

PTV Highlights: 2005

In September 2005, the Preservation Trust marked our 25th anniversary with a big celebration at the Shelburne Farms' Breeding Barn. The barn was filled with displays describing projects and organizations we've helped over the years. Almost all of our work happens in partnership with local volunteer groups, and from the beginning our focus has been on building local capacity to do the important work of saving and using historic buildings. Out of that is born respect and good stewardship. The Breeding Barn was the perfect setting to reflect on how much has been accomplished by so many groups around the state!

Field Service Program

In 2005, our three part-time Field Service Representatives, working in partnership with the National Trust, supported 220 local projects in 124 different communities! They provided technical assistance, encouragement, and grant support through the Robert Sincerbeaux Fund.

Grants

Throughout our history, the Preservation Trust has used grant-making as a key tool to support local preservation efforts.

Robert Sincerbeaux Fund

Named in honor of the Preservation Trust's first benefactor, this fund provides seed grants to community organizations. Last year the Preservation Trust awarded 86 Robert Sincerbeaux Fund grants to local projects.

Preservation Grants

Since 1994, the Preservation Trust has partnered with the Freeman Foundation to provide \$8.8 million in grants, resulting in \$94 million of preservation activity. Over 300 historic buildings have benefited from this program. Last year 16 projects received grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$50,000.

Village Revitalization Initiative

In partnership with Senator Patrick Leahy, the Preservation Trust granted in 2005-2006 18 major grants totaling \$1.35 million to community preservation projects that are reclaiming or enhancing community gathering places, such as libraries, opera houses, and community halls.

Community Grants

With funding from an anonymous donor awarded in 2005, the Preservation Trust will be able to provide financial support to local advocacy initiatives, economic development activity in downtowns and village centers, and other initiatives that protect the essential character of Vermont .

Downtowns and Village Centers

The Preservation Trust focuses much of its work on strengthening downtowns and village centers while curbing commercial sprawl. This past legislative session, the Trust led the successful effort to expand tax incentives for downtown and village center revitalization projects. This work was accomplished in partnership with the Division for Historic Preservation and the Vermont Forum on Sprawl. At the same time, we continued the fight against inappropriate out-of-town big-box development that zaps downtown vitality. We continue to advocate for smaller scale stores that can be located in downtown. In 2005, the Trust worked with local citizens groups in Bennington , St. Albans, and Derby and the Vermont Natural Resources Council to stop mega Wal-Marts proposed in those communities. A very generous donation has made it possible for us to establish a special revolving fund to combat threats to community centers.

Easement Program

The Preservation Trust now holds façade easements on 65 properties. Each year, we make stewardship visits to each property.

Educational Programs

- Annual preservation conference
- Electronic newsletter
- Retreats for local volunteers at the Grand Isle Lake House

Publications

In honor of its 25th Anniversary, Vermont Gathering Places by Peter Miller, was funded and sponsored the Preservation Trust. The book is a collection of 38 stories that highlight the places in the state where Vermonters gather to meet, discuss their towns, and keep the small-town traditions of the state thriving.

Funding

Individual contributors, businesses, and foundations make this work possible with their annual support. We, and the hundreds of organizations we serve, are most grateful for their generosity.

2005 Preservation Grants in Partnership with the Freeman Foundation

Bellows Falls, Town Hall Theater
Canaan , Alice Ward Library
Bennington , Southern Vermont College
East Burke, Congregational Church
Colchester Schoolhouse
Craftsbury, United Church of Craftsbury
Irasburg, United Church
Jamaica Town Hall
Rupert Schoolhouses: Library and Town Offices
Saxtons River , Main Street Arts
South Woodstock Perkins Academy
West Addison, United Methodist Church
West Fairlee Women's Club and Church
West Haven Historical Society, Schoolhouse
West Rutland Town Hall
Windsor Public Library

2005 Village Center Grants in Partnership with Senator Patrick Leahy

Bellows Falls, Rockingham Town Hall Theater
Bloomfield Town Hall
Brandon Old Town Hall
Brookfield Town Hall
Hardwick, Jeudevine Memorial Library
Hardwick Memorial Building
Hardwick Town House
Salisbury , Shard Villa
Strafford, Town House

