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Old Town Cape receives 2013 National Main Street Program Accreditation

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CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO. – Old Town Cape has received Accreditation from the National Trust for Historic Preservation Main Street Center and the Missouri Main Street Connection. Old Town Cape joins other Main Street revitalization programs across the country being recognized, including only 7 other Missouri programs. This is the 9th year Old Town Cape has received its National Accreditation.

The organization was evaluated on its performance in 2012 and it was determined that it met all ten performance standards and criteria required to be named an accredited Main Street program. The ten standards of performance help keep the Main Street movement strong and focused nationally.

This accreditation is an indication to the community that the program is working according to proven principles of sustainable revitalization,” said Marla Mills, Executive Director. She said it is an achievement of which all staff, volunteers and supporters involved with Old Town Cape can be proud.

Accreditation visits and assessments were provided by the Missouri Main Street coordinating program (MMSC), a partner with the Missouri Department of Economic Development, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Cory Daniel, President of Old Town Cape stated “The Board of Directors of Old Town Cape are very proud to receive this accreditation. For us, this is a reflection of the community’s support of the program and recognition of the work that has been done by many volunteers as well as the solid management, direction and vision of our Board and committees.”

Old Town Cape received its accreditation as part of the National Main Street Conference in New Orleans, LA held April 1 through 4. The conference was attended by Board member and Advisor, Dr. Steven Hoffman, Southeast Missouri State graduate student, Darrel Bell, and staff, Executive Director Marla Mills, Project Manager Nicholle Hinkle and Development & Resources Coordinator Janey Radford.

Old Town Cape is a community driven, nonprofit organization that utilizes the Four-Point Main Street Approach™ to preserve, promote, revitalize and enrich the historic, cultural, and economic landscapes of downtown Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Old Town Is Your Town!

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