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2018 ANNUAL REPORT

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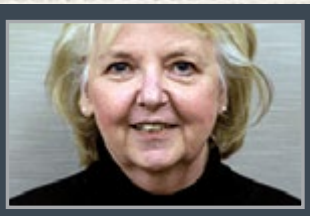
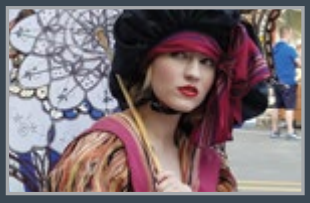
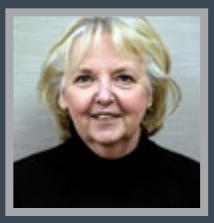




Letter From The President



Dear Members and Stakeholders,

NPA celebrated another wonderful year of participation in the life of our beautiful historic city of Noblesville, and I was privileged to be a part of that. It was a busy year for all of us.

This year NPA celebrated its 32nd anniversary and as volunteer organizations go—led by volunteers, staffed by volunteers, worked by volunteers—we are unique. Most not-for-profit groups struggle over time but NPA has always been and remains a vibrant part of the structure of our city. To have survived and continue to thrive for this many years takes diligence and strength. We are proud of our longevity and excited about continuing for many years into the future.

NPA is a many-pronged organization. We are constantly working to build our base, to educate our political leaders about the importance of preservation, to be an enthusiastic face of preservation in community activities, to raise needed funds through the Historic Home Tour, the Holiday Homes Tour, grants and donations, and to build an appreciation for our Old Town by the larger community. Although NPA is always growing and changing, we remember our most important task—to preserve our beautiful historic homes, sidewalks, streets, parks, and neighborhoods for the future.

There is an important aspect of NPA which cannot be measured. Involvement in NPA activities builds a sense of community and lasting friendships. We know each other and we care about each other. NPA helps build the "front-porch" community we cherish so much.

I'd like to thank our sponsors and other community supporters who offer funds to make programming possible. I'd like to thank political leaders who challenge us to speak up when decisions are being made which work counter to our values. Most importantly, I'd like to thank all of you, the volunteers who love and support and protect our community through your time and effort.

Sincerely,

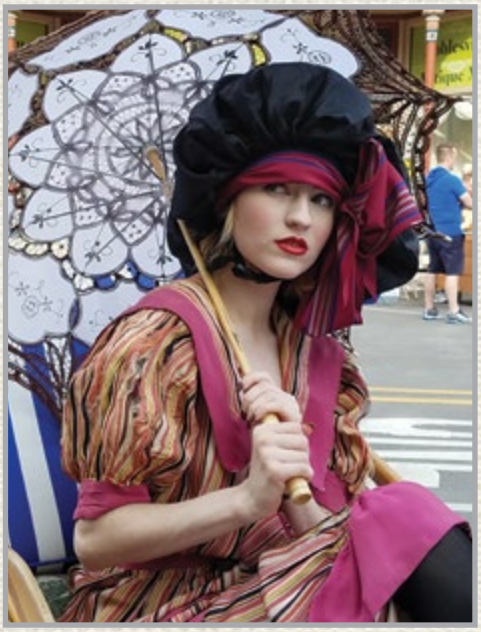
Nancy Hebel
President, Noblesville Preservation Alliance

Building Community Calendar for Members

NPA members are the most caring, big-hearted, volunteer-oriented, fierce-fighters-for-preservation people in the world. They open their homes, help their neighbors, write editorials, speak to politicians, give of their time—and sometimes money—to support preservation in our community.

While members are quick to give selflessly, sometimes new members (and old members as well) ask what benefits come from membership in NPA. This year we started something new to answer that question. 2018 was the first year for a "members only" calendar of activities to build community and have fun. There were speakers, picnics, movies, activities and parties for all ages. Fun was had by all and we look forward to many more "members only" good times.

