



CORNING SOUTHSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Corning's Southside Newsletter



## HAWKES FAÇADE RESTORATION

Thanks to private contributions and contributions from the American Cut Glass Association and the Carder Steuben Club and SNA we have nearly reached our goal so that the historic Hawkes signs on Market Street can be restored. The original painted signs on the buildings which house Vitrix Glass and OTB are important historic artifacts, and over the years these signs have faded. They have national and international importance as well as historical significance to Corning. Thomas G. Hawkes owned the largest cutting shop in Corning and produced glass that was known throughout the world. Hawkes glass was used in the White House and given as gifts to queens and other heads of state. When a shortage of high-quality lead blanks became apparent, Hawkes was able to convince Frederick Carder to come to America and co-found Steuben Glass. The production of such high-quality glass – both Steuben and Hawkes – led to Corning's nickname – The Crystal City.

We've identified a qualified artist to complete the restoration which will take about two weeks. Work can begin upon approval from the City, which requires a code variance. A hearing is scheduled for 5pm Monday, April 19 at City Hall. We hope this project will be completed to coincide with the inaugural GlassFest May 27-30.

*Mike MacDonald, Regional Director of the American Cut Glass Association presents a donation to SNA President Peetie Dimitroff.*



**Ice Cream Social** - Mark your calendars! SNA will host the third annual Ice Cream Social in Canfield Park on Wednesday, July 14 from 6:30-8pm. Last year, nearly 100 people gathered to enjoy delicious ice cream and mingle with neighbors, both old and new. July is National Ice Cream month, so come celebrate with SNA!

## 2010 SNA PUBLIC PROGRAMS

Our 2010 schedule of programs is underway!

On February 23, we visited an exhibit of works by local artist Joyce Snyder hosted by Corning -Painted Post Historical Society at the Patterson Inn. It was an enjoyable evening by candlelight, featuring many Corning-Painted Post area landmarks, public buildings, and homes.

Our program on March 23 was a tour of 15 East Market Street newly renovated by preservation architect Elise Johnson-Schmidt. The building houses a retail shop, Elise's architectural business and an apartment.

We hope you'll join us for our upcoming programs:

April 27 – **The Basics of Herb Growing and Planting** – Sylvia Lewis of Massi's Greenhouse will present a timely program on the creation and care of herb gardens. This program will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, Pentecost room, First Street entrance starting at 7:30 p.m.

May 27 - 30 **Glass Fest** – SNA is excited to be participating in the inaugural Glass Fest this year! We will have a booth on Market Street to sell glass and neighborhood related items. Our annual CAP (Corning Architectural Preservation) Awards will be granted and recipients of our new "CAPS OFF" Award will be honored. Additionally, we will have presentations including a visual tour of glass making landmarks on Corning's southside. Watch for more details as Glass Fest approaches!

October 19 – **The Blacksmith Shop at the Inn** – Leon Golder will present a visual tour of the project at the Benjamin Patterson Inn located at 59 W. Pulteney Street in Corning. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the exhibit room, accessible by parking in the lot off Flint Avenue and proceeding through the gate to the side porch entrance of the Inn.

November 16 – **Annual meeting** - Watch for details. We will meet at the First Presbyterian Church, Pentecost room, First Street entrance starting at 7:30 p.m.

We look forward to seeing a good turn-out and welcome suggestions for future programs.

## SIGN UP FOR E-NEWS FROM SNA!

SNA publishes two newsletters each year, but many of our members and neighbors are now keeping up to date on neighborhood happenings through SNA's monthly email updates!

Register for the free electronic updates by visiting the following internet address:

<http://eepurl.com/q3GT>



## DID YOU KNOW...

The railroad ran through the southside neighborhood, from Denison Parkway (then Erie Ave) through the area below Severn School. If you have photos, we'd love to scan them for our archives. [tberry0916@stny.rr.com](mailto:tberry0916@stny.rr.com)

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**SNA CREATES NEW “CAPS OFF” AWARDS!**

This year we have established another award – the CAPS OFF Award. This award recognizes smaller efforts to maintain and/or improve properties in our historic city. Though small, we feel these improvements add to the beauty and character of our historic neighborhood.

SNA’s annual Corning Architectural Preservation (CAP) Awards recognize more significant preservation efforts, and are presented each May during Preservation Month. CAPS OFF Awards will be awarded each month that we have qualifying nominations. If you’ve noticed a neighborhood improvement worthy of recognition, please complete the CAP nomination form below, contact a board member or email submission to [susansberry@gmail.com](mailto:susansberry@gmail.com).

**CAP AWARD / “CAPS OFF” NOMINATION FORM**

I \_\_\_\_\_

nominate for: CAP Award CAPs OFF Award

The following:

Name (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Reason \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete for m and send to Southside Neighborhood Association, PO Box 481, Corning, NY 14830 - or email submission to [susansberry@gmail.com](mailto:susansberry@gmail.com).



**Carder Koala Run Playground Needs our Help!**

SNA is partnering with the Carder School community as sponsor for its new playground project. The playground will meet the play and exercise needs for the school community for many years to come and will be open to the community for all to enjoy! 58% of the fund-raising goal has been met.

The design includes special Corning community architectural features which can be “purchased” to support the project. Little Joe Tower and the Rockwell Museum have already been sponsored, but several other Corning landmarks are available, including: Clock Tower; Crystal City Castle; Corning Museum of Glass; Centerway Bridge; Li'l Market St Village. To inquire, email [annc.home@gmail.com](mailto:annc.home@gmail.com).



**Help Carder Win \$50K to finish playground!**

Carder’s playground project was supposed to be included in Pepsi’s national “refresh everything” competition in April, but was accidentally left out. To rectify the error, Pepsi has agreed to submit us in the May vote cycle. Get ready to vote every day beginning May 1. The top 10 vote-getters will WIN \$50K. The kids have been so disappointed ... let's make it up to them by VOTING big in May!

Here’s how it works:

1. Visit [www.refresheverything.com](http://www.refresheverything.com) to sign up for an account
2. Sign up for a DAILY email reminder with a quick link to make voting EASY: <http://eepurl.com/iVdJ>
3. Vote every day in May, once per email address.

*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. SNA is a not-for-profit organization, so your membership dues are tax deductible!

**SOUTHSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP**

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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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