

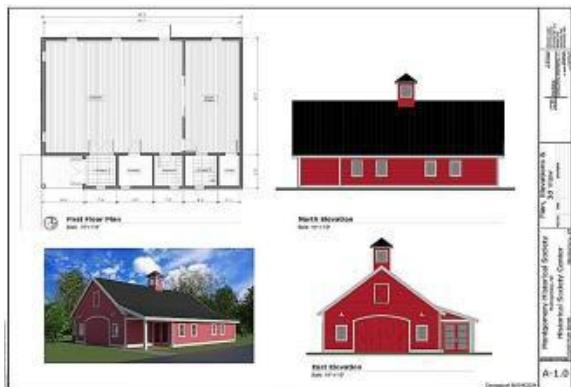


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Dear Friend of Montgomery,

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We are embarking on our most ambitious project yet – a new building to manage, safeguard, and exhibit our growing collection of Montgomery artifacts and the stories they tell; a “**Home for History**”. We will do it in phases as funds allow. To date we’ve completed the design, planning, and permitting. The next phase will involve demolition and site preparation, followed by construction to rough in and weather tight, and lastly final finishes and landscaping.



The Board decision to move forward with this project rests in large part on the sustained support of our membership and our experience with preservation and maintenance of Pratt Hall. This time it is different. Many

government grants are no longer available and the grants that are available are extremely competitive. We will have to rely almost entirely on your generosity and the support of private foundations in our effort to raise \$350,000. To start, we have a donor who will match your contributions up to \$40,000.

If you are able, we ask your help by making a cash donation to our “**Home for History**” **Capital Campaign**. Donations of time, services, and materials will also be gladly accepted and acknowledged as we hope to use as much local talent and sweat equity as possible.

If you have reached age 70 ½, you may find it advantageous to make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) to the Society from your IRA. This distribution can reduce your Adjusted Gross Income and may even put you into a lower tax bracket. A QCD must be made by the IRA custodian directly to a qualified charity, such as the Montgomery Historical Society. It cannot pass through any of your bank accounts. If you must take a Required Minimum Distribution from your IRA, the QCD can be used to meet that requirement.

Another, potentially more advantageous way to donate to MHS, is to transfer stock, mutual fund and bond securities that have appreciated in value. By transferring these securities, you may take the current market value as a deduction on your tax return and avoid paying capital gains taxes and maybe even switching to a lower tax bracket.

We advise consulting your tax or financial advisor on these matters. Please contact us if you have questions or need any financial account information.

We thank you so much for your support.

Bob Cummins, Marijke Dollois, Abby Dixson-Boles, Pat Farmer, Mary Garceau, John Kuryloski, Roger Lichti, Patty Perl, Scott Perry, Elsie Saborowski, & Sue Wilson