

June-July 2008 Newsletter

I didn't get around to generating a June newsletter, and since it is close to July I am combining the two.

As many of you know, June weather brought severe flooding to many parts of Iowa, my region was unaffected but thanks again to those who emailed asking if I was ok!

New angel panel 713-R (clay model)

Angel Panel 713-R

I decided to model a horizontal panel depicting an angel, created after one of several such panels I salvaged from a row of 5 tenements at 713 thru 721 East 5th Street in Manhattan around 1976. The buildings were built in 1893 by Joseph Schaffler who had a wife Emily and son Jo Jr. All of the terra cotta on the buildings had in black ink the name "Schaffler" written on the tops. My theory was Joseph kept Jo Jr out of his hair on the construction site by having him paint their name on all the pieces stacked up awaiting installation! I had never seen this done before, it was certainly not done at the factory.

Only 2 of the 5 buildings still remain.

My version of the angel panel is the same size and idea, but different, and her head is turned to the right rather than the left.



A history page with more photos can be found here;

<http://www.urbansculptures.com/store/713-R.php>

I also have the last of the series of 3 Nortown theater Art Deco panels molded, so this set is now available, and can be ordered here;

<http://urbansculptures.com/store/indexartdeco.htm>

I don't have any additional planned models in mind for the time being, but I do need to get molds done of already completed models!

I also have an additional domain name which is a little easier to relay on the phone or remember; <http://www.nyc1664.com>

That is about all of the news for this newsletter!

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