NPA members can find community-wide activities at **noblesvillepreservation.com**



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April
- 22 *Sip n' Share

May
- 4 *Upstairs Downtown*
- 19 *Neighborhood Walking Tour

June
- 1 *Bed Race*
- 24 *Community Picnic*
- 30 *Separate Ways—The Band

July
- 4 *4th of July Parade*
- 7 *Movie Night
- 14 *Street Dance*
- 19 *Thirsty Thursday & Speaker

August
- 25 *"Good-Bye Summer" Cookout

September
- 15 *Historic Home Tour*

October
- 27 *Ghost Stories

November
- 10 *Progressive Dinner
- 23 *Tree Lighting*
- 25 *Holiday Parade*

December
- 8 *Holiday Home Tour*

*NPA MEMBERS ONLY
COMMUNITY-WIDE ACTIVITIES
For all the information, check the website:
noblesvillepreservation.com

Annual Bed Race

We raised our profile a bit in this year's Annual Bed Race, a fundraiser for The Boys and Girls Club conducted by Noblesville Parks and Recreation. This was our second year racing and, while it was all about showmanship last year, we actually won a couple of heats this year and advanced to the next round.

That has some team members itching to be even more competitive in the future, which will likely involve a new bed. In both races so far we have used a vintage 1940's hospital gurnee as a base, decorated in Victorian finery, which looks great but doesn't race very well. Improved competitiveness will require new wheels and probably younger muscles doing the pushing.

This year we were delighted to win the peoples' choice award for the second year in a row, and for the second time we executed a signature pirouette on the final lap. We're in it for the fun and the marketing opportunity; prizes just make it all that much more enjoyable.

A Year in Review

Community Picnic

The NPA Annual Community Picnic at Seminary Park was another great success this year! The committee for this year's picnic headed up by Brian Landress, Aaron Head and Jeanne Clark wanted to focus on three main areas. Continuing the momentum from the first community picnic held in 2017, expanding fun things to do for the children who attended the picnic and most importantly continuing to bring visibility to the importance, historic relevance and memories Seminary Park brings to the old town Noblesville area. Reflecting on the day we think it is safe to say all our objectives were met!

In the tradition set in the first community picnic this was an event open to the public and fully funded by the NPA. The grills were hot with hamburgers and hotdogs, the table was set with delicious picnic fixings, the popcorn was freshly popped and cold drinks were there for all to enjoy. A big thank you goes out to McAlister's Deli for donating the drinks and cups to support our community outreach efforts. Keeping the event open for all not only provided many community members with a meal that day but also allowed an opportunity to bring continued awareness of NPA's mission to preservation.

The children were treated to some newly expanded entertainment options. The NPA leveraged the City of Noblesville Parks Rec2Go directed by Team Awesome! A team of parks employees that know how to have fun focused on all the children in attendance. This was a great opportunity for the children (and maybe some adults) to enjoy Corn hole and hula-hoops to name a few among many other fun group activities. It's safe to say the adults appreciated the managed game time as much as the children appreciated playing!

Last but certainly not least, this event brought continued awareness to the importance, relevance and usefulness of Seminary Park. As many know from last year, the city was looking at other plans for the park that would have removed this historic space. Not only do events such as the community picnic maintain awareness but also are providing opportunities for the city to look at preservation in a new light. The NPA continues to work with the city to ensure Seminary park is not only persevered but also improved while maximizing its use. Be sure to read about the new Lights Over Seminary event and work the NPA is doing with the city to make investments / design improvements in Seminary park.

Noblestories

Our Noblestories storyteller project debuted this year as a way to connect generations and give current and new residents some insight into Noblesville's heritage. The idea is to recruit old timers to share their stories and photos and record them for posterity.

The committee came up with several ideas for the first few productions on a quarterly schedule. The first was Bob Arbuckle (95 years old) and his Railroad Place. All was set to go in March at the Railroad Place but was postponed until April when Bob needed recovery time after being fitted with a pacemaker. As the April date approached Bob wasn't feeling up to doing the presentation so we postponed further to October, when he would be celebrating his 96th birthday.

Meantime, we featured Sandy Stewart and Dottie Young reminiscing about high school days in the 60's on July 15. The Logan Street Sanctuary was packed full of their classmates and others who had fond memories of senior cords, the Homecoming Parade and more at the school building that now houses Ivy Tech.

