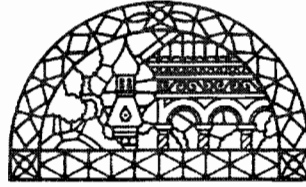


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WINTER 2004

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## PRESERVATION MYTHS

Today, even with the many studies and teachings on historic preservation, there still tends to be a great many people that have "bought in" to some misconceptions about what preservation actually is. Read on and see if you have been guilty of believing or worse yet spreading one of these myths!

*Preservation is only for buildings having to do with the rich or important historical figures.*

The truth is that the preservation of today is all inclusive. Communities are improved and revitalized by the preservation of downtowns, neighborhoods (of the rich AND the poor) and any other type of structure that helps tell the story of our community.

*Preservation costs too much.*

The fact of the matter is that it is that preservation is actually economically more practical. Not only are there demolition costs but the environmental impact of landfills for discarded construction debris must be considered. Preservation encourages the "recycling" of our resources and combats sprawl and its associated costs for new services such as roads and sewers.

The true cost of the loss of our historic resources is also the loss of our children to be able to appreciate and learn from the places that help get us to where we are now. Once a building is demolished, it cannot be put back at ANY cost. Furthermore, more and more economic studies are showing that renovation of historic buildings is actually cheaper than new construction. That fact, along with the fact that renovation is labor intensive and creates more jobs, makes rehabilitation of our historic buildings a good thing.

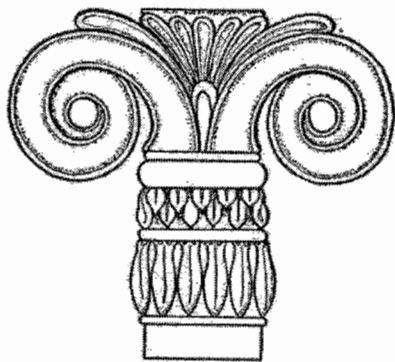
*Listing a property on the National Register means it is safe from demolition.*

Although there is a slight bit of protection for properties listed on the National Register (a project built with federal money, i.e.: a highway, has to be done in consideration for the impact on any historic resources), there is no guaranteed protection of historic properties just by virtue of being listed on the National Register.

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## NEW MEMBERS

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Arthur  
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Barbas  
Ms. Letty Best  
Mr. & Mrs. William Britain  
Mr. & Mrs. Ray Brooker  
Mr. Jason Busto  
Dr. & Mrs. Zavier Cannella  
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Cox  
Mr. Edward Gunning  
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Ms. Patricia Irwin  
Dr. & Mrs. Joel Mattison  
Ms. Patricia Mira  
Mr. Steve Pralle  
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Rousselle  
Mr. & Mrs. Jean-Pierre Russoniello  
Mr. Jeff Surrena  
Ms. Wanda Thompson  
Mr. Phil White  
Ms. Jane Hall Witt  
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Wurdeman  
Ms. Jennifer Zumarraga



## COMMEMORATIVE GIFTS

In memory of  
Martha Gibbons  
by  
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Gonzalez

In memory of  
Duane Henderson  
by  
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Gonzalez

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Even buildings listed as local landmarks or in local historic districts are not completely safe from the threat of demolition. A review hearing is held and owners may make their case for demolition during the review process.

*Listing of a building on a historic register or location in a historic district means you lose all property rights to the government.*

Whereas it is true that in a local historic district there are review boards that evaluate construction projects, the point is that changes should be made in keeping with the historic character NOT that changes cannot be made. Also, many economic impact studies are showing that property values increase at a more rapid rate in historic districts than similar properties not located in districts. This may be due to the fact that there is a comfort level for potential residents in knowing what type of development and renovation will be allowed.

*Preservation is bad for business.*

A recent study of the economic impact of historic preservation in Florida showed that preservation actually is good for business in the state. Not only does it create jobs since rehabilitation is more labor intensive than new construction. Especially in Florida, where tourism is such a major industry, studies have shown that 40% of Americans visit historic sites on their vacations and typically the heritage tourist spends nearly 40% more than the average tourist. How can this be bad for business?

