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SARASOTA ALLIANCE FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION, INC.

President's Message

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable summer! I'd like to say that I'm honored to be the new president of the Alliance. It means so much to me to lead such a great organization, and I'm very excited for the future. Serving with me on the executive board are First Vice President Wilson Stiles, Second Vice President Ron McCarty, Treasurer Joyce Waterbury and Secretary Dorothea Calvert. Returning board members include Laura Burnside, Martha Horton, Larry Kelleher, Kittie Kelly, Rebecca Morgan and Ginger Sutton. Kristin Featherman, Nancy Morgan and Veronica Morgan are our new board members. Jesse White and Lorrie Muldowney serve as our ex-officio, non-voting board members.

The Alliance has been very busy this summer organizing new events for our membership, getting important programs off the ground and improving our communications.

In June we held a tour of Paul Rudolph's Taylor House in Venice. Joe King, co-author of Paul Rudolph: The Florida Houses gave a talk on Paul Rudolph and designer Wilson Stiles discussed the interiors of the home. Despite the heavy rains that day, the tour was a success, and we had a great turnout. Thanks to our friends at the Sarasota Architectural Foundation for helping to get the word out about the event!

The Taylor House tour was the first in a series of tours and lectures that are part of our new Opportunities in Historic Preservation program. The goal of the program is to raise awareness of important buildings of architectural and historical significance in our area. Right now, we're working on putting together a tour of the Thomas Reed Martin-designed home of local philanthropists Lewis and Eugenia Van Wezel. The Van Wezel tour will be on October 24, so save the date and stay tuned for more details!

Another exciting event we have coming up is at tour celebrating 100 years since the arrival of the John and Charles Ringling to Sarasota. You'll have the chance to learn all about the Ringling's history in Sarasota from Ron McCarty, curator of the Ca d'Zan, while taking a bus tour of several historically significant locations. Don't miss out on this unique tour!

The Alliance is honoring Mable Ringling's legacy as well with our Mable Ringling Memorial Fountain renovation project. We recently broke ground on the project with excavation of the fountain. You can read more about this exciting project in this newsletter.

Our next Historic Homes Tour, March 3, 2012, will feature residences in the Indian Beach Sapphire Shores neighborhood. Last year's tour was a huge success, and we're certain that this year's tour will not disappoint! We'll keep you updated as we get closer to the tour.

There's so much to look forward to, and I hope to see you at our upcoming events!

Helena

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Mable Ringling Fountain

The Mable Ringling Memorial Fountain at Luke Wood Park on the North East corner of Osprey Avenue and Mound Street is moving to the next phase. The fountain had been covered up with dirt and abandoned for over 60 years. We recently broke ground on the project with the excavation of the fountain, and we couldn't be more thrilled. The basin is in relatively good condition! Signage is up now, so the thousands of cars that pass by the fountain on Mound Street will learn about this wonderful project to renovate this forgotten piece of our local heritage. Volunteers are needed and welcome.

Please watch our progress at our web page historicsarasota.org, or on Facebook at facebook.com/mableringlingfountain.



Interested in donating money for the project?

You can donate through the Mable Ringling Fountain Facebook page or by sending a check (made payable to the Sarasota Alliance for Historic Preservation) to: **Sarasota Alliance for Historic Preservation**

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Taylor House Tour Recap

Recently, the Sarasota Alliance for Historic Preservation created a new program, "Best Opportunities in Historic Preservation," to bring attention to important buildings of architectural and historical significance in our area. The charming 1955-56 Taylor House in Venice, which exemplifies the melding of the modern with adaptations for the Florida climate, is a fine example of the seminal work of Paul Rudolph, the internationally-recognized architect and former dean of the School of Architecture at Yale University and thus, was selected as the object of our first tour.

During the tour, Joe King, co-author of Paul Rudolph: The Florida Houses, discussed the life and times of Paul Rudolph and designer Wilson Stiles discussed the original interiors of the home. Following these discussions, guests toured the home, while enjoying refreshments.

The June 20 tour of this little-known Paul Rudolph designed home was met with great enthusiasm by historians, modernists, and preservationists, alike, and their parting words included praise and appreciation for our new program.

Tours of other "Best Opportunities in Historic Preservation" will occur as they are discovered. If you are interested in attending our next tour, please click here to join our mailing list.



Tour Venice Architecture Guidebook Wins Award

The award for Preservation Education/Media Category - Outstanding Achievement was presented to the Sarasota Alliance for Historic for their help in producing the Tour Venice Architectural Guide, a self-guided driving tour to help visitors and residents learn more about how Venice was designed and discover the many historically and architecturally-significant structures in their midst. Recently, copies of the guide were presented to every library, high school, and college in Sarasota County.



Accepting the award were, from left to right, Jodi Rubin, Florida Trust for Historic Preservation; Joe King, Joseph King Architects; and Joyce Waterbury and Larry Reinebach, Sarasota Alliance for Historic Preservation.

Protect Florida's Waters and Natural Areas

Florida's Water and Land Legacy is a coalition of the state's leading conservation organizations including The Trust for Public Land, Audubon Florida, Florida Wildlife Federation, Sierra Club and many others. Together with concerned citizens, they have united to launch a major constitutional amendment campaign for the November 2014 ballot. They need your help to gather one million signatures to get an important environmental amendment on the November 2014 ballot.

This important amendment:
Ensures that our cherished beaches, rivers, lakes, springs and forests are protected for future generations.
Directs one-third of existing state revenues from "doc stamps" to fund restoration and conservation projects in Florida's most critical water protection areas and lands.
Reinforces Florida's long-standing leadership on water and land conservation. Visit floridawaterlandlegacy.org to endorse the proposed amendment and learn more.

Save the Dates

Be sure to mark your calendars for these upcoming Alliance events:

OCT 24, 2012
Van Wezel House Tour with Wm. Thorning Little, Architect

NOV 18, 2012
Charles & John Ringling Architect Bus Tour with Ron McCarty

DEC 7, 6pm - 8pm, 2012
Alliance Christmas Party

MAR 3, 2013 | 11 am - 5 pm
Historic Homes Tour (Indian Beach Sapphire Shores neighborhood)

