

# CARTHAGE HISTORIC PRESERVATION, Inc.



CHP Newsletter Issue No. 27 | A non-profit, community based membership organization focusing on historic preservation | 3rd Quarter 2022

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

It seems as though the dog days of summer arrived early this year as we are experiencing some very hot days here in southwest Missouri. The weather won't stop us though as we continue our planning for the **Annual Lobster Boil** on October 1st and the **Homes Tour and Tea** on December 3rd. Both of these fundraisers help to pay the bills at Phelps House so please mark your calendars and join us for a fun time at these events.

I want to thank our departing board members **Mark Elliff** and **Kara Hardesty** for their many years of service and dedication to CHP. Mark and Kara served as officers on the board, assisted with fundraisers and events, and provided thoughtful guidance. Although leaving the board, Kara will continue to serve on CHP committees. Thank you Kara!

Our **kitchen renovation** project at Phelps House begins this month. Fingers crossed all goes smoothly with no major surprises!

The CHP Board has been busy organizing into a committee-based board with a goal of continuing our commitment to maintaining and managing the Phelps House while looking to expand our community outreach. In that regard, CHP is partnering with **Vision Carthage** to support their goal of beautifying and revitalizing Carthage. CHP will be

sharing information on various Vision Carthage and CHP projects, and we invite you to get involved in your community. See page 3 for more information.

Another exciting project happening here in Carthage is the rehabilitation of the **Boots Court Motel** and the Boots Visitor Center. Thanks to the Boots Court Foundation, the Boots is getting fixed up and will open soon to welcome guests from all over the world. And it's confirmed: there will still be a radio in every room! CHP will continue to share updates as the Boots nears completion.

An updated version of the **Historic Homes Driving Tour** guide will soon be available. This tour is popular with many tourists as well as family and friends who visit Carthage. The guide was produced in collaboration with CHP, Vision Carthage, Visit Carthage, GRO Carthage and the City of Carthage, with funding provided by the Carthage Community Foundation and Kent D. and Mary L. Steadley Foundation.

If you haven't already done so, please support CHP by becoming a member. I know that you have many options when it comes to supporting organizations in our community. Your thoughtful generosity to CHP is greatly appreciated.

~Betsy Flanigan

## CHP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### Honorary

Pat and Carolyn Phelps

### President

Betsy Flanigan

### Vice President

Van Bennett

### Secretary

Jules Adams

### Treasurer

Ron Petersen, Jr.

Josh Anderson	Robbie Holmes
Sally Armstrong	Jim Honey
Dave Gober	Lora Phelps
Judy Goff	Steve Wagner
Karen Herzog	Alicia Withers

House Manager: Tommie Baldwin

## Schedule a tour of the Phelps House

Tours are available 9:00am-3:00pm any day except when an event is scheduled and last approximately 45-60 minutes. Take a tour and enjoy the beauty of this 1895 historic mansion.

Schedule your tour [here](#) or call 417-358-1776.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September 24, 2022	Vision Carthage Workday
October 1, 2022	Annual Lobster Boil
December 3, 2022	Homes Tour and Tea

## JOIN CHP!

Go to:

[Membership](#)

# PHELPS DESCENDANTS VISIT CARTHAGE

(BY KAREN HERZOG)



Charlotte and Hugh Hayward, Bill Putnam

Hugh Hayward, Santa Barbara, California, and his daughter Charlotte toured Carthage in May as guests of Bill Putnam, Phelps House docent and their cousin. Hugh is the great-great grandson of Colonel William Phelps and the great-grandson of William (Willie) Phelps, the Colonel's oldest son. Willie was the son of Colonel Phelps and his first wife Lois, who was killed in a runaway carriage accident in 1894 before the house was finished. While Hugh remembers his mother's stories of an idyllic childhood in Carthage with her Putnam grandmother, he knew few family stories of an earlier time. He did know that there were two houses in Carthage connected to the family, but again he knew no details about them. As he said, "My family was very tight lipped about family history." He supposes that was because of the tragic deaths of two family members of an earlier generation.

Willie and his wife Laura were both profoundly deaf. Hugh believes that they left Carthage in the 1920's for Los Angeles because of the significant deaf community there, a connection they would have made through their attendance at Gallaudet University, the famous school founded in 1864 "for the education of the deaf and the blind." Family stories from the Carthage branch of the family maintain that the couple disliked the country house given to them (a near duplicate of the house on Grand Avenue) because it was so large, they had trouble finding each other in it.