By September, Bob Arbuckle decided he just didn't have the energy to go through with it so we were forced to cancel his presentation. On October 28th the subject was Firestone and the impact it had on the community for several generations. Lynn Taylor, who ran the plant as it was closing in 2007, invited audience members, some who worked there and others who had relatives who did, to recall stories about the factory that was once Hamilton County's largest employer.

Noblestories will continue next year with four new topics. They are presented at the Logan Street Sanctuary, which holds about 65 people and seems to be just about the right size. They are free but we take a free will offering to offset the cost of renting the venue, which is $100 each time. The first session yielded a surplus and the second session we broke even. Jim Wafford, of Hamilton County Television, records the sessions free of charge and posts them to Youtube, where we link to them from our website.

Bob Arbuckle Founded the Railroad Place in 1948 as a sewing machine sales and repair store.

The Levinson Project

Making a Way for the Future

The Levinson Project is a five-story multi-function building that will be constructed between 8th and 9th Streets, Maple and the alley behind Conner Street. It will contain a number of retail shops at street level, four levels of parking (two below and two above ground), and three levels of apartments.

The Levinson project has the potential to bring an exciting new concept to Noblesville Old Town that will meet the needs of many, while respecting our heritage and community values. Although we regret that an historic building will be demolished to make room for The Levinson, NPA recognizes the need for the multi-purpose concept of the project and applauds its developer for his openness to implementing design changes that harmonize with the downtown cityscape.

The Board of Directors has met numerous times with Shelby Bowen, Rebar Development, and with the architects to give input about our mission and vision for our community. Changes have been made in the façade design based on ideas from the NPA Board. We know this project will set a precedent for future development and look forward to continued partnership with developers.

Lights Over Seminary Park

Lights Over Seminary, and interactive, walk-able and historic light display, opened on Dec. 7, 2018 at Seminary Park to a packed crowd of Noblesville neighborhood families and friends as well as impressed visitors. The mayor officiated at the turning on of the lights, and the evening was enhanced by the sponsor decorated Christmas trees; music provided by a brass quintet, carolers, and a guitar vocalist; complimentary hot chocolate and cookies; hot chestnuts roasting; an NPA booth with information on the history of Seminary Square; and a Parks Department poster showing the planned improvements for Seminary Park.

The holiday light display, which features numerous light displays that were used by the city decades ago, continued to be lit through the New Year. Some pieces in the Lights Over Seminary display are recognizable to longtime Noblesville residents as the Noblesville Preservation Alliance and Parks Department cooperated to restore and LED upgrade the multiple vintage pieces from city displays from the 1950s and '60s. Along with the display within Seminary Park, Noblesville Preservation Alliance gifted a vintage nativity scene to Friends Church, located adjacent to Seminary Park, who in turn refurbished this display for the public to enjoy in conjunction with Lights Over Seminary.

Aaron Head, an NPA board member, took the lead on this project from its inception to its fruition. When he became aware that the vintage light displays were available and threatened with disposal, he reached out to an NPA family who stored them for many months while plans for their use could be developed. Aaron then developed the concept for Lights Over Seminary; got buy-in from Brandon Bennett of the Parks Department; shared his vision with NPA who enthusiastically supported the idea with volunteers and funding; created collaboration with the City of Noblesville, Nickel Plate Arts and Noblesville Main Street; found sponsorships and grant funding; and generally took the lead of the entire volunteer effort.

Lights Over Seminary added a bright new event to spotlight Old Town and Downtown Noblesville in general, and Seminary Park in particular. It was well-received by the community and will be an annual Christmas holiday event in Noblesville for years to come. With the major upgrading of Seminary Park and a new gazebo being constructed this next summer, the venue should be even more impressive. Aaron Head envisions additional lighting displays and some local art input next time in addition to all of the great music, food, drinks, and atmosphere that was enjoyed in this inaugural year.

NPA will continue to lead in the organization, implementation, and promotion of this exciting new family friendly activity.

Historic Home Tour

Unlock a Door to the Past

This year saw one of the most extensive home tours NPA has ever hosted. Visitors could listen to music, have books signed, tour Riverside Cemetery, watch The Belfry Theatre Apprentice Players, learn courthouse history, and participate in a number of other activities all over town.

