

LA CROSSE COUNTY HISTORIC SITES PRESERVATION COMMISSION



LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

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La Crosse County Historic Sites Preservation Commission

2005 Annual Report

Commission Members:

Vicki Twinde-Javner, Chair

Richard Bedessem

King Holley

Brenda Jordan (Vice Chair, though inactive most of year)

Barbara Kooiman

Sharon Mahlum (Secretary/Treasurer)

Harriet Schuppel

Met nine (9) times in 2005 (Feb., Mar., Apr., June, July, Aug., Sept., Nov., Dec.) on first Friday of each month, 9:00 a.m., B390 Conference Room, La Crosse County Administrative Center, La Crosse.

Projects/tasks accomplished:

- Housekeeping task of compiling lists of non-approved resolutions for designated county sites.
- Prepared letter for current owners of designated sites to be mailed after all resolutions are approved.
- Printed extra copies of three county-wide surveys compiling all into one document and converting to pdf documents. Now posted on La Crosse Public Library website for wider accessibility. <http://lacrosselibrary.org/digital/archcounty/index.htm>
- Nominated Howard/Kumm House, 4115 Bank Dr., Town of Shelby, to list of county designated historic properties.
- Toured county in June 2005, looking at previously designated and possible future historic sites in the county, including tour of Long Coulee Archaeology project.

- Put up informational booth about Historic Sites Preservation Commission at Interstate Fair in West Salem (in collaboration with City of La Crosse Heritage Preservation Commission), July 13-17, 2005 (see photo).



- Consultant (Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center) completed/submitted Long Coulee Archaeology, National Register of Historic Places nomination, through a Certified Local Government (CLG) grant in amount of \$9,345 applied for by the La Crosse County Historic Sites Preservation Commission from the Wisconsin Historical Society.
- Gave total of \$900 in county Preservation Grant money to two local historical organizations:
 - West Salem Historical Society (\$600) for painting the Hamlin Garland Historic Homestead site (a National Historic Landmark) and
 - Preservation Alliance of La Crosse (\$300) for an informative sign for the Rediske Cobbler Shop historic site in La Crosse.
- Printed 6,500 historic sites brochures (\$800) for distribution to schools and libraries in the county and to WI Tourism Centers in the State.
- Working with county Zoning, Planning and Land Information office on the La Crosse County Comprehensive Plan to see that historic preservation issues are adequately addressed in the plan (ongoing project)
- Applied for Wisconsin Historical Society CLG grant to perform work in Town of Shelby on the Oehler farmstead properties, which are being encroached upon by City of La Crosse and other sub-developments in the vicinity of Mormon Creek.