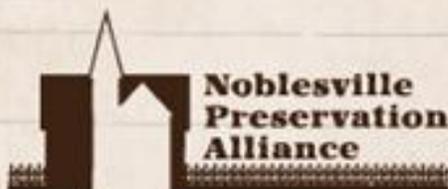
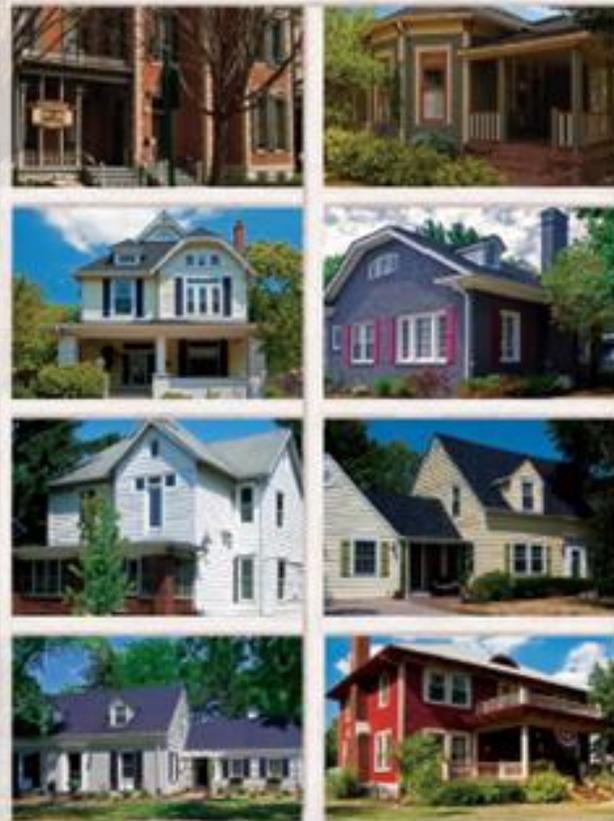


2012 Annual Report



Promoting the preservation of historic homes, neighborhoods and resources to enhance the quality of life in Noblesville

MISSION STATEMENT

The Noblesville Preservation Alliance promotes the preservation of historic homes, neighborhoods and resources to enhance the quality of life in Noblesville.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear NPA Members & Stakeholders,

Noblesville is strong, and getting stronger every day.

There are many factors that are contributing to this success, from robust economic development and an active chamber of commerce, to civic pride and a longstanding tradition of nonprofit engagement. Many cities and towns across our county and state can boast of these qualities, but very few can match Noblesville's unique combination of city amenities, a vibrant downtown, burgeoning arts scene, authentic historic districts, excellent parks, family-friendly neighborhoods and quintessential Hoosier hospitality.

History is the heart and lifeblood of our city, and the choices we make on a day-to-day basis have both an immediate and long-term impact on our future. Think what Noblesville would look like today without the County Courthouse, or Potter's Bridge, or the Essington House, or the Craig House ... the list goes on and on. Hard as it is to believe today, it took concerted community action to save these landmarks—with the NPA playing a critical role.

The Noblesville Preservation Alliance has a simple mission, one that respects the past for the benefit of the future. We are dedicated to the preservation of historic homes, neighborhoods and resources to enhance the quality of life in Noblesville. We know this can only be accomplished through awareness, advocacy and investment.

This has been our strategy since our founding and we have been very intentional in pursuing it this year:

- **Home Tour:** The Home Tour was a big success in 2012 because of our aggressive marketing efforts in Noblesville, Hamilton County and the north side of Indianapolis. Not only did we achieve record attendance (and have a great time) but we also added 700 new subscribers to our e-newsletter.
- **Window Workshop:** This innovative partnership with the HCCVB included both a public workshop and an instructional video. If you haven't seen it yet, let us know what you think: <http://vimeo.com/42815736>
- **Hamilton County SHAARD Partnership:** This is a groundbreaking project that we developed with the State of Indiana and other Hamilton County historical/preservation groups to digitize and update Hamilton County's most recent interim report (from 1992). It's now fully searchable online on the state's website at in.gov/dnr/historic/4505.htm. The DNR's Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA) intends to use our model for future Indiana county partnerships.
- **From the Front Porch:** This new bimonthly e-newsletter was launched in November 2012, and has achieved in its first two editions a staggering 47% open rate. With over 800 individual subscribers, this will give us a platform to reliably educate and inform our members and stakeholders—and in a pinch rally them quickly to action.

