



CORNING SOUTHSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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PO Box 481 CORNING, NY 14830

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Ice Cream Social

- On August 5, SNA hosted the second annual Ice Cream Social in Canfield Park. Nearly 100 people gathered to enjoy delicious Peaches and Cream ice cream and mingle with neighbors, both old and new. One of the goals of the SNA is to preserve and restore Canfield Park.

SNA is saddened by the loss of two very good friends and supporters this past year – Mary Ann Sprague and Bob Rockwell. Our condolences to their families.

2009 SNA PUBLIC PROGRAMS

We have two more programs scheduled for 2009. These are:

- ◆ October 20 – Leon and Sheri Golder will present a slide show depicting *The Preservation of the S.S. Erwin House*.
- ◆ November 17 – Annual Meeting. We will show a program honoring Bob and Hertha Rockwell which was filmed at the recent Carder (Frederick) Dinner – September 18, 2009. We will also have an update on our new web site, the Koala Run Playground at Carder School and a project to restore the Hawkes signs on Market Street.

All programs begin at 7:30 pm and are held at the First Presbyterian Church, Pentecost Room, First Street entrance. We look forward to seeing a good turn-out and welcome suggestions for future programs.



SNA BECOMES PROJECT SPONSOR FOR CARDER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S PLAYGROUND

Some of our SNA members may not be aware the Association has become the sponsor for Carder School's Koala Run Playground project. As Design Day Sponsor, SNA was the playground's very first major donor. We made the initial investment that brought playground designers, Leathers Associates, to Carder for a fun-filled day in June 2008, working with students and incorporating their ideas into a dream playground plan.

The Koala Run custom playground design was created by regional playground architect, Leathers Associates, which has designed public school playgrounds in Bath, Elmira, Watkins Glen, Trumansburg and Ithaca – as well as others from Hawaii to Alaska. The Carder design features special Corning community architectural features including Little Joe Tower, the Rockwell Museum and the Centerway Clock Tower (rendering above).

SNA volunteers recently helped

transform the playground for current Carder students by building a stretch of fence that provides a barrier between playing children and a nearby parking lot. In addition, the playground surface was painted in bright colors, and new landscaping was installed using plants from the established gardens surrounding the school.

We are excited to report that we recently received a \$5000 grant in support of the playground from the Ti-Ger Foundation, and that we have reached 52% of our goal. We are currently selling pickets (\$50) and handprint tiles (\$30) to support the project. Please contact Susan Berry (962-3971 or susansberry@gmail.com) if interested.



CORNING FREE ACADEMY

The Southside Neighborhood Association is very concerned that Corning Free Academy may not be restored for use as a school. Our concerns are many. CFA is the hub of our historic neighborhood. Architecturally and historically CFA is extremely important to not only our neighborhood but our city. Educationally, we are concerned about the negative impact on our children being taken out of our neighborhood and put in a much larger school. There are many examples of sound, older schools being renovated and used for the purpose for which they were built. The closest example is but a few blocks away – former "School 1" – now the Alternative School for Math and Science. States such as Delaware and Pennsylvania highly recommend renovating older schools to support the requirements of the 21st Century rather than the building or addition of new structures. Our area continues to



lose too many structures that can't be replaced and our children deserve the best education possible - which can be given in carefully restored, architecturally beautiful, and historically important buildings such as CFA.

- ◆ *Lost* – The Castle, Fall Brook RR building, Water Building, Tuthill's TS Pritchard house (First & Chemung), WS Purdy house (2nd oldest house in Corning, Cedar & Cintra Lane), most houses on First between Chemung & Pearl, Odd Fellows Building on Denison Parkway.
- ◆ *Saved/Restored* – Drake House, Tube drawing tower (Little Joe), Bldg 21 gates & entrance way, old city hall
- ◆ *Endangered* – Corning Free Academy, War Memorial Library, Masonic Temple, Canfield Park, Hawkes Bldg signs, Walnut St Post Office, In Denison Park: Light-house, Entry arch and Gregory Fountain.

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SOUTHSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES

HAWKES SIGNAGE PROJECT

SNA is working on a sign restoration project on historic West Market Street. The owner of the two Hawkes buildings (one pictured above) has given permission and an experienced sign painter estimates the cost for recreating both signs is \$8000. We are raising funds and hope you can help in this very important restoration project. Please make checks payable to *Southside Neighborhood Association – (SNA), Hawkes Signage*, Box 481, Corning, NY 14830. Thanks!

2009 CAP AWARDS

In May, SNA presented the annual Corning Architectural Preservation (CAP) Awards which recognize preservation efforts in the neighborhood.

The 2009 CAP Awards were awarded to following for excellence in the preservation of historic examples of

our built environment which contribute to the vitality and rebirth of our community:

- ♦ Marty Whitehouse, for restoration and landscaping of her 1856 home at 189 Wall Street;
- ♦ Dan and Michelle Sherlock, for restoration and landscaping of their 1865 home at 249 Cedar Street;
- ♦ The First United Methodist Church for restoration of the stained glass window facing First Street.

SNA HELPS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Recently SNA donated funds to the C-PP Historical Society to move their new/old blacksmith shop from Beaver Dams to the Benjamin Patterson Inn complex.

DID YOU KNOW...



Frederick Carder, founder of Steuben Glass, served on the board of education, was president of the school board, chairman of the

building committee and helped design Corning Free Academy. CFA is on the National Register of Historic Places, is an anchor of one of Corning's two historic districts, and was listed in 2000 by the National Trust for Historic Preservation as one of the nation's 11 Most Endangered Places.

WEB & EMAIL

We're happy to report that our new web site can be viewed at www.corningsna.org. We'll be enhancing it with additional content over the next few months and if you'd like to see anything added, contact Tom Berry at tberry0916@stny.rr.com.

Also - we're developing our email list and need yours! Why? To send reminders of programs and social events, important community information and updates on SNA projects. Email Susan Berry at susansberry@gmail.com to get on our list!

It's Time to Join or Renew Your SNA Membership for 2010!

Your neighborhood association needs members! Our membership is growing, but we'd like participation from many more of our neighbors. If you choose to become a member, your dues will cover the 2010 calendar year.

SOUTHSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

The SNA welcomes your membership for the current calendar year. Please complete the form below.

Name _____

Phone/Email* _____

Address _____

** we're building a list of email contacts for updates on upcoming events and programs..*

Membership Level: Member (\$20) _____

Supporting (\$50) _____

Patron (\$100) _____

Benefactor (\$250) _____

Please make checks payable to Southside Neighborhood Association, and send to PO Box 481, Corning, NY 14830. Thanks!



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