

# Alton Area Landmarks Association

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## September 2007

**General Membership Meeting:** Monday, September 17, 2007, 7:30 P.M., Jacoby Arts Center, 627 East Broadway, Alton, IL. Earlier this year, Kathryn Nahorski, Executive Director of the Madison County Art Council, spoke to the AALA and offered to give a tour of the upper floors of the Jacoby Arts Center. This month our meeting will be at the Center to see those unfinished floors. The Jacoby Arts Center is important anchor on the east end of Broadway. Come see the view from there.

**Salu Street:** Recently it was brought to our attention that the city had started laying asphalt on Salu Street between Humbert and Elizabeth Streets. That section of Salu Street is protected by Alton's Brick Street Preservation Ordinance. A call to the mayor's office stopped all action on Salu Street. The mayor called the president of AALA, Terry Sharp and said it was a mistake and the asphalt would be removed from the street. AALA is asking for a date when the removal will be complete.

**Robert Graul:** Alton has lost a fine gentleman and important historian. Bob Graul served as chief photographer for the Telegraph for 41 years. His photographs document life in Alton in the mid-twentieth century. He was a great guy and a big supporter of the AALA. People will be seeing Alton through his eyes for a long time.

**Driving Tour:** We are pleased to announce the release of the Historic Alton Driving Tour booklet. This is a 20 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.

**Signs:** The Middletown Historic District has some small brown signs with a drawing of the Haskell Playhouse on it identifying the area. AALA's position is that it is important that the Christian Hill and Upper Alton Historic Districts are also marked. The Christian Hill signs could have the Old Cathedral as its visual and Upper Alton could have Loomis Hall. Please provide the AALA your input.

**House Tour:** Mark your calendar and call your friends. The 35th Annual Alton Fall Historic House Tour is next month. The tour is Sunday October 14th from noon until 6 P.M. This year's tour is shaping up to be one of most varied. Call Terry Sharp at 463-5761 for more information or to volunteer.

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If you would like to have an advertisement in the house tour booklet, now is the time to act. A business card size ad cost \$25.00. Call Steve Sands at 465-1463 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.