

CARTHAGE HISTORIC PRESERVATION, Inc.



A non-profit, community-based membership organization focusing on historic preservation.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy Spring to members and friends of CHP! May is National Historic Preservation Month and our membership drive is getting underway. Please renew or join CHP to support our ongoing preservation efforts.

Another way to support CHP is to participate in **Give Carthage Day** on May 9th. This is a 24-hour fundraising event hosted by the Community Foundation of the Ozarks. Last year, through your generosity, CHP raised \$4,700, and 11 Carthage agencies raised \$75,000. There are some special twists to Give Ozarks Day. Your tax-deductible donations during the day (online or at

Cherry's Art Emporium) can help CHP win extra prize money every hour from the Foundation just for participating. See page 3 for more info.

Our hopes are high for future Bob Yapp preservation workshops at Sweet House. If you've always wanted to learn how to restore original wood windows, our preservation workshops are a wonderful opportunity to learn how. We will be in touch with details for Bob's preservation workshops.

As always, we thank you for supporting CHP.

~Ron Petersen, Jr.

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MEMBERSHIP IN CHP



Your CHP membership/donation helps us to fulfill our mission to advocate for historic preservation, to maintain

the historic Phelps House, and to continue restoration work on the Sweet House.

Your support allows us to have a common voice that says "Keep Carthage historic and beautiful"...which is one of the many wonderful reasons why we live here and tourists come to visit.

When you become a member, of CHP, you reap the following benefits:

- ◆ Free Tours of Phelps House for members and guests
- ◆ Discount on Phelps House Ornament
- ◆ Annual Member Appreciation Event
- ◆ The satisfaction of knowing that you are helping to preserve what makes Carthage so special!



THIS PLACE MATTERS

In conjunction with the National Trust for Historic Preservation and in honor of National Historic Preservation Month, ***This Place Matters*** signs will be placed around Carthage.

Let us know if you would like to recognize someplace that has special meaning to you...big or small, historic or maybe just old, a place that played a role in your life or that you think is unique.

Email us at:
carthagehistoricpreservation@gmail.com

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Apr 22	Member Appreciation Cookout (see page 2)
May	National Historic Preservation Month
	<i>This Place Matters</i> campaign—info →
May 9	Give Carthage Day Fundraiser
Oct 7	3rd Annual Lobster Boil



CHP ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2016

CHP was busy in 2016! With your support, CHP accomplished the following:

- Began **preliminary work** at the Sweet House including clean-up, tree trimming, landscaping, painting, and increasing the electrical service to conform to current code.
- Hosted a 3-day Sweet House **windows restoration workshop** with renowned restorationist, Bob Yapp, resulting in the restoration of six original windows at the Sweet House.
- Created a CHP **website** separate from the Phelps House website.
- Created a quarterly **newsletter** to share CHP news with you.
- Established the **Golden Hammer** award to be presented annually in recognition of the preservation and renovation of a Carthage historic structure in an historically appropriate manner.
- Attended the MoDOT Highway 96 **bridge replacement open house** and successfully lobbied MDOT to make changes in keeping with the history of the bridge, Route 66, and Carthage.
- Hosted the 2nd Annual **Lobster Boil** for benefit of the Sweet House.
- Hosted, with the help of over 100 volunteers, a very successful **Christmas Homes Tour and Tea** for 750 guests from the four-state region and beyond, including Arizona, California, and Indiana.
- Distributed 150 ***This Place Matters*** signs throughout Carthage during Historic Preservation Month.
- Entered a **float** in the Maple Leaf Parade.
- Hosted a **member appreciation** event with open houses at the Sweet House and the wine cellar at Phelps House.
- Catered several **bus tour luncheons**.
- Provided Phelps House to the community as a **venue** for weddings, parties, and meetings.

PROJECTS PLANNED IN 2017 INCLUDE:

- Tuckpointing 7 chimneys at the Phelps House
- Repairing rain water damage on the 2nd and 3rd floors of Phelps House (plaster, wallpaper, paint)
- Preservation workshops at the Sweet House

WE APPRECIATE YOU!



Join us for a **COOKOUT** at Phelps House
Saturday, April 22, rain or shine (porch or lawn!)
11:00 am to 1:00 pm
Learn about the Lost and Found of Carthage...



Remember?

- *when we “cruised” Boot’s Drive-in for a burger and Suzi-Qs (or mostly to check out who was there)
- *those icy frosted mugs of root beer...I’ll have a Purple Cow...make that a double dip, please, Mr. Miller
- *Saturday daytime cowboy movies at the Roxy (some of us had to take our little brothers!)

Lost...do you remember Red’s Café and the Band-Box they had?
Found...we will show you where it is now!

CHP will have lots of pictures of places and things from the past: some Lost, some Found, some have been here all along. Share your memories, hear from others, discover something you didn’t know!

GIVE CARTHAGE DAY—MAY 9



Give Carthage Day is a 24-hour online fundraising marathon taking place on May 9, 2017. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 for our

operating fund.

Please support CHP! Your donation could help us win cash prizes!

