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# BROADCAST

## Candidates Selected for October Elections

Deb Magnuson, Linda Rowe and Mary Littig were appointed to the nominating committee at the June Broadway board meeting. Present directors Bill Rowand, Bob Braun and Colleen Simpson are at the end of their terms. Rowland and Braun are running for reelection.

Jeff McKinley will be running for the seat held by Simpson who has decided not to run for reelection.

The election will be held October 17, at 7:00pm at the Broadway Presbyterian Church. Nomination for other candidates will be accepted from the floor at the election.

## Huesing House Designated 39th Landmark

The Albert Dietrich Huesing House, 842 20th Street, Rock Island, was recently designated the city's 39th landmark by the Rock Island Preservation Commission. The structure was recognized by the commission for its association with Albert Dietrich Huesing, the 102-year-old A.D. Huesing Company and its transitional Italianate style of architecture with Eastlake influences. The house was constructed in 1855. It is currently owned by Paul and Deb Magnuson.

The 31-page nomination was prepared and submitted by the Rock Island Preservation Society. Suzanne Curry, the Landmarks Committee chair for the Rock Island Preservation Society, researched and authored the nomination.

This is the 23rd house that has been designated a Rock Island Landmark that is located in the Broadway Historic District. The Dietrich House was also a featured home on the 2002 Broadway Mother's Day Tour of Homes. The Magnusons participated in Broadway's Great Unveiling, which removed the artificial siding from the house, in 1999.

Albert and Charlotte Huesing built the home shortly after their marriage and during the time he was an alderman for the Fourth Ward. Before starting the locally famous bottling company, Mr. Huesing was a city clerk, worked in insurance and real estate and served as a steamship agent. In 1899, Mr. Huesing established a new bottling works at 822 1st Avenue. The line of drinks for the A.D. Huesing Company included lemon, cream, strawberry, birch and root beers, sparkling water, ginger ale and sarsaparilla. In 1902 the company also became the sole distributor in the Tri-Cities for Anheuser-Busch Brewing Association. In 1914, Mr. Huesing built a 2,000-ton ice plant which was the first in the Tri-Cities. His sons Albert Jr. and Arthur were the managers. The A.D. Huesing Company added the Pepsi-Cola franchise in 1935.

The front gable Italianate architectural style is rare across the country, although somewhat more common locally. This historic Huesing home is wood frame and topped with a striking hexagonal

window. The house has a unique Prairie-style wrap-around front porch that was added sometime between 1906 and 1922. The brick columns and two levels of balustrades add to the Prairie-style influence. The house is distinctive and has been carefully restored by the Magnusons. The Eclectic carriage house with a rolled roof is also very unique and beautifully maintained. Rock Island Preservation Commission member Bruce Harding said, "The Eclectic qualities of this carriage house are obvious—it is certainly a hybrid."

The Magnusons requested the landmark nomination and worked with Mrs. Curry by providing access to the house, along with photographs and other historical documentation. The Helpenstell Family, who are descendents of A.D. Huesing Company, also provided some historical background.

## Broadway Board Members—Police Volunteers

Four members of the Broadway Historic District Association are among 16 Rock Island residents who have volunteered for the Rock Island Police Department's new Senior Police Volunteer Program.

Bill Rowand, Ed Hanna, Sue Carothers, and Deb Magnuson began their training August 27th and will graduate from the program September 24.

The program plans to tap the skills and free time some residents 50 and older can donate. The volunteers will be additional eyes and ears for the police department, but will not take direct action in potentially dangerous situations. Volunteers are asked to work at least 16 hours per week.

The training includes radio and patrol procedures, ethics and cultural diversity, elder abuse, sexual harassment, first aid, reporting, dealing with evidence and driver safety.

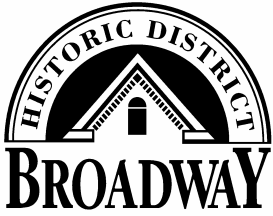
The group will wear uniforms designating them as police volunteers.

