

Albany Historic Building News

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Historic Potts Photo Collection Now Available Online

Albany Public Library and the Albany Regional Museum have completed a joint project to sort, number, scan, and house about 7,000 historic photographs from the Robert Potts Collection. Robert "Bob" Potts was a lifelong Albany resident and spent years collecting photographs from friends, neighbors, and others here. In the 1990s, Potts wrote six books on Albany's history, which included hundreds of historic photographs from his collection. Museum volunteers and staff worked on sorting Potts' photograph for several years. Funding through an All-Star Grant from the Oregon Heritage Commission of Oregon



Parks and Recreation Department and the Oregon Cultural Trust helped speed up the process and make these historic photographs viewable online. The Collection can now be viewed online at

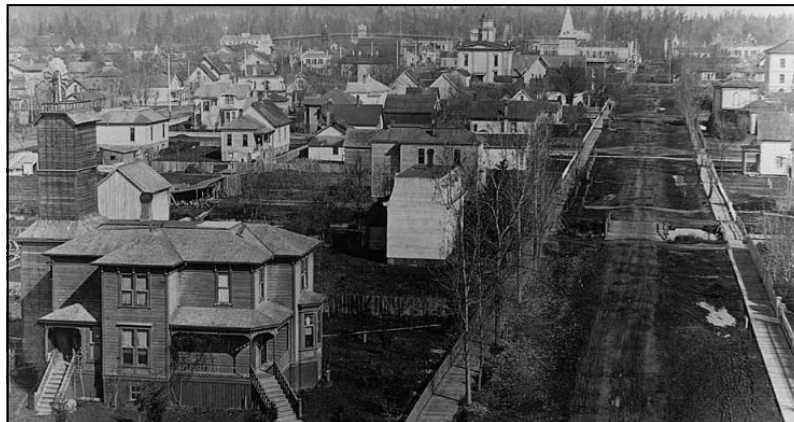
<http://library.cityofalbany.net/>.



Recognize the Building in that Photo? Pay it Forward by Sharing Your Knowledge.

Historical photos provide evidence of a building's original appearance and features that have been changed or lost, which can be invaluable for homeowners considering restoration and preservation priorities or building alterations. The Potts Collection includes a rich array of images of Albany's historic buildings, but many of the images lack addresses and other identifying information for use in documenting a building's history. If you recognize your house or another building in one of the Potts Collection photos, please make note of the Photo ID number (scanned on the back side of the image), and forward it along with the property address to Judie Weissert, Executive Director, Albany Regional Museum.

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Meet the Landmarks Advisory Commission (LAC)



Bill Ryals, LAC Chair, is a licensed architect with 32 years experience practicing architecture on the West Coast. He is the architect of many regional historic restorations including the JC Penney Building in Albany, the Children's Farm Home Old School in Corvallis, and both the Rich and Fritz Hotels in Portland. Bill has won many awards for design and construction excellence. He has also volunteered for the Albany Carousel project, Cheadle Lake Regional Park, and Calvary Church in Corvallis. He was born and raised in Albany, with roots dating back to his family's arrival in Oregon in 1850. He and his family live in a "really cool" 1930s house in North Albany.

Dave Abarr has lived in Albany since 2002 and has had a lifelong interest in historical architecture. In 2007, he moved to the Hackleman District and began devoting his efforts to the restoration and maintenance of his 1915 Arts and Craft Bungalow. His passion for historic houses—and for Albany—runs deep. Serving on the Landmarks Advisory Commission has been an opportunity for him to put his passion to good use in giving back to the community. Apart from historic houses, Dave also enjoys working for Fred Meyer and pursuing his other interests in cars, gardening, and history.



Linsey Godwin is a land use planner for Benton County and holds dual master degrees in Community & Regional Planning and Landscape Architecture. Linsey lives in North Albany and has served on the LAC since 2014. She enjoys Albany's small-town feel loves spending time in the historic downtown, exploring the shops, restaurants, and museums.

Keith Kolkow is a partner at Big Monster Marketing, and is dedicated to improving his community, providing fun and free events for families, honoring veterans, and preserving local history for future generations. He grew up in southern Oregon and Corvallis. After serving in the Air Force for two years, he moved back to Oregon and eventually settled in Albany, where he has been for the last four years. Keith enjoys hiking, fishing, reading, and architecture, and serves on the Albany Downtown Association Board, Veterans Commemoration Association, and the Restore Oregon events committee in addition to the LAC.



Cathy LeSuer moved to Albany during middle school and loved historical novels that made history come alive. When the historic Van Dran Building on Lyon Street was demolished she was motivated to take action and save other downtown landmarks from the same fate. She joined the Albany Region Museum Board in the late 1980s, and served until moving out of state with her husband. She and her husband recently returned to Albany, and she now lives in a 1989 house near the Dave Clark Trail, with a renewed dedication to Albany's historic resources.

