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*Enriching the present by honoring the past through the preservation of
Noblesville's historic architecture and authentic character and charm.*



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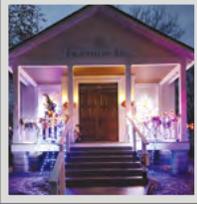
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Letter From the President



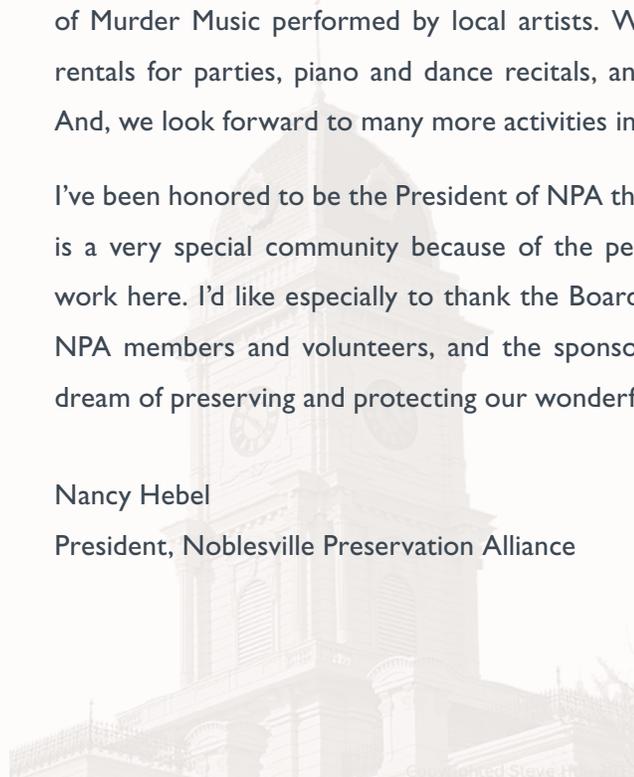
NPA celebrated another wonderful year of participation in the life of our beautiful historic city, and as President I was privileged to be a part of that. It was a busy year for all of us.

NPA continued time-tested activities to participate in community life in Noblesville. Our entry in the Annual Bed Race won the audience favorite again. The Flea Market was both a fund raiser and a neighborhood party. Preservation Hall porch and yard were decorated for the Fourth of July parade. The 35th Annual Home Tour was a huge success again. The year ended with the beautiful Lights Over Seminary Park celebration, where we lit the biggest live Christmas tree in Indiana!

NPA took advantage of the purchase and renovation of our home at Preservation Hall. We enjoyed an historic radio play, *The War of the Worlds*. We were scared (and somewhat grossed out) by an evening of Murder Music performed by local artists. We appreciated the rentals for parties, piano and dance recitals, and other functions. And, we look forward to many more activities in the future.

I've been honored to be the President of NPA this year. Noblesville is a very special community because of the people who live and work here. I'd like especially to thank the Board of Directors, the NPA members and volunteers, and the sponsors who carry this dream of preserving and protecting our wonderful community.

Nancy Hebel
President, Noblesville Preservation Alliance





Status of Preservation Hall

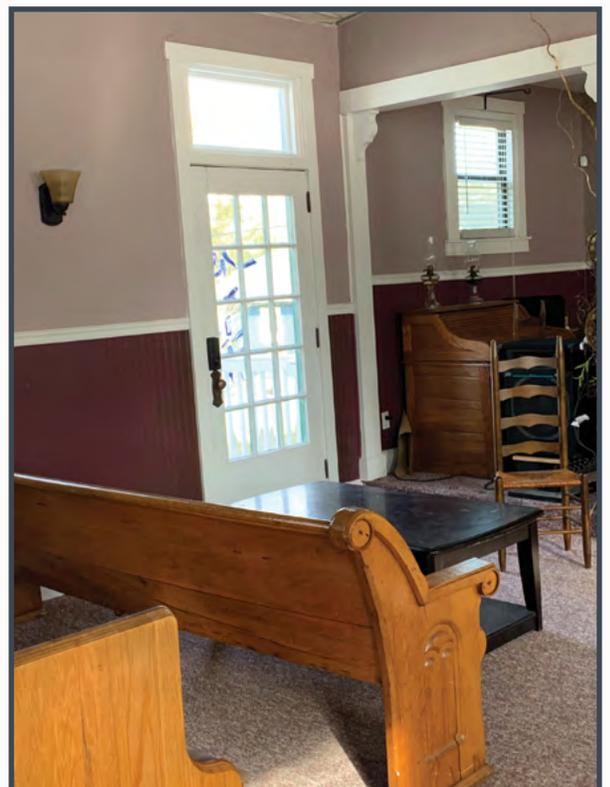
Preservation Hall has been renovated on the exterior to the standards required by Indiana Landmarks when it loaned NPA the funds to purchase the building. While the front porch was added in 2021, the work that continued in 2022 was a more dramatic transformation. We removed all the vinyl siding in 2022, removed the non-conforming soffits, repaired holes in the original wood siding, replaced rotted siding, repaired the brick in the chimney and painted the entire building in the two colors requested by Landmarks: the clapboards are “alabaster” and the trim is a shade of green called “hunt club.” The foundation is painted gray and the bars were removed from the foundation windows.

