

Kasson Alliance Email News, Vol. 4, No. 4; Historic School, Main St., Grants

Kasson Alliance for Restoration (KARE) Supporters,

A. 1918 School Reuse Task Force Update: The 1918 School Reuse Task Force members have distributed a survey to Kasson's residents. The survey was included in recent Kasson Utility bills to be returned in April. Survey forms have also been distributed thru many other venues in town to insure maximum coverage. The survey is also posted on the Cities' website at: <http://www.cityofkasson.com> A copy of the survey is also attached to the bottom of this ENews letter.

This is the first approach that the Task Force is using to reach out to Kasson's citizens to obtain their input. The Task Force is collecting and digesting the survey results as we speak. We will report additional news from the Task Force as they continue with their investigation of the Reuse potential for the historic 1918 School. In addition to this newsletter, watch for their columns and updates in the Dodge County Independent Newspaper. The Historic Properties Reuse Study Report can be viewed at:

http://www.kassonalliance.org/kassonschool_reuse-study.htm and
<http://kassonschoolreuse.net>

B. Painting the Windows on the Historic Kasson Public School : To help protect and secure the historic school the City of Kasson covered the first floor windows of the school with Plywood. Artist and KARE member Pennie Eisenbeis is leading a Community Education Class that is painting replicas of the schools original tall windows on plywood panels. The panels will then cover the plywood already in place so that a person driving or walking by the school will see what will appear to the original windows instead of plywood. Pennie painted an example window (with window panes etc.). The class members are using that as an example. The attached pictures show the school with the original tall windows the later shorter replacement windows with red panels on the top. The red panels will be covered and the painted plywood in this area will illustrate the original window panes. The school will look very distinctive after this project is finished. One class/painting session has been completed (on Saturday April 17) during which 8 window panels were painted. A large attendance was reported with ages ranging from children to grandmothers. Come join the fun and play a part in caring for the historic 1918 school.

The next class is on **Saturday April 24** during which 8 more window panels will be painted. The panels will be installed on a date to be determined in May as a National Historic Preservation month project. Watch for the press release on that. If you would like to participate on April 24 call to register at: 507-634-4464 (space is available, the cost is FREE).

The class is listed at: https://ssl.dwebsite.com/secure2/ce_k-m/php/public.php under Community Events. The following is from the class brochure:

Description: Do you want to be part of preserving Kasson's history? Be a part of this team of volunteers who will paint replicas of old windows designed to spruce up the outside of the old school. Everyone is welcome to participate...no skill or artistic ability is required. Join Pennie Eisenbeis and others interested in the restoration process on April 17th and 24th

between the hours of 9 am and 2 pm. Come for as long as you can, we will put you to work so wear your old clothes. Please register in advance so we know how many painters to expect. No fee.

Saturday April 24, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm (arrive any time in that slot)

Where: 1918 School Cafeteria, 2nd Street and 3rd Avenue in Kasson

Wear work clothes, no need to bring anything else

Cost is Free

C. Kasson's Main Street: The Preservation of Minnesota's Main Street Steering Committee has 15-18 members with seats being reserved for the Minnesota Main Street Advisory Committee Chair and the Chairs of each of the four Main Street Program Teams. Will O'Keefe works with the Steering Committee and is the editor of the very informative Minnesota Downtown E-News Letter which you can subscribe to my emailing Will at WOKeefe@mnpreservation.org

UPCOMING MAIN STREET WORKSHOPS

Joint State Main Street Workshop, Dubuque , Iowa

November 3-4, 2010, Dubuque , Iowa

Main Street Iowa and Wisconsin Main Street are sponsoring a Joint State Main Street Workshop bringing together Main Street communities from the Upper Midwest for training, networking, and tours. Mark the date on your calendar and watch the Minnesota Downtown E-News for registration information.

Finding Solutions and Redefining Communities, Morris , Minnesota

June 10, 2010, Morris , Minnesota

In tough economic times, the importance of connecting with people and ideas outside of our local situations becomes vital. Join us on June 10th in Morris , Minnesota , to engage our shared ingenuity and optimism. We'll be focusing on leadership, capacity building and practical improvements for small communities and strengthening rural-urban connections to build back a thriving Minnesota for all.

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The participation level is very encouraging; we are excited to see you all here! If you have any questions, please feel free to call Barb at the Center for Small Towns at 320-589-6451 or email her at hessebj@morris.umn.edu.

D. GRANTS AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES (source: PAM Enews letter, <http://www.mnpreservation.org>):

Legacy Grant Amendment Update

The Minnesota Legislature allotted \$4.5 million for historical and cultural grants in FY 2011 which runs from . The Grants Office will begin distributing these funds this spring, beginning with the mid- and large size grants. Deadline for these grants is Monday **April 12**, 2010. Funds will be available July 1, 2010.

