

Sarasota Alliance for Historic Preservation, Inc.

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President's Message

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I can't believe that it has been six months since the Alliance annual meeting in April! To say that time is getting away from us much faster than I like would be an understatement of huge proportions!



I must begin by saying how honored I was to be asked to be board president for an organization that has been near and dear to my heart for many years. This is a repeat performance for me as president, but I've been away for a while so please bear with me as I get back into the "swing" of things. Serving with me on the executive board this year are: Joan Bowers, First Vice President; Martha Horton, Second Vice President; Ginger Sutton, Secretary and Joyce Waterbury, Treasurer. Returning board members are Chris Fitzgibbons, Larry Kelleher, Aviva LaGasse, Rebecca Morgan, Beverly Scott, Cliff Smith and Wes Snyder. New

board members are D' Calvert, Helena Dean, Laura Burnside and Jill Thomas. Each newsletter will feature bios of four board members, so make sure to read those and get to know your board. Lorrie Muldowney, Don Smally and Jesse White serve as ex officio, non-voting, board members.

There are a number of special events coming up that you should be aware of. The week of November 8 – 14 we will be celebrating the contributions that Owen Burns made in the early development of Sarasota. There are many events planned throughout the week including a trolley tour hosted by the Alliance on Sunday, November 14th, and culminating in a street party also on Sunday, November 14th. Visit the official Owen Burns Celebration web site at www.owenburns.com. Saturday, November 13th is the official dedication of the Historic Wilson House in Urfer Family Park. The dedication of the Wilson House is another not to miss event. Plans for a joint Alliance-Historical Society Christmas party are shaping up for Tuesday, December 14th. We will do our traditional pot luck between the Crocker Church and the DAR building in Pioneer Park. Jesse White is again heading up the annual homes tour, which is scheduled for Sunday, March 6, 2011 in the McClellan Park neighborhood. Read about these events and more inside this newsletter!

If you're into FACEBOOK be sure to "friend" the Alliance!! We want your input, so please feel free to post your suggestions. We need to know what you as members want from this organization. Please offer up suggestions for programs that you would be interested in attending.

I wish you all the best as we work our way into our fall-winter season. Please get out and explore the historic beauty that Sarasota has to offer, and engage in conversations about historic preservation. In *Keeping Time: The History and Theory of Preservation in America* the first Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places, William Murtagh, wrote "It has been said that, at its best, preservation engages the past in a conversation with the present over a mutual concern for the future." I believe we all share a mutual concern for the future of Sarasota.

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The Sarasota Alliance of Historic Preservation cordially invites you to its Annual Holiday Party, December 14, 6 p.m.

Dinner/drinks will be served at the Sara-Desoto Chapter House in historic Pioneer Park. As usual, the meal will be pot luck, but as an added bonus, this year we will be touring the Crocker Church and Bidwell-Wood House, located next to the Chapter House. For more information, call 953-8727. JOIN US!!!



Join Us for a Trolley Tour of Owen Burns's Sarasota

DATE: November 14, 2010
TIME: 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM or 1:30 – 4:00 PM
PICKUP LOCATION: Burns Court, at Burns Lane and Pineapple Ave

DONATION: \$19.00

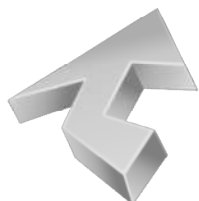
SPECIAL FEATURES: Walk-through a Burns designed home on St. Armands Key and a Herald Square apartment.

Seating is limited, so hurry and make your reservations now by contacting: Sarasota Alliance for Historic Preservation at 953-8727 or miggie9@verizon.net

The 21st **Annual Historic Homes Tour** will be held on March 6, 2011, from 11-5PM

Homes will be located in the McClellan Park Area, and addresses will be released soon.

We need YOU to make this tour a success. Please contact Volunteer Coordinator, D' Calvert, at dcalv04@hotmail.com or the Alliance at 953-8727 to volunteer your services as a docent in one of the homes.



USF Lecture Series

November 8

Mario Gooden

"2010 Untitled"

Huff+Gooden Architects (New York + Charleston)

www.huffgooden.com

Education Building, TECO Room, 1st Floor at 6 p.m.

Sponsored, in part, by: Sam Gibbons Distinguished Visiting Professor of Architecture, SACD, Fall 2011



Sarasota's Historic Wilson House Grand Opening

What used to be tucked away on the southeast corner of Ringling Boulevard and South Orange Avenue was a small unassuming house that rested in the shadow of the restored Federal Building.