- **Grant Proposal:** We partnered with the IUPUI Masters in Public History program to develop a grant proposal for underwriting the NPA's educational programming. The initial draft is complete and submitted—more to come on that in 2013.
- **University Partnerships:** We met with faculty and department chairs from IUPUI and Ball State in 2012 to discuss partnership opportunities for 2013 and 2014. There is great potential in these new relationships.
- **The Twelve Houses of Christmas:** This reimagining of the annual Holiday Tour was a big success, bringing the very best of holiday cheer to Noblesville's historic neighborhoods with a holiday lights driving tour.

In 2013, we are planning to build upon these many successes. Our goals include further enhancements to the Home and Holiday Tours, working with the State of Indiana to expedite a new historic survey of Noblesville, offer a public restoration workshop on historic doors, partner with Ball State and IUPUI's history departments to enhance our programmatic offerings, and leverage our financial resources productively to further promote the preservation of "historic homes, neighborhoods and resources to enhance the quality of life in Noblesville".

With a full board, sound finances, and a supportive membership we're feeling stronger every day, but there's still plenty to be done. Let's get to work!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charlie". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Charles A. Hyde

President
Noblesville Preservation Alliance

2013 BOARD NOMINATIONS

Personal Statements

Lauren Parker

I am 29 years old and have lived in Noblesville since 2009 when my husband and I transferred from outside of Lexington, KY. We fell in love instantly with the charm of Noblesville and I have become a huge cheerleader for the town since we bought our house on Maple Avenue. My mom jokes that I should have special "Noblesville" pom-poms made. We love the feel of Old Town and love the varied architecture of the homes in this area. I don't think we'll ever leave!

Our favorite part of NPA has been the home tour each September. That is how we were introduced to the organization, and since then, we've been interested in getting more involved. My enthusiasm for all things "old" makes involvement in NPA inevitability.

I have been involved in several organizations over the last fifteen years that have a lot of commonalities with how I think NPA probably operates. I am currently the director of donor relations (volunteer) for a locally based non-profit that supports a village in Kenya called Village Project Africa. I helped get the organization up and running and spearheaded and developed our child sponsorship program. I am currently also an editor for The College Network in Indianapolis, and I served as a business office coordinator prior to that for a company on the Westside. I am very organized and have technology skills in Microsoft Office and Adobe among other programs. I feel that all my experience will help me be a successful secretary for NPA.

I think the greatest thing I could bring to NPA is an enthusiasm for what NPA stands for. I love Noblesville and I love the homes and buildings that make it what it is. I want to see Noblesville continue to preserve those special places and make the city a place that feels thriving and alive, but full of history.

Georgia Anne Schneider-Pate

Georgia Pate was appointed as Director of Operations at Watermark Research Partners in 2005 wherein she works directly with pharmaceutical and medical device companies worldwide to bring a better future in medicine to the world. Georgia has served in the healthcare arena for over 25 years and is a highly trained project manager. She has worked in the medical setting overseeing personnel, regulatory, quality and compliance. In addition to healthcare experience, Georgia has corporate experience working as a division head and new business set-up.

Georgia has led process development and quality control operations at Watermark since 2005. She brings to the team an understanding of efficient operations, documentation and process. Additionally, Georgia works with the personnel to ensure that objectives are met efficiently, on time, within budget, and in compliance.

Georgia grew up in Hammond, Indiana and graduated from Indiana University with a degree in Business and is a certified Project Manager. It has been a calling throughout

her and her family's life to be constantly involved with the community. For more than 30 years she has dedicated herself to public service to help low income and working families.

For the past 20 years Georgia has also worked in the non-profit setting helping people repair or ready their properties for sale. This work is completed complete pro-bono as her way of returning to the community and keeping our community beautiful.

Georgia's life partner is Rex Davis, a building contractor. Their children Aaron, Sarah and Joshua are all graduates of Hamilton County High Schools and are productively working in Hamilton County.

Bryant Pedigo

I have been on NPA's board of directors since March of 2006 as the representative of the City of Noblesville. Over the years I have helped with several projects, most notably the "Historic Noblesville Walking Tour Guide". I have also helped with the home tours, generally acting as photographer for the home tours and other events as well.

