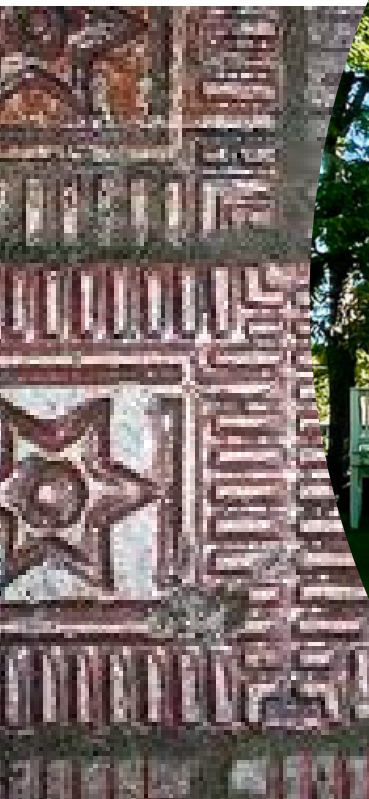
NOBLESVILLE PRESERVATION ALLIANCE

2024 ANNUAL REPORT





> It has been said that, at its best, **PRESERVATION** engages the **PAST** with the **PRESENT** over a mutual concern for the **FUTURE**.
>
> William J. Murtagh

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MISSION

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

GOALS

- Identifying, protecting and maintaining the integrity of historic structures & neighborhoods
- Encouraging the process whereby all municipal action reflects a spirit of preservation
- Cultivating & expanding the appreciation of historic resources in Noblesville

LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT



As the newly elected board president for 2025, I am filled with enthusiasm & optimism for the year ahead.

I look forward to working alongside each of our members, volunteers, and elected board of directors to bring greater public awareness to the importance of preservation in Noblesville. Together, we can highlight the value of saving our history for future generations, ensuring that our rich heritage is cherished and celebrated.

Thank you for your continued commitment to our mission.
I am excited about what we will achieve together!

Sincerely,
Katie Nurnberger

LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



When I began my role as Executive Director in August of 2024, the Noblesville Preservation Alliance was celebrating its thirty-seventh year of serving the community through it's efforts to retain the historic charm that we all treasure so deeply. As we enter year number thirty-eight, I'm thrilled about the exciting new ventures 2025 holds!

With 2025 set to be our most successful year to date, many great activities, mission & event expansions, workshops, and continued collaborations are being planned. As of the end of February, we have received almost $33,000 in grants and sponsorship already for 2025! I am beyond thankful of the generous support of our community, our dedicated members, volunteers, and Board of Directors - as we gear up for our 1st annual gala this April, celebrating the future while honoring our past.

Sincerely,
Joshua Glassburn-Ruby

RADIO SHOWS







Among our activities were the **N.P.A.R.T. Radio Plays** - held right here at Preservation Hall, with successful turnouts generating an average of $1,000 per event!:

Alice in Wonderland

Lewis Carroll's 'Alice in Wonderland' came to life again this past August at Preservation Hall, with a dramatized version of the timeless classic! We joined Alice on her strange and wonderful adventures into the world of the Queen of Hearts, the Cheshire Cat, the White Rabbit, and the Hatter!



Arsenic and Old Lace

In October' radio play "Arsenic and Old Lace," drama critic Mortimer Brewster discovers his seemingly sweet aunts have been murdering lonely old men with elderberry wine laced with arsenic - and now must protect them while dealing with a murderous brother and the police!

