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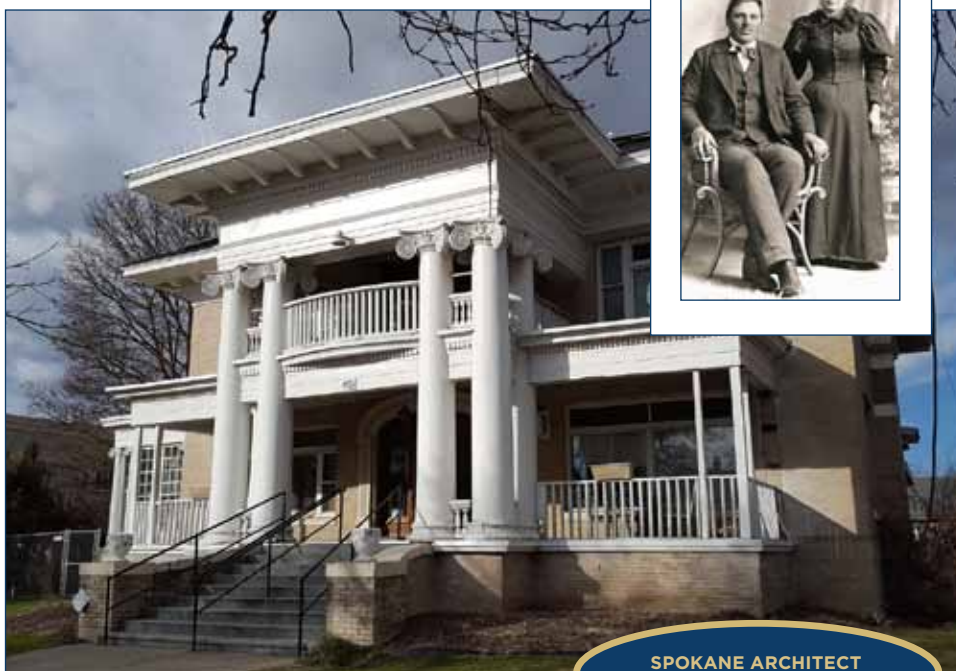
LUTHER & JANE MARIE TURNER MANSION • 1521 E ILLINOIS AVE

Celebrated and noted for its architectural and historical significance, the Luther & Jane Marie Turner Mansion is listed on the Spokane, Washington State Heritage, and National Registers of Historic Places.

The home was designed by Spokane architect John R. Burrill who worked in architecture and real estate for more than 50 years in Spokane and Eastern Washington.

In the late 1800s, Tennesseans Luther and Jane Marie Turner travelled to Lincoln County, Washington where they purchased 480 acres of land near the town of Harrington.

Turner successfully grew and harvested dry land wheat, and by



(Above) The historic Neoclassical-style Turner Mansion on East Illinois Avenue, Spokane's North Side.
(Inset) Vintage portrait of Luther and Jane Marie Turner.

SPOKANE ARCHITECT
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**SPOKANE PRESERVATION
ADVOCATES • SPRING
2022 MEMBERSHIP
MEETING & OPEN HOUSE**

**PLEASE JOIN SPA
AT THE HISTORIC
LUTHER & JANE MARIE
TURNER MANSION
1521 EAST ILLINOIS AVENUE**

TUESDAY, JUNE 14 • 5:30 P.M.

Members and guests are encouraged to bring wine or an hors d'oeuvre to share.

**THIS SPA SPRING EVENT IS
COMPLIMENTARY**

the early 1900s, was recorded as actively farming 16 sections of land, a huge area that encompassed over 10,000 acres. With bountiful harvests and lucrative sales, Luther Turner earned the reputation as the "Wheat King" of the Inland Northwest.

In 1917, Luther Turner together with his wife Jane, five daughters, mother, and sister-in-law relocated to the newly built Turner Mansion in Spokane.

