

Alton Area Landmarks Association

Box 232, Alton, IL 62002

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May 2007

General Membership Meetings: The next general membership meeting is Monday, June 18, 2007, 7:30 P.M. at the Hart House.

Report on April 28th Field Trip:

Lewis and Clark Confluence Tower, Hartford, IL: We had about ten people go to the top and enjoy the wonderful view of the rivers and area. A few walked the stairs down. The Tower will be open to the public in the near future.

Cahokia Tour: We had a great tour of the Cahokia Courthouse and the Holy Family Parish Log Church. The Courthouse is one of the two buildings that Lewis and Clark would have seen before they set off on their expedition.

Posters: The new poster and notecards "Doors of Middletown" are on sale at the Haskell House in Haskell Park. Posters are \$15.00 and notecards are \$10.00.

Contact Your Aldermen: Here is a list of our aldermen and their phone numbers:

1st Ward	Jim Ryan	463-0209
2nd Ward	Phil Hanrahan	465-3025
3rd Ward	Joe Maher Jr.	465-1261
4th Ward	Alice Martin	462-5665
5th Ward	Charles Brake	462-7253
6th Ward	Gary Fleming	465-1412
7th Ward	David Boulds	465-8002\

Mayor Donald Sandidge's telephone number at City Hall is 463-3500.

Alton Pirate: The August 2006 issue of "Smithsonian" magazine has an article about Jean Laffite's role in the Battle of New Orleans. The article mentions that Laffite supposedly changing his name to John Lafflin and moving to Alton. In 1854 he died here at the age of about 70. This is a story that has been around for some time, but remains unverified.

Hart House: We continue to renovate the interior of the Hart House. Trim was added to some kitchen doorways. The stairway was opened up and painted. Plaster walls were repaired.

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Election: Our recent board election returned Greg Stranquist, Elizabeth Cardenas and Eric Shultis as board members for another three year term. Our officers for 2007 are Steve Sands-Treasurer, Joan Albers-Secretary, Eric Shultis-Vice President, and Terry Sharp-President. Congratulations.

Storms: The last major storm blew a large tree right on a carriage house on East 11th Street destroying it. We don't have the power to stop natural acts such as this from taking our architectural history. This is why we should work to save as much as we can from human activity, or inactivity.

House Tour: Commit now to the 2007 Historic House Tour. Make your list of things to do. Let us be your motivation to finally complete your home renovation projects. Call Terry Sharp at 463-5761 for more information.

Dues: Dues for 2007 can be mailed now to: AALA, Box 232, Alton, IL 62002. Individual dues are \$15.00. Family membership is \$25.00 a year. Contributions are tax deductible. Thank you for your support.