



CORNING SOUTHSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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## SNA BECOMES DESIGN DAY SPONSOR FOR CARDER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S PLAYGROUND

In June, SNA sponsored the Design Day for the new Carder Elementary School community playground, named "Koala Run" by the Carder students. This playground will not be just an ordinary playground nor will it be for the use of Carder students only but for the general public. Carder School, once named West End School, was renamed for Frederick Carder, creator of the world famous Steuben Glass. A great deal of thought and planning has gone into designing this playground so that it incorporates not only the desires of the children and age appropriate equipment, but also several of the landmarks that make Corning, the Crystal City, so special.

Further, a good playground that is conducive to both creative thinking and physical

exercise is of great importance to our children. And finally, we strongly believe that if we can integrate Corning's history and architecture with our children's play, we have done a wonderful thing.

This sponsorship was made possible by a grant from the Valentine B. Pratt Charitable Trust. Projected build dates are June 10-14, 2009, and will need close to 700 volunteers! The playground committee is looking for donations and support needed to make this playground a reality - so think about how you can help!

Project Coordinators Ann Campbell and Carder Principal Dan Davis will present this exciting community project at SNA's first public program for 2009 on February 24 at 7:30pm at the First Presbyterian Church, Pentecost Room, First Street.



## JOIN THE WALK FOR PLAY!

On Sunday, November 2 from 4-6pm, the Carder PTA will host a walk-a-thon to raise funds for the Koala Run Carder Community Playground. ALL community members are encouraged to join the fun. Suggested donation of \$5 per person encouraged. If you or a family member want to collect pledges or for more information, contact Ann Campbell at 936-2004.

Your participation will help the children's dreams come true!



## SNA Sponsors Social Events

### AUGUST ICE CREAM SOCIAL

On August 3, 2008, Corning's Southside Neighborhood Association sponsored an ice cream social at Canfield Park. Members and neighbors came out to enjoy an afternoon with friends and delicious ice cream from Peaches 'n Cream. Jim Bowdy was acknowledged by the Association for his work on the Canfield Park sign and maintenance of the flowers he has planted beneath it.



### "VIEWS OF CORNING" AT THE PALACE THEATRE

On October 7, SNA presented a special event at the Palace Theatre on Market Street which was attended by nearly 200 people. A unique collection of old postcards and photos from Corning's past was premiered on the theatre's big screens, while attendees enjoyed refreshments and socializing in the lobby area. All who attended received a commemorative wine glass and a chance for a "mystery Steuben" raffle. The old pictures on view were collected and scanned as part of SNA's Photo Project. In addition, artwork inspired by local architecture was displayed by CFA students and local artists. Thanks to Tom Berry for creating the slide presentation with music.



## RESTORATION LAWS ENACTED FOR LANDMARK LISTING

The city of Corning recently passed two laws which will help preservation efforts in the city. The first law established an historic preservation commission which will set the criteria for the city's landmarks. The commission is required to follow rigorous state historic guidelines.

The second law provides tax incentives necessary to encourage restoration efforts.

Southside Neighborhood Association is planning a public program in March 2009 which will provide the public with more information on the commission and the procedure to have your his-

toric home declared a landmark.



## DID YOU KNOW...

Even though your home is in the historic district, it does NOT have landmark status.

(Come to March's program to find out how to get landmark status.)

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*Honor Your Historic Home*

SNA with the talent of Dave Dowler designed a bronze plaque for homes on the southside in 2003. Since then over 30 homes proudly display this plaque which features the circa date the home was built.

**Win a plaque for your home**

This year SNA will sell chances for a historic plaque. Chances will sell for \$10.00 each and may be purchased at public programs and from board members. The drawing will take place at the annual meeting, November 18, 2008. This is a great way to get a plaque and to support SNA.



**HISTORIC BUILDING PLAQUE ORDER FORM**

These are 7 X 10 inch bronze plaques with a brown patina. The date your structure was erected will be placed on your plaque. If you are purchasing a plaque for a structure other than the one listed below, please give the address of the structure for which you are ordering a plaque.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Plaque Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date Built \* \_\_\_\_\_ Not sure/don't know \_\_\_\_\_

*\* If you're not sure, SNA can help to verify building date.*

Price: \$200 including shipping (\$50 is tax deductible)

Please make checks payable to Southside Neighborhood Association, and send to PO Box 481, Corning, NY 14830. Thanks!

*2009 Membership Drive Begins!*

The SNA is a not-for-profit organization of individuals who recognize the special character of the Southside neighborhood as a place to live, work and worship. We support local pride in the neighborhood and the sharing of its resources with the greater community and Corning's many visitors. We seek to protect architectural, environmental and social landmarks; promote historic integrity and foster orderly growth

and development through cooperative efforts. Your SNA membership is tax-deductible.

**Committee Members Needed**

Our membership is growing, but we'd like participation from many more of our neighbors. We are always looking for people to work on committees. We need help on publicity, refreshments, social activities, fund raiser, plaque sales,

membership, tree replacement, Photo Project, and city parks.

In particular, we are looking for someone who would serve as our **historian**. If you are interested in helping please contact anyone on the board of directors.

**ANNUAL MEETING**

Save the date! On November 18, SNA will hold its Annual Meeting. Featured speaker will be Peetie Dimitroff, with a presentation on "How to Research the History of Your Historic Home using the Dimitroff Home." Board members will be elected and the drawing for an SNA plaque will take place.

The program will begin at 7:30 pm and will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, Pentecost Room, First Street entrance. We look forward to seeing a good turn out and welcome suggestions for our 2009 programs.

*Valentine B. Pratt Charitable Trust*

SNA recently received a gift from the Valentine B. Pratt Charitable Trust. The Pratt family descended from Captain Joel Pratt who settled in Prattsburgh after the Revolutionary War. Their farm remains today.

Valentine B. Pratt purchased the feed store in Corning in 1937 and operated it until 1973. (for more information see Corning Leader, May 15, 1991, and/or information at the Steuben County Historical

Society)

Part of this gift was used to sponsor the Design Day for the Carder Elementary School playground. The remainder of the gift is earmarked for a park project that is in the developmental stage. SNA sincerely appreciates this gift and is making good use of it.



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