

LOCAL PRESERVATION UPDATE E-NEWSLETTER
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MAY IS PRESERVATION MONTH

Springtime is here and so is Preservation Month with lots of commissions and organizations sponsoring events. Lowell is continuing its successful program known as Doors Open Lowell, which provides a chance to experience a range of interesting buildings, many of which are not normally open to the public. <http://www.doorsopenlowell.org/> Events in Somerville include a walking tour, preservation awards ceremony, a presentation on researching your house, and a historic bike tour. www.somervillema.gov/historicpreservation. In New Bedford, an architectural trolley tour and window restoration workshop are planned. <http://www.waterfrontleague.org/> Preservation Month can be a great way to publicize the historic resources in your community. For more ideas, visit <http://www.preservationnation.org/take-action/preservation-month/>.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN 2011-2015 PUBLIC MEETINGS

During April, a public meeting on the state historic preservation plan was held at Wistariahurst Museum located in Holyoke. Plans are underway to host additional meetings on the North and South Shore. Thanks to those of you who have offered comments on what should be included in the state plan, either at the public meeting or via email.

NEW LISTINGS IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

Shelburne, Shelburne Falls Historic District boundary increase
Winthrop, Winthrop Center/Metcalf Square Historic District

NEW DEMOLITION DELAY BYLAWS

During Annual Town Meeting 2010, the town of Leverett passed an 18 month demolition delay bylaw.