2005 Robert Sincerbeaux Fund Grants

Alburg Historical Society, Fire House
Arlington Community Club
Barre Historical Society, Bakery Bldg.
Barre Preservation Society, St. Monica's
Barre , VT Granite Museum
Barton United Church
Bellows Falls, Immanuel Episcopal
Bennington , Catamount Access
Bethel , Christ Church
Bethel Old Town Hall
Bradford , American Legion Post
Brattleboro , St. Michael's Church

Brownington, Old Stone House Museum
Charlotte, Thorpe Barn
Chester Unitarian Universalist Church
Chester Congregational Church (2)
Colchester , Burnham Library
Corinth Town Hall
Cuttingsville, Laurel Hall wall coverings
Dorset United Church
Dorset Congregational Church
East Burke School
East Monkton Church
Enosburg Town Clerk's Office
Enosburg Falls, Lincoln Lodge #78
Fayston, Mad River Glen Co-op
Fair Haven Opera House
Georgia Plain Baptist Church
Hardwick Fundraising Training
Hardwick, Northeast Kingdom Arts
Hyde Park Opera House
Irasburg United Church
Jamaica Town Hall
Lincoln , Burnham Hall
Londonderry, Thompsonburg School
Ludlow , Fletcher Farm Foundation
Marlboro College , Mumford House
McIndoe Falls Congregational Church
Middlesex United Methodist Church
Middlesex Historical Society, RR Depot
Moretown Town Hall
Montpelier , VT Humanities Council
Morgan United Church
Morrisville, River Arts
Mount Holly Community Museum
New Haven Congregational Church
Newbury Woman's Club
North Pomfret Congregational Church
Orwell Historical Society-Town Hall
Peacham, Housing Vermont
Peacham Village Store
Peacham Historical Society, Roller Barn
Pittsfield Town Offices
Pittsford Congregational Church
Preservation Burlington Speaker Series
Randolph, Kimball Library

Randolph First Congregational Church
Richford Schoolhouse
Salisbury , Camp Songadeewin
Shaftsbury, Old Stone Mill
Sharon , VT Independent School of Arts
Social Band
South Hero, Providence Island Assoc.
South Royalton United Church
South Walden Hope Community Church
South Woodstock, Green Mountain Perkins Academy
Springfield School Dis., Park St. School
Stowe, St. John 's in the Mountains
Townsend Town Hall
Toxics Action Center Conference
Vergennes, Bixby Memorial Library
Vergennes, General Strong House
VT Assoc. Conservation, Environthon
Vermont Employee Ownership Center
Waitsfield, Masonic Hall
Washington Baptist Church
West Arlington , Chapel on the Green
West Berkshire, UVM-HP Program Village Visioning
West Rutland Town Hall
West Rutland Congregational Church
Weybridge Congregational Church
Wheelock Town Hall
Williamstown Town Hall
Wilmington , Congregational Church
Windsor Public Library
Windsor, St. Paul 's Church

2005 Barn Grants in Partnership with the Burlington Free Press

Barton, Loske Barn
Bradford, Porter Barn
Cambridge , Ostrop Barn
Cornwall , Weiner Barn
Grand Isle, Coffin Barn
Grand Isle, Button Barn
Grand Isle, Wert Barn
Isle La Motte, Callahan Barn
Newbury, Nichols Barn
Pownal, Pearce Barn
Richmond , Preston Barn
Ryegate, Heather Alger Barn

Salisbury , Shard Villa Barn

2005 Preservation Award Winners

Sherry and Darlene Belknap

Brattleboro Town Manager, Brattleboro Fire Chief and his department,
and the Brattleboro Area Community Land Trust

George Ewins

Renaissance of Downtown Brandon

East Burke Congregational Church

The Painter Theater Project of the Vermont Museum and Gallery

Alliance/ Christine Hadsel, Project Director

The Brick House, Shelburne Museum

Stonebridge Inn, Town of Poultney

Gerrit Kouwenhoven