

GEORGE & ROSA McALLEN FARMHOUSE ● 10602 SOUTH CEDAR ROAD

The historic McAllen Farmhouse, 10602 S. Cedar Road, began as a large almost-impossible dream of young couple, George and Rosa McAllen. In 1890, they were given permission by the U.S. government to homestead 160 acres on Paradise Prairie, a high plateau with a vast expanse of abundant grassland and scattered pine forests overlooking Interstate 195, southwest of Spokane. At that time, the United States Homestead Act offered free land to those who made a commitment to settle and improve acreage. Each homesteader was required to live on the land, build a shelter (cabin/farmhouse/barn), and improve the land with farming-ranching for seven years before being eligible to receive a registered U.S. Patent Warranty Deed of Ownership for the land.

Excited about the awarded homestead property, carpenter George McAllen and his wife Rosa traveled from New York across America to Spokane and began clearing the 160-acre homestead for farming and hog-cattle ranching. They raised their step-daughter Bessie, and at later gave birth to daughter Lottie and sons Arthur and Guy on the property. In 1897 at the end of seven



The Historic McAllen Farmhouse, a fine example of the Folk American style

years, George and Rosa were awarded a patent deed by President McKinley for their registered ownership of the 160-acre homestead. In 1900, the McAllens purchased from their neighbor to the north an additional 155 acres, resulting in their ownership of 315 contiguous acres of fertile land along the west side of South Cedar Road on Paradise Prairie.

Finally, in 1906, George and Rosa McAllen were ready to build a home and erected a 1.5-story farmhouse on their 155 acres. Popular for rural homes built during the late 1890s and early 1900s, the 1.5-story farmhouse is a fine example of the Folk Victorian style with a front-gable-and-wing plan; plain drop siding, fish-scale-shingled gable peaks, and a full-width covered front porch with a very low-pitched hip roof.

Over the years, the south half of the 315 acres was subdivided multiple times and sold to various buyers. In 1952, the remaining land, including the McAllen Farmhouse, was purchased by Jack and Doris Cole and was later inherited by their son Jim. In 2005, Jim Cole sold

17.98 acres located in the far southeast corner of the acreage to buyers who accepted an unusual offer from him. He stipulated the farmhouse would be quit-claimed to them for free if they moved it from his land to their new property in 2005. They accepted and moved the house to their acreage.

In 2014, current owners Chad and Caitlin Johnson bought the McAllen Farmhouse and the 17.98 acres to which it was moved. During the last four years, they have repaired, resided, reroofed and repainted the home; finished the basement; planted lawn and trees around the house; and replaced damaged deteriorated windows with new ones that match the originals. In recognition of its historic significance, the McAllen Farmhouse was listed on the Spokane Register of Historic Places in 2018.

Chad and Caitlin invite you to discover the wide-open expanses of Paradise Prairie and celebrate their farmhouse SPA's June 11th meeting.

● LINDA YEOMANS • Spokane Historic Preservation Specialist

JUNE 11TH 2019 MEETING

PLEASE JOIN SPA AT THE
HISTORIC McALLEN FARMHOUSE
10602 SOUTH CEDAR ROAD

TUESDAY, JUNE 11TH ● 5:30-7:30 P.M.

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

THE EVENT IS COMPLIMENTARY.

DIRECTIONS ● From the intersection of Cheney-Spokane Road & Cedar Road, travel south on Cedar Road 2-3 miles to the farmhouse on the west side of the road at mailbox number 10602. Look for balloons!

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MESSAGE FROM SPA PRO-TEM CO-PRESIDENTS

● PAUL MANN & BRIDGET PIPER FOR ANN PRICE

NOTE TO THE MEMBERSHIP ● Ann Price has temporarily stepped down from her SPA duties while she is resolving health issues. Paul Mann and Bridget Piper have volunteered to cover for Ann until she returns.

Opponents of preservation often tell us to “put your money where your mouth is.” Well, we at SPA have been doing just that for two decades. Admittedly, we haven’t yet gotten to the point where we can buy endangered buildings in order to save them, but we have been putting our dollars to work year in and year out by helping those who are doing so. Our Heritage Fund has been assisting building owners with vital repair and restoration projects since 1999. Among the recipients are churches, non-profits, and small businesses.