The large residence was north of Spokane on the edge of a high bluff with a wide, uninterrupted

panoramic view to the south.

Turner's architect friend, John Burrill, designed his home as a large 10,000 square foot, multi-room mansion, befitting and showcasing Turner's fortune and success.

The Turner Mansion is a fine example of the Neoclassical style articulated with influences from Colonial Revival and Southern Plantation designs. From the 1890s to the 1920s throughout the United States, the Neoclassical style became popular in public

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JUNE MESSAGE FROM OUR SPA SECRETARY



SPA Secretary Judy Stone

- **JUDY STONE** ~ This section of *UPDATE* continues with the introduction of the SPA Board members. I'm Judy Stone and it's my turn. I'm new to the Board and serving as Secretary.
- **OLD HOUSE** ~ The purchase of an old rundown house ready for a remodel prompted my move from California to Spokane about 15 years ago. It's located in a neighborhood designated as a National Historic District and the house is listed on the National Historic Registry. That meant very little to me at the time. It was during an SPA home tour in my neighborhood that first year in Spokane that I met an SPA member who also was a consultant in Historic Preservation Planning and Design. With her "advocacy" for historic preservation and wonderful stories, all of that nomenclature had more relevance.
- **JOINING SPA** ~ She convinced me to join SPA and its mission of preservation and celebration of Spokane's history. Touring buildings, homes and neighborhoods and hearing their histories is one of my favorite activities. How lucky we are to live in a community that appreciates preservation which lends such variety to our physical landscape. I've been an "advocate" since that first year here and have had a richer life because of it. By the way, my house is now 110 years old and still standing, with some remedial care!
- **PRE-COVID TIMES** ~ This year, SPA is slowly and cautiously returning to its pre-COVID state. Earlier this year the SPA had a successful series of educational programs which were held virtually. By the time you receive this newsletter, the first in-person Auction Gala since COVID will have been held. The Pub Crawl, quarterly meetings, and Awards ceremony hopefully will also be held in-person. As members of SPA, we hope you will participate in all the fun activities and bring your friends! Also, the SPA Advocacy committee is working on several issues such as Affordable Housing and trying to save the Chancery from demolition. When requested, please make your voices heard to help with these advocacy issues. There will be support for your input throughout those processes. Bring on the **GOOD OLD TIMES!**

● JUDY STONE • SPA Secretary

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SPRING SPA ADVOCACY UPDATE

T ● **A VERY BUSY FIRST QUARTER** ~ The first quarter of 2022 has been extremely busy for SPA's Advocacy efforts. In addition to the ongoing Chancery Building saga, we are keeping tabs on the city's efforts to update its policy to address the housing crisis, and what effect those updates may have on historic buildings and districts.

● **THE HISTORIC CHANCERY BUILDING** ~ In our last newsletter, we reported that the property owners had submitted a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) checklist for review, which was deemed incomplete and remanded to the property owners. A revised checklist was submitted early this year, and as yet, no determination has been made. This is an unexpected outcome that we are watching closely ~ with cautious optimism.

● **DESIGN APPROVAL** ~ In addition, the property owners sought and received design approval for the proposed replacement structure ~ a separate process from demolition, which cannot be denied by the city. We anticipate there will still be a significant need for public comment in support of retaining the historic building, and we will alert our members as soon as we know when that comment will be taken. In the meantime, we will continue to advocate strongly for a sale of the property to a preservation-minded buyer.

● **HOUSING POLICY UPDATES** ~ Intense work is underway at the city to address Spokane's housing crisis ~ ranging from finding solutions to homelessness to implementing last year's Housing Action Plan. This plan aims to increase the supply of affordable and "missing middle" housing. There are numerous areas where these efforts intersect with historic preservation.

● **SEPARATE EMAIL NEWSLETTER SERIES** ~ As a result, SPA's Advocacy Committee is going to begin a separate email newsletter series for our membership that will explain the origins of the crisis, go into some detail on what is currently happening, and highlight opportunities for members of the public to provide comment to the various commissions and city officials. Please watch your in-box ~ the first newsletter will be out soon!