I have a Master's Degree in Urban & Regional Planning from Ball State University, with a strong Minor in Historic Preservation. Since graduate school, architectural history & architectural photography have been a continuing interest as well as a hobby. Preservation related experience has included working for Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana on the Huntington County Historic Structures Interim Report in 1982 as a field surveyor.

In March of 1989 I joined the City of Noblesville's Planning Department as an Assistant Building Inspector. Retiring as Assistant Zoning Administrator after over 23 years with the Planning Department at the end of September, I wish to continue to be involved with historic preservation in Noblesville and look forward to continued involvement with the Noblesville Preservation Alliance.

2012 ANNUAL HOME TOUR



The Noblesville Tour of Historic Homes is NPA's primary fund raiser. For 26 years forward-thinking Noblesville homeowners have been opening their front doors for the public to explore our city's wealth of historic architecture.

Home Tour ticket sales in 2012 were record-breaking, exceeding 1,300. This was fueled by an excellent showcase of homes, active board and volunteer support, strategic marketing, online sales, community partners, generous sponsors and amazing weather. In addition to the homes, our event partners helped make the day memorable. There was a hog roast and pipe organ concert at the First Presbyterian Church, a bike tour organized by the Noblesville Mid-day Rotary Club, an open house at Nickel Plate Arts "Judge Stone House" and a string quartet from Noblesville High School. In keeping with annual tradition, NFD's Engine 521, ITM's Flagler Car and HCHS's Sheriff's Residence were also featured.

In the year to come, tour proceeds will be reinvested in Noblesville, helping to fund innovative NPA initiatives like the Homeowner Façade Grant Program.

The NPA thanks the 2012 co-chairs, Emily Compton and Heather MacInnis, for their hard work, dedication and commitment. Their leadership, along with the entire committee, homeowners, many volunteers and the support of the Noblesville community, make this event possible. Many thanks as well to the dedicated sponsors and contributors who helped make the Tour a success.

Homes and Locations featured on the 2012 Historic Homes Tour:

Sheriff's residence (Hamilton County Historical Society) • 810 Conner St.

Henry Flagler Train (Indiana Transportation Museum) / 521 Fire Engine (NFD)

Faust Home • 1254 Maple Ave.

Farraro Home • 1296 Conner St.

Wofford Home • 1358 Conner St.

Fogelsong Home • 1293 Conner St.

Webster Home • 123 S. 16th St.

Norton Home • 1640 Conner St.

Nickels Home • 1688 Conner St.

As always, we are already recruiting energetic volunteers to make the 27th annual tour even more successful. If you would like to offer your help and join in on the fun (it really *is* fun) then please contact board member Emily Compton at emilyscompton@gmail.com or 770-1306.

SAVE THE DATE

The 27th Annual “Noblesville Tour of Historic Homes” will be on September 21, 2013 from 10am to 5pm

Special Thanks To Our Sponsors:

- **FRONT DOOR:** Industrial Dielectrics Inc.
- **FRONT PORCH:** Smith’s Jewelers, Community Bank
- **FRONT STEP:** Kroger, Matteo’s Ristorante Italiano
- **GOOD NEIGHBORS:** Asian Grill, Noblesville Antique Mall, Noble Coffee & Tea, Peterson Architecture, MacInnis Construction, Adrienes Flowers & Gifts, Greene Floral Design, Green Vista Landscaping, Mr. G’s Liquor

2012 HOLIDAY TOUR

The Twelve Houses of Christmas

Holiday Lights Tour of Historic Neighborhoods

Why the change in Holiday Tour program format from 2011? We evaluated our objectives for the Holiday Tour, and determined it had great potential as a neighborhood-focused, family-friendly, community-building event. The concept was to develop a driving tour focused on the exterior of twelve showcase homes, each from one of Noblesville’s twelve historic neighborhoods. Each of these houses—and many of their neighbors—would be frosted in holiday lights, warming the heart of our city in the very best of holiday cheer.

It was no small task to successfully develop and implement an altogether new program under a tight timeline, but through the valiant efforts of Holiday Tour Chair Georgia Pate and a loyal core of dedicated volunteers we succeeded! The opening night reception was on December 7th, and the self-guided tours continued nightly through December 25th. Participants were guided through the city with a collectible hand-illustrated map (available from Noblesville businesses for only \$1).

Special thanks to Nickel Plate Arts and the HCCVB for hosting the opening night reception and partnering with us on the “Twelve Houses” illustrated signposts featuring local artists.