We also added a back door to accommodate our ADA accessibility ramp. Landmarks required us to remove the ramp when we removed the original deck that was replaced by the front porch. But we saved the entire structure with the idea that we would move it back so it would still be functional. Volunteers dug 20 holes, filled them with (donated) concrete, attached anchors to the concrete and re-attached the ramp, which now runs from the back alley to a new door at the left of the stage. The door includes a transom window and fits the character of the building well, while giving access to people who may not be able to negotiate the front stairs.

We also landscaped the building with flowers and shrubs in the Spring, adding a new outdoor spigot in the process. The flower beds are lined with Star bricks from old Noblesville sidewalks. The monument sign in front is now painted, has a glass window and sign topper with our logo, and is lighted at night.

Inside, a fire inspection this year revealed some shortcomings which were repaired within the one month window allowed by the fire department. All exit signs are up to date, fire extinguishers are current and we installed a bannister on the back stairs and drywall in the closet under the front stairs. Numerous plumbing and electrical updates have also been made. Our old refrigerator died and has been replaced by a donated fridge. A dishwasher is in the kitchen awaiting installation.

There is still lots to be done, as there always is with an old building. But we made significant progress this year and the building is functional enough to host concerts, parties and other events. Further improvements will be made as time, energy, ambition and funds allow.





2022 Memories

Bed Race

NPA participated in the 2022 annual Darlington Bed Race, which is an event to raise funds for youth summer camp scholarships for the Boys & Girls Club and Noblesville Parks & Recreation Programs. The annual bed race is a great community event to celebrate the end of the school year and “race” into summer activities! NPA has been a fan favorite, winning the People’s Choice Award for 4 consecutive years in a row with themes like Life in the Past Lane, Bathing Beauties, Harrell Hospital & Sanatorium and last year’s Roaring Twenties. What will NPA’s theme be for 2023? You will have to come out to the bed race to find out, as we fully intend to defend our title as the People’s Choice! The bed race will be held on Friday, June 2, from 6:30pm to 9:00pm.



Annual Flea Market

The Noblesville Preservation Alliance (NPA) enjoyed a successful 3rd Annual Flea Market this past Spring 2022! For the past 3 years the flea market has been such a success, that we have decided to host the event again! Spring cleaning? Downsizing? Need to get rid of some odds and ends? Make items? Own your own business? This event is perfect for YOU!

The 4th Annual Flea Market on Logan and Clinton Streets, including the side streets in between is modeled after the famous Woodruff Place Flea Market in a historic Indianapolis neighborhood that has been ongoing since the 1970s!

For a \$25 donation to NPA (tax deductible) you will be able to take advantage of this community event that will be highly advertised. Additionally, you will be helping an organization that supports the preservation of historic homes in Noblesville. Our work at NPA is so important in preserving our history and keeping our neighborhoods such desirable places to live. Preservation Hall, located at 1207 Logan Street, will be the headquarters for this event.

Call for Flea Market Chair

The Flea Market Chair would need to pick a date. The event time is 9:00 am - 3:00pm

How to help?

- * Become a vendor at your home: \$25 donation per household to participate!
- * Allow others to sell at your home
- * Shop all the sales and help your community!
- * Donate quality items to NPA to sell at Preservation Hall
- * Make monetary donations to NPA





2022 Historic Home Walking Tour

NPA's third Historic Home Walking Tour, hosted by Kurt Meyer and Ken Hebel, was held on June 4th. A group of over 35 NPA members enjoyed a leisurely stroll back to the turn of the 20th century on the shaded brick streets of historic Old Town.

Kurt's review of the architecture of the beautiful historic homes on Logan, Conner, and Maple Streets was dovetailed with some interesting historical insights into the background of many homes and their occupants "back in the day."

We thank Kurt and Ken for hosting this members-only event which has proved popular and hope that it will be offered in the future.



War of the Worlds

In 1938, Orson Wells and the Mercury Theatre of the air made radio history with their presentation of "War of the Worlds." On October 8th 2022 the Noblesville Preservation Alliance presented a reenactment of that broadcast with a live on-stage performance at Preservation Hall. Participants included Noblesville Residents Curtis Bittle, Malachi Bush, Terry Cunningham, and Chuck Kelly. NPA participating members included Nancy Hebel, Mike Stewart, Sandy Stewart, and Dennis Smith. A recording of the performance was aired on Noblesville's local radio station, WEPB, 106.3 FM. That broadcast took place on October 30th at 8:00PM, exactly 84 years after the original broadcast. We look forward to producing more classic radio shows later this year, so stay tuned!