The program was started by Rock Island's new Police Chief, Terry Dove. He was involved in a similar program at his former job in Banning, Calif.

### The Broadway Board

Martha Dismar	788-0823	Deb Magnuson	786-3927
Ed Hanna	794-1712	Linda Rowe	788-8858
Sue Carothers	786-5768	Bill Rowand	788-2473
Colleen Simpson	793-0067	Bob Braun	788-1769
Kati Bushur	786-2496		

Board Meetings are usually held on the third Thursday of each month. If you wish to attend a meeting, please contact a board member for the time and date for the next meeting.



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## ***The Argus* and Rock Island Preservation Commission Honored in Chicago**

*The Rock Island Argus* and the Rock Island Preservation Commission were honored with separate statewide historic preservation awards in Chicago. The Rock Island Preservation Commission received the 2002 Local Preservation Award, sponsored by the Illinois Association of Historic Preservation Commissions, on Friday, September 13 at the historic Allerton Hotel in Chicago. The next night, *The Rock Island Argus* was the recipient of a 2002 Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Preservation Award at a black-tie dinner at the Art Institute of Chicago.

Mayor Mark Schwiebert nominated the Rock Island Preservation Commission for the Illinois Association of Historic Preservation Commission's (IAHPC) annual award. "The Rock Island Preservation Commission has done an outstanding job of preserving and promoting the history of the City of Rock Island to a wide audience," he said. "Due in large part to exemplary efforts of the Commission, our community is widely regarded as one of the most progressively preservation-minded cities in the state."

The nomination detailed activities of the commission since its inception in 1984, including: designation of 38 [now 39] Rock Island Landmarks and the Highland Park Historic District;

- completion of extensive building by building surveys of more than two-thirds of the city;
- publication of 12 walking tour brochures featuring historic areas of the city;
- promotion of the city's historic neighborhoods through various brochures, research publications, planning projects and events;
- co-sponsorship of "Chippiannock Cemetery: Epitaphs Brought to Life" for eight years;
- publication of historic preservation aids such as design guidelines and methods to research house histories; and co-

operation with state and federal agencies to assess impacts of federally-funded or licensed projects on Rock Island's historic resources.

Current Commission members Linda Anderson and Diane Oestreich represented Rock Island at the IAHPC award ceremony. Mayor Schwiebert also recognized the 49 individuals who have served the Commission since 1984. *The Rock Island Argus* is winner in the award category of "effective and accurate preservation coverage in print and broadcast media" by the Driehaus Foundation. The Rock Island Preservation Commission nominated *The Rock Island Argus* for sponsoring a series of 19 architectural history articles written by Home & Garden Editor Lisa Mohr and the ongoing "Postcards from Home" series contributed by the Rock Island Preservation Society [not to be confused with the Commission The second award-winning series, "Postcards from Home," has run nearly every week in *The Rock Island Argus* and *The Moline Dispatch* from May 13, 2001 to the present. The Rock Island Preservation Society sponsors the articles, and more than 90% of them have been written by Society member Diane Oestreich. Other authors have included Linda Anderson, Jean Dasso, Martha Dismer and Nancy Hanna.

"The 'Postcards' articles attract a wide readership with anecdotes and historical information that soon lead the reader to discover the value of preservation of historic buildings," said Ms. Keefe. Sixty-eight of these articles have been printed to date, featuring such familiar places as the Rock Island Public Library and the Rosenfield Mansion, to interesting locales like the Prince Hall Masonic Home and Sears Dam.

Ms. Mohr, Mrs. Oestreich and Ms. Anderson attended the gala in Chicago to receive the Driehaus Award. The Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois presents the Driehaus Awards each year at the Illinois Preservation Conference. The last Rock Island project to receive a Driehaus Award was the 1995 production of "Chippiannock Cemetery: Epitaphs Brought to Life."

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