Historic Elmira Presents:

Amazing Elmira Treasure Hunt

Thank you for celebrating National Preservation Month with Historic Elmira.

Below are the answers.

Congratulations to Peter Finnerty and Family.

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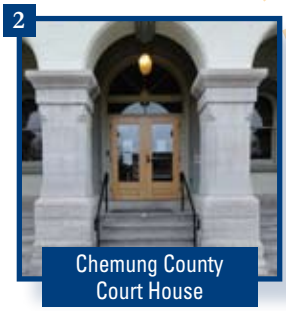
Chemung County Court House

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Chamber of Commerce (Old Steele Memorial)

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Elmira City Club

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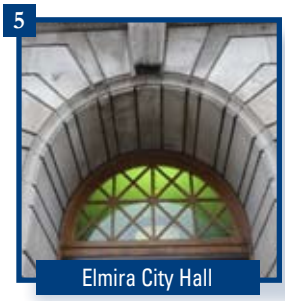
Elmira City Hall

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Lake Street Presbyterian Church

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Old YMCA

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Former Post Office

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Park Church

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Trinity Episcopal Church

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The First Baptist Church

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Mark Twain Hotel

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Brand Park Pool

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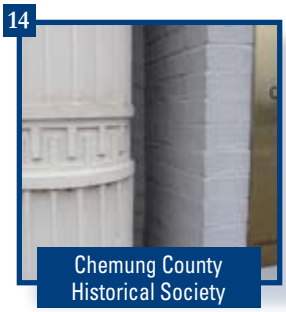
Chemung County Historical Society

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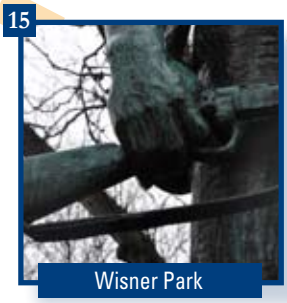
Wisner Park

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The Christmas House

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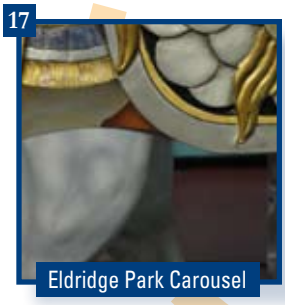
Eldridge Park Carousel

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231 West Water Street (Riverside Suites)

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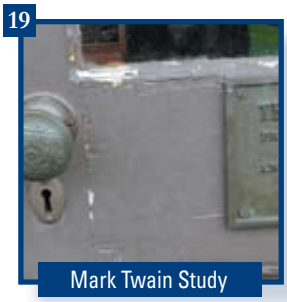
Mark Twain Study

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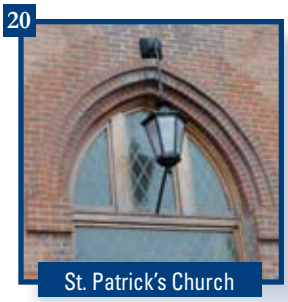
St. Patrick's Church

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How many ways can we say hooray?! To start, thanks so much to everyone who participated, tracking down the clues to their places in the City. Thanks to Elmira Downtown Development, Chemung County Department on Aging, Steele Memorial Library Downtown and Near Westside Neighborhood Association, Inc. for helping out; thanks to Henry Cesari, architect, for shooting the great photo clues; thanks to the Star-Gazette for giving the contest coverage.

Our purpose in running the contest is to bring attention to National Preservation Month (May) and to open people's eyes to Elmira's unique architectural heritage. The many entries and the many people who got all the clues right, shows that we have lots of wide-eyed and aware folks in our community.

Since we had so many winners and only one prize, a check for $150, we held a drawing to determine the final winner, Peter Finnerty. Mr. and Mrs. Finnerty took their three kids out in their car on a Saturday and spent hours tracking down clues. On Sunday, their 10 year old son spotted their one unfinished spot on the entry form, in Brand Park, while participating in the Komen Run for the Cure. Congratulations, Finnerty Family! Your story was extra special, but not unlike so many people I talked with who told me they had fun with the contest and that they had looked for clues with friends and/or family members.

Since this is our very first Amazing Elmira Contest, we've been learning throughout the process. We very much appreciate all the great suggestions for next year's contest. Our response time was at the mercy this year of our volunteer- run organization's slow learning curve (that would be me!). We're already preparing a plan for the 2012 contest that will remedy this year's bumps in the road and create even more fun.

On behalf of Historic Elmira, Inc., hooray for all of you who participated. You're super sleuths! We're glad you had a good time! Be sure to join in next year and get your friends involved, too. In the meantime, keep your eyes open and enjoy Elmira's amazing architecture all year round.

Kaye Newbury, President