ORIGINAL 1938 BROADCAST RECREATION: **SATURDAY OCTOBER 8TH 7:00 PM**

THE War OF THE Worlds

Presented by: Noblesville Preservation Alliance

LIVE ON STAGE AT PRESERVATION HALL 1274 LOGAN STREET, NOBLESVILLE

Seating is limited,
For ticket information scan here:



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Murder Ballad Concert – October 29, 2022

An evening of murder ballads and ghostly songs celebrated Halloween and raised funds for NPA

Nine brilliantly talented local musicians donated their time to entertain us and raise vital funds for NPA. Singer/Songwriter and outstanding NPA volunteer, Steve Vandewater, developed the concept of a theme concert and recruited musicians John Gilmore, Gary Wasson, Molly Milton, Jamie Dumas, Tim Pike, Mike Stewart, Zoe Majors and Doug Sauter. Several entertainers and audience members came in costume, and despite the grisly theme, it was a fully joyous celebration of community! The event also introduced a new audience to the quality of music played in Preservation Hall's "Listening Room." It was such a great success that Steve and friends are already working on the next idea for a theme concert!





Lights over Seminary

Lights over Seminary enjoyed another successful evening as Noblesville families kicked off the holiday season with their visit in the park. Some traditions continued—strolling carolers, hot chocolate and cookies, the reading of *The Night Before Christmas* by Mayor Jenson, welcome speeches, and the lighting ceremony. In addition, some wonderful new activities were added. NPA’s collaboration with Noblesville Main Street, city officials, and Duke Energy made everything a wonderful experience. The highlight of the evening had to be the lighting of the decorated evergreen tree for the first time—the largest live decorated Christmas tree in Indiana!





2022 Memories

2022 Historic Home Tour

The 35th Annual Historic Home Tour was held on Saturday, September 17, 2022. Featuring homes in the southwest quadrant of Noblesville's Old Town, this year's tour included 7 beautiful homes, 3 businesses, and one very cool tree house. We were also pleased to collaborate with Noblesville Main Street to extend Home Tour weekend with Upstairs Downtown, a Friday evening opening of historic businesses on the Noblesville Square.

Special thanks to our homeowners who graciously opened their homes to the community, allowing close to a thousand visitors to view the historic architecture and unique charm of Old Town. Additional thanks and gratitude to our amazing volunteers and sponsors, who are crucial to the success of this event. NPA is honored to host this annual event which provides an opportunity to celebrate Noblesville's historic homes and neighborhoods, showing appreciation for the preservation efforts of those in our community and highlighting the value of preserving it for future generations.



**Saturday
September 16, 2023
36th Annual
Historic Home Tour**





1049 SOUTH 9TH ST.



1080 CHRISTIAN AVE.



1338 PLEASANT ST



1107 SOUTH 11TH ST.



1118 CHERRY ST.



1297 SOUTH 9TH STREET



FRIENDS CHURCH



908 MAPLE AVE.



RIVERSIDE CEMETARY



SHERIFF'S RESIDENCE



584 S. 10TH ST.



1138 1/4 CHERRY ST.



Chamber of Commerce Award

Inaugural Advancing Noblesville Awards We Won!

Our beloved City of Noblesville is fortunate to attract so many superb businesses, individuals, and organizations that together create the city's unique vibrancy and appeal, and equally fortunate be governed and served by those who recognize and value their service. Realizing that such excellence needed to be recognized, the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce partnered with Mayor Jensen and the City of Noblesville to recognize and honor those individuals and entities who, through innovation, excellence and extraordinary service make Noblesville great.

The public was invited to submit nominations for the inaugural Advancing Noblesville Awards that were presented November 17, 2022.

The Noblesville Preservation Alliance is honored and proud to have received the award for:

Best Construction, Renovation, or Preservation

(In recognition of the historic restoration of Preservation Hall!)





Congratulations to the 2022 Josiah Durfee Awards Recipients

About the Award

NPA's Board of Directors on behalf of the NPA membership awards a Josiah Durfee Award to local citizens or organizations that have made the most significant, positive contribution to NPA's mission: "enriching the present by honoring the past through the preservation of Noblesville's historic architecture and authentic character and charm." Outstanding achievement in historic preservation may be a single event or a cumulative contribution over several years.

The Award's Namesake

Josiah K. Durfee, more than any other architect, impacted our rich architectural heritage before and during Noblesville's gas boom growth. His architectural and engineering talents spanned a diverse collection of properties, many of which remain today. Mr. Durfee's notable accomplishments include Potter's Covered Bridge, the Model Mill, and the Sheriff's Residence and are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. His work has weathered more than a century and become a symbol of excellence and local pride. These awards are made in honor of his lasting contributions to our community.