*Old Buildings aren't safe.*

Rather than age, it's more a matter of quality of construction that affects this. And, just because a building is old does not mean it cannot be retrofitted with modern mechanical systems such as sprinklers. It also cannot be argued that older buildings are hazardous due to the presence of asbestos or lead paint since those materials have to be dealt with even if the building is demolished and generally there is less potential hazard if the building is preserved and the materials are not exposed to the air.

So, now that you know the truth, try to be sure you are not guilty of spreading any of this myths!

*"The choice is not merely between old and new - It is between the dignified and the distinguished, the enduring and the disposable. It is a choice between thoughtless replication of sprawl and the conscious decision to invest in civic life."*

Lakis Palycarpou  
Graduate of Columbine (Colorado) High School

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Candlelight Tour and Holiday Party was a huge success with well over 400 attending. The air was crisp, the mood was festive and the houses were decorated magnificently. The wine, food and company were delightful. We gratefully acknowledge our corporate and individual contributors to this year's event. All are listed in this newsletter. Please consider supporting them by buying their products and services. The tour would not be possible without the very generous support of these fine establishments. A very special thanks to Kathy Jacobs who, through her charm and persistence, helped us to make our Holiday Party a reality.

Speaking of persistence, Tampa Preservation, Inc. is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> year anniversary and I am please to report that we are doing great. Our membership is at its highest level, largely due to the hard work of our executive director Becky Clarke (see membership). Our vice president of education Robin Gonzalez has expanded our heritage education series with the publication of *If Our House Could Talk* to rave reviews, and our nomination committee is starting their search for committed individuals who would like to join us. If you would like more information about volunteering for a rewarding experience please contact our office.

Please mark your calendars for April 15<sup>th</sup>, the date for Tampa Preservation, Inc.'s Annual Preservation Celebration where we will acknowledge those individuals who through hard work and thoughtful stewardship continue to preserve the historic fabric of Tampa. This is always a wonderful event where we are able to thank our membership for their continued support. Keep an eye on the calendar in your newsletter for more exciting events.

Happy New Year and thanks for your continued commitment to T.P.I.

Grace Kelly

## The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Candlelight Tour Was A Wonderful Success

Well over 400 people attended T.P.I.'s 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Candlelight Tour on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> and experienced 5 of Tampa's wonderful historic homes in Bayshore Beautiful. Homeowners Tom and Karen Arthur, Stephen and Shezy Barbas, Ed Gunning, Joseph and Paula Rousselle and Jean-Pierre and Alicia Russoniello generously opened their spectacular homes to the delight of all in attendance. With the unusually cold weather for Florida and the beautiful decorations of the houses and the neighborhood, attendees were really put into the holiday spirit. Adding to the party atmosphere was the delicious food donated by the many restaurants and caterers (see list in this newsletter). Needless to say, without the support of our underwriters for this event, Bayfair Homes and Penfolds wines, this event could not have happened and resulted in the wonderful support of Tampa Preservation, Inc. Plans are already underway for the December 2004 tour. Watch your newsletter for information as it becomes available. We know you won't want to miss it!

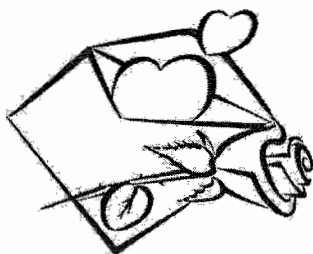


## Heritage Education Program Expands

On October 17<sup>th</sup>, Tampa Preservation held a teachers workshop at Robert E. Lee School of Technology to debut the newest project in our Heritage Education program. Created by Robin Robson Gonzalez with support from The Frank E. Duckwall Foundation and The Saunders Foundation, our latest publication If Our House Could Talk will anchor our new initiative "Saving Yesterday for Tomorrow".

Thirty teachers gathered and were given an orientation of the new product and how it can be incorporated into the curriculum for their classes. Produced to be used in Hillsborough County schools (both public and private) this book is designed to teach students to be "building watchers" and help them develop an appreciation for their community. The early reactions of not only teachers and students but the general public, seem to indicate that this is a book that will appeal to "children" of all ages.