Hugh, Charlotte, and Bill also toured that country house now owned by B.J. Goodwin, who is in the middle of its restoration.

One surprise Hugh had during the tour was the portrait of his great great-grandmother Lois hanging in the Great Hall. In his words, "When I saw the portrait, the first thing I thought to myself was, 'Are there two?' I recognized it immediately. After we returned to California, I

asked my aunt, and she told me that when my grandmother (Willie and Laura's daughter and Lois' granddaughter) died, they did not know what to do with the portrait and felt it should be returned to the Phelps house. They arranged to have it shipped back to you all. And so there it was for me to see again!"



Portrait of Lois Phelps

His aunt also remembered as a child going to visit "Aunt B." While her Putnam grandmother visited with her, the children were sent to the kitchen for the cook to entertain. Aunt B. was Bridgey Phelps, the second wife of Colonel Phelps.

Hugh and Charlotte found the historic Phelps House "stunning" as they toured. Their attention was caught by the beautiful woodwork and the variety of fine woods, including cherry, oak, American walnut, and Cuban mahogany, now a protected species. The Hayward family is fifth generation purveyors of high-end furniture, now specializing exclusively in outdoor furniture. As Charlotte said, "This [family business] all makes sense now. I see the love of Colonel Phelps and his wife for these beautiful woods. It's like a family trait." Hugh was gratified and impressed by the work of Carthage Historic Preservation in maintaining the house. As he observed, "The Phelps legacy is more than the family's legacy. It's a legacy for the community, an insight into the past and a thing of beauty for all to enjoy."

# VISION CARTHAGE



**VISION CARTHAGE**

beautify & revitalize

Many of you may already be familiar with Vision Carthage and its goal to promote the beautification and revitalization of Carthage..

The beautiful flowers around the Carthage Square, the Big Dreams Grow in Carthage mural, and the Hometown Holidays celebration are just a few of the ways Vision Carthage is making a difference in Carthage.

Another way Vision Carthage is making a difference is through the **Restoration Carthage** initiative working alongside those in need for minor exterior repairs to their homes. Working with volunteers and collaborators, people can become empowered and gain the confidence to continue upkeep of their homes when they were once overwhelmed.

The next **Restoration Carthage** workday is September 24, 2022. Make a difference in the Carthage community by volunteering to help neighbors in need. For more information on how you can help call **417-674-3328**.

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to our volunteers who helped make our yard sale a great success: Karen Herzog and Jim Honey who organized the sale, Josh Anderson, Sophie Collier, Dave Gober, Judy and Pat Goff, Robbie Holmes, Delores Honey, Bill Putnam and Barbara Tucker. Your help on Friday and/or Saturday was very much appreciated.



Thank you to everyone who stopped by to shop and support CHP. Lots of "treasures" have gone to new homes!



**Dine under a tent on the lawn of the Historic Phelps House!**

## Carthage Historic Preservation presents **Annual Lobster Boil**

**Saturday, October 1, 2022**  
*rain or shine*

**Phelps House**  
1146 Grand Avenue, Carthage, Missouri  
Serving 4:30 to 8:00 pm

**Maine Lobster Alaskan Crab Legs Gulf Shrimp**  
(Argentina-style grilled flank steak available for those who don't eat seafood)

**Vinaigrette Coleslaw, Corn on Cob, Roasted Potatoes, Garlic Bread, Dessert**  
**Iced Tea & Lemonade**  
**Cash Bar**

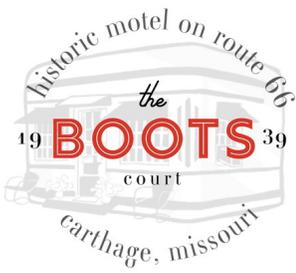
\$70 per person by ticket only  
(\$20 tax-deductible)

**TICKETS AVAILABLE SEPTEMBER 1ST**

**CALL 417-358-1776 FOR MORE INFO**



**LIVE MUSIC!**



## THE BOOTS COURT RESTORATION CONTINUES

Work on the Boots continues! Check out these updates from The Boots Court Facebook [page](#).

