This fall Heritage Ohio will celebrate 25 years from the founding of our organization in September 1989 as Downtown Ohio. We will celebrate this anniversary at the 2014 Heritage Ohio Annual Revitalization and Preservation Conference which will be hosted at the Kent State University Hotel & Conference Center, Sept. 22-24.

While the conference has been scheduled later in the year for 2014 than in previous years, the agenda holds the same variety and excitement as always. This year's conference will once again present great learning opportunities for preservationists; community revitalization volunteers, and development professionals. There will be many activities such as field sessions, educational workshops, and hands-on training, as well as the chance to network with like-minded community members. In addition, AIA and AICP credits will be offered on many of the sessions.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Patrice Frey, the newly appointed President and CEO of the National Main Street Center, has been a key player in historic preservation, community development, and sustainability for 15 years. Frey is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, where she received her master's degree in historic preservation with a concentration on real estate design and development; she has also received a bachelor's degree in politics and international relations.

Before joining the National Main Street Center, Frey found success working in community development, urban research, and environmental sustainability. Having served as the Director of Sustainability at the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Frey is well versed in building reuse, preservation standards, and public policies at the federal, state, and local levels.

EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

Heritage Ohio is accepting session proposals through January 31, 2014, but many sessions are already in place. You can anticipate learning more about: small tax credit deals; promotion ideas for downtown retailers; hands-on preservation techniques; preservation and gas partnerships; the National Register nomination process and many more. Field sessions will be available for everyone: you might want to learn more about public/private partnerships, the KSU Memorial site, or historic homes of Kent. Lively and informative educational sessions are guaranteed.

LEGACY CIRCLE RECEPTION

The 2014 Legacy Circle Reception will be held on Sept. 22. The reception, held every year at the annual conference, is meant to honor the support and generosity of our legacy circle members





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PHOTO ABOVE: Kent State Hotel and Conference Center. Heritage Ohio's 2014 conference location!



PHOTO ABOVE: Kent, Ohio: Riveredge Park.

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