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HISTORIC LOEWENBERG-ROBERTS MANSION • 1923 W FIRST AVENUE, SPOKANE, WA

Commanding a regal presence from spreading manicured grounds on a high knoll, the Loewenberg-Roberts Mansion is one of the finest Queen Anne-style homes in Spokane and Eastern Washington.

It rises two-and-one-half stories with a thirdfloor finished attic, and supports a large threestory circular tower with a bellcast domed roof. With strong influence from the Romanesque style, the house is prominently distinguished at the first floor with cut-granite cladding outlined in red brick trim, and applauds a reverse design at the second floor with brick cladding and cut-granite trim. Significantly characteristic of the Victorian period's Queen Anne style, the mansion is articulated with an array of decorative embellishments, including a massive segmental arched window of jointed cut-granite voussoirs, beveled bays, stained-glass windows, gable peaks with decorative shingles and ornamental plaster tracery, a second-story balcony with a wraparound gallery, and an attached porte cochere (car port).

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SELF-GUIDED TOURS OF THE E.J. ROBERTS MANSION ARE WELCOME



The stunning Loewenberg-Roberts Mansion in Spokane's Browne's Addition

A large carriage house behind the home mimics the style and materials of the mansion, and a walled, secret garden on the property provides a venue for special tea parties.

Erected in 1889, the mansion was designed by British architect, William J. Carpenter, who designed the Miller Block (now Hotel Lusso), the historic Coeur d'Alene Hotel (offices, Boo Radley's), and a number of houses. The mansion was built for Bernhard & Harriett Loewenberg, owners and proprietors of a large dry goods store called the Loewenberg Mercantile, located in the Coeur d'Alene Hotel.

A few years after construction of their home was completed, the Loewenbergs experienced a financial reversal during the economic "Panic of 1893." With a provocative idea, the Loewenberg family "traded" their mansion a few years later for a small

cottage (2027 W. First Avenue) owned by their friend and neighbor, Edwin J. Roberts and his wife, Mary Roberts. Roberts was a successful civil engineer for the Great Northern Railroad, served as president for Union Iron Works in Spokane, and with his family lived in the Loewenberg-Roberts Mansion for over 60 years.

Today, the Loewenberg-Roberts Mansion survives in excellent condition and is well-preserved under the careful stewardship of owner Mary Moltke, who has spent the last 25 years carefully restoring and furnishing the property. A celebrated historic landmark, the property is listed on the Spokane, Washington State, and National Registers of Historic Places. It is open to the public as the Roberts Mansion Inn & Events.

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President, SPA Board Ann Kienholz Jurcevich

Message from Our President

HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON! • What amazes me about SPA is, while many are refocusing and winding down for the year and redirecting their focus for the season, dedicated SPA board and committee members are revving up their energy.

Each of the event planning committees is busily planning every detail to create special experiences for our members, guests and potential new friends of SPA. Our dedicated awards committee just concluded a wonderful event at Montvale Hall and we had nothing but positive spirits from those honored, those observing and those hard at work

behind the scenes. Likewise, the holiday party is well under way for December 2nd with a great experience in store. The Old House Workshop Committee is hard at work on three wonderful programs for February. SPA's Pints for Preservation Committee has just begun working on details for an early summer/late spring event. That committee is fortunate to have a core of die-hard members who return each year, and a group of newcomers who will bring new ideas forward. We are always happy to see new people in the mix!

Enjoy the season, and please take every opportunity to attend SPA events and to bring guests. We have so much to share and good memories to be made.

 ANN KIENHOLZ JURCEVICH President, SPA Board

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THE WEBSITE

Have you seen the new website yet? If not, take a look. It's beautiful, and we have Jakava, a Spokane web design and digital solutions company, to thank for it! Jakava created a beautiful and functional website for us, and even discounted the price!

So now it's your turn. First, go to the website at spokanepreservation. org and find the "Join Now" button. This will take you to the functional area where you can log in and create a membership account, or update your existing account. You will also be receiving an email directing you toward this task, including the necessary weblink for your convenience. Your help with this is greatly appreciated as it will allow us to more effectively manage our membership.

We also want to apologize for any inconveniences you've experienced during this process. There have been a few kinks but we are working them out.

Questions? Please contact Dave Shockley at preservationspokane@ gmail.com.

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Sunday, October 1, 2017 Noon - 4:00 p.m.







Tickets \$20 available at the tour - cash or check, or online at www.SpokanePreservation.org

Please: No spiked heels, photos, backpacks or strollers allowed in homes.

New members are always welcome!

For more information about Spokane Preservation Advocates quarterly meetings in historic homes, activities, or to join SPA please call (509) 344-1065 or see our website: www.SpokanePreservation.org



(Above) Tour promotional poster and the color version of the featured photograph (Right)

2017 HOME TOUR

WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT! • SPA extends a hearty thank you to all who helped make this year's historic home tour so successful! Over \$5,800 was collected, and more than 325 tour patrons and volunteers enjoyed the historic homes and the West 24th Avenue neighborhood.

