to conduct assessment surveys, evaluate window treatment options, plan and cost window repair projects and how to plan for scheduled window maintenance. Participants may bring their own window sashes to work on in class as well. **Register soon- space is limited!** Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Celebrate **Partners in Preservation Day** in Boston with the Big Apple Circus- **Sunday, April 26, 2009**. Discounts are available. Check out the website [HERE](#).

MAY

You are invited to submit a nomination for **Preservation Trust of Vermont's 2009 Preservation Awards**. Nominations are due **May 1, 2009**. For nomination forms and more information, click [HERE](#) for PTV's website.

Don't miss the **Greater Boston Partners in Preservation Open House Weekend, May 2-3, 2009**. All 25 sites participating in Partners in Preservation will be open to the public, most for free, and hosting special events. Visit www.PartnersinPreservation.com for details.

The **New Bedford Preservation Coalition** is holding a **Window Restoration Seminar** on **Saturday, May 9, 2009** at the Corson Maritime Learning Center in New Bedford, Massachusetts. To register and for more information, click [HERE](#).

Don't miss the **Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia's first Citywide Conference** for community leaders helping to preserve and celebrate the city's neighborhoods. Register today for **A Sense of Place: Preserving Philadelphia Neighborhoods, Friday, May 15, 2009**. If you are a neighborhood/community leader, you won't want to miss this opportunity to learn about the many resources available to strengthen and build upon the successes in your community by incorporating historic preservation into your tool kit. Click [HERE](#) to register and for more information about the conference.

Pennsylvania's Statewide Conference on Heritage will be held **May 19th-22nd, 2009** at the Commonwealth Keystone Building in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The conference will feature workshops, sessions and speakers from the historic preservation, archaeological, heritage tourism, transportation, legislative, and planning communities. For more information and to register, click [HERE](#).

Attend the **Maine Preservation Green Rehab Conference on Friday, May 22, 2009** at the Masonic Temple in Portland, Maine. For more information, click [HERE](#).

JUNE

Save the date for the **Maine Downtown Conference** being held in Rockland, Maine on **June 5, 2009**.

Applications for the **Diversity Scholarship Program (DSP) are due June 15th 2009** to attend the National Preservation Conference in Nashville, Tennessee October 13-17, 2009. The Diversity Scholarship Program provides financial assistance to individuals from diverse racial, ethnic, economic and cultural backgrounds to increase the diversity of participants at the annual National Preservation Conference and in the preservation movement. Applications for the 2009 conference are available online [HERE](#). Questions? Please contact the Diversity Scholarship Program at scholarships@nthp.org.

Nominations are now being accepted for **Preservation Pennsylvania's 2009 Historic Preservation Awards**. Nominations are due **June 22, 2009**. For more information, check out Preservation Pennsylvania's website [HERE](#), or for the nomination application, click [HERE](#).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Place Matters! The National Trust for Historic Preservation invites you to tell us about a place that matters to you through our *This Places Matters* campaign. The campaign helps people call attention to special places in their community before they are endangered. Simply visit the [Trust website](#) to download a *This Place Matters* sign, take a picture or make a video at the place that matters to you and post it to our slide show. Don't have a picture? Plant your flag on our *This Place Matters* Google map.

On March 2nd during the annual National Main Streets Conference, five Main Street revitalization organizations were honored with a **2009 Great American Main Street Award**. Representing the Northeast Region is **Rehoboth Beach, Delaware**. Their Main Street has guided the evolution of this beachside community from "Nation's Summer Capital" to "Year 'Round Beach Town," with events and businesses that attract residents and visitors all year long. Its preservation of Rehoboth's historic cottages, promotion of local business and fun special events have been a catalyst for attracting more than 3.5 million tourist trips that generate a \$630 million annual economic impact on Delaware's coastal region.

Keep up with preservation news and events around the country by becoming a "fan" of the National Trust for Historic Preservation's [facebook](#) page!

Dorothy Marie Miner - legendary preservation lawyer, educator, and leader - passed away on October 21, 2008. Learn more about Dorothy Miner's work on the [National Trust's website](#). A Celebration of Dorothy Miner's Life and Work is being held at St. Paul's Chapel at Columbia University on April 16, 2009 at 4pm. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

NEW FIELD REPRESENTATIVE IN THE NORTHEAST FIELD OFFICE

Hello! I am the new field representative with the National Trust in the Northeast Field Office serving Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. I am also the Northeast Region's E-News guru, I was born and raised in Philadelphia and received my bachelors degree in art history from the University of Delaware. After several years working for Robert A.M. Stern Architects in New York City, I returned to Philadelphia to get my masters degree in historic preservation from the University of Pennsylvania. I am so excited to be working in a region that has such special meaning to me. I am here to assist you in any way that I can, so please feel free to contact me anytime with announcements or questions. I hope to meet everyone throughout our preservation journey!

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Anita at Uluru-Ayers Rock, Australia

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Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation; Maine Preservation; New Hampshire Preservation Alliance; Preservation Delaware; Preservation League of New York State; Preservation Massachusetts; Preservation New Jersey; Preservation Pennsylvania; Preserve Rhode Island; Preservation Trust of Vermont

Local Partners

CT: Hartford Preservation Alliance, New Haven Preservation Trust ME: Greater Portland Landmarks MA: Boston Preservation Alliance, Historic Boston, Inc., Preservation Worcester, Waterfront Historic Area League (WHALE) NY: Landmark Society of Western New York, Municipal Art Society of New York, The New York Landmarks Conservancy, Preservation Buffalo Niagara PA: Lower Merion Conservancy, Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation, Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia RI: Providence Preservation Society

Statewide Main Street Programs

Boston Main Streets (Boston, MA); Connecticut Main Street center; Delaware Main Street Program; Main Street New Jersey; Maine Downtown Center; New Hampshire Main Street Center; Office of Community Development (PA); Pennsylvania Downtown Center; Vermont Downtown Program

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