Chairman's Message

On behalf of the Historic Resources Commission, I am proud to present the Commission’s Annual Report for 2008. As you will read, the Commission managed a number of exciting projects and events. In addition to handling the usual busy caseload of Certificate of Appropriateness applications from local historic districts and landmark properties, the Commission was happy to have three new historic districts formally listed on the National Register of Historic Places and thirty-three properties approved for placement on the North Carolina National Register Study list. The Commission hosted its second biennial Heritage Awards Program in addition to other celebrations for Historic Preservation Month. We published the study of Winston-Salem’s historic bridges, embarked on Phase III of the Forsyth County Architectural Survey, and began work on revisions to the Old Salem and Bethabara Design Review Guidelines. Work also continued on the Idol’s Dam Project and the Hope/Fraternity Historic District Study. We hope you enjoy reading about your Commission’s work over the past year and thank you for your continued support of our community’s rich historical and architectural legacy.

Michael Phillips, Chairman

Major Projects
Forsyth County Architectural Survey Update
Historic Preservation Month Activities
Heritage Awards Program
City of Winston-Salem Historic Marker Program
National Register of Historic Places Nomination Review
Publication of Spanning the Past: A Survey of Selected Historic Bridges in Winston-Salem, North Carolina
Old Salem and Bethabara Historic Districts Design Review Guidelines Revision
Hope/Fraternity Historic District Study
Idol’s Hydroelectric Generating Station Collaboration
Environmental Reviews
Rezoning Petition Briefings
Area Plan Participation

Historic Preservation Month Activities
This year, the Commission once again celebrated the month of May as Historic Preservation Month throughout Forsyth County. Historic Preservation Month is nationally celebrated and serves as a showcase for the country’s diverse and unique heritage. Across the United States, thousands of community groups honor their histories through various activities and bring historic preservation to the forefront of Americans’ daily lives by emphasizing the importance of protecting the nation’s past. The 2008 national theme for Historic Preservation Month was “This Place Matters.” Activities during the month included the following:

Historic Preservation Month Resolutions. Resolutions supporting Historic Preservation Month were adopted by the Winston-Salem City Council, the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners, the Kernersville Board of Aldermen, and the Clemmons Village Council.

Historic Preservation Month Poster. The Commission published its fifth annual Historic Preservation Month poster, calling attention to the variety and beauty of Forsyth County’s many bridges. The poster was distributed throughout Forsyth County and once again provided a high degree of visibility for the Commission and local preservation concerns.

Historic Marker Unveiling. During Historic Preservation Month, the Commission sponsored the unveiling of one of Winston-Salem’s newest historic markers near the site of Maynard Field, the first commercial airfield in North Carolina. The well-attended event recognized Winston-Salem’s leadership in early aviation. Opened in 1919 and named for North Carolina native Lt. Belvin W. Maynard, winner of the Transcontinental Air Race and the first flyer to land there, Maynard Field was impressively and unusually modern. Unlike other airports of its time, Maynard Field featured intersecting runways, hangars, gasoline, a telephone, a mechanic, and two parking areas for cars and trucks. By the late 1930s, the field lost its preeminence when air traffic switched to Miller Municipal Airport. However, for twenty years Maynard Field’s presence promoted Winston-Salem’s growing reputation as a forward-thinking industrial power.

Central Library Display. In collaboration with the Central Library, the Historic Resources Commission displayed archival materials about Maynard Field and Forsyth County Bridges in the Central Library Main Lobby and in front of the North Carolina Room.

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Historic Marker Committee

Historic Marker Program

During 2008, historic markers were installed for Maynard Field in Winston-Salem, and for the Bethania Freedmen’s Community on Bethania-Rural Hall Road, also in Winston-Salem. In October, the Commission held a marker unveiling for the Bethania Freedmen’s Community.

Additional Commission Activities

National Register of Historic Places

During 2008, the Commission reviewed three nominations to the National Register of Historic Places: the Centerville Historic District, the Sunnyside-Central Terrace Historic District, and the Old Richmond Schoolhouse and Gymnasium. According to Forsyth County’s Certified Local Government agreement with the State Historic Preservation Office, the Commission and the elected bodies are charged with reviewing and commenting on all National Register nominations prepared for properties in the community.

Sunnyside-Central Terrace Historic District

Located in southeast Winston-Salem, the Sunnyside-Central Terrace Historic District is roughly bounded by Haled, Junia, and Monmouth Streets on the north; Glendale Street on the east; Goldfloss and Brookline Streets on the south; and, Main Street on the west. The Sunnyside-Central Terrace Historic District is locally significant for community planning, development, industry, and for its architecture. The district illustrates a mixed-use suburban development that included industry, associated workers’ housing, and a middle-income neighborhood from the late-19th through the mid-20th centuries. Development was fueled by the extension of the streetcar line into the area by 1901 and the completion of the Roanoke and Southern Railroad on the eastern edge of the district in 1892. The Sunnyside development was platted in 1892 and several industries located there by 1900. H.E. Fries, a Salem industrialist and entrepreneur, was involved in platting Sunnyside. Fries also led two of the manufacturing firms, and eventually came to own the streetcar company. Additionally, Fries was part of the company that platted the Central Terrace development in 1912.
Old Richmond Schoolhouse & Gymnasium

Located at 6315 Tobaccoville Road in Tobaccoville, the Old Richmond Schoolhouse was constructed about 1914 while its Gymnasium dates from 1940. The frame-built schoolhouse served white children living in Tobaccoville and northwest Forsyth County from 1914 to 1922. The gymnasium, a tall one-story frame building with a wood strip floor and open truss ceiling, was built with Works Progress Administration (WPA) funds and local school patrons’ donations of funds, materials, and labor. The gymnasium has been in continuous use until the present day, and the restored schoolhouse now serves as a history teaching tool. Together, these properties are significant in the area of education and for their association with rural education in Tobaccoville. A larger, consolidated school constructed on the same property during the 1920s was demolished and replaced in 1978 with a one-story brick school still in use as the local elementary school. Official listing on the National Register is anticipated in 2009.