Miracle on 34th Street

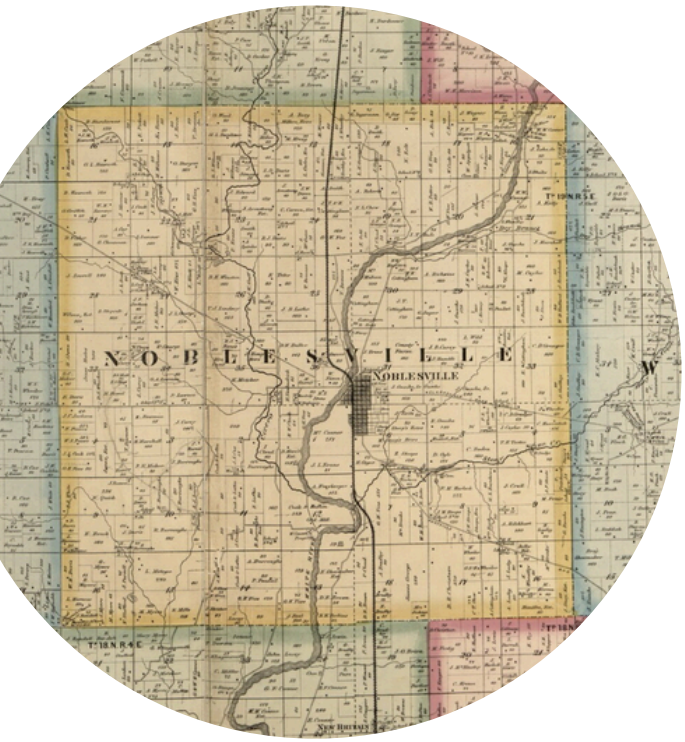
When a department store Santa claims he's the real Kris Kringle, his case gets taken all the way to the Supreme Court, and a little girl's belief makes the difference in the 'miracle'.
This play, in the style of a live 1940's radio broadcast (complete with live Foley effects and holiday music), reminds us how faith in others can lead to unexpected joy!

Noblesville Preservation Alliance Radio Theater (NPART) if self-produced, with all net proceeds going to further the work of NPA. If you would be interested in being a part of planning, producing, or performing with NPART, please: email- **NPATheaterIs@gmail.com**; visit the website- **NPART.org**; or call/text **Dennis Smith at 859-825-8595**.

SPRING & SUMMER



Eclipse Viewing Party
Farmers Market Booths
Peony Trail Stop
Front Porch Music Festival







2024's 5th Annual Flea Market

Our Community Flea Market is a unique & fun event that raises funds for the work we do. We sincerely appreciate our 2024 donors, vendors and shoppers.

Our 6th Annual Flea Market returns on Saturday June 14th, 2025!

You can get involved by:

- Donating items for NPA to sell at Preservation Hall
- Holding a sale at your Old Town home for a $25 donation
- Bringing your wares as a vendor for a $50 donation
- Allowing others to sell at your home
- Shopping at Preservation Hall and our Old Town neighbors selling at their home
- Volunteering on the Flea Market planning committee

HISTORIC HOME TOUR

In 2024, we worked toward expanding our partnerships and collaborations with the city and other local nonprofit organizations. Noblesville Main Street has always played an integral role in collaborations, and this year was no different! We took part in their Farmers Market on several Saturdays, collared on a combo gift basket for the Noblesville Creates Gala auction, and, of course, our big collaborative event during the Historic Home Tour weekend!



"Downtown Unseen" (formerly 'Upstairs Downtown') was held on Friday, the 20th - followed by our 37th Annual Historic Home Tour sponsored by Mary Sue Rowland the very next day!

Special thanks to our homeowners who shared their beautiful homes, allowing a record number of visitors to view the architecture and unique charm of Old Town. Our annual Historic Home Tour would not be possible without the help of our amazing volunteers, crucial to the success of our many events!

We are honored to host this annual event, providing an opportunity to celebrate Noblesville's historic homes and neighborhoods - while showing appreciation for the preservation efforts of those in our community and highlighting the value of preserving it for future generations.











HOLIDAYS!



Holiday Home Tour & Lights Over Seminary

December was filled with excitement as we partnered with the City of Noblesville for Lights Over Seminary; where our Executive Director told the origin story of Lights Over Seminary alongside Mayor Jensen.

Mother and Father Christmas handed out hot chocolate and holiday cheer to the excited attendees, just before the park was aglow with gleaming decorations!

Blocks away, our Holiday Home Tour had 5 stops, filled with intricate decorations and cherished traditions.

Thank you Homeowners, for welcoming us into your abodes and sharing your Holiday spirit with Noblesville!







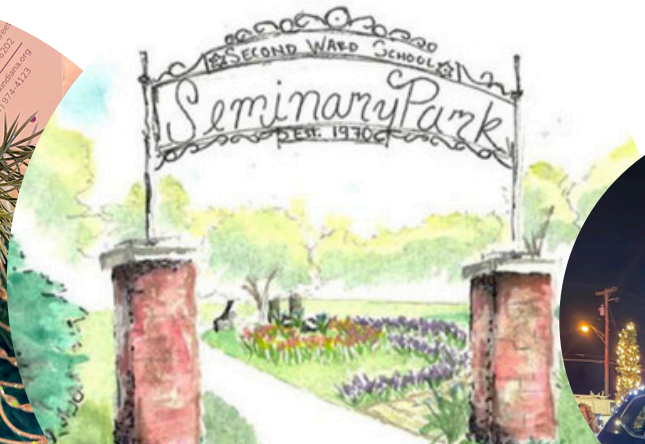




Holiday in Lights Parade

The following day was dedicated to Noblesville's Holiday in Lights Parade! Our unique float was a gingerbread house, with the "order for demolition" on it marked out and replaced with "STOPPED." Capping off our float were Mother and Father Christmas, ushering in the Holidays and spreading cheer throughout the route!