Special Thanks To Our Sponsors and Partners

- **FRONT DOOR:** Industrial Dielectrics Inc.

- **FRONT PORCH:** Smith's Jewelers, Community Bank
- **GOOD NEIGHBORS:** HCCVB, Heather MacInnis Design, Logan Street Sign & Banner, Lowe's Home Improvement, Nickel Plate Arts, Watermark Research Partners
- **PARTNERS:** City of Noblesville, Hamilton County Historical Society, HCCVB, Nickel Plate Arts, Noblesville Historic Preservation Commission, Noblesville Main Street

2012 NPA AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Josiah K. Durfee Award

Presented at the discretion of the NPA's Board of Directors on behalf of the NPA membership to the local citizen or organization that has made the most significant positive contribution to NPA's mission.

Nickel Plate Arts

An initiative of the Hamilton County Convention and Visitors Bureau
Main Campus • 107 S. 8th Street

The Noblesville Preservation Alliance partnered with the Hamilton County Convention and Visitors Bureau to find a constructive reuse for two historic structures located just off the Courthouse Square. The brick Judge Stone House (built in 1849) and the wood-clad Stephenson House (circa early 1900s) were architectural gems that were very badly in need of preservation.

Painstaking efforts—led by HCCVB staff Brenda Myers and Betsy Jones—far exceeded our wildest dreams, committing significant resources into the rehabilitation and restoration of the properties. Even better for Noblesville, the HCCVB selected the site to house its new arts initiative, Nickel Plate Arts, which has contributed significantly to the cultural vibrancy of Noblesville over the past year. The buildings have studio space for local artists, active gallery space for exhibits and facilities for artists to teach classes.

Our congratulations and thanks for a job well done!

Interior Rehabilitation Award

Presented for the most impressive interior restoration project in Old Town Noblesville.

Ray and Sherry Faust

Williamson/Faust Home (1899)
1254 Maple Avenue

Ray and Sherry Faust's stately home at 1254 Maple Avenue holds a rich family history. Ray's parents purchased the home in 1949 and raised their family in this sprawling Queen Anne. Ray has many happy memories growing up in this home and he and his wife hope to move in when the interior restoration is completed. After that, the white aluminum siding will come down and the home will be returned to its former glory.

It is perhaps unusual for Noblesville Preservation Alliance to give its annual “Interior Restoration Award” to a home which is not completely finished. Of course, those of us who own a historic home know though that the work is never done. The house was one of the favorite homes on the Noblesville Tour of Historic Homes this past fall. The restoration work that has been completed is thorough and sensitive. NPA is certain that the work which remains will be just as incredible. The Fausts have stripped and refinished all the trim and doors, the foundation has been leveled and new structural beams added, transoms have been revealed, hardware has been stripped, pocket doors restored, original light fixtures preserved, leaded glass front door restored and the list goes on and on. Congratulations to the Fausts on their great work on Maple Avenue. Their home will serve as beautiful visual encouragement for more great historic preservation in the area.

Exterior Rehabilitation Award

Presented for the most impressive exterior restoration project in Old Town Noblesville each year.

Mark and Teresa Skipper

Mustard Seed Gardens
77 Metsker Lane

Mustard Seed Gardens was established in November 2009 at the former Lazy Acres Antique Barn on State Road 32 west of downtown Noblesville.

The original plan was to use the grounds to showcase a landscaping business and to operate a retail Garden Center in the little cottage between the house and barn. The grounds were drastically improved by upgrading and expanding all of the landscaping.

The Garden Center opened in the spring of 2010, but the most exciting addition was the Outdoor Weddings and Barn Receptions. With the popularity of “barn” weddings and receptions, the barn was restored to the near-original condition. Originally on 8th Street, the barn was taken down piece by piece in 1892, carried by horse and buggy across the White River and reassembled at its current location.

Plans are to continue the dramatic improvements to the property, including the Olde Barn and the Metsker House. The Metsker House retains its original “Italianate” style and will be restored to the original condition, including the addition of a full length porch on the front of the house that had been removed. The NPA is excited by the many opportunities that the future holds for the Skippers and Mustard Seed Gardens, especially with their sensitivity to maintaining a strong “residential” appearance to the property.

NPA Denzel Hufford Garden Award

Presented in honor of Denzel Hufford’s belief that a garden’s beauty should be shared. The awards are made possible by an anonymous NPA family plus NPA matching funds.

