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Dear Members and Friends,

The Alliance celebrated its 25th anniversary this year by looking both forward and back. Our listing of "Twenty-five Preservation Milestones of the Past Twenty-five Years," which included rescues of grand hotels, town hall and library projects, bridge "saves" and stewardship of a Frank Lloyd Wright building, helped us to appreciate how much has been accomplished since our founding in 1985.

At our biennial statewide preservation conference in April, a panel of statewide leaders commented on the significance and impact of these successes. Architectural historian James Garvin described the richness and variety of the architectural legacy here in New Hampshire. Tom Burack, Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Services, and writer and farmer Steve Taylor both noted that preservation creates jobs, supports tourism, conserves existing resources, and strengthens community connections. Dick Ober, president of the NH Charitable Foundation, observed that New Hampshire themes of rugged individualism and interdependence, along with a shared connection to place, typify the ways that preservation works in our state.

Those themes are a constant in the daily work of the Alliance. We assisted hundreds of preservation projects in the past year, awarded funding for preservation assessments and planning, and advocated on both the local and state level for preservation policies that would help reduce energy usage, protect property values, strengthen civic engagement and promote local economies.

The preservation movement has grown to be an effective force in New Hampshire thanks to the exceptional leadership of the Alliance's board of directors, our members, and many other partners. Past board chairs, and others, are leading the campaign for our new 25th Anniversary Fund as well as other ventures that will help assure our future effectiveness.

Anniversaries and numbers are important--the age of a meetinghouse, the dollars needed to revitalize an old school, the economic impact of converting a vacant mill into mixed housing and retail use. But it's the people and results behind the numbers that motivate us, and others, to help make the next "save," advocate for revitalization and re-use over demolition, and develop the resources and skills to expand the movement.

Please renew your support and offer your suggestions as we build on our past success and face new preservation challenges.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Bruss Chairman of the Board

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What We Do

Saving Special Places

One of the most effective means of advancing preservation work in the state is through our field service staff. They have served over 150 public or nonprofit projects and over 250 homeowners by answering technical questions, conducting coaching sessions, offering formal training opportunities, and sharing information and resource

This year, the Preservation Alliance helped projects from Winchester to Colebrook with issues that ranged from preventing unnecessary demolitions to planning repair and restoration projects. We celebrated successes at ribbon-cuttings and groundbreakings. We studied more advanced assistance techniques and more complex preservation advisory models, and made a commitment to develop new strategies, build new networks of advisors, and assemble targeted resources for higher-level critical issues involving

North Country Work Supports Preservation Activity

network of advocates for preservation in Coos County.

Our preservation services in the North Country, led by Yvonne Nanasi, have

fostered a new awareness of preservation's benefits and brought together a wide

In the past year, Yvonne has consulted on 41 projects, providing help with organizational development, fundraising, grant writing, historic register listing,

resource referrals, regulatory processes and building assessments. She organized workshops in Gorham and Groveton, participated in a downtown Colebrook

She has assisted six properties as they work toward listing on the State Register,

and helped citizens understand the processes around the Northern Pass project.

She has also successfully coached local advocates in forming the North Country

Old House & Barn Program Builds Interest and Investment

planning charrette, and attended local meetings to share her expertise.

business development and real estate transactions.

Convening Preservationists

The Preservation Alliance responded to increasing calls from community preservation project volunteers, property owners, preservation trades specialists and other constituents for educational opportunities (see map). In April, the Alliance's statewide conference convened preservation professionals and advocates for a day of



Regional Heritage Alliance

which is committed to col-

laborative action in the area

from Stratford to Pittsburg.

Our North Country field services representative, Yvonne Nanasi

(r), worked with local advocates

Bean in Colebrook toward State

Register listing for the Williams

Sandra Riendeau and Irene

inspiration, networking, and learning. This every-other-year event alternates with our popular Old House & Barn Expo slated for March 24-25, 2012. We also provided a range of new programs and old favorites to provide information about specific tools and strategies. In partnership with the NH Division of Historical Resources, we presented workshops in Groveton and Chichester on how to list a property to the State Register of Historic Places. We assisted the Department of Transportation with a workshop in Berlin, organized a panel discussion on demolition delay ordinances for the

The water-powered Print Shop at the Mount Washington Hotel in Bretton Woods was named to our FY 2011 Seven to Save list, which highlights local preservation needs and provides a focus for our field services program. A total of 35 threatened structures and resources have been listed since 2006. For the full list and updates on their status, go to www.nhpreservation.org.