OUR HOMEOWNERS • SPA is immensely grateful to these homeowners:

- BARRY CAHILL-O'BRIEN
- JANET & DOUG LAMBARTH
- RICK & ANDREA MATTERS
- TOM & DAWN SCHAAF

They opened their personal homes to friends, family, neighbors and the general public. Their beautiful houses and gracious generosity will be appreciated for years to come. SPA is also very thankful to the many volunteers who made the tour possible. Spokane Preservation Advocates historic home tours are well-received year after year because homeowners and volunteers like you make the tours happen. It's now a fall tradition in Spokane to be enjoyed for years to come. Thank you all for such a great tour!

> LINDA YEOMANS Historic Preservation Planning Consultant



2017 SPA WINTER ADVOCACY REPORT

MY 1ST EXPERIENCE • My first advocacy experience with SPA concerned the Fox Theater which housed multiple run-down movie theaters. In 1998 the Fox was in danger of becoming a parking lot. This November, the Fox celebrated its tenth year of renovation/restoration with tours and concerts. What a beautiful jewel for the community and the symphony.

MID-CENTURY MODERN © Coming into broader recognition and appreciation is Spokane's Mid-century Modern architecture. During the Modernism Movement (from 1948-1973) Spokane accrued many wonderful commercial and residential buildings of this style. Locally we have examples of the style called Brutalism in the Civic Theater and Neo-expressionism in the Sacred Heart Church. There are many more styles of Mid-century Modern architecture represented locally. We hope to bring awareness of this type of architecture as it is another important historic resource in Spokane that should be protected.

THE DEMOLITION ORDINANCE • The spotlight continues to shine on the revamp of the demolition ordinance. SPA is working with the city to reframe this ordinance and call it the Demolition and Historic Preservation Ordinance. On October 18th Lori Kinnear hosted an open house regarding the revised demolition/preservation ordinance. A public meeting with the Plan Commission and presentation to the City Council has been delayed until the New Year. Hopefully the SPA membership can show up in support of the ordinance when the presentations are rescheduled. The current rewrite of the ordinance can be viewed on Lori Kinnear's Spokane City Council web page.

BARB CLAPP Advocacy Committee Chair

SAVE THE DATE ~ APRIL 7TH FOR SPA'S 2018 "RING IN SPRING"!

THE NEXT ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

As we look ahead to SPA's next annual fundraiser scheduled for Saturday, April 7, 2018 at Barrister Winery, we are planning to serve everyone in attendance at the same time so they are able to dine together ~ family style! We also are making efforts to have plenty of corks for those participating in the Cork Pull!

THINK GOODS & SERVICES •

What we need SPA members to do ~ once the holidays are behind us ~ is think of neat goods and services you can procure for the Silent Auction. Consider things you might donate. Take a look at your wines for bottles you would be willing to contribute. We had 75 bottles for the Cork Pull last year, and would like to double that number in 2018. Jeanette Brenner always donates at least a case, and John and Ro Lisk have pledged to do so again this year.

DESTINATION PACKAGES • We can never have too many destination packages, which are THE big money raisers for the Loud Auction. This coming year we have several new ones for your enthusiastic bidding!

HOLIDAY PARTY • In the meantime, we hope to see you at SPA's 21st Annual Holiday Celebration & Open House on Saturday, December 2nd at the historic Loewenberg-Roberts Mansion in Browne's Addition.

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Auction/Fundraiser Co-Chairs



Barrister Winery, the destination for the SPA Annual Benefit

SPOTLIGHT ON JOANNE MOYER



Past President Paul Mann with Joanne Moyer

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS

Recognizing her many outstanding preservation accomplishments, Joanne Moyer was presented with a surprise "Special Recognition" honor at the November 2017 Spokane Preservation Advocates Awards Ceremony. Known by so many, Joanne Moyer is an extraordinary preservationist. She has volunteered countless hours to SPA and Spokane and Spokane County's preservation

community for more than 30 years. After helping to found SPA, Joanne served as one of the nonprofit's first presidents. She then received a Spokane Mayoral appointment to serve on the City's Landmarks Commission for six years, with three of those years as the Commission's Chair. She was appointed by Washington State Governor Gary Locke to the Washington State Advisory Council on Historic Preservation to serve two consecutive threeyear terms. Recognized as a significant preservationist, Joanne was chosen to be an Advisor to the National Trust for Historic Preservation for nine years, and also served on the Board of Directors for the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation for two terms. In 1988, Joanne was the recipient of the "Historic Preservation Award" from the Eastern Washington State Historical Society (the MAC), and 24 years later in 2012, she was honored with SPA's "Excellence in Historic Preservation Award," renamed the "Joanne Moyer Award." For her important and impactful achievements in historic preservation, Joanne was named SPA's first Advisor Emeritus.