Patti Simpson Ward's 2022 portrait of the historic Chancery Building used by permission ©2022.

● JESSE BANK • ADVOCACY COMMITTEE CHAIR

SPA'S HERITAGE GRANTS PROGRAM AWARDS \$5,000 TO THE ROCKWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

The Rockwood Neighborhood Council was awarded a \$5,000 matching grant by the Spokane Preservation Board at the April 2022 meeting. The grant will support the neighborhood's work with the Spokane Parks Department to restore one of the original streetcar stops on Rockwood Boulevard and to create interpretive signage about the Rockwood streetcar line. Our next Heritage Grant application deadline is **October 1, 2022**.

For information about our grant applications, please visit our website at www.spokanepreservation.org. Go to the **"Preserve"** page and down to **"Heritage Grants."** At the bottom of that section you will find links to the two types of available grant applications. For more information about the Heritage Grant Program, call Dave Shockley at **509.344.1065**.

● KEVIN BROWNLEE • HERITAGE GRANT COMMITTEE CHAIR

WINTER LECTURE SERIES 2022

This winter, we were able to re-ignite (via Zoom) our lecture program as part of the education mission of Spokane Preservation Advocates.

In January we enjoyed a lecture on "Collecting 1900 Modern" by Larry Kreisman, the retired long-time Program Director for Historic Seattle.

In February, Associate Professor J. Phil Gruen of the School of Design and Construction at Washington State University offered an engaging lecture entitled, "Revival, By George! Race, Grace, and Style at Washington State College."

And in March, Dana Dalrymple of the Spokane Public Library and Northwest Room gave a talk on "Researching Your House History." We look forward to a Second Annual Winter Lecture Program next year. Look for a forthcoming survey to solicit your ideas about future lecture and program topics!

● DIANA PAINTER • FOR THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE SPRING UPDATE



(Above) Two homes nominated to the Spokane Historic Register - the top one on Sumner Avenue and the lower one on West Shoshone.

(Below) Group of interested folks at Spokane's Riverfront Park gathering for a recent HPO walking tour.



A BUSY FIRST HALF OF THE YEAR ● The Historic Preservation Office had a busy first half of 2022. The Spokane Historic Landmarks Commission (SHLC) held several public hearings on design review projects including:

- Replacement structure for the Chancery Building
- The Manor House Apartments (new construction), Browne's Addition
- The McKinley School exterior shell
- Changes to the Trolan Farmstead in Spokane County
- The new storefront at the Kehoe Building, Hillyard

We are only six months into 2022 and SHLC conducted design reviews on more projects than during all of 2021.

TWO NOMINATIONS ● The SHLC also reviewed two nominations to the Spokane Register of Historic Places. In April, we saw these for the:

- Arts & Crafts Tudor Revival-style Charles and Maud Kemp House (1910) • 404 West Sumner Avenue
- Spanish Mission Craftsman-style Hubert and Bertha Lloyd House (1910) • 451 West Shoshone Place

Both homes will be added to the Spokane Register.

HPO held our first meeting with property owners in the proposed Cannon Streetcar Suburb Historic District on May 12th.

Two more workshops are scheduled in June and July and our hope is to send out ballots to property owners in August. More information can be found on our website www.historicspokane.org/cannon.

May was Historic Preservation Month and HPO celebrated by offering several downtown walking tours to the public - as well as tours specifically for City and County staff members. The first public tour included about 25 interested folks who toured the east end of downtown with HPO staff, Megan Duvall and Logan Camporeale.

We had over 60 employees signed up for a tour on Wednesday, May 25th during the lunch hour. Demand was such that we added another staff lunch tour in early June.

We also scheduled a combination Preservation Happy Hour and west end of downtown walking tour for Thursday, May 26th at Brick West Brewing, closing registration at over 80 tour participants.

