Wonderful article by Sean Kirst about the Brennan Motor Co. building and the "fresh eyes" provided by students from S.U. I can suggest some other places where the students might suggest something other than all or nothing. How about the Hotel Syracuse, the Mizpah complex or the empty Carnegie Library?

A large number of citizens living in Syracuse and CNY, for whatever reasons, appear to be uninterested in our heritage. Untouched, unexplored and unrestored are the words that come to mind when talking about sites like the Brennan Motor Co. building.

We, as a community, need to start thinking along the lines of the SU students in the story. Developing "fresh eyes" might be a easy and simple as enlisting the support of the Onondaga Historical Association in displaying their vast inventory of local history. I have written in the past that given the empty storefronts in Syracuse, pictures and/or copies of historical items etc. in the museum could be put on display in these storefront windows. This would generate an interest in our rich heritage and lead to looking at historical sites with "fresh eyes". An additional benefit would be a more pleasant walk among the city streets for visitors and citizens.

I love this city and believe it can be more attractive than any mall.

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