

Ann Cousins

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Experience

Ann Cousins is a Field Service Representative and Special Gifts Officer for the Preservation Trust of Vermont. She has worked for the Preservation Trust since 1997 providing technical assistance, fundraising coaching, and encouragement to community development and historic preservation projects. Prior to working for the Preservation Trust of Vermont, Cousins was the Cultural Heritage Coordinator for the Lake Champlain Basin Program, where she discovered the rich history and underwater world of Lake Champlain. As a result, she and her family became avid scuba divers and today they spend as much of the summers as possible on Lake Champlain.

1997-present Preservation Trust of Vermont, Field Service Rep. and Special Gifts Officer
1990-present 36CFR61-qualified historic preservation consultant
1991-1997 Lake Champlain Basin Program, Cultural Heritage Coordinator
1990-1991 Town of Williston, Certified Local Government Coordinator
1976-1984 Downtown Business Owner of *Weathervane Art and Framing*
1976-1985 Registered Nurse

Education

1991 University of Vermont, MS Historic Preservation
1989 University of Wisconsin-Madison, BA Art History
1976 Sauk Valley College, AS Nursing
1974 Illinois State University

Philosophy and Skills

Cousins' work goal is to use her talents, knowledge, and faith to better the lives of others and steward the planet and its built environment. In historic preservation, her goal is to not simply save old buildings, but rather to celebrate the workmanship, ingenuity, artistry, and civic pride that created significant historic and beautiful new structures. Her skills include listening, facilitating, coaching, encouraging, and guiding community volunteers who are taking on an historic preservation project. Specifically, she has experience in the building trades, fundraising, event planning, project management, writing, reporting, and negotiating.