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The HDI Travels to Big Sky Country

The HDI heads west to Virginia City and Butte, Montana, for two workshops on the basics of heritage areas. The Vir-



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ginia City workshop will take place on Thursday, September 23, at the Community Gymnasium, a charming early 20th century gym in the heart of town and recently restored as a community center. The next day, Butte's Silver Bow Center, formerly the Silver Bow Club (a lavish and exclusive 1906 gentlemen's club for the mining elite of the city), will host the *same* workshop. Local sponsors of the workshops include the Montana Preservation Alliance (www.preservemontana.org), Headwaters RC & D (www.headwatersrcd.org), and Southwest Montana First Heritage Park & Partners.

Paul Labovitz, program leader for NPS Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program, Dixie Swenson of Swenson Associates in Bellevue, Washington, and Middle Tennessee State University Assistant Professor

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Leslie N. Sharp will join NHA directors Dan Rice and Carroll Van West and NPS Coordinator of National Heritage Areas Brenda Barrett to discuss heritage area basics. Topics will include economic benefits, partnerships and building capacity, the federal role in heritage areas, resource conservation, and telling the story. For information on registration and to see draft agendas, visit the HDI website: www.heritagedevelopmentinstitute.org.

Louisville in September



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If you can't make it to Montana, join us the following week on Wednesday, September 29, in Louisville, Kentucky, for a workshop on the basics of heritage areas. Several NHA directors will speak including Augie Carlino of Rivers of Steel NHA, John Cosgrove of Lackawanna Heritage Valley, Dan Rice of the Ohio and Erie Na-

tional Heritage CanalWay, and Carroll Van West of Tennessee Civil War NHA. Brenda Barrett of the NPS National Heritage Areas office and Carole Summers, Director of Tourism at HandMade in America, Inc., will also speak.

HDI Calendar

- September 15
Montana workshop
registration due
- September 23
Virginia City, MT
workshop
- September 24
Butte, MT workshop
- September 29
Louisville, KY workshop



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The session (9:30 to 2:00) will conclude in time for workshop attendees to go to the conference's Opening Plenary at the Kentucky Center for the Arts. Featured speakers will include author and philosopher Wendell Berry, who will present a unique outlook on rural life and the importance of a healthy rural society, and Bruce Katz of the Brookings Institute, who will discuss how current federal and state policies drive suburban sprawl as well as the possibilities for urban friendly, smart growth reforms. While in Louisville be sure to enjoy a local favorite Hot Brown sandwich followed by a famous Derby Pie ©, which has become so successful that the name was registered with the U.S. Patent Office and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Visit the National Trust conference website to register: www.nthpconference.org. For a draft agenda of the HDI workshop, visit the HDI website: www.heritagedevelopmentinstitute.org.

HDI Part of “Your Town” Workshop in Ottawa, Kansas

Over forty people attended this three-day “Your Town” workshop held on the campus of Ottawa University August 5-7, 2004 in Ottawa, Kansas. The conference featured programs about conservation, planning, economic development, and historic preservation concerning small towns and rural landscapes. Carroll Van West, Director of the Tennessee Civil War National Heri-



Famous Hot Brown.
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tage Area, led the Heritage Area Development Study Group in discussion about partnerships, resource conservation, building capacity, and telling the story. The study group included representatives from Franklin County Historical Society, Baker University's Old Castle Museum, Franklin County CVB, Ninth Street Baptist Church of Lawrence, and Lawrence CVB.



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After an introductory discussion about the status of heritage development in Franklin and Douglas Counties, the group devised four heritage projects to pursue in the coming months: the enhancement of the Baptist Mission Site outside Ottawa, a heritage and crafts festival in 2006 commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Pottawatomie Massacre, getting railroad tourists to downtown Ottawa, and improving communication between heritage groups and developers.

This event was sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Faculty of Landscape Architecture at the State University of New York in Syracuse, and Ottawa Main Street Association.

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Additions to Your Heritage Development Reading List

- Bray, Paul M. "Evolving Policies and Laws for Governance of Urban Protected Areas: New York State's Landmark Heritage Area System." New Delhi, India: Ane Books, 2003. See also www.braypapers.com.
- Swenson, Robert. "History as a Catalyst for University Involvement in Regional Historical Research, Regional Planning, and Community/Economic Development." P.A.S.T. Pioneer Society Transactions Vol. 26 (2003), 46-55.
- Weber, Joe. "Everyday Places on the American Freeway System." *Journal of Cultural Geography* 21:2 (Spring-Summer 2004), 1-26. (This article examines some of the kinds of generic places that can be found on the Interstate Highway System and other freeways. Weber believes these should be investigated in greater detail, not just to enrich our knowledge of everyday places but for the insights we may gain into the meanings associated with freeways and automobile travel within our highway-based transportation system.)

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