



ALBANY PRESERVATION REPORT

Fall 2002

A message from the Executive Director



Dear Member of Historic Albany Foundation:

As you know, there are many ways you can help Historic Albany Foundation fulfill its mission. Throughout the year, **your donation of volunteer time, membership dues, and participation in our many social and learning activities** makes it possible for us to continue our important technical assistance and educational work.

Each year, we ask members of the Foundation to include us in their year-end giving. While your membership dues help to defray the cost of programming, outreach, and the day-to-

day operations of the Foundation, it is really the **extra income generated by our Annual Appeal** that makes it possible for us to **advocate for the rehabilitation and restoration of historic buildings over demolition.**

Historic Albany Foundation continually strives to make a difference in our community, but *we need your help* to do this more successfully. Your contribution to the Annual Appeal will help the Foundation to continue to enhance its advocacy efforts. As we anticipate increased state and federal deficits, annual gifts are more important than ever. You can help ensure that the **expanded historic preservation and education goals** of the Foundation can be met.

Contributions to the Annual Appeal allow for greater budget flexibility, especially when it becomes necessary to use donated funds to fulfill the Matching Funds requirements of many grants. **Each dollar you donate may then become two or more.** The Foundation is actively seeking such grants, in order to meet the increased expenses for much needed ongoing and planned building preservation efforts and an expanded Vacant Buildings Initiative. Your gift will make a difference for our community by preserving Albany's endangered buildings today, and in the future.

To make a donation to the Foundation's Annual Appeal, return the form on page three of this newsletter. Please note that **the Foundation is now accepting Visa and Mastercard** as well as **donations of publicly traded stocks, bonds or mutual funds.** For more information, or to learn how to initiate a charitable securities transfer, call 518/465-0876.

I want to close by offering my **sincere thanks** for your support during the past year, and encourage you to contribute generously to our Annual Appeal. Working together, we can continue our tradition of preserving Albany's architecture as both a tangible link to our past and a solid foundation for our future.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth P. Griffin

And an invitation...

As a special thank you to those who **contribute to our Annual Appeal** at the **\$100 or higher level,**

Historic Albany Foundation will host a **private holiday reception** at the historic **Morgan State House** on State Street in Albany.

Please be sure to return your Annual Appeal contribution by **Monday, December 2** to receive your invitation to this **exclusive Members Only event!**



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Historic Albany Foundation is a private, not-for-profit membership organization working to promote the preservation and appreciation of the built environment in and around the city of Albany.

The Preservation Report is published for members and friends of Historic Albany Foundation with assistance from the New York State Council for the Arts.

Preservation Merit Awards: 2002

Historic Albany Foundation presented its **Preservation Merit Awards** for 2002 at our **Annual Meeting** on September 19. The meeting was held at the Brighter Choice Charter Schools at 250 Central Avenue – the former School 10.

“We present Preservation Merit Awards each year to recognize outstanding preservation efforts,” said Elizabeth Griffin, Executive Director. “This year, we were delighted to be able to hold our awards ceremony in a late 19th century school building that was slated for demolition just three years ago.”

2002 PRESERVATION MERIT AWARD WINNERS

Please visit the HAF website at www.historic-albany.org and click on News for photos and full descriptions of award winners.

School #10 (Central and No. Lake Avenues)
 Rehabilitation & re-use of historic School 10

Lodge’s (75 North Pearl Street)
 Exterior and storefront restoration

26 Trinity Place
 Renovation of abandoned townhouse

469 State Street – Façade restoration

39 Ten Broeck Place
 Salvage of historic townhouse shell

PRESERVATION INITIATIVE

The Cathedral of All Saints
 Ongoing restoration

The City of Albany / Mayor Jennings
 Emergency stabilization of St. Joseph’s Church

Miss Albany Diner – Efforts to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places

City of Albany Department of General Services & the Washington Park Conservancy – Restoration of the Victorian-era Mall and other efforts

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Nancy Kupiec, Vesta Construction, Inc.



HAF President Clare Yates, third from left, presents the award for 26 Trinity Place.



