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## IA IN SOUTHERN INDIANA SIA'S 2014 FALL TOUR

**F**rom October 5 to 8, more than 80 SIA members gathered in Madison for the annual Fall Tour. This was the SIA's second visit to southern Indiana; the first was 20 years ago when Madison was host to the 1994 Fall Tour. While a handful of this year's attendees had been on the prior tour, most experienced the charm of this wonderfully preserved Ohio River town for the first time, captivated by its historic architecture and rich history. Almost the entire downtown of Madison, more than 1,600 buildings along a 2-mile stretch of the Ohio, was designated a National Historic Landmark in 2006. Many of the buildings date to the antebellum period (1830s to 1850s) when Madison was an important river port and transshipment point; slaughterhouses, flour and feed mills, iron foundries, saddletree factories, and many other industries thrived.

Sunday evening's opening reception was held at the **Shrewsbury-Windle House**, a magnificent Greek Revival

manse built in 1849 by local architect Francis Constigan for industrialist Charles Lewis Shrewsbury. The opulent interiors with plaster mouldings, fine woodwork, and marble mantels attest to the wealth accumulated by Shrewsbury from his slaughterhouse and flour mill. The house is owned and maintained by Historic Madison, Inc., (HMI) which since 1960 has led an impressive community-based historic preservation effort. HMI co-sponsored both the 1994 and 2014 SIA tours. HMI Executive Director John Staicer worked closely with former SIA Director Bill McNiece to organize both tours. The reception was followed by dinner at the **Broadway Tavern & Livery Stable**, established in 1834 and billed as the oldest tavern in Indiana. The banquet hall is in a former livery next to the tavern. Dinner concluded with persimmon pudding, a traditional southern Indiana dessert. Following dinner, John and Bill described the upcoming three days of tours and answered questions.

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John Staicer

Post-hole diggers on the paint line at Seymour Mfg.

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## CALENDAR

### 2015

**Apr. 15–18:** National Council on Public History Conference, Nashville, Tenn. Info: [www.ncph.org](http://www.ncph.org).

**Apr. 15–19:** Society of Architectural Historians Annual Conference, Chicago, Ill. Info: [www.sah.org](http://www.sah.org).

**May 13–16:** Early American Industries Assn. Annual Meeting, Quebec City, Que. Info: <http://eaiainfo.org>.

**May 28–31: SIA 44th ANNUAL CONFERENCE, ALBANY, N.Y.** See article in this issue. Info: [www.sia-web.org](http://www.sia-web.org).

**June 3–7:** 5th International Congress on Construction History, Chicago, Ill. Info: <http://5icch.org>.

**June 3–7:** Vernacular Architecture Forum Annual Conference, Chicago, Ill. Info: [www.vafchicago.org](http://www.vafchicago.org).

**June 4–7:** Ry. & Locomotive Historical Society Annual Meeting, Altoona, Pa. Info: [www.rlhs.org](http://www.rlhs.org).

**June 11–14:** Mining History Assn. Annual Conference, Virginia City and Comstock Lode, Nev. Info: [www.mininghistoryassociation.org](http://www.mininghistoryassociation.org).

**June 14–20:** National Ry. Historical Society Annual Convention, Rutland, Vt. Info: [www.nrhs.com](http://www.nrhs.com).

**Sept. 4–9:** Assn. for Industrial Archaeology Annual Conference, Brighton, England. Info: <http://industrial-archaeology.org>.

**Sept. 6–11:** 16th International TICCIH Congress, Lille, France. Info: [www.ticcih.org](http://www.ticcih.org).

**Oct. 8–10: SIA FALL TOUR, GREAT FALLS, MONT.** Info: [www.sia-web.org](http://www.sia-web.org).

**Oct. 8–11:** Society for History of Technology (SHOT) Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, N.M. Info: [www.historyoftechnology.org](http://www.historyoftechnology.org).

**Nov. 1–5:** Assn. for Preservation Technology International Annual Conference, Kansas City, Kan. Info: [www.apti.org](http://www.apti.org).

**Nov. 3–6:** National Preservation Conference, Washington, D.C. Sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Info: [www.preservationnation.org](http://www.preservationnation.org).

### 2016

**June 16–19:** 6th International Early Railways Conference, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England, U.K. See call for papers in this issue. Info: [www.earlyrailways.org.uk](http://www.earlyrailways.org.uk). ■