OUR MISSION

Keep the past alive, not only for preservation, but to inspire and provoke a more creative present and sustainable future.

Salt Lake Modern Homes Tour
Over the course of the year, our organization’s statewide events and activities involved nearly 48,000 individuals and provided preservation-related insight and/or assistance to individuals from Cache to Kane Counties.

Preservation Utah continues to enjoy tremendous leadership from members of its Board of Trustees, various volunteer committees, and from its staff. At the end of 2019, J. Scott Anderson completed his term of service as chair of Preservation Utah’s Board of Trustees. We extend our thanks to Scott and acknowledge the tremendous amount of service he rendered over the past two years. We also extend our thanks to Jack Hodgkins for taking over as board chair and look forward to serving with him.

Preservation Utah’s programming continues to center on the organization’s elementary education programs, its general public education programs, and its preservation advocacy efforts which include the easement and loan programs. In terms of preservation education, our organization’s many volunteers continue to be an invaluable asset. Among these volunteers, we honored Ruth Morgan with Preservation Utah’s Volunteer of the Year Award. Preservation Utah’s volunteers led dozens of tours and were central in organizing and executing the Holladay-centered Historic and Modern Home Tours. Volunteers of various stripes further aided Preservation Utah’s efforts to save and/or document historic structures and interface with municipal leaders to review and improve local preservation ordinances.

Ultimately, what made these and other of Preservation Utah’s 2019 efforts possible was the financial support the organization’s constituency generously provided. We sincerely thank all of those who donated to the organization over the past year. It is entirely because of these donors that Preservation Utah can fulfill its mission to keep the past alive, not only for preservation, but to inspire and provoke a more creative present and sustainable future.

David Amott
Interim Executive Director
We hosted 92 events at Memorial House in 2019. 59 of these events were wedding ceremonies and/or receptions (64% of all events held at Memorial House throughout the year), 4 were discounted events for nonprofits, and 4 were free Salt Lake City-sponsored events centered around municipal business. The remainder of Memorial House’s 2019 schedule was filled by corporate parties, celebrations of life, anniversary parties, birthday parties, and religious commemorations.

2019 proved to be an important year in terms of Memorial House stewardship. Board Chair J. Scott Anderson of J. Scott Anderson Interior Designs updated Memorial House’s bride’s room, entry hall, and event hall with new carpet, furniture, lamps, mirrors, and other types of decor. We also had the garden room, kitchen, and bathroom floors steam cleaned and refurbished. An early summer windstorm destroyed many of the Memorial House patio umbrellas which led to a general refurbishment of that space. Other 2019 Memorial House improvements included adding baby changing tables in the mens’ and womens’ restrooms, establishing handicap parking spaces directly in front of the building, and upgrading all of Memorial House’s outdoor lighting.

The feedback we received from our 2019 events and for our various updates was overwhelmingly positive and helped Memorial House secure a top position in the Best of SLC Awards for Best Wedding Venue.
Al-rasool Center

For the last decade, this c. 1890 former LDS chapel in Taylorsville has served Utah’s Shia Muslims as a gathering place and worship center. Thanks to grants provided by the Chicago-based Center for Sacred Places, money to comprehensively restore this important building may soon be available. Preservation Utah worked intensely with the Al-rasool Center and with Taylorsville’s Historic Commission to prepare a grant application that, if accepted by Sacred Places, could open the door to hundreds of thousands of dollars in restoration financing.
Amanda Knight Hall

In June of 2018, Brigham Young University announced that the institution would demolish the 1939 Tudor style Amanda Knight Hall, the first women’s dorm building ever constructed by the University. After hearing this news, Preservation Utah partnered with Provo’s Historic Commission, the Utah Cultural Alliance, and with other community groups to save the building. After months of advocacy, BYU put Amanda Knight Hall on the market to see if it would sell. Thankfully, the building quickly sold to developers who now plan to restore it and return it to serve as student housing.
Utah Theater

The Utah Theater was built in the early 1920s by vaudeville impresario Alexander Pantages. When new, the theater was one of Salt Lake’s most luxurious entertainment centers. Over the course of the 20th century, however, the Utah Theater shed much of its luster as various owners architecturally and structurally “updated” the building. In August, the Salt Lake City Redevelopment Agency announced that they planned to sell the theater to developers who would demolish the building. Preservation Utah partnered with various community groups to try and save the building. These efforts, however, ultimately proved unsuccessful. The Utah Theater will likely be demolished in the summer of 2020.
Utah State Penitentiary

The impending redevelopment of the 700 acre Utah State Penitentiary site in Draper has drawn attention to this complex of buildings and their reuse potential. The penitentiary’s modernist cell blocks were developed in the early 1950s to reflect avant-garde confinement and rehabilitation theories. To save money on the construction, however, the state repurposed bits and pieces of the old Sugar House Prison, including the late 19th century Johnson Locking Bars that today only exist at this site and at Alcatraz. Together with Draper’s Historic Commission, Preservation Utah feels that these cell blocks hold tremendous potential as office buildings and/or creative centers and are working with local and state officials to promote this vision.
Other projects we’ve been working on:

Bringhurst Booster Station, Bluffdale
City County Building App Tour, Salt Lake City
Cottonwood Club / Stephen McDonald
   Neighborhood Historic District, Holladay
Dixon Middle School, Provo
Fisher Mansion and Carriage House,
   Salt Lake City
Hellenic History App Tour, Salt Lake City
Holladay Municipal Preservation Ordinance,
   Holladay
LGBTQ App Tour, Salt Lake County
Millcreek Municipal Preservation Ordinance, Millcreek
Murray First Ward and Carnegie Library, Murray
Rockville Bridge, Rockville
Sandy City Historic District, Sandy
Winder Ward / Old Meeting House, Millcreek

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PUBLIC EDUCATION

Tours for K-12 Students

568 students and chaperones visited the Salt Lake City and County Building
1,012 students and chaperones visited the Kearns (Utah Governor’s) Mansion
1,609 students participated in the KUED (now PBS Utah) Reading Marathon
5,038 students and parents learned about building from a partnership with KUED’s (now PBS Utah) STEAM Nights

Free Public Tours

1033 members of the public attended tours of the Salt Lake City and County Building
388 guests attended a tour of the Meditation Chapel and Memory Grove Park
543 guests attended the holiday tours of the Kearns (Utah Governor’s) Mansion
95 guests attended free tours of the Marmalade Historic District
147 guests attended tours of the McCune Mansion
**KUED (Now PBS Utah) Tours of South Temple**

Preservation Utah docents led tours of significant places on South Temple in a partnership with KUED and the University of Utah. With the rebroadcast of the documentary Brigham Street, interest in the history of this iconic street continues to grow. Our tour docents provide a chance for access to some of these great buildings on our walking tours.

**2019 Specialty Tours**

Preservation Utah volunteer docents and staff led tours of the Salt Lake City Cemetery for 65 guests including several stops at the burial sites of the famous and infamous of Salt Lake City’s Social scene around 1900.

Other tours include:

- Preservation Utah’s Historic Pub Crawl tour,
- Historic Main Street
- Salt Lake City’s Grainary District Tour
- Select Private residences throughout the state
Preservation Utah engaged the services of over 300 volunteers by:

Leading our guided tours
- Salt Lake City and County Building
- Kearns (Utah Governor’s) Mansion
- Marmalade Historic District
- Meditation Chapel and Memorial House
- South Temple
- KUED Partnerships
- Pub Crawl
- McCune Mansion
- Salt Lake City Cemetery

Booth at fairs and festivals including the Avenues Street Fair
Volunteering at Preservation Utah events
- Salt Lake Modern Homes Tour
- Donut Dash and Discovery Days
- Historic Homes Tour
Preventing Mailings
Attending continued education opportunities
HERITAGE AWARDS

ADAPTIVE REUSE
Aimee Sterling & Fred Moesinger for The Eagle Building, SLC

COMPATIBLE ADDITION
Ryan & Janell Kimball for 986 South 1700 East, SLC

HERITAGE BUSINESS
Ray’s Tavern, Green River
Panguitch Drug, Panguitch
Mrs. Backer’s Pastry Shop, SLC

STEWARDSHIP
Park City Museum & Glenwood Cemetery Committee for Glenwood Cemetery, Park City

STABILIZATION, RESTORATION, OR RENOVATION PROJECT
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for the Alpine Tabernacle, American Fork
Weber County Library System for the Weber County Main Library, Ogden
Mountain Classic Real Estate for The Clift Building, SLC
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for the St. George Tabernacle, St. George
Gail & Thom Williamsen for the Garfield Academy, SLC
Mountain Classic Real Estate for Park Manor Apartments, SLC
Salt Lake City Corporation for the Salt Lake City & County Building, SLC
Mountain Classic Real Estate for Madison House, Ogden
SALT LAKE MODERN HOMES TOUR

Salt Lake Modern, a Preservation Utah committee, was established in 2008 with the goal of documenting, preserving, and educating the public about Salt Lake-area mid-century modern design and architecture. In 2019, Salt Lake Modern hosted a modernist-focused homes tour in Holladay. This tour specifically featured a neighborhood originally highlighted in the 1955 Parade of Homes. Six private residences were open for public touring. The home pictured below was designed by Stephen MacDonald, one of Utah’s most important modernist architects.

2019 SALT LAKE MODERN COMMITTEE

Virginia Ulibarri, Chair  Jonathan Love
Cindy Cromer  Anne Mooney
Jack Forsey  Amanda Moore
48TH ANNUAL HISTORIC HOMES TOUR

For nearly the past five decades, Preservation Utah has hosted a historic homes tour each spring. This year’s historic homes tour spotlighted four early twentieth-century Holladay’s estates, many of which were built as summer “cottages” by the Walkers, Moyles, Judges, Kinneys and other prominent Salt Lake-area families. The home pictured below which was highlighted on this tour was built in 1922 as a summer cottage for Harvey Ross, who was then president of the Gunnison Valley Sugar Company.

SL MODERN AND HISTORIC HOMES TOUR BY THE NUMBERS

10 private residences open to the public
250+ volunteer tour docents
1000+ tour-goers
$15,000 raised for preservation
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Volunteer tour docent leading a Kearns’ Mansion Tour.
Preservation Utah experienced staff turnover in 2019. Kirk Huffaker and Alison Flanders left Preservation Utah’s employ after decades of service. Laura Madsen also left Preservation Utah after spending nearly two years with us at our Memorial House office. We thank these three colleagues for their dedicated service and wish them well in their new ventures.
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The Historic Properties Committee and Capitol Hill Construction hosted a windows workshop at the Preservation at Work Project House.