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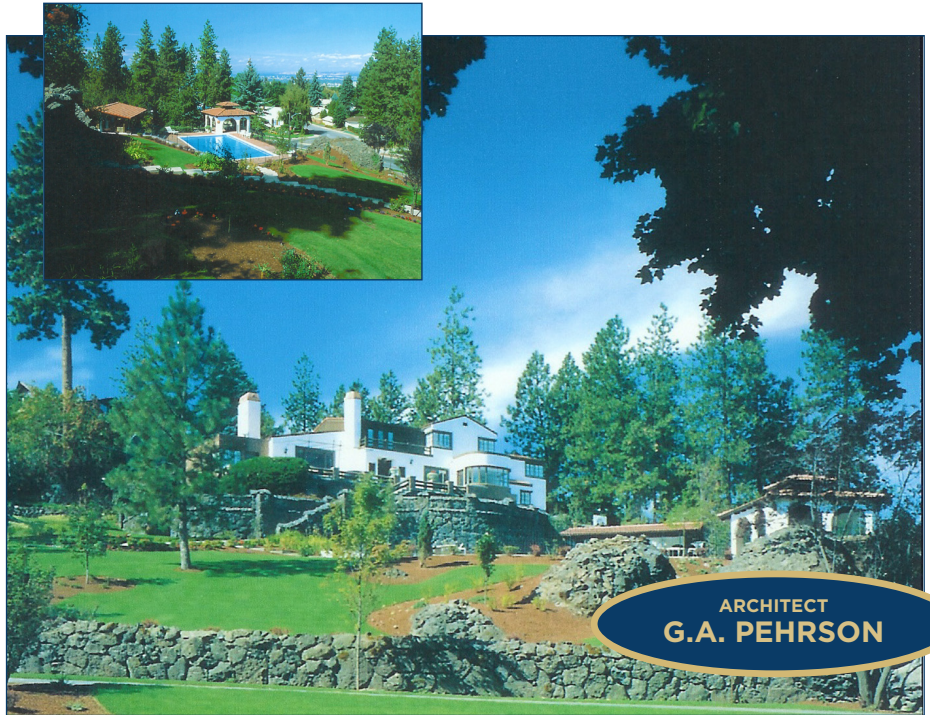
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## HISTORIC VICTOR & GEORGES DESSERT HOUSE ● S 1520 ROCKWOOD BOULEVARD

Built in 1913 and 1936 for Dessert Hotel moguls, Victor & Georges Dessert, the historic Dessert House is one of the finest and most unique homes built in Spokane (the old German name "Dessert" is spelled and pronounced like Sahara Desert).

The property is perched high atop a steep, rocky hillside 60 vertical feet above Rockwood Boulevard, and commands a spectacular view of snow-capped Mt. Spokane.

In 1911, David & Florence Brown, owners of the Hazelwood Dairy and the Rockwood Development Company, hired Spokane architect Frank G. Hutchinson, an accomplished professional who had once worked for Spokane architect Kirtland Cutter. Hutchinson's rendering for the property's unusual castle-like basalt rock



ARCHITECT  
G.A. PEHRSON

Stunning Dessert House on Rockwood Boulevard ● (Inset) Inviting Pool and Cabana

### SEPTEMBER 2018 QUARTERLY MEETING

#### PLEASE JOIN SPA AT THE HISTORIC DESSERT HOUSE

1520 SOUTH ROCKWOOD BOULEVARD

TUESDAY, SEPT. 11 ● 5:30 p.m.

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

Regarding parking ~ Please park on the side streets off of Rockwood and walk up to the pool area for the meeting.

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foundation, rock stairways and terraces was built by master Italian rock mason Domenici Pierone ~ noted for his exceptional rockwork on the historic Wilbur-Hahn House at E. 2525 19th Avenue.

Although the rock foundation was designed and constructed to support a large home, the Browns curiously never built a house on it ~ and sold the property to Victor & Georges Dessert in 1923.

In 1936, the Desserts commissioned Spokane architect G.A. Pehrson (Davenport Hotel, Paulsen and Chronicle buildings) to design and erect a home that would be compatible with the rugged hillside terrain and the existing basalt rockwork. Pehrson's answer

was a Mediterranean-influenced home with multiple roof levels and forms reminiscent of hillside villas built throughout Portugal, Spain and Italy's Tuscany region ~ a beautiful, romantic type of residential design unusual for Spokane.

