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Tom Tom Festival - Partner Event

Last fall, then President Ellen Wagner and Advisor Justin Sarafin wrote a successful application to have Donovan Rypkema of Place Economics speak at the 2019 Tom Tom Festival on A Sense of Place: How Preservation Creates the Future. **The free event is coming up on Wednesday, April 10, from 6-7 pm, at Common House, 206 W. Market Street, recipient of Preservation Piedmont's 2018 Adaptive Re-Use award.**



Donovan Rypkema of Place Economics

Following Rypkema's remarks, a panel moderated by Ellen Bassett, Chair of the Department of Urban and Environmental Planning at UVA's School of Architecture, will explore the specific challenges and opportunities facing Charlottesville. Joining Rypkema and Bassett are Ebony Walden, formerly a Charlottesville planner, and founder of Ebony Walden Consulting in Richmond, VA, and Overton McGehee, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity Virginia.



Given ongoing discussions in Charlottesville of affordable housing, large-scale redevelopment, and density, Rypkema's talk will be highly-relevant. His understanding and perspective that explicitly links preservation with affordability is very much in keeping with our own efforts to keep preservation relevant and responsive to the economy and social values of our times. Preservation Piedmont is grateful to the Tom Tom Festival for providing this opportunity.



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AdvocacyUpdate

Carr-Greer House >>> Continuing to monitor stabilization plans



The barn at the Ivy Creek Natural Area was built in the 1930s by Conly Greer on [then] River View Farm as an example of modern agricultural technology. Greer served as the first African American agricultural extension agent in Albemarle County. In 1913, he married the daughter of Hugh Carr, Mary Carr Greer, and took over the farm. Courtesy Victoria Dye / Ivy Creek Foundation

Preservation Piedmont continues to monitor the preliminary plans to stabilize the Carr-Greer House, a historic property jointly owned by the City of Charlottesville and Albemarle County. The farmhouse is now part of the Ivy Creek Natural Area.



Carr-Greer House

Courtesy Russell Richards / Ivy Creek Foundation

Built by emancipated slave and landowner Hugh Carr circa 1880, the farmhouse is one of the few vestiges of the once thriving African American communities of Union Ridge/Hydraulic Mills. In 2018, the building was listed as one of Preservation Virginia's 2018 Most Endangered Places.

Other Issues We're Following >>>

Over the past year, Preservation Piedmont and its advocacy committee have been active at meetings and hearings about the **Charlottesville Comprehensive Plan update**, especially the Historic Preservation and Land Use sections. Recently, the City has delayed action on the Plan until a City Manager and Land Use Planner are hired.

As the City explores more housing options and redevelops commercial areas, Preservation Piedmont believes **retaining the sense of place** in our residential neighborhoods, the Downtown Mall area, and major Entrance Corridors is critically important. We also support **mitigating the impacts of development along West Main Street** and other areas by protecting and integrating historic buildings, sites, and histories. Future development will necessitate the **creation of more transition areas** to protect adjacent neighborhoods.

Finally, the advocacy committee has been studying the **proposal to eliminate single family zoning**. At this time, the committee is concerned that increased density would raise prices, thus exacerbating the high cost of City housing without increasing the stock of affordable units. Preservation Piedmont will continue to follow these issues.



GoWest Main streetscape project graphic.
Schematic design was approved by City Council on May 15, 2017.
Courtesy of gowestmain.com



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Pop-up Tour >>> Stone's Throw

On February 27, 2018, Preservation Piedmont members were treated to a house tour of Stone's Throw on Spottswood Road in Charlottesville.

Stone's Throw was built in 1952 and designed by Edward Durrell Stone, who also designed the 1930s Museum of Modern Art in NYC. It features a central atrium and a 14-bay glass curtain wall on the garden side.



Photos courtesy Nest Realty



Early 20th century photo of Mentor Lodge and a recent photo of the restored Common House.
Courtesy Common House

Annual Awards

Preservation Piedmont held their annual meeting on Sunday, Dec. 2 at historic Kenridge, home of Susan and L.F. Payne.

Martha Gleason Award

The Martha Gleason Award for outstanding community service was presented to Jeremy Caplin for his longstanding commitment to preserving the 10th and Page/Venable neighborhood by maintaining dozens of affordable homes.



Jeremy Caplin accepts the Martha Gleason Award for outstanding community service.

Adaptive Reuse Award

The award for outstanding adaptive reuse was awarded to Derek Sieg and Ben Pfinsgraff, developers of Common House, originally Mentor Lodge, built in 1913 as a social club for the African American community of Vinegar Hill. Their renovation was cited for exceptional commitment to preserving the building's integrity, and respect for its history, while transforming it into an innovative new space.

Roles >>> Board of Advisors

The Board of Advisors were invited as special guests to Preservation Piedmont's February Board of Directors' meeting.

The Directors adopted a policy to clarify the role of an Advisor so they understand how to participate as fully as they choose.

The Board of Advisors provide benefit to the organization from their general wisdom, institutional knowledge, continued loyalty, financial support, and good will.

Increased membership...

Preservation Piedmont's membership is steadily growing – Membership is up 12% since 2017. Welcome new members!



Upcoming events...

The Events Committee is working on programs and tours for next season; some will be focused on neighborhood preservation. Please stay tuned for interesting events at:

www.preservation-piedmont.org



New Website

We are pleased to announce a new website platform and design to better meet the needs of members. The site features a clean and readable design template that translates well to mobile devices. It is integrated with Paypal so that donations and membership transactions are easy to process.

The site provides a good summary of Preservation Piedmont's mission, initiatives and activities, including Advocacy, Documentation, Grants, Awards, and Events. New content will be added regularly. Copies of the latest newsletter and past issues are available on the website.

Preservation Piedmont is grateful to Niya Bates for her efforts in migrating the website to the new platform, and for her past work in maintaining the site. Mark Rylander has assisted with the transition and has agreed to maintain the site going forward. We encourage members to submit good photographs of our events and projects to Mark's attention via ppiedmontweb@gmail.com.



Courtesy Ed Roseberry / C'ville Images

Membership Application/Renewal Form

Preservation Piedmont is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to protecting historic structures, sites, landscapes, and neighborhoods, as well as rural areas and open spaces. We do this in order to create an appreciation for the historic resources of the Central Virginia Piedmont region. Based in Charlottesville, we also serve Albemarle and bordering counties.

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grantprogram

Preservation Piedmont provides modest grants to support projects that promote the protection of historic resources, including significant cultural landscapes. Have a project you could use funding for? Learn more and apply through our website:

<https://www.preservation-piedmont.org/grants-awards>

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Let us know if there are preservation projects or news that you would like us to follow!

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