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Corning's Southside Newsletter



WAR MEMORIAL LIBRARY RENOVATION!

Southside Neighborhood Association featured an in-depth presentation of the restoration of the Pine Street library by Preservation Architect Elise Johnson-Schmidt at the November Annual Meeting. With managing partner Craig Marlatt, Elise shared plans for repurposing the Library to house five apartments and an office retaining historic features such as fireplaces and woodwork. Construction is currently underway, and the developers expect completion as soon as fall 2013.

In 1930, the citizens of Corning raised \$75,000 to restore the old City Club into a city library and memorial to those who died in WWI. The following year, Frederick Carder designed a window featuring his Bristol yellow glass and honoring the loss of the 30 young men from Corning, including his son Cyril. The window was placed over the main entrance as part of the memorial. The window was removed and a permanent viewing site is being explored by the city Public Art Committee.

We all look forward to seeing the project come to fruition and this wonderful historic memorial structure restored.



The War Memorial Library main level. (Not dated.) Photo by F.E. Hewitt.



Then and Now: Reading can be fun! (Not dated. Photographer not known.)



(above) World War Memorial Library, then and now.

It's Time to Join or Renew for 2013!

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 2013 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 calendar year 2013. 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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COMING TO A CORNER NEAR YOU!

SNA will be installing street sign toppers to mark the Southside Historic District. SNA president David Dowler designed the signs and coordinated the necessary city approval. The signs will be mounted this spring—watch for them!

HISTORIC SIGNS

Some may have seen a recent series in *The Leader* featuring Corning area historic markers.

Twenty-five years ago John Baer, an Eagle Scout, with the help of his troop and Tom Dimitroff, his advi-

sor, erected seven historic markers in the city of Corning. After 25 years, the signs are in need of repainting. In the fall, East High student Grace Clark, repainted the sign for Court House/Canfield Park and the sign for the City of Corning. Other signs have been repainted by Tammy Walrath and Ken Baer. Several signs are still in need of repainting. Contact Peetie Dimitroff if you are interested.



YARD SALE DAY A HIT!

In September 2012, Southside Neighborhood Association sponsored a neighborhood-wide Yard Sale day. Despite miserable rainy weather, more than 40 neighbors participated in the Saturday event. SNA expects to make this an annual event for the neighborhood.

2013 ICE CREAM SOCIAL DATE SET

Mark your calendars for Thursday, July 18 for the annual SNA Ice Cream Social in Canfield Park. We'll be honoring historic sign painters along with our annual CAP award recipients. Details to come!

CANFIELD PARK RESTORATION

SNA and the Crystal City Parks Commission have joined forces to raise funds for the restoration of Canfield Park (Court House Park). Phase One will include drainage and paths. Among our fundraising ideas to-date are Barbecue in the Park, a Ladies Night Out and a raffle of Carder Steuben and modern Steuben. Contributions and ideas are welcome! Contact a board member.

CAP AWARD RECIPIENTS

SNA presented the Corning Architectural Preservation (CAP) Awards at our annual Ice Cream Social in July in Canfield Park.

As a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and restoration of our built environment, the Southside Neighborhood Association grants awards each year which read: *For excellence in the preservation of historic examples of our built environment which contributes to the vitality and rebirth of our community enabling present and future generations to understand, enjoy and benefit from our past.*

The 2012 awards were presented to:

Bobby Rockwell, for Restoration of the roof at the Rockwell home at 30 West Third Street.

David and Mary Ann Moses, for Extensive Restoration and Landscaping of their home at 240 Walnut Street.

HISTORIC BUILDING PLAQUE ORDER FORM

These are 7 X 10 inch bronze plaques with a brown patina. The date your structure was erected will be placed on your plaque. If you are purchasing a plaque for a structure other than the one listed below, please give the address of the structure for which you are ordering a plaque.

Name _____

Phone/Email _____

Address _____

Plaque Address _____

Date Built * _____ Not sure/don't know _____

* If you're not sure, SNA can help to verify building date.

Price: \$200 including shipping (\$50 is tax deductible)

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