JOSIAH DURFEE AWARDS

About the Award

The Board of Directors, on behalf of the Alliance's members, awards their **Josiah Durfee Award** to local citizens or organizations that have made significant contributions to it's mission.

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.

Durfee's Acheivements

Notable accomplishments include: designing Potter's Covered Bridge, the Model Mill, and the Sheriff's Residence - all 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

Mike & Connie Foor

EXTERIOR HOME PRESERVATION

Kurt Meyer

EXTERIOR RENOVATION

Bar Ellis

LASTING COMMUNITY IMPACT

Indiana Peony Festival

GOOD NEIGHBOR

The Gathering House

COMMUNITY SPIRIT

Kurt's Noblesville Homes

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

The Klaus Family



PRESERVATION HALL



> "There may have been a time when preservation was about saving an old building here and there, but those days are gone.
>
> Preservation is in the business of saving communities and the values they embody."
>
> **Richard Moe**
> *National Trust for Preservation*





Elevating Spaces

With the dedicated support of SERVE Noblesville, NPA's members & volunteers, Preservation Hall now boasts a fresh coat of light-colored paint downstairs, enhancing its appeal and helping the Alliance increase rental income in 2024.

This refreshed space offers a warm and inviting atmosphere, ideal for intimate celebrations. Whether you're planning a vintage-inspired wedding or a community gathering steeped in history, Preservation Hall is proud to provide a one-of-a-kind setting.





FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

A successful Historic Home Tour, a Holiday Home Tour/Lights Over Seminary colab, several significant grants & new partnerships helped make 2024 the largest year of revenue growth in our history!

We are thrilled to have evolved to the depth that led us to hire our Executive Director, Joshua Glassburn-Ruby, in August.

- The Historic Home Tour (37th annual) continues to be our largest fundraiser, netting $16,839. Sponsorships were up from 2023, as we were thrilled to have a presenting sponsor.
- An ambitious Holiday Home Tour committee rallied at the end of the year and offered the tour as NPA's gift to the community.
- We were the beneficiary of the City of Noblesville's Grant of $15,000, along with a Hamilton Co Tourism Grant for $1000.
- Our fifth annual flea market earned $1309.
- Memberships were up slightly and earned $2750.

- We combined our directors' and officers' insurance with our liability policy to bring our annual insurance expense down from $3306 to $2653.
- We pay extra on our mortgage principle each month & reduced the $40K principle to $31.7K. Utilities for PH totaled $2087 & maintenance expenses were $1284.
- Donations, grants and sponsorships in the 1st Quarter of 2025 have already surpassed 2024's total by over 200% !!

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Bank Checking	82,017.05
Petty Cash	21.45
Total Checking/Savings	82,038.50
Total Current Assets	82,038.50
Fixed Assets	
Buildings and Land	122,949.58
Total Fixed Assets	122,949.58
TOTAL ASSETS	**204,988.08**
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Long Term Liabilities	
Mortgage	31,753.08
Total Long Term Liabilities	31,753.08
Total Liabilities	31,753.08
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	42,842.31
Retained Earnings	113,083.26
Net Income	17,309.43
Total Equity	173,235.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	**204,988.08**

OUR SPONSORS

The Corporate and individual sponsors who contribute financially to NPA projects and activities are so important. We are grateful for each dollar they give. Many other businesses and individuals offer in-kind support and NPA is forever grateful.
Thank you for your support!



Historic Home Sponsors

Mary Sue Rowland
Noblesville Township Trustee Office
Church Church Hittle and Antrim
Miller Surveying
Green Vista Landscaping
Jackson Law Office
Elyse Myers Design

Sustaining Sponsors

Classic Home Renovations
City of Noblesville
Little Petal Farm
Noblesville Main Street
The Lacy Arts Building
SERVE Noblesville
Logan Street Banner & Sign

Supporting Businesses

Mill Top Banquet & Conference Center
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The People's Bank
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Atomic Events



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