Those organizations planning to apply for a small, or Fast Track, grant should mark Friday **May 28**, 2010 on their calendars. This is the deadline for the first small grants round in FY 2011. Contact the [Grants Office](#) for questions on grants funding or deadlines. Go to <http://www.mnhs.org/legacy/grants/overview2.htm> for more information.

National Trust for Historic Preservation Seeks Applications for Pilot Grant Program for Historic School Buildings

Do you know of a historic school in need of preservation funding? The National Trust for Historic Preservation, in partnership with the Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation, is currently seeking applications for a new pilot grant program that will fund the stabilization or rehabilitation of historic school buildings by providing funding for construction expenses. Once construction is complete, these buildings must be open to the public for use by the community.

Nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations, government agencies, and school districts/school boards are eligible to apply. Religious organizations are not eligible for funding. The maximum grant amount will be \$50,000.

Grant applications must be **postmarked by April 30, 2010**. To read the complete guidelines and eligibility requirements, and to download an application form, visit the National Trust's web site at <http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/find-funding/nonprofit-public-funding.html> and scroll down to the section titled "Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation Preservation Fund." If you have questions about your application, please contact Crista Gibbons at crista_gibbons@nthp.org.

2010 SAT Federal Grant Announced

The federal partners of Save America's Treasures (SAT) have just released the 2010 guidelines and application for this year's federal SAT grant round. As you know, funding for SAT remains in jeopardy for 2011 and subsequent years. So while there is still funding available for this year, the future is uncertain.

The 2010 Save America's Treasures program is funded at \$25 million. Of this total amount, \$14.3 million is now available through the competitive grant round. These federal grants for the preservation and/or conservation work on nationally significant historic properties, artifacts and collections, are awarded through an application process and require a dollar-for-dollar, non-federal match. The minimum grant request for collections projects is \$25,000 federal share; the minimum grant request for historic property projects is \$125,000 federal share. The maximum grant request for all projects is \$700,000 federal share.

Applications are **due by May 21, 2010** and can be accessed on www.grants.gov.

Detailed program guidelines and instructions for using Grants.gov are found on the federal SAT website: <http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/treasures/index.htm> As always, SAT at the National Trust stands ready to assist applicants with questions and provide guidance on this grant program. Their offices can be reached at (202) 588-6012 or (202) 588-6190.

D. The (Anti) Wrecking Ball Event is May 20, 2010, 10 Most Endangered Historic Places list for 2010

The historic 1918 Kasson School was placed on this list in 2008. The Preservation Alliance of Minnesota will announce its 10 Most Endangered Historic Places list for 2010 at an all-new event, the **Anti-Wrecking Ball!** This fun-filled evening will feature presentations by the local advocates for this year's 10 Most Endangered sites, interspersed with music, entertainment, and behind-the-scenes tours of the event venue—the Soap Factory near downtown Minneapolis . Attendees can vote for one of the 10 Most Endangered sites to receive a seed grant to jump-start advocacy and preservation efforts. **Scheduled for Thursday, May 20**, the event will take place from 6:00 – 9:00 pm. More information and details can be found on the Alliance 's website, at www.mnpreservation.org and on our Facebook page.

The Kasson Alliance for Restoration (KARE) is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization formed in January 2007. KARE's membership includes both citizens and supporting businesses. KARE's mission is to preserve Kasson's history, historic buildings, structures and properties to serve as landmarks to Kasson's' heritage while being a source of education in the importance of historic preservation.

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John Lauber's School Reuse Study Team's Website:
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THE CITIZEN TASK FORCE NEEDS YOUR HELP !!!

Do you support Renovation and Reuse of the former Kasson Public School on 3rd Avenue NW ?

Please Circle One: **YES** or **NO**

If "**Yes**" (you **DO** support renovation), **please include suggestions** for the best use/uses of the building and property.

- a)
- b)
- c)

If "**No**" (you **DO NOT** support renovation), **please include suggestions** for the best use/uses of the property.

- a)
 - b)
 - c)
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Kasson Residents: Kasson Utility Service Bill Account #
(Optional)

PLEASE RESPOND by **APRIL 15th** or SOONER. We are grateful for all replies.

Completed Surveys: **Mail Back** with your Monthly "**Kasson Utility Service Bill**"

Drop Off Surveys: **Erdman's Market City Utility Box**

Kasson City Hall Drop Box

Fill Out On-Line at: www.cityofkasson.com

