

PTV Highlights: 2003

From our beginnings in 1980 the Preservation Trust has focused on providing financial resources, tools, support, and encouragement to local organizations and communities that are undertaking historic preservation efforts. Building local capacity has always been part of our approach. Most of our work is done in partnerships. We've been most fortunate to have the support of many generous donors in our endeavors.

For the past ten years, Vermont communities and nonprofits have had the benefit of a remarkable partnership between the Freeman Foundation and the Preservation Trust. It would be very hard to overstate the impact of this ten year commitment by the Foundation. The Foundation has provided \$7.5 million in grant funding for 264 preservation projects in communities across Vermont. These grants have played a key role in rehabilitation work valued at over \$84 million. Theaters, libraries, community halls, affordable housing, barns, churches, museums, and community arts spaces have all been supported. A list of the projects supported in the last year is below.

Here's a sample of the Preservation Trust of Vermont's work in 2003:

- Our Field Service Program, a partnership with the National Trust for Historic Preservation, provided technical support and encouragement to over 175 community preservation projects.
- We worked with the Brattleboro Arts Initiative to acquire the Latchis Theaters and Hotel. As a downtown arts center and hotel, the complex will play a key role in the continuing effort to build a better Brattleboro.
- Our Robert Sincerbeaux Fund provided 54 project development grants to support local preservation efforts. Libraries, museums, art centers, town halls, affordable housing, churches, and grange halls were all supported.
- Through a remarkable partnership with the Freeman Foundation, we provided a total of \$760,000 dollars to twenty non-profit groups and municipalities for rehabilitation projects. Those grants leveraged a total of \$11,450,700 in rehabilitation work.
- Our on-line newsletter was distributed to over 1,000 individuals each month.
- With support from the Vermont Country Store, we began a mentoring program to help strengthen village stores.
- In Shrewsbury, we're working with the community to reopen

Pierce's Store, a property that was donated to the Preservation Trust.

- We hosted four Grand Isle Lake House retreats with 87 community volunteers attending. The June retreat, for churches, was co-hosted by Partners for Sacred Places.
- In partnership with the Vermont Forum on Sprawl and the Vermont Downtown Program, we worked with the Legislature to provide new incentives to strengthen village centers and redevelop downtown buildings.
- We published a new booklet on the importance of Vermont's Homegrown Economy, available on our Web site.
- In May, we joined the Division for Historic Preservation, in hosting the annual Preservation Conference in Barre. Approximately 275 people attended.

2003 Preservation Grants: Partnership of the Freeman Foundation and Preservation Trust

Barre, Labor Hall (Historical Society)

Bradford, Public Library

Brandon, Town Hall

Brattleboro, Latchis Hotel Complex

Brookfield, Old Town Hall

Burlington, Ethan Allen Homestead

Castleton, Woman's Club

Chester Stone Village, First Universalist Church

Chester, Yosemite Firehouse

Cuttingsville, Laurel Hall

Cuttingsville, Shrewsbury Library

Elmore, Town Hall

Franklin, Log Cabin (Franklin Historical Society)

Goshen, Town Hall

Greensboro Bend, Greensboro Community Childcare Ctr.

Greensboro, United Church of Christ

Hyde Park, Hyde Park Opera House

North Shrewsbury, Pierce House & Store

Pittsford, Maclure Library

Poultney, Stonebridge Inn

Roxbury, Town Office

Sandgate, Schoolhouse

South Royalton, South Royalton House

Springfield, Vermont Foundry/Southern VT Recreation Ctr.

Vernon, Pond Road Chapel

Westmore, Municipal Building

Williamstown, Methodist Church

2003 Grants by the Preservation Trust's Robert Sincerbeaux Fund

Barre, St. Monica's Rectory and School
Bennington, Colgate Barn
Burlington, Archibald St. Synagogue
Burlington, King Street Neighborhood Revitalization Corp., 151 S. Champlain St.
Brattleboro Museum and Arts Gallery
Church Street Marketplace, Burlington National Register nomination
United Church of Cabot
Calais, Moscow Mills
Castleton, St. Mark's Episcopal Church
United Church of Craftsbury
East Berkshire Congregational Church
Ferrisburgh Old Grange Hall
Goshen Town Hall and Municipal Office
Grafton, Mollie Beattie State Forest CCC Camp
Jamaica Town Hall
Landgrove Community Church
Lunenburg Town Hall
Manchester, First Baptist Church
Manchester, Mark Skinner Library
Mendon Historical Society, Phelps House
Montpelier, Central VT Solid Waste Mgm't. Dist. House
Panton Town Hall
Peacham Historical Society, National Register nomination
Friends of Pittsford Village
Huntington Library, Union Meetinghouse
Plainfield Town Offices
Pownal Community Church and Town Hall
Putney Community Center
Putney Historical Society, Thwing Grist Mill bridge
Randolph Area Community Dev't. Corp. for Coal Shed
Reading Library
Roxbury Community Hall
Rutland Unitarian Universalist Church
St. Albans Bay United Methodist Church
Saxtons River, Main Street Arts Shelburne, Noonan House
Springfield, Jones and Lamson Charrette
Stratton Meetinghouse and Schoolhouse
Tunbridge Town Hall
Vermont Division for Historic Preservation GIS database
Vernon Historians for Pond Chapel

Wardsboro Library
Waterbury Town, Gateway Hotel
West Burke, Kingdom Trails building assessment
West Halifax Bible Church
West Rutland Carving Studio
Williamstown, United Federated Church

2003 Preservation Award Winners

Hiram Allen
Bethel Lympus Church
Westminster Selectboard
Pawlet Projects Committee and the People of Pawlet
Mark Foley
Vermont Historical Society
Housing Vermont and the Central Vermont Community Land Trust
Suzanne Boden
Vermont Arts Exchange
Redstone Commercial Group
Lydia and John Makau
Emily Wadhams