



Membership Application/Renewal Form

Preservation Piedmont is a non-profit corporation 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.

If you would like to initiate or renew a membership, please enclose payment and make checks payable to:

Preservation Piedmont
P.O. Box 2803
Charlottesville VA 22902

Preservation Piedmont also has an email list to serve our members and quickly update preservationists throughout the region about important preservation issues. If you are interested in signing up, please include an email address below.

- Student \$15 x ____ Individual \$35 x ____
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 I would like to receive my newsletter by *email only*

I want to volunteer!

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Candidate meet-and-greet at the historic J. S. Young Building



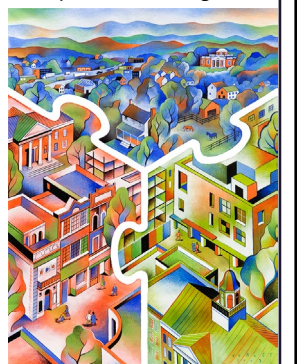
On September 22 Preservation Piedmont was pleased to host a meet-and-greet with this year's Charlottesville City Council candidates. We gathered at the J. S. Young Building, the 2014 recipient of our Preservation Award. It is a Jacobean style building built in 1916 and beautifully renovated by owner Julie Coiner who shared "before" and "after" photos with us. All five candidates for City Council attended, as well as several members and others interested in sharing their commitment to historic preservation with Charlottesville's leaders. Many thanks to the Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Central Blue Ridge, the new tenants of the building, for allowing us to hold the event there.

--Ellen Wagner



The candidates sharing their thoughts on preservation.

From the vault, Giclee prints of the 2009 Preservation Week poster featuring original artwork by local artist Christophe Vorlet. Please see our website to purchase one of these limited edition prints.



"Save the James" Update

Preservation Virginia is working with a coalition of ten non-governmental organizations and, with support from the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the National Park Service and other state and local groups, has been actively opposing a proposal by Dominion Power to construct a transmission line from Surry to Skiffes Creek near Williamsburg, VA. All the groups recognize the need to ensure reliable power to the Peninsula; however, the proposed route intersects the James River at a 51-mile stretch that has been honored, respected, and preserved for generations. The proposed crossing is at an inappropriate location. This historic stretch of the river is the route John Smith took as he left and returned to Jamestown on his voyages.

The proposed line would include 17 towers, some as tall as the Statue of Liberty, with large colored balls, daytime blinking lights and nighttime steady lights, and would be visible from Historic Jamestowne, Carter's Grove, the Colonial Parkway. It would greatly alter the experience on the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail. This portion of the water trail was recently determined by the Keeper of the National Register as eligible for the National Register.

Currently the Army Corps of Engineers is considering the permit under the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 process. The coalition is asking the Army Corps of Engineers to undertake an Environmental Impact Statement to fully analyze impacts to these important resources and alternatives for the transmission project. The first public hearing was held on October 30th at Lafayette High School in Williamsburg, and many supporters of historic preservation spoke in opposition to the project. Please consider sending comments to Randy Steffey, Norfolk District, Corps of Engineers (Attn: CENAO-WRR-S), 803 Front Street, Norfolk, Virginia 23510-1096 or randy.l.steffey@usace.army.mil.

West Main Rezoning

At its November 2 meeting, City Council received comments from property owners and property owner representatives concerning the rezoning of West Main Street. Because some of those concerns centered around notification and time for review, Council determined that it would send the ordinance back to the Planning Commission to assure that all comments could be considered. As a result, **the Planning Commission will consider West Main Street again at its December 8th meeting** with the understanding that City Council intends for West Main Street to be back on its agenda on December 21.

Preservation Piedmont supporters who would like to express their views on the lowering of heights in the Architectural Design Control historic district of West Main Street can write to creasym@charlottesville.org or attend the December 8 and December 21 meetings to offer comment.

Announcing Preservation Piedmont's
2015 Annual Meeting at



What Date? **Sunday, 6 December 2015**

What Time? **1:00 - 3:00 p.m.**

Where? **The Bridge PAI in Belmont
209 Monticello Road**

Preservation Piedmont's annual meeting will help to kick off the city's Belmont Historic Survey of 250 buildings. The meeting will include a short presentation about the upcoming survey in Belmont and our annual awards for outstanding historic preservation projects and work in our community. See our web site for more information.

Annual PAPA Event at Montpelier October 8, 2015

The early October weather could not have been more perfect when Preservation Piedmont joined other area preservation groups at James Madison's home near the Town of Orange for an annual fall gathering hosted by the Piedmont Area Preservation Alliance (PAPA). This year's event was graciously sponsored by Montpelier, and President and CEO Kat Imhoff, who held the first PAPA event at Monticello in 2005.

More than sixty attendees were guided on special tours that showcased the many changes made to the mansion this past year. For those who had not recently made the short drive to the Orange County landmark, the house and ground's restored appearance to its 19th-century form was especially striking. Before walking back to the Visitor's Center for a reception, guests made a short detour to view Mr. Madison's temple, located on top of the plantation ice house. It was easy to imagine the Madisons entertaining guests in this outdoor location, and serving Dolley's favorite, oyster ice cream.