INTERIOR RENOVATION

PAM SMELTZER

EXTERIOR RENOVATION

RON AND MARY VIELEE

GOOD NEIGHBOR

KAREN HUFF

OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER

KRISTA BOCKO

OUTSTANDING NEW VOLUNTEER

JESS VANDERGRAFF

COMMUNITY IMPACT-RESTORATION OF THE LACY BUILDING

**CHRIS AND KATIE NURNBERGER
EMILIA SEABOURNE**

COMMUNITY SPIRIT-LEADERSHIP IN THE NOBLESVILLE DIVERSITY COALITION

DANA RANDALL



2022 Financial Report

Significant grants and donations helped us finish 2022 in a very favorable financial condition, enhancing a successful post-COVID home tour and flea market.

We kicked off the year with a generous donation of \$5000 from George Kristo, in memory of his wife, Linda, who died several years ago. George is an active and generous community citizen who attributes his financial success to Linda. That donation was followed in January by a COVID stimulus grant from Hamilton County for \$13,750, and the City of Noblesville stepped up with a \$15,000 Community Development Grant. Hamilton County Tourism also granted us \$500 for our efforts to attract tourists to the community.

Our major fundraiser, the annual Historic Home Tour, returned to pre-pandemic profitability. Although the pandemic didn't hurt admission revenue much, we took a hit in sponsorship revenue in 2021. That returned in 2022, with three local businesses stepping up at the \$1500 level: two new sponsors: Church Church Hittle and Antrim and Sherwin Williams, and our reliable patron the Noblesville Trustee office returning. Revenues were strong at \$18,300 and expenses just over \$4000, for a profit of \$14,300. The flea market earned just under \$2000, with \$12 in expenses.

Membership revenue was \$2600, comparable to the previous year. Preservation Hall hosted two significant events: a theatrical production of War of the Worlds and a concert fundraiser consisting of songs about murder (for Halloween), which netted \$990 between the two. Four event rentals netted \$500.

The generous support of the community permitted us to keep the momentum going on Preservation Hall improvements. When we added the porch to the front in 2021 we removed the ADA accessibility ramp and in 2022 we replaced it on the side of the building, adding a door and 20 concrete piers to support the structure. We relied a lot on volunteer help, especially from the local carpentry non-profit Christmas in Action and Serve Noblesville. But removing soffits, fixing the chimney and siding, and painting the building cost hard cash and we couldn't have done it without the grants and donations. The exterior of the building now complies with the covenants imposed by Indiana Landmarks when they loaned us \$75,000 to help buy the Hall.

And, that loan came due in November, 2022. We paid back the loan to Landmarks, with interest and on time. Grants,

JANUARY-DECEMBER 2022 BALANCE SHEET

	<u>Dec 31, 22</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Bank Checking	16,973.54
Capital Fund-Preservation Hall	860.27
CD income account	3.53
Certificate of Deposit	2,254.54
Total Checking/Savings	<u>20,091.88</u>
Total Current Assets	20,091.88
Fixed Assets	
Buildings and Land	131,196.50
Total Fixed Assets	<u>131,196.50</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>151,288.38</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Long Term Liabilities	
Note Payable-Indiana Landmarks	40,000.00
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>40,000.00</u>
Total Liabilities	40,000.00
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	42,842.31
Retained Earnings	38,537.75
Net Income	29,908.32
Total Equity	<u>111,288.38</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>151,288.38</u></u>

contributions and fundraisers permitted us to pay \$35,000 cash and we took out a mortgage for \$40,000 from the Peoples State Bank. We now have a small monthly mortgage payment but we are paying down the principle on an accelerated schedule and expect to retire the mortgage well before it is due. Utilities at Preservation Hall totaled \$1900 for the year.

Submitted by Mike Corbett, Treasurer





MISSION:

Enriching the present by honoring the past through the preservation of Noblesville's historic architecture and authentic character and charm.

VISION:

Noblesville Preservation Alliance will be valued as a unifying and inspiring force in historic preservation that results in empowered, gracious living for all members of our community.

CORE VALUES

STEWARDSHIP:

We believe we have been entrusted by our ancestors with the preservation of valued historic structures for future generations.

ADVOCACY:

We believe it is our charge to serve our community by advocacy for preservation and protection of the resources provided to us by those who created the community.

INNOVATION:

We believe in continuously striving to develop creative ways to meet evolving needs and harmoniously resolve conflicting priorities.

RESPECT:

We believe we honor the intrinsic value of every individual and each historic structure by advocating for a balanced environment that recognizes the needs of all.

OPPORTUNITY:

We believe that Noblesville should continue to grow and evolve without losing the hometown qualities that make it so unique and appealing.

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