Donations received before May 1 can be preapplied to Give Carthage Day. Options to donate before May 1:

1. Come to the Phelps House cookout on April 22 and bring your membership and donation.
2. Include your donation with your membership

renewal.

3. Mail a check to CHP, P.O. Box 375, Carthage, MO 64836.
4. Give to a Board Member.

Two options to donate on May 9:

1. Make a secure online donation at givecarthage.giveozarks.org **OR**
2. Visit Give Carthage Headquarters at Cherry's Art Emporium between the hours of 9am and 5pm to drop off your donation or for assistance with donating online.

We sincerely appreciate your support!

CARTHAGE MEMORIES

During the windows workshop last September, CHP had the pleasure of meeting Julie Brock Ledbetter who shared photos and a bit of history about the home we call Sweet House.

According to Julie, her dad, Cecil Brock, purchased the house during the Depression for his mother. Since Julie's father was a Master Sergeant in the Army, Julie and her siblings did not grow up in Carthage. However, Julie remembers visiting her grandmother for extended stays. She has memories of sleeping in a big iron bed upstairs in the second bedroom where she would watch the rain falling on the Virginia creeper growing outside the window. The small back room off the kitchen was actually a screened porch where she remembers playing gin rummy. The sleeping porch on the east side of the house had a bed, and transoms at the bottom of the outer porch walls to sweep out dust and dirt.

In a sweet twist, Julie married her husband, Phillip, in 1970 and they lived in the Sweet House for two years.

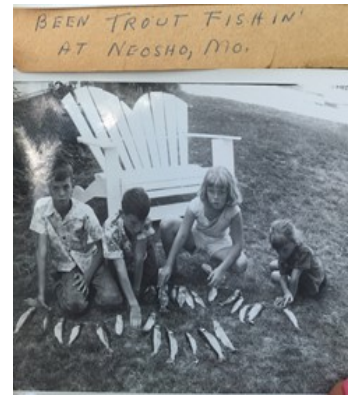
Records show that Ed Rogers, former CHS principal, purchased the house in 1974 as a rental property. His granddaughter, Donna Wittum, moved into the house in 1982. Donna married Darryl Anderson in 1985 and they bought the house where they raised two sons. In 2000, Donna and Darryl moved to another house and had tenants in the Sweet House until 2012 when the property was sold to Joe and Mary Jo Brown. The Brown's began renovation work, taking the walls down to the studs (and keeping the original doors, trim, etc.). Sadly, Joe passed away and the house faced an uncertain future. In 2015, CHP purchased the Sweet House. We hope another family will one day live in the Sweet House, making memories of their own.



The Sweet House, circa 1950's. Note the white lawn chair on the right which can be seen in the photo below.



In front of Sweet House circa 1954. Julie and her mother, Margaret Goodwin Brock. Grandmother Clara Fleck Brock, is on the right.



On the lawn of Sweet House with siblings and a cousin circa 1952. Julie is on the right.

CHP MEMBERSHIP FAQs

- ♦ Is my membership tax-deductible?
YES! Carthage Historic Preservation, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization as recognized by the Internal Revenue Code.
- ♦ Will I receive a membership card?
In an effort to keep printing and mailing costs down, we do not provide membership cards. We do maintain a member list, however.
- ♦ What are the membership levels?
Individual \$30 Associate \$100
Family \$50 Contributing \$150
Additional Donation _____
- ♦ How will I know it's time to renew my membership?
CHP typically sends out membership letters in April/May.
- ♦ Can I join/renew online and pay with a credit card?
Of course! Go to our website:
www.carthagehistoricpreservation.org

CARTHAGE TRIVIA

In honor of Women's History Month...did you know that the **first elected female officeholder** in the state, and the **first female county clerk in the entire country**, was from Carthage?!



Annie White Baxter was born in 1864 and moved with her family to Carthage in 1876, graduating from CHS in 1882. She worked as an assistant to the county clerk, and as deputy county clerk before marrying and leaving her job. When the county clerk became ill, Annie was asked to resume her duties. In 1890, the Democratic Party nominated her for the office of county clerk, a controversial move since women couldn't vote. Annie won by over 400 votes. Her opponent contested the election results but lost the challenge.

Annie Baxter was a proponent of a well-run and efficient county government and was considered to be one of the best county clerk's in the state.

Look for the marker honoring Annie on the east side of the Jasper County Courthouse grounds.

PHELPS HOUSE ORNAMENT



FOR SALE!

\$14.00 (+ tax)

Member Price:
\$12.00 (+ tax)

Your purchase helps support historic preservation in Carthage.

To order yours today, email us at:

info@carthagehistoricpreservation.org

POWERS MUSEUM



Be sure to check out the 175th Anniversary of Carthage exhibit now open to the public at the Powers Museum. Hours are Tuesday — Saturday, 12:00pm to 4:00pm through October.

Also starting this summer look for a series of digital "Walking in the Wards" tours throughout the city as part of the city's 175th anniversary. Using a mobile app that can be downloaded to a mobile device, the tour will mark sites throughout the city with photos of what the site used to look like. Each month a new tour will focus on one of the five political wards, highlighting the city's business, industrial and professional history.

Powers Museum
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