

Alton Area Landmarks Association

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November 2007

General Membership Meeting

Monday, November 19, 2007, 7:30 p.m., at the Hart House, 524 Belle Street, Alton, IL. The Alton Marketplace Association is a community based, not-for-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to securing vitality and aesthetic quality for our downtown area. Sara McGibany, the executive director, is our speaker this month. Although Marketplace sponsors many downtown events, their recent Downtown Loft Tour and workshop are the kind of activities that will encourage more downtown renovations. Sara will bring us up to date with all that Marketplace is planning. Everyone is invited to attend.

Holiday Party

This year our annual Holiday Party will be held at Princivalli's Cafe at 602 East Third Street in downtown Alton across from St. Mary's Catholic Church. The party will start at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday December 9th. The meal will be an Italian buffet with two kinds of pasta, salad and bread for \$14.00 per person. This includes tea, coffee, soft drinks, tax and tip. There will be a beer and wine cash bar available.

You can pay at the door, but please call Terry Sharp at 463-5761 so that we can have a head count. This will be an informal party, so we hope many people will attend.

House Tour

Mother Nature gave us another beautiful fall day for our 35th Historic House Tour this year. We received high praise from our visitors, homeowners and volunteers again about the quality of the sites, the tour booklet and the organization of the tour. We featured several downtown sites this year to show the renovation activity that is beginning to build there. We had very good support from our local real estate agencies. They now hold open houses on tour day. This adds several more houses for people to go through, plus we might add some new homeowners to our neighborhoods. Thanks to all our homeowners and volunteers that make this event possible each year. We are always looking for houses for the tour. Call Terry Sharp (463-5761) if you know of a possible tour home.

Slate

ALA member Mary Castle had several stacks of roof slate she didn't want, so she gave them to us. If you are missing some pieces of slate on your house, give Terry Sharp a call at 463-5761, and maybe we can help. Thanks to Mary for thinking of us.

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Driving Tour

We are pleased to announce the release of the Historic Alton Driving Tour booklet. This is a twenty page guide to a sampling of the finest homes and buildings in Alton. The houses are from Alton's three historic districts or buildings listed individually on the National Register of Historic Places. There is a short history and picture of each. The booklet includes four maps to aid visitors in finding each site. They can be found at the Visitors Center at Piasa and Broadway Streets in downtown Alton or by contacting Terry Sharp at 463-5761.

Dues

Dues for 2008 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.