Larry Preston has been a general contractor in Albany for over 20 years, specializing in remodels and additions for historic and contemporary homes and commercial buildings. Larry is an avid reader and traveler, with a lifelong interest in history. He lives in Albany in a 1890s western farmhouse with his wife and daughter that they have been slowly remodeling over the years.



Jolene Thomson is a hunter-and-gatherer of ephemera, trinkets, and all things related to local histories. She donates her bounty to local museums, calling it "catch-and-release preservation." She and her husband moved to Albany for practical reasons, but ended up falling in love with the community and buying a house just outside the Monteith District. For Jolene, the diversity of Albany's historic resources is the shining jewel in its crown – and the LAC is an opportunity for her to be a part of ensuring their continued preservation. A full-time business-woman, she keeps busy with other volunteer activities, historical studies, and sports fandom.



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You are receiving this newsletter because you own property on the City of Albany's Local Historic Inventory. In order to keep Albany a special place, EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS, including new windows and doors, on buildings built before 1946 require historic review and approval.

New construction and demolition also require review and approval.

Visit www.cityofalbany.net and search "historic preservation"
call 541-917-7550 for more info on Albany's preservation program.

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Get to Know Your Historic Neighborhood

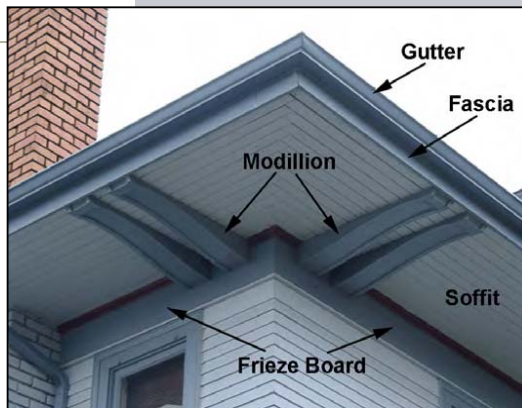
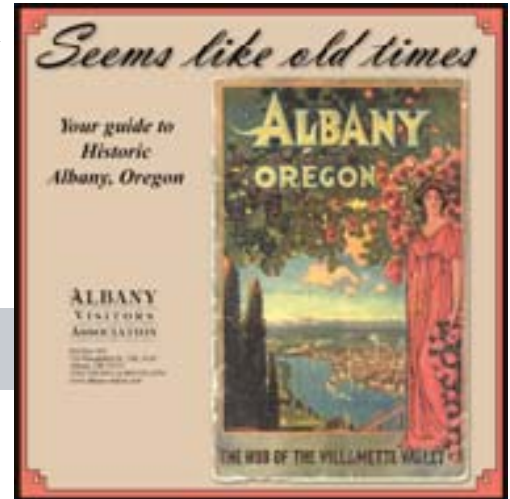
It's a great time of year to get out-and-about in your neighborhood and take a self-guided tour through Albany's Historic Districts. Along with beautiful historic homes you can enjoy the seasonal weather, take note of the established yards and ever-changing gardens, and become more familiar with your neighborhood.

Seems Like Old Times is a self-guided tour that will guide you through the Monteith, Hackleman, and Downtown Historic districts. Over 700 historic buildings boast a great selection of architectural styles with inspiration around every corner. Available online and at the Albany Visitors Association (AVA) on 3rd & Lyon. www.albanyvisitors.com.

Want to Step Inside?

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the 36th Annual Christmas Parlour Tour on Sunday, December 13, 2015 2:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Historic homes, churches, and museums will be open, with hosts eager to welcome you inside.

The AVA tour committee is always looking for homes to include on the tour and welcomes new members. If you would like more information about joining the tour committee or having your home on a future tour, please contact Rebecca Bond at the Albany Visitors Association (541) 928-0911.



Do You Know Your Terminology?



Where to Find Technical Resources and More.....

- ♦ The **Historic Preservation Collection, located in the Downtown Carnegie Library** at 302 Ferry Street SW, contains a wide variety of books about historic architecture, historic building interiors, rehabilitation techniques, magazines, and local history. If you can't find what you're looking for, let the library staff or Shawna Adams (541-791-0176) know.
- ♦ The **National Park Service** offers Technical Preservation Briefs, which can be downloaded for free from their website: <http://www.nps.gov/tps/how-to-preserve.htm>. Topics range from ceramic tile to stained glass to plaster repair, and more.
- ♦ There are a variety of other online publications offering advice and "how to" information for your home projects. Two are www.oldhousejournal.com and www.oldhouseweb.com.

Check out our Website!

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Search "historic preservation" to get information on:

- ♦ Local Historic Inventory properties
- ♦ Grants & incentives
- ♦ The historic review process
- ♦ Design guidelines for your projects
- ♦ Energy efficiency & weatherization
- ♦ Historic district maps & history
- ♦ Window repair
- ♦ Lead paint information
- ♦ Sustainability
- ♦ How to research your building