Due to record heat and drought conditions in 2012, this award was deferred until 2013.

2012 Homeowner Façade Improvement Grants

The Homeowner Façade Improvement Grant program is designed to support Noblesville homeowners in the thoughtful restoration of historic residential properties.

Grant Recipient	1007 S. 11 th St.
Architectural Style	Vernacular Workers Cottage
Year Built	c. 1900
Homeowners	Bryan Tanton and family
Project	Porch restoration

The Tanton family wanted to remove an enclosure to their porch and replace it with a more architecturally-appropriate design. NPA grant money helped them finance the construction, which included incorporating the porch's original columns into the new design.



Before



After

Grant Recipient	498 S. 10 th St.
Architectural Style	Italianate
Year Built	1868
Homeowners	Mike and Joni Corbett
Project	Porch restoration

The Corbett family envisions restoring their home's exterior to its Italianate roots. NPA grant money helped them remove a deteriorating Neoclassical front porch and replace it with an Italianate design.



Before



Work In Progress

Grant Recipient
Homeowner
Project

1057 Grant St.
Donna McKinney
Porch restoration (deferred to 2013)

Donna plans to repair her home's original wrap-around porch, including replacing rotted wood and scraping/painting the entire porch. She will also be repairing and re-installing some original decorative trim above the porch.

INTERESTED IN APPLYING?

Applicants must be or become an NPA member. In 2012 the NPA awarded a total of three \$1,000.00 grants with a required dollar-for-dollar match. Eligible projects include exterior improvements to homes that are at least 50 years old and located within the Noblesville City limits. For program guidelines, objectives, eligibility, process and timeline go to noblesvillepreservation.com or email info@noblesvillepreservation.com.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Noblesville Preservation Alliance ended 2012 with net income of \$1,563. Revenues were down about \$1,000 from the previous year and expenses were flat.

The Historic Home Tour remains our major fundraiser with more than \$10,000 in revenue and about \$4,000 in expenses for a net of more than \$6,000. Membership is our second biggest income source, with more than \$2,000 in revenue and very low expenses.

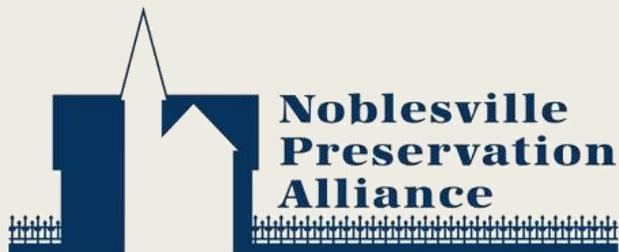
The Holiday Tour income was up considerably this year. Over \$500 of the more than \$1,600 in revenue was from map sales. Expenses were considerably higher this year as we printed a collectible map, but the tour still netted more than \$600.

Program expenses this year consisted of \$2,130 awarded in three façade grants (one deferred to 2013), \$2,000 to the SHAARD program and \$1,000 for a window workshop.

	<u>Dec 31, 2012</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Checking	40,402.60
Endangered Structures Fund	<u>739.78</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>41,142.38</u>
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	<u>-1,538.75</u>
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>-1,538.75</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>39,603.63</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>39,603.63</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	42,545.86
Retained Earnings	-3,717.06
Net Income	<u>774.83</u>
Total Equity	<u>39,603.63</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>39,603.63</u>

2012 PROFIT & LOSS

Income	2012	2011
Total Annual Meeting Income	675	1,250
Century Plaque Payments		625
Total Holiday Tour Income	1,623	530
Donation & Fundraising	245	759
Total Home Tour Income	10,839	11,703
Membership Income	2,195	2,180
Work Crew Income & Other	340	104
Total Income	<u>15,917</u>	<u>17,151</u>
Expense		
Affiliations	100	100
Total Annual Meeting Expenses	531	1,510
Century Plaque Program		583
Total Holiday Tour Expenses	1,014	196
Fundraising Expense		1,759
Total Home Tour Expenses	4,193	3,006
Total Marketing	1,270	1,672
Total Membership Expenses	131	219
Total Newsletters	200	
Total Operating Expense	1,785	2,567
Total Programs	<u>5,130</u>	<u>2,546</u>
Total Expense	<u>14,354</u>	<u>14,158</u>
Net Income	1,563	2,993



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