Finally, in addition to the downtown walking tours, Logan led a bike tour in the Corbin Park Neighborhood on May 22nd in conjunction with the "Bike Everywhere" campaign.

● MEGAN DUVAL • SPOKANE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER



SPA'S APRIL 2022 AUCTION FUNDRAISER

- **OUR FIRST IN-PERSON EVENT SINCE 2019**

~ On April 30th, SPA held our first in-person Auction Fundraiser Dinner since Spring 2019. We had over 100 people attend the auction and buffet dinner at Barrister Winery ~ was a lot of fun which is what we all like! We had a large silent auction, a rousing live auction, and several other events, including a Raise the Paddle for the Heritage Grants program.

- **OUR NET INCOME** ~ Our net income from the event was just under \$35,000 ~ the most we have ever made on an SPA fundraiser. I think it was in part because we charged a ticket price that covered our expenses per person ~ and because we had very generous sponsorships. It was wonderful to see old friends and acquaintances that hadn't been together in person in several years.



(Above) Smiling guests enjoying a fabulous time at the recent "Sparkle & Spend" Fundraiser at Barrister Winery.

(Below) The fun East Sprague neighborhood - location of this year's SPA Pub Crawl.

OTHER FUTURE SPA EVENTS • THE PUB CRAWL AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS CEREMONY

- **SPA'S PUB CRAWL** ~ In addition to the Quarterly Membership Meeting discussed in our cover story, we are also planning a Pub Crawl in the East Sprague Business District on Saturday, June 18th. Admission will be \$15 for SPA members and \$20 for non-members ~ and there will be food and drink specials for the participants. There will also be a photographic scavenger hunt, a raffle and an after party with Spokane history trivia games. Look for more info on our website at www.spokanepreservation.org and in upcoming e-blasts from SPA!

- **THE SPA HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS CEREMONY** ~ This ceremony will be held at the Montvale Event Center on Tuesday evening, August 2nd, starting at 5:30. A social hour with wine and hors d'oeuvres will be followed by the Awards presentation. This is a free event that we are proud to sponsor to honor local preservation and other outstanding work. We hope you can join us for these fun and in-person events!

● DAVE SHOCKLEY • EXECUTIVE COORDINATOR



architecture and as residences of the wealthy.

For other examples of this style, see the Hutton House on East 17th Avenue on the South Hill and the Finch House on West First Avenue in Browne's Addition.

The Turner Mansion is a large two-story residence with a low-pitched hip roof, buff-colored brick cladding, and a monumental front porch with bracketed eaves, wide balustraded balconies, and an array of elaborate full-height classical columns.

The mansion's entire front porch is painted a gleaming white, reminiscent of polished white marble used in expensive ventures in 1917, and was reported to have cost between \$28,000 and \$40,000.

Today the property is owned by historic preservationist and retired businessman Thomas Sawyer.

Tom has cleaned and rehabilitated the property, and currently leases it for use as professional office space. He has made an application to Spokane Preservation Advocates for a "façade grant," which would be used to help cover expenses incurred in a rehabilitation of the property's significant elaborate Neoclassical facade.

Tom Sawyer invites all to visit the Turner Mansion Tuesday evening of June 14, 2022 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for the SPA Membership Meeting & Open House! Please bring an appetizer or beverage to share.

● LINDA YEOMANS • Spokane Preservation Consult Consultant and Historian

DIRECTIONS TO THE HISTORIC TURNER MANSION

From the intersection of North Hamilton Street and East Illinois Avenue, travel east to 1521 East Illinois Avenue. The Turner Mansion is on the northwest corner of Madelia Street and Illinois Avenue.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Volunteers are needed for the Hospitality Committee to serve food and drink at Spokane Preservation Advocates Membership Meetings and other special events. Please email Virginia Carter at virginiacarter1948@gmail.com or call her at **509-238-6318**.

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