In 1987, Ron & Terri Caferro, owners of the Ecolite Manufacturing Company, bought the historic Dessert House.

Property stewards extraordinaire, they continue to preserve and perfect the historic Dessert home, grounds and gardens in a manner worthy of the property's Spokane, Washington State and National Register historic landmark status.

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT: CHANGE HAPPENS

In June, my husband Jim and I visited two favorite places ~ Ashland and Bend, Oregon. Both are centered around lovely city parks designed by the Olmsted Bros. and have maintained vibrant historic town centers. In both cases, you walk out of their parks into pleasant bungalow neighborhoods.

However, the pressures of tourist economies have brought changes ~ with many homes converted into B&Bs and vacation rentals. This has resulted in add-ons that have changed the scale and look of some residences.

Both communities have also allowed small condo developments in those neighborhoods, although many have been "tucked-in" on unused or under-used parcels and landscaping makes them less obtrusive.

I admit that not all the changes are bad or unattractive, and we certainly enjoyed our Ashland stay in a gently expanded 1904 Victorian bed-and-breakfast.

These changes have an impact on the feel of those neighborhoods and are the result of planning ~ purposeful or not.



SPA Board President,  
ANN M. PRICE

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Here in Spokane, our Advocacy team has been focused on the proposed changes to city regulations for in-fill housing. Our Preservation voice is a vital part of the conversation about how our neighborhoods and the city will look and feel in the future.

You are invited to help us listen, learn and act.

Finally, I am delighted to announce several Spokane Preservations Board changes.

- **NEW COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR** ● Jennifer Hawkins
- **NEW EDUCATION CHAIR** ● Dana Dalrymple
- **NEW HERITAGE FUND GRANTS CHAIR** ● Becky Gupta
- **NEW MEMBERS AT LARGE** ● Nancy Tortorelli and Janette Hruban

Welcome to the SPA team!



# SPA'S 19TH ANNUAL 2018 TOUR OF HISTORIC HOMES

**PRESENTING THE TOUR** ● You are invited to enjoy Corbin Park - the site for one of Spokane's earliest race tracks—and wander through six historic landmark-quality homes. All of the houses face Corbin Park and reveal original designs, materials, and workmanship from the early 1900s.

**WAVERLY PLACE BED & BREAKFAST** ● Visit the Waverly Place Bed & Breakfast, the historic district's oldest home and only residence designed in a turn-of-the-century Queen Anne style. Note the B&B's covered wrap-around front porch and second floor turret capped with a "witch's hat" roof.

**FIVE MORE HOMES** ● With influences from Tudor Revival and Craftsman styles, the homes feature a variety of designs with widely overhanging eaves, exposed rafter tails and brackets, false half-timbering, and wide covered front porches.

**DON'T MISS** ● Don't miss one of the residence's unusual and artistic center bow window flanked by two ocular (round) windows located above the front porch.

**THE INTERIORS** ● With fine furnishings and finish, the interiors of the historic homes are embellished with a variety of polished oak floors, built-in furniture (bookcases, desks, buffets-hutches), and the finest ebony-finished fir and/or golden-oak woodwork rubbed to a rich patina.

● LINDA YEOMANS • Spokane Preservation Consultant & Historian

**WHERE** ● Corbin Park Historic District (two blocks north of Buckeye Avenue on Washington Street)

**DATE** ● Sunday, September 30, 2018

**TIME** ● 12 Noon to 4 p.m.

**COST** ● \$20 at the Tour (Cash or check) or online by visiting:  
[spokanepreservation.org](http://spokanepreservation.org)



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"WITCHES ON WOODIES AT CORBIN PARK"

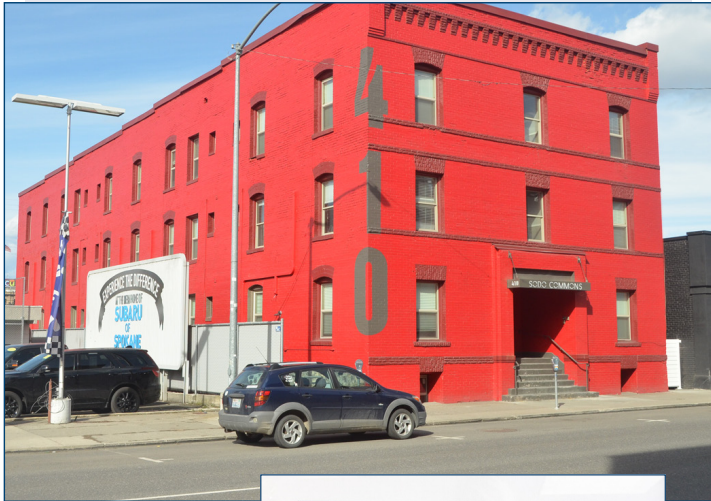
Acrylic-on-canvas portrait of the Waverly Place B&B created in August 2018 for 19th Annual SPA Tour of Homes