Following Kat's Imhoff's welcome to the group and introduction of Elizabeth Chew as the new Vice President of Museum Programs, Melanie Miller introduced special guests Alex Ikefuna, the new Director of Charlottesville Neighborhood Development Services, and Alice Raucher, the newly appointed Architect for the University of Virginia. Melanie also presented summaries received from each preservation group, regarding their current activities. By the end of the evening, exciting rumors were circulating that next year's venue could be UVA's newly renovated Rotunda.

--Mary Joy Scala

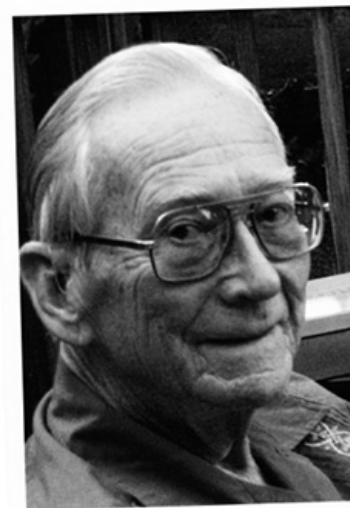
In Memoriam Clarence M. McClymonds

It is with sadness that Preservation Piedmont notes the passing on July 26th of one of our longtime members, Clarence M. McClymonds. Mr. McClymonds was a mechanical engineer whose career encompassed a broad range of assignments and locations. During World War II, he served as a radio operator in Europe. His WWII photos were organized into an exhibit at the Albemarle Charlottesville Historical Society a few years ago. Clarence and his wife moved to Charlottesville in the early '80s when his wife, Marita, accepted a position at UVA as a professor in music.

Mr. McClymonds was a champion of preservation for our community's historic buildings and neighborhoods. He was a member of the first board of Preservation Piedmont when it was incorporated in 1993 and served as treasurer for a number of years. He rejoined the board in 1999 when he again served as our treasurer.

When Preservation Piedmont worked to pursue the local designation of Wertland Street—an effort that was met with controversy and push-back by some in the City—Mr. McClymonds set out to draw attention to the importance of the house at 1212 Wertland Street, which was threatened by demolition. It was thought to be the home of noted artist, Georgia O'Keefe, and her mother in the early 1900's. Clarence searched for evidence to validate that claim and spear-headed a news conference, which drew newspaper and TV journalists. Clarence's efforts to publicize the importance of the O'Keefe residence and the turn-of-the-century residential Wertland Street Neighborhood influenced the unanimous City Council decision to designate the street as a local Architectural Design Control District in January 1999. There is now a state historic marker in the front lawn of 1212 Wertland Street commemorating that building as the former residence of Georgia O'Keefe.

Maria Chapel, representing Martha Jefferson Neighborhood Association, shared some thoughts about Clarence at his October 11th memorial service. She recalled that Clarence and Marita were founding members in the early '80's of MJNA, "a neighborhood of beautiful old houses, much in need of loving renovation and protection from Martha Jefferson Hospital's expansion plans" and that they "have never stopped being vital members of our neighborhood." Clarence served as neighborhood president for several terms.



He was fun. Friends remembered how fabulous he was in his cap driving around in his red MG. And they were reminded of his tenacious and successful effort to plant a locust tree in front of their house because Locust Avenue needed a locust tree. More than anything Clarence was a great person to talk to about anything, offering sage advice, and just being a wonderful neighbor."



For the past 23 years Preservation Piedmont has been dedicated to the preservation of central Virginia's historic buildings and landscapes. We greatly appreciate your past support and hope you will continue to support us in our mission.

We have already begun our membership drive for 2016 with great enthusiasm as we have some exciting ideas for the new year. In late 2014 we began our Pop-Up Tours for members-only where we tour historic

properties that are for sale or privately owned. In 2016 we hope to revive our grant program that will provide small historic preservation grants to members of our community.

Say YES to Preservation

Lasting preservation work requires the efforts of many people, so, please say **YES** to preservation. You can renew your membership for calendar year **2016** or make a donation at

<http://ppiedmont.squarespace.com> or send a check to P.O. Box 2803, Charlottesville, VA 22902.

We look forward to 2016 with you on board!

--Judy Rasmussen, Membership Chair

Aviva Kempner's film **Rosenwald** is the incredible story of Julius Rosenwald, who never finished high school, but rose to become the President of Sears. Influenced by the writings of the educator Booker T. Washington, this Jewish philanthropist joined forces with African American communities during the Jim Crow South to build over 5,300 schools during the early part of the 20th century.

Inspired by the Jewish ideals of *tzedakah* (charity) and *tikkun olam* (repairing the world), and a deep concern over racial inequality in America, Julius Rosenwald used his wealth to become one of America's most effective philanthropists. Because of his modesty, Rosenwald's philanthropy and social activism are not well known today. He gave away \$62 million in his lifetime.

Violet Crown Charlottesville

200 W. Main St., Charlottesville, VA 22902

Now showing at: 10:45 AM, 12:50 PM, 3:00 PM, 5:05 PM, 7:15 PM, 9:25 PM, for a limited time only.

Preservation Virginia is launching a new initiative to document the Rosenwald Schools built in Virginia.