

President's Letter

Marie Labinis-Craft

Dear Membership,

I'm pleased to announce that plans for the annual meeting are slowly but surely falling into place. The annual meeting will take place September 15th through the 18th, beginning Wednesday evening with a reception at the White Stag Block in historic Old Town Portland, our venue for the next two days. The last day presentations will take place at the Center for Architecture, home to the Portland Chapter of the American Institute for Architects.

I'm excited about both venues for many reasons but in particular because they provide an opportunity for outreach, and both are beautiful historic buildings with great facilities for meetings.

The White Stag Block is comprised of three historic buildings—the Bickel Block Building, 1883, the Skidmore Block Building, 1889, and the White Stag and Hirsch-Weiss Building, 1907, all of which are on the National Register of Historic Places. In 2006, the buildings were refurbished, retaining the historical integrity while making mechanical, electrical, and seismic upgrades to make them safe and functional. The restoration also revealed the cast-iron columns that had been hidden by later modifications.

In 2008, the University of Oregon moved into the White Stag Block combining existing Portland-based departments and programs from their School of Architecture and Allied Arts, AAA. Within AAA, (though not in Portland yet), is their Historic Preservation Program, an interdisciplinary program that provides students an understanding of historic resources and the processes for their preservation. The curriculum's focus is in research methods, preservation history and theory, and the economic, legal and administrative processes of preservation. My hope is faculty and/or some students will present and join us at the meeting in September.

The development, restoration, and green renovation of the buildings would be a wonderful presentation as the White Stag Block is a gold LEED-certified building. Located a few blocks away and on track for platinum LEED-certification, is the Center for Architecture, an 1880s building that was once a horse stable.

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The Center for Architecture is in the heart of Portland's newly refurbished Pearl District. A few blocks away is Portland icon Powell's City of Books, the Museum of Contemporary Craft, Portland Institute for Contemporary Art, and many other great galleries, shops, restaurants, and parks.

I'm still looking into possible workshops and walking tours. Portland has many great walking tours or you can just take walks through some of the Parks. The White Stag is across the street from Waterfront Park and Portland Saturday Market, one of my daughter Emily's favorite places to buy hand made gifts. For even more ideas, history, and general info, check out Wikitravel Portland at [wikitravel.org/en/Portland_\(Oregon\)](http://wikitravel.org/en/Portland_(Oregon)).

The Ace Hotel is offering rooms for WAAC at a reduced rate, and I hope to add other hotels for reduced rate rooms, so keep an eye out for the registration materials next month.

In addition, please contact me if you would like to present a paper. I have submissions from many conservators in the Pacific Northwest and would like to have more from other places.



Silent Auction

Once again we will be holding our Silent Auction at the Portland Meeting.

Please start thinking what lovely, useful, fascinating, and/or bizarre contributions you can bring.

New this year !!! Prizes for best items !!!!!!!!

Bev Perkins will be the organizer, so please contact her with any questions.

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