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ALL ABOUT PRESERVATION NEW JERSEY

Preservation New Jersey was founded in 1978. We are the only statewide nonprofit member-supported historic preservation organization in New Jersey. Our efforts are supported by a membership of over 1,200 individuals, families, professionals and non-profit organizations, as well as corporations, and project grants from foundations and government agencies. Preservation New Jersey's Board of Directors consists of twenty-five individuals from all over the state of New Jersey. We have four paid staff consisting of an executive director, a programs director, an office & events manager and a programs & office assistant. We rely on the help of more than fifty additional volunteers who

participate as speakers, on committees, at events, in the office and resource room,

and staff our information table at events.

What is Our Mission?

To sustain and enhance the vitality of New Jersey's communities by promoting and preserving their diverse historic resources.

What Do We Do?

Programs and Services

Preservation New Jersey's education programs cover a broad range of preservation topics, are targeted to diverse audiences of all ages, and are held throughout New Jersey in cooperation with local or regional historic preservation groups and historical societies. Some of our programs include

- **Conferences and Tours:** Our conferences focus on important issues in preservation and our tours highlight some of New Jersey's wonderful historic resources.
- **Assistance and Outreach:** Preservation New Jersey provides advice and assistance to local historic preservation commissions and preservationists, and the general public. The organization responds to hundreds of inquiries annually from local communities, groups and individuals for technical advice, referrals, and requests for assistance and support.
- **Advocacy, Public Policy and Coalition Building:** We take an active role in shaping the preservation movement in the state. During Preservation New Jersey's formative years, we were instrumental in advocating for the 1985 amendments to New Jersey's municipal land use law. Currently, we are advocating for the preservation rehabilitation tax credit for owners historic homes.

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- **New Jersey's 10 Most Endangered Historic Sites:** Preservation New Jersey established New Jersey's 10 Most Endangered List of Historic Sites in 1995. By calling statewide attention to New Jersey's most threatened historic resources through a major public relations campaign, Preservation New Jersey has increased public awareness of their importance and the need to preserve them. Several sites have been saved as a direct result of being placed on this list. Visit our list at www.pnj10most.org.
- **Resource Library.** Our library of resources is open to the public and contains books, periodicals, publications, videos, tapes and reference files on a wide range of preservation topics including: How-to books and publications, Architecture, New Jersey history, economic impacts of preservation, nonprofit management and funding, and preservation law. In addition, resource files are maintained for municipal, state and national historic preservation and history related organizations.
- **Members Newsletter:** Preservation Perspective, Preservation New Jersey's award-winning quarterly newsletter contains articles on New Jersey's rich and diverse historic resources and important national and statewide developments affecting historic preservation.
- **Web Site:** www.preservationnj.org - The site currently contains general organizational information, program announcements and links to other historic preservation and history-related sites.

*If you are not already a member, please consider joining us. For more information about upcoming events visit our website at www.preservationnj.org. To subscribe to **PNJnet**, the organization's online news service, send an email to imailsrv@preservationnj.org with the words **SUBSCRIBE PNJNET** in the body of the message.*