



2023 Annual Report

CoMo Preservation

Founded 2022; Incorporated 2023

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Articles of Incorporation filed April 2023

Missouri Charter: N001692505

IRS approval letter received 5/3/23

CoMo Preservation, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization, EIN: 92-3600391. Our Mission is to preserve the historic architecture of Columbia, Missouri. CoMo Preservation is dedicated to promoting the awareness, appreciation and preservation of our historic properties, neighborhoods and landscapes through education, advocacy and restoration.

CoMo Preservation's goals are to:

- Promote the importance and benefits of historic preservation;
 - Celebrate the history of Columbia's historic properties;
- Empower others to advocate for historic preservation in Columbia;
 - Provide resources to support historic property owners.

Benefits of historic preservation:

- Boosts the Economy
- Conserves the Environment
- Enriches the Community

Resources we offer include:

- Website with resources such as historic home maintenance
- Blog with information on historic buildings and ways to promote preservation in our community
- Monthly Events featuring a guest speaker on local history and historic preservation topics
- Free Walking Tours
- Network for people who are passionate about historic preservation
- Volunteer opportunities to make an impact in our community to preserve the spaces and places we love for future generations

Outreach

Facebook Followers: 500

Mailing List Subscribers: 271

Members: 58

Blog Posts: 30 (News & Updates); 50 (Historic CoMo)

Website: 14,000 visits with 9,800 unique visitors

Finances

Income: \$6226.66 (Tour Donations=\$475, Other Donations=\$4591.36, Membership Dues=\$1160)

Expenses: \$1160.03 (Due to generous in-kind donations for our first full year in operation many expenses were covered.)

Net Surplus: \$5066.33

Projected Yearly Expenses:

Expenses	Amount
Website Maintenance (Domain Name Fees with GoDaddy & Hosting with Squarespace)	\$ 341.32
Monthly Event & Annual Celebration Expenses	\$ 1,500.00
Marketing Costs (e.g. Print brochures)	\$ 200.00
Quickbooks Online	\$ 75.00
Missouri Preservation	\$ 46.44

Membership	
SHSMO Membership	\$ 100.00
BCHHC Membership	\$ 102.53
Insurance	\$ 1,200.00
Annual Report with Missouri Secretary of State Filing Fee	\$ 20.00
Accountant Fees to Prepare Form 990	\$ 750.00
Total Expenses	\$ 4,335.29

Volunteer Hours: 705+



Support our Mission by [Becoming a Member](https://www.comopreservation.org/join) at <https://www.comopreservation.org/join> and/or making a [Donation](https://www.comopreservation.org/donation-form) at <https://www.comopreservation.org/donation-form>.

Events

Walking Tours

Brick Streets Tour-Join us June 10 11am on a walking tour of Columbia, MO to explore some of the stories surrounding its founding and highlight its unique historic architecture. This approximate 2-mile, 2-hour stroll through downtown provides an engineer's perspective on bricks in CoMo: A discussion of the what, how, and why of Columbia's brick streets, brick making, and brick construction. Tour Guide: Patrick Earney

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Wells, Springs and Industry of Early Columbia-Starting at 10 a.m. on Nov. 4, join us on a 1-1/2 hour walking tour to explore historic Columbia's wells, springs and industry. Learn how busy, vibrant and smelly downtown Columbia was during the mid1800s. We will explore the former locations of Columbia's early tanneries, mills, stockyards and blacksmith shops. Your tour guide, Stephen Bybee, is a documentary photographer, an amateur historian, a novice tour guide and currently serves as the president of the City Historic Preservation Commission. some of the stories surrounding its founding and highlight its unique historic architecture.

2023 Monthly Meetings



Date: 1/31/23

Speaker: Barbra Horrell

Title/Topic: African American Heritage Trail

Resources: [Notes](#), [Map of Trail](#)



Date: 2/21/23

Speaker: Dana Bocke

Title/Topic: Evolution of American Cemeteries

Resources: [Notes](#), [Slides](#)



Date: 3/21/23

Speaker: Deb Sheals

Title/Topic: Local and National Historic Districts

Resources: [Notes](#)



Date: 4/25/23

Speaker: Nakhle Asmar

Title/Topic: Saving the Niedermeyer

Resources: [Notes](#)



Date: 5/23/23

Speaker: Dr. Clyde Ruffin

Title/Topic: History of the J.W. "Blind" Boone House

Resources: [Blind Boone Home Website](#)



Date: 6/20/23

Speaker: Matt Fetterly

Title/Topic: Columbia's Unique Architecture

Resources: [Event Announcement](#), [Notes](#)



Date: 7/25/23

Speaker: Billy Polansky

Title/Topic: The Legacy of Henry Kirklin

Resources: [Event Announcement](#), [Notes](#)



Date: 8/22/23

Speaker: Tanner Ott, Alley A Realty

Title/Topic: Bringing Historic Buildings Back

Resources: [Event Announcement](#), [Notes](#)



Date: 9/26/23

Speaker: Amanda Staley Harrison

Title/Topic: Reusing Historic Buildings

Resources: [Event Announcement](#), [Notes](#)



Date: 10/24/23

Speakers: Meg Ross & Melissa Hagen

Title/Topic: The Inside Story on Historic Homes

Resources: [Event Announcement](#), [Notes](#)



Date: 11/28/23

Speaker: Bruce Alspaugh

Title/Topic: The Hidden History of Alspaugh Park

Resources: [Event Announcement](#), [Notes](#)



Date: 12/19/23

Speaker: Dave Johnson

Title/Topic: History of the Broadway Diner

Resources: [Event Announcement](#), [Notes](#)