Pamela Porter & Terry Thornberry won a Preservation Merit Award for 469 State Street.



Mr. & Mrs. Cliff Brown accept the Preservation Initiative Award for the Miss Albany Diner.



The Yonally family with the Preservation Merit Award for Lodge’s Department Store.

ANNUAL APPEAL / GIFT / RENEWAL

Each time an historic building is lost to deterioration or demolition, a piece of our history is lost as well. Your generous contribution to Historic Albany Foundation's Annual Appeal will help to promote, preserve and protect the architectural heritage of the City of Albany. Your renewal or gift membership is a great way to invest in our future by preserving our past.

DONATION LEVELS

- Active \$35
- Supporter \$50
- Patron/Business \$100
- Donor/Corporate \$250
- Benefactor \$500
- Albany Advocate \$1,000

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Historic Albany Foundation is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 corporation. Your contribution is tax deductible.

Holiday Gift Ideas

With the holidays fast approaching, please consider presenting a **gift membership** to a family member, a friend, a new or old neighbor, a colleague or a client. A membership in Historic Albany Foundation helps the recipient meet new people with similar interests, build a connection to our city, and learn more about our historic community.

Gift memberships begin at \$35, and benefits of membership include:

- Preservation News – the newsletter of Historic Albany Foundation
- Invitations to popular – and exclusive – Members Only events
- Notification of all events, lectures and tours
- Technical assistance, including free home visits
- A personal invitation to the Moveable Feast, one of Albany's most highly regarded social events

- 10% discount on purchases from the Architectural Parts Warehouse
 - 10% discount on historic marker plaques
- Please call the Foundation at 518-465-0876 to provide your gift list and arrange payment. Historic Albany Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization, gifts to which are fully tax deductible in accordance with Federal Law.

Your gift will be acknowledged with a card featuring Albany's **Historic Doorways** sent to the designated recipient.

These cards are also available for purchase in packets of **10 cards with envelopes for \$12.00** each, which includes sales tax. To purchase cards, please stop by the Architectural Parts Warehouse at 89 Lexington Avenue during normal business hours: Wednesday through Friday, noon to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Bel Tesoro Opens in Restored 1870s Building

October 24, 2002 marked the end of a year-long restoration of the turreted building at **126 Central Avenue**. BelTesoro is more than a store – it's a place to experience "la dolce vita." Visit www.beltesoro.com for more information, including hours of operation.

Save the Date!

HAF's annual spring fundraiser, "*A Moveable Feast*" is slated for Saturday, March 8, 2003. For more information, visit the Foundation's web site at www.historic-albany.org.

*Please make your generous donation of \$100 or more to
HAF's Annual Appeal by Monday, December 21!*

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Preservation Connection

Stabilization Completed at 41 Ten Broeck

Almost two years to the day after demolition began at historic 41 Ten Broeck St. in the Ten Broeck Triangle of Arbor Hill, work began to shore up the façade and demolish the crumbling building behind it, clearing the site for potential rebuilding and re-use. In August, 2002, Albany County gave HAF the deed to the property and \$150,000 to restore the façade, ending two years of court battles and appeals.

Special thanks is due to members of the **Ten Broeck Triangle Preservation League**, whose hard work and support made this effort possible. Also, thanks to County Legislators **Wanda F. Willingham, E. Nancy Wiley,** and **Christine M. Benedict.**



Finally, the Foundation owes a debt of gratitude to **George Carpinello**, who secured the original “barber’s chair injunction” to halt demolition, and for his tireless legal advocacy over the course of two years. ☺☺



*Left to right, front row: Lucy Wong, Helen Black, Rachel & David Sears; back row Elizabeth Griffin, Larry Toon, Bill Brandow.
Not pictured: Jim Bouldin, Mary Jane Cahill-Christaldi, Mario Christaldi, Dave Cocco, Kay Halburian, Lyn Jerry, Rachel Kjelgaard, Allen Landon, Rick Maecker, Jenn Novak, JoAnn Ryan, Ed Taylor, and Wanda Williams.*