American Institute of Architects-NH Chapter, and presented our perspective on preservation's benefits at the NH Office of Energy & Planning's annual conference.

Strengthening **Preservation Policy**

A challenging state budget climate influenced our public policy work this year and will continue to do so in the coming session. We worked with partners to retain the framework of the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program and assisted with legislation to protect volunteers working in town-owned cemeteries. We lent our support to Rep. David Watters' bill proposing a first-ever New Hampshire History Day, which in final form has created a New Hampshire history week, and worked with the Environmental Protection Agency on a special initiative to assist the city of Concord.

Barn preservation is another important focus of our efforts. We provided 17 barn assessment grants (see map), and participated with the NH Barn Committee in a comprehensive exploration of a possible new barn repair grant program. Use of the statewide barn tax incentive (RSA 79-D) increased across New Hampshire, with over 390 agricultural structures in 81 towns now enrolled in the program. Ten barns were added in Cornish alone, in part because of our June, 2010 Cornish Barn Talk & Tour.

Recognizing and Rewarding Preservation Efforts

The Preservation Alliance spotlighted the best of preservation—rehabilitation projects, advocacy, lifetime achievement, and more—through its Annual Awards program in May.

In addition, this year the Alliance's Milestones Project celebrated 25 successes in the New Hampshire preservation movement during the last quarter-century. The public nomination process brought forth an array of both personal favorites and well-known landmarks, and people shared amazing stories of tenacity and creativity. Nominators acknowledged the work of a previous generation of preservationists in Portsmouth, Harrisville, Canterbury and Laconia, as well as the creation of LCHIP and the Main Street revitalization program. Private homeowners were cited as unsung heroes of the preservation movement. The Alliance's vision for the next quarter-century includes protected irreplaceable landmarks in every town, vibrant downtowns and village centers, and preservation work interwoven with policies that support jobs, energy efficiency, heritage tourism and other civic and economic objectives. To see all 25 Milestones, go to www.nhpreservation.org.

A block grant from LCHIP aided our efforts to encourage good project planning in the work of saving special places, and allowed us to make five grants to non-profits and municipalities (see map). Recipients used their funds to create preservation project "road maps" that included information on building significance, building condition, rehabilitation needs, cost estimates and phasing. The results helped them with decision-making, fundraising, building volunteer

support and structuring new capital projects. Two of the five have begun repair and weatherization work.

To help celebrate our 25th anniversary, the Preservation Alliance created a list of the Twenty-five Preservation Milestones of the Last Twenty-five Years. Robie's General Store in Hooksett was among those recognized for outstanding preservation and revitalization efforts.



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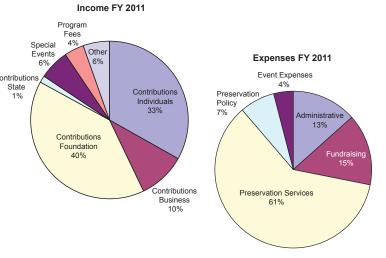
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OPERATING REVENUE: Program Fees 15,486 **OPERATING EXPENSES:** Administrative......\$55,572

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS FROM OPERATIONS.......\$(31,163)

Net Investment Return	\$83,540
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$52,377

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Board chair Michael Bruss and Executive Director Jennifer Goodman at the Annual Awards in May.

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Many property owners turn to us for strategies that will help them economically maintain their homes and lower energy costs. Our email network has grown from 1,500 last year to over 2,750 this year. Over 150 people attended our Old House & Barn programs and workshops in 2011, and gave us high marks for content and delivery. General interest in preserving historic windows was up by 50%, according to our annual Green Survey, and in response, we offered two workshops on this topic and posted new resource materials on our website. We also offered a well-attended paint workshop which covered the new lead paint

A workshop in Franconia taught participants how to repair historic wood windows.

law and how it affects homeowners.