

Albany's Historic Building Forum

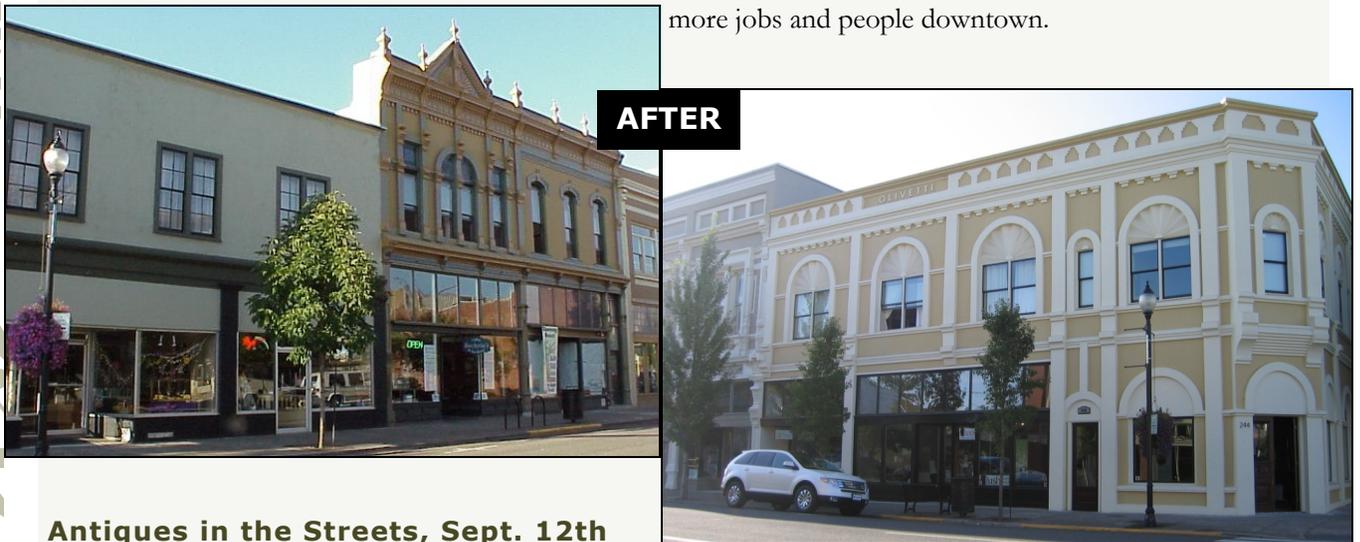
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First Avenue is Recharged by Restoration!



You may already have forgotten what 1st Avenue used to look like just a few years ago before several substantial restoration projects got started. The before pictures above remind us of how much progress is being made to revitalize downtown. City urban renewal money has helped attract substantial private investment in these restoration projects. Restoration employs many contractors. New businesses in the renovated spaces are bringing more jobs and people downtown.



Antiques in the Streets, Sept. 12th

Walk through Albany's Downtown Commercial National Register Historic District and browse the antiques literally filling the streets Saturday, September 12, 2009. Antiques in the Streets is a fabulous place to find those antiques and collectables to fill that certain spot in your home. The 12th anniversary of the Albany Downtown Association's street fair will include an improved layout and food booths in addition to vendors of antiques and collectables from all over the Northwest. An appraiser will be on hand to evaluate your own collectable or the one you just bought. Vendor space is still available, but you need to call 541-928-2469 soon to get a spot. The event runs from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, rain or shine.

Stop by the Albany Downtown Association booth for ice-cream and coupons to downtown businesses. Visit www.albanydowntown.com to find out what's happening in Downtown Albany.





Preserving Oregon Grants Available!

The Oregon State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has \$250,000 available for the 2009 Preserving Oregon Grant Program. These funds are for:

- Rehabilitation work that supports the preservation of historic resources listed on the National Register of historic places, or
- Significant work contributing toward identifying, preserving and/or interpreting archaeological sites.

Grant funds may be awarded in amounts up to \$20,000, which must be matched 1:1 by the grantee. Applications are **due October 16, 2009**. Information about this competitive grant program is on the SHPO's website: egov.oregon.gov/OPRD/HCD/grants.shtml.

Day Trips: Old Parts Salvage Places

The fall weather makes me want to go exploring. As a historic building owner, you may want to get out and enjoy the beautiful scenery and check out these salvage places within about an hours drive for unique parts.

www.heritagehouseparts.com—Philomath

www.auroramills.com—Aurora

www.rebuildingcenter.org/ on N. Mississippi in Portland.

www.rejuvenation.com—Taylor & Grand in Portland

www.hippohardware.com—E. Burnside, Portland

www.efn.org/~bring/ - Bring Recycling in Eugene

Albany's Semi-Annual Historic Interiors Tours



Jody Kruse said the tour was “a huge pat on the back” after working so hard on their home’s restoration.

Owning a historic home is hard work, and often a full-time and expensive endeavor. Many of us look forward to going on the home tours to get ideas and inspiration for our own projects.

The Historic Interior’s Tour Committee is always looking for home owners to share their troubles and triumphs with neighbors and visitors by opening their home for one of the two annual interior tours. Owners say the praises they received were wonderful, encouraging and gratifying. Homeowners receive a special gift, snack basket, historic home plaque, and complimentary tickets to the next tour.

There is some work involved in getting your home ready to be on tour, much like preparing for houseguests. The tour committee designates a liaison for each homeowner to help answer questions and address concerns. To make each tour unique, homeowners are rarely asked to have their home open more than once every five years.

The home tour committee welcomes new members! If you are interested in joining the tour committee or having your home on a future tour, contact Rebecca Bond at the Albany Visitor’s Association at 928-0911 or rebecca@albanyvisitors.com.

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EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS and NEW CONSTRUCTION to Albany’s local historic inventory buildings (including new windows and doors) **REQUIRES HISTORIC REVIEW** and approval.

Visit www.cityofalbany.net/comdev/historic/ for more information on Albany’s Preservation Program.