

Title to Palmer Opera House transferred to Friends of Architecture

CUBA—The long awaited court decision allowing Arts West Gallery to transfer title to the Palmer Opera House to the Cuba Friends of Architecture has arrived. The CFA has been notified that the structure is sound and has received new architectural drawings for the restoration of the partially collapsed roof. Mr. Dick Klein, one of the directors of CFA, is working closely with the State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to find a way to begin work this fall. Although, the bricks must be set when the weather is warm, other work can be done during the early winter months.

The Cuba Friends of Architecture feel the Opera House is important to the integrity of the historic downtown and is open for suggestions for its use. Contact Kay Lee Bradley with your ideas. At this time the CFA is considering using a portion of the building as a community / senior center and a section as an Arts, Crafts and Antique shop. There has also been interest in restoring the opera house section to accommodate a dancing school. With expected growth in Cuba, it may be possible for the organization to return the Palmer House to public ownership.

Fund raising efforts continue. Contributions to help in the restoration process may be mailed to Cuba Friends of Architecture, P0 Box 274, Cuba, NY 14727. Raffle tickets for the Chet Swier print of the Belleville Homestead may be purchased at the Cuba Library where it is on display and tickets for a "Main Street Cuba" Collage may be purchased at the Kopper Keg Restaurant. The Collage is on display at the Kopper Keg.

The Friends of Architecture meets the third Thursday at 7:00 PM in the Village Hall. All are welcome.