THE COOLIDGE-RISING-MOYER HOUSE • Joanne and her late husband, Dr. John Moyer, a much-admired Washington State Senator and Spokane physician, lived and breathed preservation, especially after they purchased a 1906 historic home, the Coolidge-Rising House. They spent three decades carefully rebuilding, renovating and restoring the house, and generously made it available for numerous preservation meetings, home tours, concerts, and celebrations. From their civic prominence to restoration work, and their active participation in preservation, the Moyers greatly increased the historic significance of their home. In 2017, the Spokane Register of Historic Places recognized the property's increased historic significance and officially amended the historic register listing of the home and its historic name to the Keisling-Rising-Moyer House. SPA especially thanks Bill Conley, who originally proposed the idea of amending the historic name of the property to include the Moyer name. Joanne was honored and presented with an official name-change certificate from the City of Spokane's Office of Historic Preservation. Joanne Moyer is a treasure! Thank you for all you do, Joanne.

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SPA's FOURTH ANNUAL PRESERVATION AWARDS

Spokane Preservation Advocates honored Architect Moritz Kundig with its Legacy Award during its Fourth Annual Historic Preservation Awards at the Montvale Event Center on November 5. The award "recognizes an individual whose influence, ideals and activities over their lifetime has left a lasting, positive impression on the community and raised the standard of excellence for future generations."

Kundig, a pioneer of modern architecture in Spokane, described Spokane as God's Country during his acceptance of the award. Kundig was recognized as an early advocate for preservation spanning a lifetime, and specifically with a focus on Spokane.

Other recognized designs include the:

- **THE SPOKANE CIVIC THEATRE**
- GREAT NORTHWEST SAVINGS & LOAN BUILDING (SPOKANE FALLS BOULEVARD)
- **THE UNITARIAN CHAPEL**

His award was the grand finale for the ceremony. Kundig further commented that the award was long-time in coming ~ actually nearly a century, the 92-year-old Kundig joked.

HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON! ● The evening concluded with Mrs. Joanne Moyer being honored by the City ~ adding the Moyer name to the 1906 Coolidge-Rising House by renaming it the Coolidge-Rising-Moyer House. The new name recognizes the significant contribution to the restoration of the home during her residency. Her late husband, Dr. John Moyer. was a prominent Spokane physician and served as a Washington State Representative and a Senator.

 ANN KIENHOLZ JURCEVICH President, SPA Board



Mid-Century Modern Artchitect Moritz Kundig's Unitarian Chapel, now a business

OTHER AWARD HONOREES

Others honored at SPA Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony were:

- GARRIN HERTEL ~ For Education and Outreach, through his Nostalgia Magazine
- TONY & SUZANNE BAMONTE ~ For Preservation in Media
- HUGH BROADHEAD & MICHAEL CONNERLY
 - ~ For Residential Restoriation on the Fairline House (1953)
- **KEVIN & HEIDI TURNBOUGH** ~ For Rural Restoration on the Latah School (1908)
- JOEL DIAMOND (DIAMOND PARKING) ~ For Rehabilitation of the Michael Building (Germond Block) (1908)
- MARCIA SMITH ~ For Homeowner Preservation of The Dr. Bradley House (1909)
- RICK & JULIE BIGGERSTAFF ~ Advocacy Award for Browne's Addition
- SHANNON AHERN & CHRIS O'HARRA ~ For Building Stewardship of the Liberty Building and Auntie's Bookstore (1908)
- KRISTINA MIELKE VAN LOBEN SELS & JIM VAN LOBEN SELS ~ For Landscape Stewardship of Arbor Crest (Royal Newton Riblet Cliff House Estate, 1924)
- AVISTA CORPORATION ~ For Corporate
 Stewardship of the Huntington Park and
 Post Street Power Stations, Avista Corporate
 Headquarters and The Steam Plant
- CONNIE EMRY ~ For Founders' Volunteer (for carrying out SPA's mission to advocate, educate and preserve)
- LINDA MILSOW ~ For Joanne Moyer Award (for dedication, perseverance and education goals regarding historic preservation)

SPA HERITAGE FUNDS GRANTS COMPLETED

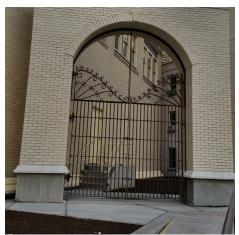
Twice a year, in April and October, the Heritage Fund Grants Committee reviews requests for bricks and mortar preservation projects. This fall we recommended and the SPA Board approved a small grant to Manito United Methodist Church so they can replace the outdoor lights at their main sanctuary doors with more appropriate lamps for their Kirtland Cutter-designed building. Our grant also will allow them to acquire their Historic Register plaque. SPA had previously provided funding to Manito United Methodist Church for its Historic Register application.

SPOKANE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IRON

GATES AND MORE ● We have received two grant completion reports. One report is from the Inland Northwest Trails and Conservation Coalition for the research and collection of historical data and development of landscape and interpretation options for the Hangman/Latah Creek Project. The Coalition will be awarded \$1,500.00. The second report is from the Westerners, Spokane Corral for the completion of the Courthouse Iron Gates Restoration project. They will be awarded \$3,200.

GRANT REQUESTS ● Our committee also welcomes and reviews grant requests from homeowners and others for partial support to complete Historic Register applications. For more information about SPA Heritage Fund grants, phone Ann Price at 509.624.1957 or email her at annp62@gmail.com. Applications and deadline information are available on the SPA website.

Heritage Grants



The Spokane County Courthouse iron gates

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