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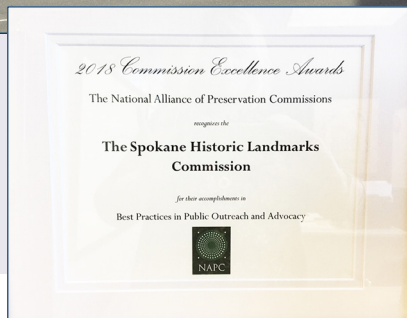
## MEET & GREET LOCAL "AMERICANA" FINE ARTIST PATTI SIMPSON WARD

She will have a booth featuring her fine art at one of the houses on the tour. You'll see images of several homes and settings featured in past SPA tours. Three **NEW** 25th Anniversary 2019 calendars, canvas reproductions, print/card gift packets, cards and more will be available for purchase the day of the event (credit cards accepted). Patti donates a portion of her tour profits to SPA each year.

# NEWS FROM THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE



The Englehorn Hotel and (Inset) the Commission Excellence Award



Spokane history, the warehouse was built as the new headquarters for the McClintock-Trunkey Co., wholesale grocers, in 1916 at a cost of between \$70-75,000. It was designed by the prominent architectural firm of Whitehouse and Price and constructed by contractor Fred Phair.

**THE ENGELHORN HOTEL** ● The Landmarks Commission also recommended for the Spokane Register the Engelhorn Hotel (Danmor Apartments) at 410 West Third Avenue. The Danmor is a three-story unreinforced brick apartment building situated on top of an elevated basalt rubble and brick basement. Built in 1907 as the Engelhorn Hotel, the building is midblock along the north side of Third Avenue between Stevens and Washington Streets. Since 1907, the building has provided lodging for working class clientele in the growing downtown.

**TAX VALUATION** ● We have also reviewed and approved eight projects for Special Tax Valuation so far this year (our property tax reduction program for property owners making a significant investment in their historic property). These projects alone have totaled an investment of nearly \$3.4M in historic properties in Spokane and we are expecting several other very large projects to come in before the end of the year. We applaud the stewardship shown by these property owners!

The Historic Preservation Office and Spokane Historic Landmarks Commission was also pleased to accept awards for the Spokane Mid-Century Modern project that was completed in 2017 from both the National Alliance for Preservation Commissions (Commission Excellence Award) and the State Historic Preservation Officer's 2018 Annual Award (for Historic Preservation Media). We worked with a wonderful consultant team, helveticka and Painter Preservation, to come up with an innovative, engaging project to educate folks about the importance of our mid-century resources in Spokane. Visit [midcenturyspokane.org](http://midcenturyspokane.org).

● MEGAN DUVALL • Historic Preservation Officer

**TWO NOMINATIONS** ● The Spokane Historic Landmarks Commission and Historic Preservation Office reviewed two nominations to the Spokane Register since the last newsletter.

**MCCLINTOCK-TRUNKEY ANNEX BUILDING** ● The first is the McClintock-Trunkey Annex Building at 125 South Stevens Street. It is a five-story building with concrete superstructure and brick infill that was built to service the elevated railroad viaduct. The McClintock-Trunkey Annex is a contributing resource in the East Downtown National Register Historic District which was listed in 2003. Historically significant for its association with the broad patterns of