Forsyth County Architectural Survey Update

In 2006, Forsyth County and the City of Winston-Salem were awarded a matching grant from the State Historic Preservation Office to begin an update of Forsyth County’s comprehensive architectural survey. Phase II of that update was completed in 2008, and culminated with the submission and approval of 33 sites to the North Carolina National Register Study List. During 2008, Phase III of the project began and will continue into 2009. The goal of Phase III is to document overall development patterns from the 1930s through the 1960s and to survey representative and significant examples of domestic, religious, commercial, and industrial buildings from the period. The architectural survey update will support future planning efforts in the county and future National Register nominations. It is anticipated to have all phases of the project completed by 2010.

Old Salem and Bethabara Historic Districts Design Review Guidelines Revision

In September 2008, the Commission began a project to revise the Design Review Guidelines for the Old Salem and Bethabara Historic Districts. The revision process, which includes the dedicated involvement of a committee of stakeholders from both districts, is expected to be completed in 2009.

Winston-Salem Bridge Study

In 2008, Spanning the Past, A Survey of Selected Historic Bridges in Winston-Salem, North Carolina was published. Largely conducted by interns completing the graduate historic preservation program at UNC-G, the project was the result of a grant award from the Marion Stedman Covington Foundation to the Wachovia Historical Society. Commission staff administered the study, which identified just under 50 bridges dating prior to 1954. These bridges include road, railroad, and pedestrian bridges that predominantly date from the 1920s and 1930s. While not typically the kind of structure considered when thinking of what to preserve, bridges nonetheless are bearers of history and culture much like buildings. Therefore, one purpose in documenting extant bridges is to determine which of these structures could be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places as well as Local Historic Landmark designation.

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Landmark Corner

Samuel B. Stauber Farm – A Rural Legacy

The Samuel B. Stauber Farm in Bethania is one of Forsyth County’s best surviving examples of a mid-19th century farmstead. Its historical importance is two-fold, as an agrarian development and for its German-influenced architectural construction dating from the purchase of the land by Samuel Benjamin Stauber in 1852 until his death in 1884. Stauber, a prosperous farmer, grew typical Piedmont crops of his era including wheat, rye, oats, and Indian corn. Livestock included horses, cows, and swine.

In addition to a two-story frame Greek Revival farmhouse built for the family in 1852, the farm possesses a large heavy timber barn on a stone foundation, the only one of its type in Forsyth County still standing in its original location. Other early farm buildings include a corn crib, smoke house, packhouse, a slave dwelling, and a brick well.

On December 4, 1989, the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners officially designated the Samuel B. Stauber Farm as a Local Historic Landmark. The property was also recognized in 1988 through its listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The Stauber Farm remains one of the community’s finest reminders of its outstanding agrarian history and architecture, and is a property of which Forsyth County should be proud.
On May 7, 2008 the Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission hosted its second Biennial Heritage Awards at the Fine Arts Center at Salem Academy and College. The presentation was a tremendous success, with over 300 people attending. The Heritage Awards recognize outstanding dedication and commitment to excellence in historic preservation in Forsyth County. In addition, the Hamilton C. Horton Jr. Heritage Award posthumously honored Senator Horton with a cash award donated in his memory to Preserve Historic Forsyth, the community’s nonprofit historic preservation organization. Joseph P. Riley Jr., Mayor of Charleston, South Carolina, engaged the audience with his motivating and inspiring keynote address. Mayor Riley, a 2008 Co-Chair of the Preserve America Steering Committee and “one of the twenty-five most dynamic mayors in America,” has received numerous awards for his leadership and vision. The Heritage Awards allow preservation efforts to be celebrated and provide an opportunity to honor those who work to sustain the heritage and sense of place that is Winston-Salem and Forsyth County.

Listed below are the 2008 award recipients in nine categories.

**Residential:**
*West Salem Historic District House*
914 Walnut Street
Winston-Salem
Jon Richard

**Large Scale Residential:**
*Thomas A. Crews House*
4997 Main Street, Walkertown
Odessa P. Crews, Sallie Crews Johnson & Family, Nancy Crews Moretz & Family

**Rural Farm Preservation:**
*Lewis Hanes House and Barn*
4390 Clouds Harbor Trail
Winston-Salem
Patrick Dodson and Keith Hastings

**Adaptive Reuse:**
*Brown Brothers Tobacco Prizery*
401 East Fourth Street
Winston-Salem
DeWayne Anderson
Piedmont Leaf
Lofts/Brown Tobacco Prizery

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Commercial:

Former Summit Street Pharmacy
492 West End Boulevard
Winston-Salem
Chris and Suzanne Ramm
Chip and Mary Eliza Duckett
Mock Orange Bike Shop
Neil Clark, Twin City Construction
John Kelly, Twin City Construction

Institutional:

Single Sisters House
627 South Church Street
Winston-Salem
Salem Academy and College
Dr. Susan E. Pauly, President
Gwynne Stephens Taylor, Chair,
Board of Trustees and Project Manager
Jane Carmichael,
Director of Foundation and Corporate Relations
Anna Gallimore,
Director of Administration and Project Manager
Frank L. Blum Construction Company
Marianna Thomas Architects

Advocacy:

West Salem
Neighborhood Association

Individual:

John C. Larson

Historic Landscapes:

Medical Gardens at Bethabara
Bethabara Park
Winston-Salem
Dr. A. Daniel Johnson
and Beverly Nesbit