The Home Tour requires a tremendous amount of planning and takes a host of volunteers. Everyone is to be commended for providing such an outstanding day—even Mother Nature pitched in with a beautiful day.

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5. 6. 8.

9. 10. 11.

Eleven locations were open for visitors to tour this year:

1. SADIE & LUKE MCCLAIN ..... 1293 LOGAN ST.
2. RANDY & KATHY TOMES ..... 1440 LOGAN ST.
3. JEANETTE & JASON CRAW..... 1039 LOGAN ST.
4. BILL & CASEY KENLEY..... 1359 LOGAN ST.
5. JEFF & JESSICA MCCARTY..... 1360 LOGAN ST.
6. MEGAN & JACK HOLMES ..... 1494 LOGAN ST.
7. BRET & TAMMY RICHARDSON ..... 1083 LOGAN ST.
8. SHARON & JERRY LARRISON ..... 286 N. 11TH ST.
9. CHRIS & CHRISSY MILLER..... 1050 CLINTON ST.
10. ROB & KRISTA BOCKO ..... 1194 CLINTON ST.
11. SHERIFF'S RESIDENCE..... 810 CONNOR ST.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday
September 21, 2019
33rd Annual
Historic Home Tour

Josiah Durfee Awards

About the Award

A Josiah Durfee Award is given at the sole discretion of NPA's Board of Directors on behalf of the NPA membership to local citizens or organizations that have made the most significant, positive contribution to NPA's mission. Outstanding achievement in historic preservation may be a single event or a cumulative contribution over several years. The board may select not to present a Durfee Award in any given year.

The Award's Namesake

Josiah K. Durfee, more than any other architect, impacted our rich architectural heritage before and during Noblesville's gas boom growth. His architectural and engineering talents were applied to a diverse collection of properties, many of which remain today. Mr. Durfee's notable accomplishments include Potter's Covered Bridge, the Model Mill, and the Sheriff's Residence, all of which are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. His work has weathered more than a century and become a symbol of excellence and local pride. This award is given in honor of his lasting contribution to our community.

JOSIAH DURFEE AWARDS

INTERIOR RENOVATION
JEANETTE AND JASON CRAW

EXTERIOR RENOVATION
ANITA AND BRIAN LANDRESS

IMPACT
TAMMY AND BRET RICHARDSON

CORPORATE PHILANTHROPY
JAY MERRELL — IDI

COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD SPIRIT
KEN HEBEL

INDIVIDUAL MERIT
AARON HEAD

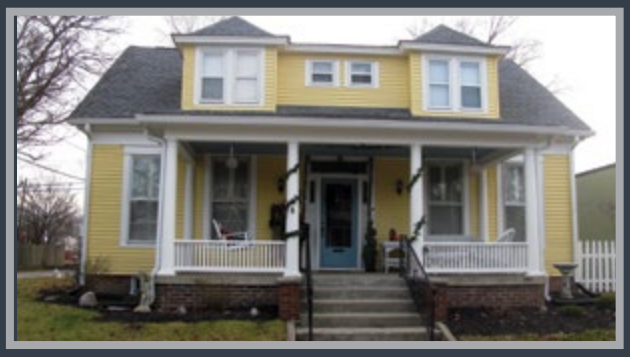
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT
MARY SUE ROWLAND

Facade Grant Winners

JASON AND JEANETTE CRAW
1039 LOGAN ST.

SCOPE OF THE PROJECT:

A $1,000 grant was awarded for the beautiful exterior repair and painting of their home at 1039 Logan St.



PETER AND BARBARA LAPITSKY
1139 CHERRY ST.

SCOPE OF THE PROJECT:

Another $1,000 grant was awarded to Peter and Barbara Lapitsky for whole house window trim repairs and repainting at their home at 1139 Cherry St.

SHERRI BONHAM
1334 LOGAN ST.