Each grant is small ~ a maximum of \$5,000 each ~ but they are always have significant impact. They require matching funds, so often our support has led to successful fund-raising from other sources. We haven’t done the job alone. Instead, we view our grants as something that enables successful completion of a project, but they are not the sole source for the project.

SPA Heritage Grants have brought more than \$200,000 to organizations across Spokane County. We have put our money where our mouth is ~ and we intend to continue doing so. In recent years we have budgeted \$10,000 annually for our grants.

Now our goal is to expand our giving further. The Raise the Paddle portion of our latest Sparkle and Spend Gala raised an additional \$10,000 for new grants. This will allow potential grants of \$20,000 for the current fiscal year, a level we hope to continue in the years ahead. We preservationists will continue to invest our money in the places that matter in Spokane.

- PAUL MANN • Pro Tem President, SPA
- BRIDGET PIPER • Pro Tem President, SPA

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NEWS FROM SPOKANE'S HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

The Historic Preservation Office (HPO) has been partnering with the Browne's Addition Neighborhood Council to create a Spokane Register Historic District in their neighborhood through the passage of an historic district overlay zone.

The project began more than two years ago when several 100-year-old homes were demolished for new multi-family apartment construction.

The Historic District, if it passes by a simple majority vote of property owners, will:

- Offer incentives to property owners who significantly improve historic buildings within the district.
- Allow for review of exterior changes to all properties within the district when a building permit is sought.
- Allow for review of demolitions.
- Will also require review of new construction by the Spokane Historic Landmarks Commission (SHLC) to ensure that the design is compatible with its surroundings.

HPO staff will be conducting a series of workshops with the Planning Commission before voting begins for the Browne's Addition property owners ~ hopefully early this summer.

● MEGAN DUVALL • Historic Preservation Officer

OTHER HPO & SHLC HAPPENINGS

By the time our membership receives this SUMMER UPDATE, we will have listed four buildings on the Spokane Register of Historic Places in 2019.

- **THE HOTEL ABERDEEN**
(1898) • 101 South Stevens Street
- **THE LELAND HOTEL ABERDEEN (Not Pictured)**
(1907) • 221 West Riverside Avenue
- **THE TOEYS HOUSE**
(1912) • 1212 South Bernard Street
- **THE VISTA HOUSE**
(1933) • North 26107 Mount Spokane Park Drive
Spokane County

PENDING BUILDINGS

- **FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY (Not Pictured)**
(1909) • 2627 East 17th Avenue
- **THE COLUMBIA BUILDING**
(1907) • 107 South Howard Street

● MEGAN DUVALL • Historic Preservation Officer



Hotel Aberdeen on Stevens



The Toeys House on Bernard on



The Vista House at Mount Spokane State Park



The Columbia Building on Howard

SPA ADVOCACY UPDATE

TOP TWO ADVOCACY COMMITTEE ISSUES:

FIVE WEST CENTRAL HOMES ● The first issue is the fate of the five West Central homes relocated by The Grove Community (now-insolvent project) to provide affordable housing in the struggling neighborhood. Because the houses have not been renovated and prepared for occupancy, the City of Spokane is moving to put them in court-supervised receivership. A Spokane Superior Court judge will appoint a neutral party to oversee the receivership with a goal to save the homes for low-income housing, according to Assistant City Attorney Matthew Folsom.

SPA leadership has endorsed this goal. In an April 23 letter, the SPA board said it appreciates the city's efforts to "forestall the destruction of these homes, which have been under a demolition order since last December."

If The Grove Community does not agree to relinquish the houses while stipulating that they should be sold with affordable housing conditions attached, "we realize that the homes could be demolished for apartment buildings, an outcome we do not support," the SPA letter says.

CREATION OF A BROWNE'S ADDITION HISTORIC DISTRICT ● An effort by the Browne's Addition neighborhood to create a local historic district that would help preserve the neighborhood's historic properties and offer tax incentives to local property owners for renovations. Browne's Addition has been a National Register Historic District since 1976, but that designation lacks the powers of a local historic district designation.