## CURRENT LOCAL ADVOCACY ISSUES

**SPOKANE SEEMS TO BE GROWING AND THRIVING!** This has brought growth and development in all neighborhoods. Sadly, citizens are not always aware of changes to the landscape of their neighborhood before a turn-of-the-century home is demolished for a parking lot or a three-story, boxlike apartment building. ● That is why we need members such as you to join our Advocacy Committee and share your voice on recommendations from SPA. Our membership may not fully understand the process for changing city policies and codes (laws). ● The City relies on input from community stakeholders. For example, the City may be contacted by a stakeholder who wants the height limits downtown changed in order to build a taller building across from Riverfront Park. The City

brings together community people who have a “stake” in this kind of change to consider their input. ● The Planning Department assembles a report with recommendations for a specific project. These project reports are presented to the Spokane Plan Commission for its input. And, finally, the recommendations come to a vote at a Spokane City Council meeting. ● Citizens are alerted to impending changes in a number of ways: through neighborhood blogs, local newspapers, neighborhood councils or organizations such as SPA. At a recent Spokane Plan Commission hearing I attended with Advocacy Committee members, Heidi Gann and Donna Gaffney, I spoke about maintaining the unique character of our city neighborhoods like Browne’s Addition, Cliff Cannon and Logan. Please join our committee if you are interested in shaping our city’s growth and development!

● BARBARA T. CLAPP • Advocacy Chair



## “HIGH DRIVE • HAPPY HOUR” SPA FUNDRAISER AT THE HISTORIC GARMO HOUSE



The Historic Garmo House

**VERY SPECIAL SHOWING** • Spokane Preservation Advocates invites you to a very special showing of the historic Garmo House - one of the largest and most unique mid-century modern residences built in Spokane and Spokane County.

**EAT & DRINK** • Enjoy live music, hearty hors d'oeuvres, drinks and tour this marvelous home with fellow preservationists.

**HIGH DRIVE ICON** • The home is located at the south edge of the city's South Hill. The Garmo House was purposefully built on a coveted slice of land located between High Drive and the ridge of a steep bluff that rises more than 500 feet above Latah Valley and Latah Creek. A geologic marvel, the deep valley was formed thousands of years ago by torrential ice-age floods and 70 mph receding flood waters. • The property's

professionally landscaped grounds wrap around the Garmo House for more than 160 feet along East High Drive, and extend south along the bluff's high ridge crest for nearly 285 feet. The home was built in 1969 with an unusual sprawling, irregular L-shaped footprint and nearly 10,000 square feet of finished living space. A paved driveway with a round fountain fronts the home's north facade, and a 50-foot-wide deck along the back of the home offers fresh air and breathtaking views of forested hillsides and phenomenal sunsets. Three of the most artistically designed areas in the house include a circular living room, a circular kitchen, and an oval-shaped indoor swimming pool. Artistic mid-century modern designs and materials made popular during the 1960s-1970s are prominently represented in floors, walls, ceramic tile and fireplaces.

• LINDA YEOMANS • Spokane Preservation Consultant & Historian

## SPA HERITAGE FUND GRANTS UPDATES

In May the SPA board approved a \$2,500 grant to the Jonas Babcock Chapter-Daughters of the American Revolution to erect a monument for Edward J Bricknell, an early influential Spokane businessman and philanthropist. Bricknell was a founder and president of Traders National Bank and the Spokane Mill and Manufacturing Company among other early businesses.

He also joined several pioneer businessmen to found the Greenwood Cemetery Association. The Bricknell Monument is a collaboration between the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Fairmount Memorial Association. Spokane Preservation Advocates has previously funded similar projects with the DAR.

SPA also awarded two \$750 grants to partially support preparation of residential nominations to the Spokane Register of Historic Places for the historic Wild Rose Prairie Farm House (7701 West Cross Cut Road, Deer Park) owned

by James and Connie Long ~ and for the 1917 William and Ella Warner House (2627 South Manito Blvd) owned by Paul and Suzanne Markham. This is the first time we offered grants for private residences even though it is part of the intent of the Heritage Fund grants program. We hope that funding for these grants will improve over time as the Heritage Fund grows.

Our next grant deadline is October 1st of this year. We are looking for bricks-and-mortar and other projects by non-profit organizations, advocacy groups, public agencies, civic and religious organizations and building/property owners as well as historic nomination preparation for local private residences.

Please be our eyes and ears in the community for projects we can consider and encourage. Questions? Please contact Becky Gupta, grants committee chair, or Dave Shockley at the SPA office 509.344.1065.

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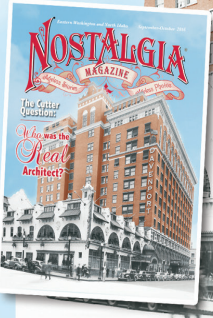

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OR

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