Why are we trying to save The Boots? I've been asked that so many times since coming on board this project. The answer is right here, all in one picture! These nice, nice folks are the reason. They have come from Spain, traveling across the US on Route 66, and The Boots is on their MUST SEE list! It's an absolute joy to us to get to show off our little gem on the Route!



The carport ceilings are going up!

The sides of the Boots Motel were recently freshened up with some fresh paint and lettering. Thank you Heather Davis for your work! Make sure to take a peek as you are driving by!



Exterior repair work and skim coating is taking place.



Comments on Facebook:

“Really happy to see the work going into the Boots restoration! It's a vital part of the Route 66 experience.”

“This is the most exciting thing to happen in Carthage in awhile!”

“I love the love you are giving the old gal! Can't wait to stay there again!”

“Sooo awesome, can't wait for it all to be done.”

For more information and to help restore the Boots, click [here](#)

# RENT THE PHELPS HOUSE



Enjoy the timeless beauty of the Phelps House at your next event. Our House Manager Tommie Baldwin is happy to work with you to plan your event.

For more information:

- [CHP website](#)
- [email](#)
- 417-358-1776

Enjoy a Victorian Tea at the Phelps House.

Delectable sweet and savory treats accompanied by Harney & Sons tea sachets.

Call 417-358-1776 or [email](#) us for more information.



Whether you choose an intimate indoor setting or take advantage of our spacious grounds to accommodate a larger group, the historic Phelps House provides a beautiful setting for your special day.

For more information and additional photos, go to [weddings](#)



# THANK YOU TO OUR 2022 SUPPORTERS

Jules Adams, Sally Armstrong, Abi & Travis Almandinger, James & Tomasita Baldwin, Richard & Pam Barlet, Van & Terri Bennett, Steve & Mary Jean Beimdiek, Carrie Campbell, Don & Lynn Campbell, Gary & Trisha Coates, Amy & Chad Cole Family Fund, Gary & Carolyn Cole, Sandra K. Dickey, Mark & Vicki Elliff, Angela Firkus & Steve Wagner, Darren, Heather & Sophie Collier, B. Doyle Conrow, Carl & Jane Crawford, Larry & Liz Deffenbaugh, Bren & Betsy Flanigan, Jeff & Nancy Dymott, Bob Foos, Jimmy & Amy Grimes, Gloria Gubser, Pat & Judy Goff, David & Connie Haffner, Carolyn Hamilton, Robert & Debbie Heath, Danny & Stephanie Hensley, Joe & Dina Hensley, Karen Herzog, AD & Teresa Henry, Terri Hill, Jim & Delores Honey, Elliott & Jana Hunter, Jim Hunter, Ambert Jewett, Georgia Kesterson, Ted & Lola Law, Ray & Lana Mathis, John, Josh & Nancy Mouton, Ron Petersen, Sr., Bill & Cindy Putnam, Jan Reid, Paula Richardson, Phyllis Riley, Jack Robbins, Tom Rogler, Andy & Debbie Smallwood, Dana Shoenhard, Neal & Sharon Smith, Whitney Stanholtzer, Gloria Taylor, Dan & Janie Trogdon, Ann Ulmer, Herb & Donna Winslow, Keith Zoromski

## WE TRULY APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!

### Membership Levels

Individual	\$35
Family	\$60
Associate	\$125
Contributing	\$200

To join, click [here](#) or mail a check to:

CHP  
P.O. Box 375  
Carthage, Mo 64836

### Member Benefits

- Free Tours of Phelps House
- Quarterly Newsletter
- Annual Members Event
- Discount on Phelps House Porcelain Ornament
- That good feeling that comes from supporting CHP preservation efforts!

**“A CONCERTED EFFORT TO PRESERVE OUR HERITAGE IS A VITAL LINK TO OUR CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL, AESTHETIC, INSPIRATIONAL, AND ECONOMIC LEGACIES - ALL OF THE THINGS THAT QUITE LITERALLY MAKE US WHO WE ARE.”**

STEVE BERRY

If you shop at Amazon (and don't we all!) please go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and select CHP as your charity to support. Amazon will donate



0.5 percent of the purchase price from your eligible purchases.

***It may not seem like a lot, but any donation, big or small, helps CHP!***



Carthage Historic Preservation, Inc.  
P.O. Box 375  
Carthage, MO 64836  
(417) 358-1776  
[info@carthagehistoricpreservation.org](mailto:info@carthagehistoricpreservation.org)

