

Norwich Heritage Trust is a nonprofit Corporation formed to promote preservation and awareness of the city's heritage - architecture, streetscapes and neighborhoods - through education, design, planning and rehabilitation.

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February

Lathrop's "Victorian Norwich" to be featured at March 31 Annual Meeting at Quarto house

Writing and researching his book about Norwich in the Victorian era will be the topic of a talk by NHT President Art Lathrop at the Norwich Heritage Trust Annual Meeting on Friday, March 31, 2000.

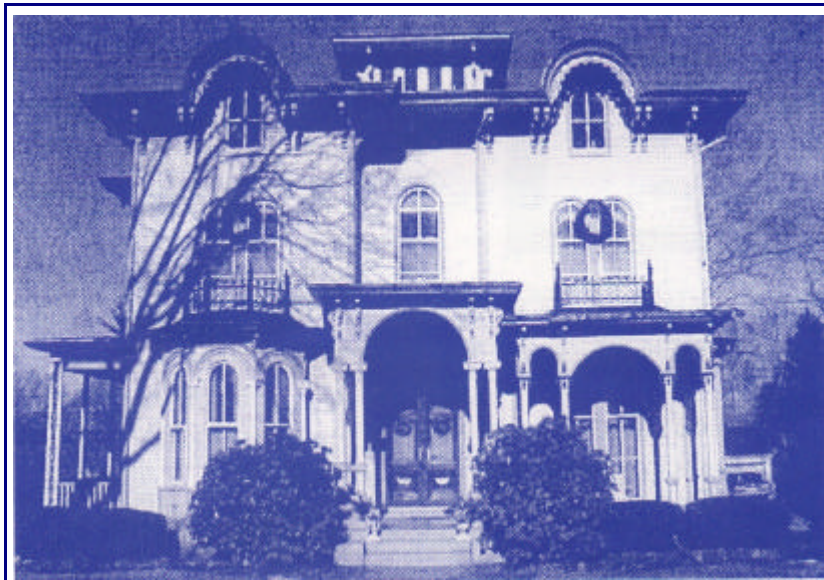
The meeting, which will start at 7 P.M. and include refreshments, will take place at the home of Sandy and Jim Quarto. An Italianate structure, built in 1868, the house features elaborate exterior trim as well as an interior marked by high ceilings and custom mill-work.

A high style example of Victorian architecture, the Quarto house is an appropriate setting for Art Lathrop's talk about the highlights of Victorian Norwich.

The Board voted at its January meeting to celebrate the publication of this landmark

work on Norwich's history by inviting Art to appear at the Annual Meeting. The Board anticipates sponsoring other events to support the work of Lathrop and other authors who feature historic Norwich in their work.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase, and Lathrop will sign them.



The Italianate home of Sandy and Jim Quarto will be the site of the NHT Annual Meeting, including a book signing

The Annual Meeting will also include a social hour and a brief business meeting, including election of board members.

Norwich Heritage Trust members interested in joining the board should check the appropriate box on the form on the third page of this newsletter or call 892-5301 to talk with

our administrator.

There is no cost or contribution required for the Annual Meeting. The public is invited.

Board of Review for Dangerous Buildings works to save historic structures and increases Grand List

NHT President Art Lathrop continues to monitor the progress of Norwich's Board of Review for Dangerous Buildings, a committee popularly known as the Blighted Buildings Committee.

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Fence at Little Plain Green to be painted by NHT volunteers

The 90 sections of iron fencing repaired and replaced by the Norwich Department of Public Works employees will be painted by volunteers from Norwich Heritage Trust in the spring. Located at the Little Plain Green, the fence encloses the entire area.

The fence will be restored to its original color, a dark green identified by Richard Sharpe, who scraped a section of the fence down to its first layer of paint. Sharpe, who chairs the Historic District Commission, is a Norwich architect and member of Norwich Heritage Trust.

The committee seeks applicants to buy the buildings for \$1, in return for which the applicants post a \$5,000 bond and promise to renovate the structures within a period of one year.

As of January 1, 2000, the Board reported that its efforts have resulted in an increase of more than \$200,000 to the Grand List as dilapidated structures have been improved and placed back on the tax roles.

At press time, the Board was reviewing applicants to take over five additional buildings, most of them historic structures that have been abandoned.

Completed projects now include buildings located at 188 Central Avenue, 169 Mt. Pleasant Street, and 23 McKinley Avenue.

East District Schoolhouse, re-stored by NHT, gets historic preservation award from state

The six-month-long project to restore the windows and trim on the East District Schoolhouse helped the city of Norwich win a Connecticut historic preservation award.

Steve Szafran, Art Lathrop, William Champagne, Patrice Champagne, Ann Lathrop, and Leland Loose all worked on the project.

NHT member Robert Reed and WICH/WCTY donated NHT tee-shirts for workers to wear when doing special projects for Norwich Heritage Trust, such as the work on the East District School.

NHT has \$4893.35 in the checking account.

Old House Restoration program draws full house to lecture and tour of Cassidy House

"A Day of Restoration: The Care and Feeding of Your Old House," a full day program sponsored by the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation in cooperation with the Norwich Heritage Trust, drew 50 people to the Park Congregational Church Parlor in Norwich on October 30, 1999.

The program, which cost \$60 for CTHP members and \$65 for non-members, featured John Leeke, nationally recognized preservation consultant and contributing editor of the *Old House Journal*. He used the morning session to explain how to conduct a survey of an old house to determine what problems exist and what the causes could be. Then he told how to formulate a plan for the restoration and maintenance of the house.

A tour of the Dr. Patrick Cassidy House at 98 Washington St. was the high-

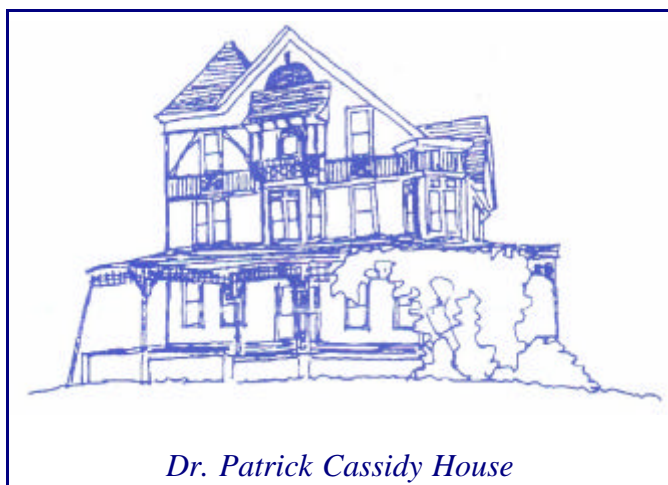
light of the afternoon session. A lavish example of Stick Style Architecture, the house was recently purchased by a private individual who has started the restoration process. Conference participants toured the first floor.

The program was financially supported by The *Old House Journal*, Middlesex Mutual Insurance Company, and The Anderson-Paffard Foundation. Norwich Heritage Trust provided the refreshments, as well as assistance with publicity, setup and cleanup.

Board members Art Lathrop, Joyce LeBaron, Ann Lathrop, and William Champagne helped with the event. Geof-

frey McLean, a Laurel Hill historic home owner who has recently joined the board, also attended.

The *Norwich Bulletin* carried a front page story with photos in the Local Section the following day.



Dr. Patrick Cassidy House

Cut this out and send it to Norwich Heritage Trust, Box 185, Norwich CT 06360 or call 892-5301

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