

## **BROWN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2002 HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS**



### **Luna Coffee Roastery and Café, 330 Main Avenue, De Pere**

The Leininger Building was constructed in 1912, and over the years has housed a harness shop, a confectionary, a jeweler, a pool hall, a restaurant, a sporting goods store, and a ceramic shop. By the time Mark Patel and Angela Luckenbill envisioned a café for the building, dropped ceilings, barn siding, and layers of flooring covered the original interior finishes. The space has been rejuvenated to expose the original wood ceiling and hardwood floor, creating a delightful space for coffee, meals, and live entertainment.



### **Meyer Theatre, 117 South Washington Street, Green Bay**

During the Roaring '20s, Fox Theaters were being built across the country, and on Valentine's Day, 1930, Green Bay's own lavishly equipped vaudeville house and movie palace opened with much fanfare. Since 1933, the renamed Bay Theater entertained generations with movies and live acts. By the 1990s, however, a conversion to a triplex cinema had covered or removed much of the ornate Spanish style plastered designs. Today, the Meyer Theatre has been meticulously restored to all its former splendor, and both locals and visiting national artists agree that the building has reclaimed its rank as one of Green Bay's architectural and cultural jewels.



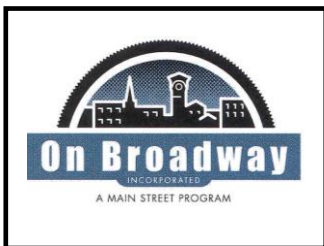
### **Witcpalek Residence, 232 North Michigan, De Pere**

This 2-1/2 story house was built 1869 in the Front Gable Vernacular style that was popular at the time. Leo and Sharon Witcpalek purchased the house in 1993, and after some research, discovered that the original house had front and rear covered porches that had since been removed. As part of an exterior remodeling, they constructed a new covered porch in the front and painted the house in a period color scheme. The house now stands as an attractive focal point in the neighborhood.



### **A's Restaurant and Music Café, 112 North Broadway, De Pere**

The design of the ornate Steckart and Falck Blocks, constructed in 1888, was influenced by the High Victorian Italianate style of architecture. In 1991, Vicki and Joe Alberts adapted the interior of the south half for their new establishment, A's Dockside. Since then, along with an expansion of the restaurant and a corresponding change in name, they have concentrated on exterior renovations, including the removal of plywood paneling to expose the existing transom light windows, the addition of flower boxes, and a richly colored paint scheme. The storefront improvements greatly enhance one of De Pere's most impressive commercial buildings.



### **On Broadway, Inc., Main Street Program, Green Bay**

Over the years, Broadway on Green Bay's near west side had developed an unsavory reputation that included sleazy bars, pawn shops, and adult bookstores. Understandably, people did not consider it a safe place to visit. In 1995, the On Broadway Main Street program was organized, and its staff set out to plan for the area's revitalization. Since then, On Broadway has orchestrated the investment of \$9 million in building restorations and public improvements. Since 1995, jobs offered by Broadway area businesses have increased 6-fold, and property taxes paid by those businesses have increased nearly 10-fold. Broadway has gone from seedy to hip, and serves as a wonderful model for the economic, social, and cultural benefits of Historic Preservation.



### **Bernie Moran, Green Bay**

Bernie developed an interest in drawing at the age of 5, and developed his talents at the Layton School of Art in Milwaukee. When it came time to choose a livelihood, however, he decided to keep his passion for drawing as a sideline but make his living in business, and in 1965 he opened Moran Quality Printing. In 1967, Bernie took a pen and ink drawing he had made of the Chicago and Northwestern Depot and placed it on a calendar as a business promotion. Each year since, a Moran calendar has included a richly detailed drawing of a local area architectural landmark. His works have uniquely captured and celebrated the importance of our old buildings to Brown County.