The City Plan Commission has been conducting a review of plans and design review details for the proposed historic district. When those hearings are completed, the city's Historic Preservation Office will be able to schedule a vote of Browne's Addition property owners within the proposed historic district boundaries. A "yes" vote of fifty percent plus one of the property owners is required for approval. Voting is likely to proceed over a 60-day period this summer, according to current estimates by Spokane's Office of Historic Preservation. In April, the Spokane City Council approved a six-month moratorium on demolition permits in Browne's Addition while the historic district voting process moves forward. SPA is paying for yard signs urging a yes vote and stands ready to assist the Browne's Addition neighborhood in other ways as the voting proceeds.

● KAREN DORN STEELE • Advocacy Chair

CORRECTION from March 2019 UPDATE ● The article on five West Central houses threatened with demolition incorrectly inferred that neighborhood activist and businessman Keith Kelley had served as a contractor to The Grove Community. Kelley volunteered his services, providing design plans and negotiating with the City of Spokane to provide a city-owned lot for one of the homes.



West Central boarded up residence home with an uncertain future

WE GIVE AWAY MONEY HERE AT SPOKANE PRESERVATION ADVOCATES!



The iconic structure housing the German American Society on Spokane's Lower South Hill

The Spokane Preservation Advocate's committee for the Heritage Fund met and approved a grant to the German American Society in the amount of \$3,531.25. Also, a grant for the Historic Warner House of \$750 was approved for the nomination to the Spokane Heritage Register.

Spokane Preservation Advocates (SPA) established the Heritage Fund in August of 2000 to fund preservation projects within Spokane County. The Fund is administered by SPA's Heritage Grant Committee. Grants are awarded to encourage the careful preservation, restoration, or rehabilitation of historic properties. Eligible applicants include non-profit organizations, civic organizations, religious organizations, and building or property owners excluding property owners of private residences.

The grant application form can be found on the SPA website at spokanepreservation.org ("Preserve," "Heritage Fund," then "Grant Application"). Deadlines for grant applications are October 1st and April 1st for each year. The maximum grant request is \$5,000. Requests of over \$1,000 require a one-to-one match and the applicant must provide \$1 in funds for every \$1 of grant money awarded.

Spokane Preservation Advocates has been funding grants since Spring of 1999. Over \$200,000 has been given in grants to date.

● NANCY TORTORELLI • Heritage Grants CoChair

**OVERVIEW ● SPRING 2019
SPOKANE PRESERVATION ADVOCATES
AUCTION • FUND-RAISER • DINNER**



This year's annual SPA Auction • Fund-raiser • Dinner was held at Barrister Winery. There were 126 attendees who all had an enjoyable evening. ● There was a cork pull with over 70 bottles of wine, with some vintages worth \$100. ● The Desert Dash featured sumptuous deserts from local bakeries, and the family-style dinner was catered by Beacon Hill Events. ● The silent auction tables held a variety of art, antiques, gift certificates and unusual items. ● The loud auction featured a dinner party in a historic home, a cocktail party in a historic home, a sail boat ride on Coeur d'Alene Lake, several vacation-stays and other unique items. ● There was awareness raising of the \$200,000 given over the last 20 years in Heritage Fund Grants across the city. The Raise the Paddle plea this year was to increase SPA's annual Heritage Grants program from the current \$10,000 per year to \$20,000 per year. \$10,000 was raised that evening for the Grants program. ● All-in-all, over \$23,000 was raised to benefit Spokane Preservation Advocates. The evening was full of fun and social engagement - with everyone having a chance to donate to SPA's programs and to take something home with them!

● DAVE SHOCKLEY • Executive Coordinator

**SPARKLE & SPEND
PHOTO ALBUM**

ONE

Table filled with enticing silent auction items



1

TWO

New SPA Vice-President ready to make a bid at the silent auction items table



2

THREE

The delectable "Desert Dash" table



3

FOUR

Ro and John Lisk's table of "Sparkle & Spend" revellers



4

FIVE

Couples enjoying the delicious dinner



5

SIX

The happy face of the "Heads or Tails" winner



6

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- **UPDATES** on critical preservation issues
- **MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS** held in unique historic buildings
- **INVITATIONS** to special events throughout the year
- **GREAT OPPORTUNITIES** to join a committee and volunteer
- **COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS** with civic-minded folks in our community

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- COMMUNICATIONS**
- DEVELOPMENT**
- DOING-IT!**
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