SCOPE OF THE PROJECT:

A $500 grant was awarded to Sherri Bonham for window repairs to her home at 1334 Logan Street. (this grant was awarded in 2017, but repairs were not completed until 2018 and therefore was not paid by the NPA until this year)

Membership List

You don't have to own or live in an old house to be interested in preserving Noblesville's historic fabric. We all benefit when we shop downtown, visit a park, or walk or drive along the streets. Not to mention the visitors and businesses that are attracted to Noblesville for its unique character. NPA works hard to help preserve Noblesville, and the more members we have the better work we can do. So contact your neighbors and friends and urge them to join!

Below is a list of people you don't have to worry about calling; you and they are already committed to being members of NPA.

Blake Anderson
Daniel Antle
Joe & Jo Ellen Arrowood
Kate Baker
Melissa Bruhn
Ken Bubp
Michael Burks
Doug Church
Jeanne Clark
Dave & Beth Clements
Cynthia Clinkenbeard
Jason & Emily Compton
Mike & Joni Corbett
Jason & Jeanette Craw
Kevin & Mary Catherine Dillon
Pamela Dodane
Sandra Dupree
Jae & Sherry Ebert
John & Karen Elliott
Sandra Farr
Sandra & Don Frick
Bryan Glover
Jacob Gretencord
Ken & Nancy Hebel
Becky Hepker
Megan Holmes
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Rob Lawson
Janet Leonard
Ruth Lusher
Patrice Lyttle
Dan & Patty Mac Innis
Heather MacInnis
Christine Mariano
Sadie McClain
Candace & Scott Nall
Tim & Lauren Parker
Bryant Pedigo
Bret Richardson
Larry & Sue Rider
Ted & Mary Sue Rowland
Caryl Schlicher
Doug Stevenson
Cheryl & Larry Stitt
Lance & Amanda Stockton
Kathy & Randy Tomes
Jim Washburn
Dan & Deb Webster
Wayne & Sue Weise
Diane Whelchel
John & Sarah Williams
Dan & Alicia Wolke
Dotttie & Vernon Young

OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS

Jeanne Clark is the only member of the Board of Directors who is retiring this year but her participation will be greatly missed. Jeanne has been an NPA member since 2002 and on the Board of Directors since 2015. She held the position of President last year. While on the Board she volunteered wherever she was needed, most notably on the Home Tour.

Jeanne has lived in Noblesville since 1985 and has owned her home since 1991. While not volunteering for NPA, Jeanne is interested in history, medieval re-creation, and is a master gardener. Although no longer on the Board, Jeanne will continue to be involved in all aspects of NPA.

2018 Financial Report

Beautiful weather, creative programs and excellent management by the committee yielded our most profitable Historic Home Tour in recent memory in 2018. Whereas we normally net between $6000 and $10,000, we made $14,883 this year, which gives us a healthy surplus going into next year. A successful Christmas Tour adds about $700 to that total. Lights over Seminary was budgeted as a break even endeavor but will yield a profit of about $2000 due to a couple of grants and a successful sponsorship program. Membership income is up about 10% over last year at $2500. We continue to sell small numbers of door posters and t-shirts, mostly at the Home Tour, both produced and paid for in prior years, and yielding $245 this year.

Home Tour expenses were under budget, as was marketing, membership, operating expenses and programs. We seem to be frugal people by nature. We only spent $2500 of $5000 budgeted on facade grants, about $1000 of $2000 budgeted for the summer picnic and other parties. The most significant expense all year was Lights Over Seminary because we paid to have five angels relit and purchased many strings of lights to decorate the park. Those expenses won't repeat next year. We have more than $10,000 in surplus at the end of this year to carry over to next year.

We continue to carry six CD's that are reinvested at six-month intervals and yield interest each month. Our balance is more than $31,000 with more than $400 in the CD income account. We started the year with about $12,000 in our checking account and now have more than $24,000. We have $1720 in a Paypal account, which didn't change this year because we now use Stripe to process credit card transactions on the website.

Submitted by Mike Corbett, *Treasurer*

JANUARY - DECEMBER 2018 FINANCES

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
CD Income Account	407.93
Certificate of Deposit	31,093.21
Checking	24,251.85
Endangered Structures Fund	741.38
PayPal	1,720.05
TOTAL ASSETS	58,504.42
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	42,842.31
Retained Earnings	2,740.86
Net Income	12,921.25
TOTAL EQUITY	58,504.42
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	58,504.42