When the home was purchased in 1907, it was the residence of Dr. Cullen Bryant "C.B." Wilson and his wife Fannie. At that time, the Federal Building did not yet exist among the scattered residences of South Orange Avenue.

Today, Regions Bank stands in the location of the Wilson house, after it was moved to Urfer Park at 4012 Honore Avenue, at Bee Ridge Road and Honore intersects.

On November 13, Sarasota County will host its grand opening. Be sure to visit this piece of our past.

Sarasota Loses One of our Architectural Legends



(1922-2010)

On October 24, the world lost Jack West, one of the stalwarts of the midcentury Sarasota school of modernist architecture.

He was best-known for his design of Sarasota City Hall in 1966, one of the final works of the Sarasota school period. Jack moved to Sarasota to work as a draftsman for the Ralph Twitchell-Paul Rudolph partnership, and then, started his own practice in 1951.

One of his important early works, designed when he was 31, was the Nokomis Beach Plaza for Sarasota County. It opened in 1954. In 2003, at 81, West was hired by the county to handle the restoration of the badly deteriorated beach facility, and it was reopened with a ceremony in 2008, which West attended.

In the 1970s, he designed an iconic bank building on the northwest corner of Bahia Vista Street and U.S. 41. The building, recently renovated by its owner, is occupied by Gateway Bank.

The plain-spoken West said both the bank and the beach pavilion were saved for the best of reasons -- they were still useful. He was not a champion of saving hopelessly obsolete buildings, even if he designed them.

Other West projects include Englewood Elementary School's addition and the addition to Fruitville Elementary School; it is still in use. West also designed the old Tuttle Elementary School, the bus transfer mall that has since been replaced by Whole Foods in downtown Sarasota, and Bird Key's Courtyard House, which won the Homes for Better Living Award.

Fortunately, much of Jack's work was donated to the Sarasota County History Center, and will soon be on display in the History Center Museum, located at the Historic Chidsey Library Building.

Do yourself a favor and visit this great man's work!!!

Meet your directors...

Jill Thomas: Originally from Toledo, Ohio, Jill Thomas moved to Sarasota, Florida in 1991. With a degree in Mathematics, she has worked in the areas of education and office administration. Currently, she is a full-time Realtor at Prudential Palms Realty. Jill enjoys working in the yard and restoring furniture. As a people person, her greatest joy is volunteer work in her church and in the community.

Helena Dean: Originally from Ft. Lauderdale, Helena gained an appreciation for historic homes while visiting various house museums throughout Florida and the Southeast as a child. She moved to Sarasota while attending New College and fell in love with the city's historical buildings and architectural gems. After earning her Master's degree in Art History, Helena returned to Sarasota, where she is proud to be part of the Sarasota Alliance for Historic Preservation's mission. She loves Mid-Century Modern design, road trips, art, all things vintage, and the beautiful beaches of Sarasota.

Wes Snyder was born in Chicago and lived there until he moved to Sarasota in 1981, to teach Design at Ringling College. He began working in the Interior Design field in 1960. After designing several projects at his alma mater, Northwestern University, he added Northern Illinois University and seven Hospitals to his client list. In the early 1970s Wes was one of the founders of the Chicago Landmark Preservation Council. As their Vice President, he led several All Day Bus Tours to a number of out-lying preservation sites in Illinois and Wisconsin, which led to the council becoming the Landmark Preservation Council of Illinois.

Dorothea Calvert is a recent retiree from UPS after nineteen years of service as a Major Account Manager. I have a B.A. from the University of South Florida and a M.B.A. from the University of Sarasota. I came to Sarasota first in 1976, relocated to Ft. Lauderdale to access a Montessori education for my daughter returning in 1989.

My hobbies are pottery, digital photography, gardening and restoration of a 1942 Florida 'cracker' house. My volunteer activities include The Alliance, The Education Foundation, Myakka State Park and various United Way organizations during my tenure at UPS.

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Preservation Directory

Greetings Historic Home Sellers,

In order to provide additional exposure during the Fall and Winter months to the beautiful historic homes listed on PreservationDirectory.com and HistoricForSale.com, we are once again offering a **free 6 month or 12 month historic property listing for every 6 month or 12 month listing added in the month of October 2010.**

There is no limit to the amount of properties you can add as part of this promotion (list 3, get 3 free; list 10, get 10 free; etc), as long as the listing period is at least 6 months in length (our 2 month listing does not apply for this promotion).

Also, please note that if you have only 1 (one) property to list, you may list the property for 6 or 12 months, and you will be automatically credited with a free additional 6 or 12 month listing, respectively.

Simply contact us before or after submitting your initial listing if you would like to list 1 property and get credited with an additional 6-12 months. Call or email for details.

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