



CORNING SOUTHSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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## 2010: A YEAR OF ACCOMPLISHMENT FOR SNA!

2010 was a very busy and productive year for your neighborhood association. In addition to hosting six public programs, we've been busy making a difference in our community. *The Southside Neighborhood Association is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and restoration of our built environment in Corning.* It's member renewal time, so don't forget to complete the form on the enclosed insert and send it in for the 2011 calendar year.

### HAWKES FAÇADE RESTORATION



In June 2010 signage restoration work was completed on the historic Hawkes buildings at 83 and 75-79 West Market Street. Glassmaker Thomas Gibbons Hawkes founded one of the most prestigious cut glass companies in the world, was recognized internationally and made glass for presidents and royalty throughout the world. In 1903, he enlisted the help of Frederick Carder to create the Steuben Glass Company. With the historic signs fading, SNA initiated a project to preserve and restore the painted building signs with donations from individuals, the American Cut Glass Association and the Carder Steuben Club. Many thanks to painters Larry



and Eric Orr. If you haven't seen them, be sure to walk down Market Street and look up – especially now that the leaves are off the trees. This was a major accomplishment that will enhance the historical experience for all who visit Corning.

### 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 SNA happenings through our monthly email updates!

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

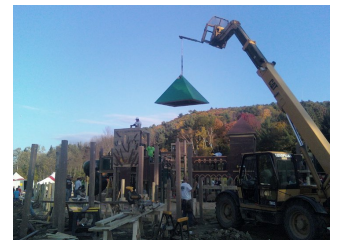
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### CARDER KOALA RUN PLAYGROUND



SNA sponsored our biggest project ever in helping build a new playground at Carder School in October 2010. The playground is open to the general public when school is not in session. The playground was designed by Leathers Associates of Ithaca and incorporates Corning's history and architecture. Children play on the Clock Tower, the Rockwell Museum (old city hall), Corning Free Academy and the Little Joe tower.

The amazing community project was spearheaded by SNA board member Ann Campbell, and was accomplished through many donations of time, money, materials, food (snacks, lunch and dinner during the build), and with more than 1000 volunteer hours! Winning \$50,000 from Pepsi's Refresh Everything contest and receiving a \$10,000 grant from the Home Depot helped bring the project to fruition. Kudos to all who took part in this SNA-sponsored project! We'll be adding some finishing touches in the spring - including swings and landscaping - so stay tuned for details on how you can help with the next phase of the project.



To watch a time lapse video of the 5-day build, visit <http://www.corningsna.org/SNA/Playground.html>

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**Other Accomplishments in 2010!**

■ **Inaugural GlassFest:** SNA was part of the first GlassFest event held by Corning's Gaffer District in May 2010. In addition to offering three programs on glass-making in Corning's southside, SNA also hosted a booth at the Radisson during the festivities.

■ **Carder Birthday:** Frederick Carder, creator of Steuben Glass, always held his own birthday party. Glass aficionados from across the country come to Corning each year on September 18 to celebrate. SNA's David Dowler (and current owner of Carder's home) presented the keynote at the birthday dinner. In another special celebration, SNA presented to Principal Dan Davis a framed document which renamed "West End School" Carder Elementary.

■ **Members Only Socials:** As a way to thank our members and encourage everyone to meet their neighbors, SNA hosted several gatherings at private homes on the southside. The three we've held to date have been very successful, and we plan to have more gatherings to give neighbors a first-hand view of some of our architectural treasures. Many thanks to Joan Leffel, Daniel Roemmelt, and Tom and Peetie Dimitroff for opening their homes to us!

■ **Cooley Road Blacksmith Shop:** SNA donated to this CPP Historical Society project, and spent a delightful October evening with Leon Golder, touring and learning about the relocated, renovated facility on Pulteney Street.

**RECENT AWARD RECIPIENTS**

In 2010, we established the CAPS OFF Award to recognize 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. Congratulations to Bob and Loretta Ecklin; Gerald and Craig Early; Community Progress, Inc.; Ken and Angela Lane and Corning Hospital! CAPS OFF Awards will be awarded each month that we have qualifying nominations.

SNA's annual Corning Architectural Preservation (CAP) Awards recognize more significant preservation efforts, and are presented each May during Preservation Month. Congratulations to 2010 recipients for their restoration efforts: Rebecca Baker for 38 E. 2nd St.; John Dennis for 170 Cedar St.; and Jen and Steve Spencer for 19 W. 4th St.

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.

**Ice Cream Social** - July is National Ice Cream Month - watch for updates for SNA's third annual Ice Cream Social in Canfield Park.



*The Gregory Fountain was presented to the city of Corning in 1912 by Morris E. Gregory, proprietor of the Corning Brick Works. Through the years much of the fountain disappeared, leaving only the base in poor condition. In 2010, Tom Giambone, Steve Koob, Steve Hazlett and city workers not only restored the fountain but also put plantings in it. Be sure you see this historical gem in Denison Park.*



*SNA partnered with the Matt Crance Fitness Trail Fundraising Association so they could receive funds to build a lasting memorial to an outstanding young man. The Denison Park project was completed in June 2010.*



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**CAP AWARD / "CAPS OFF" NOMINATION FORM**

I \_\_\_\_\_

nominate for:  CAP Award  CAPs OFF Award

The following:

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Reason \_\_\_\_\_

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