If you are interested in obtaining a copy, books are currently for sale at Inkwood Books - 216 S. Armenia Ave., 253-2638; The Garden Party - 2832 S. MacDill Ave., 831-7176; H. B. Plant Museum Store - 401 W. Kennedy Blvd., 254-1891; Tampa Bay History Center - 225 S. Franklin St., 228-0097.



## THANKS! THANKS!! THANKS!!!

As a nonprofit organization with very small staff (1/2) but a very big mission, we could not succeed in our many efforts without the backing of our supporters. We would like to thank the following for their support of our efforts in 2003!

### 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Preservation Celebration

The University of Tampa  
The Henry B. Plant Museum

### "Saving Yesterday for Tomorrow" Heritage Education Program

The School District of Hillsborough County  
The Frank E. Duckwall Foundation  
The Saunders Foundation  
Ms. Mary Virginia Wilson  
Everything Graphic  
Rob Harris Productions, Inc.

### 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Candlelight Tour

Bayfair Custom Homes  
Penfolds Wines  
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Arthur  
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Barbas  
Mr. Edward Gunning  
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Rousselle  
Mr. & Mrs. Jean-Pierre Russoniello  
Beef O'Brady's  
Chili's

### Chris's Cookies & Gift Baskets

Ciccio and Tony  
Louis Pappas Market Café  
Lynn's Catering of Tampa  
Margaret Ann's Catering & Gourmet Cookies  
Pané Rustica Bakery and Café  
Panera Bread  
Red Lobster Restaurant  
Rita Carlino's Catering  
Starbucks on Bay to Bay  
The Brunchery Restaurant and Catering  
The Wine Exchange Bistro & Wine Bar  
Valencia Garden Restaurant  
Wright's Gourmet House  
Kash & Karry  
Peninsular Paper Co.  
Sam's Club  
Waste Management  
Charlette Hein  
ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS

### General Support

B.C. Manion, Tampa Tribune  
Elizabeth Betancourt, St. Petersburg Times

# NEIGHBORHOOD HAPPENINGS



## Mark Your Calendars Historic Home Tours

Historic Hyde Park Home Tour  
March 6, 2004  
Kate Jackson Park  
10am to 2pm.  
Julie Pellecchia 250-0900

Tampa Heights Home Tour  
March 20, 2004  
Highland Park  
12pm to 5pm  
Rochelle Gross 241-9213

Seminole Heights Home Tour  
April 4, 2004  
11:30am to 5pm  
Steve Gluckman 238-9115

## Tampa Has A Bed & Breakfast

Up until recently, visitors to Tampa did not have the option of staying in a Bed & Breakfast as they could in most other large (or even small) cities. However, all that has now changed thanks to John and Cindy Ryan. The Bayshore Ryan House Bed & Breakfast is now open and functioning in a beautifully renovated historic house in Hyde Park. Built in 1902, the house located at 203 W. Verne Street provides easy access to downtown and beautiful Bayshore Boulevard. The next time you have friends in need of a place to stay be sure to let them know of this new addition to Tampa's lodging alternatives. You can learn more about it at [www.bayshoreryanhouse.com](http://www.bayshoreryanhouse.com).

## News Flash!

Tampa Preservation was recently contacted by the History Channel regarding their new philanthropic program "Save Our History". TPI will be actively involved in coordinating a partnership with the School District of Hillsborough County to help students better understand history and historic preservation. Locally, the program will involve projects at three inner city historic schools - Lee Magnet School of Technology, Orange Grove Visual and Performing Arts Magnet Middle School, and Hillsborough High School.

The local projects will then compete with projects from nine other major metropolitan areas for prizes ranging from \$250 to \$10,000. The local winning project will send 4 students and 2 teachers to Washington, D.C. the first week in May to participate in the awards ceremony. As the lead partner in the local effort, TPI will send two representatives to Washington, D.C. as well.

TPI is honored and excited about this unexpected opportunity to further our mission and heritage education program in Hillsborough County.

If you are interested in historic cemeteries, check out [www.savinggraves.com](http://www.savinggraves.com)

# WWW

[www.flheritage.com](http://www.flheritage.com) has a link to the Florida Heritage Tourism Interactive Catalog - a great source of information on more than 800 publicly accessible historic sites throughout Florida.

[www.thisoldhouse.com](http://www.thisoldhouse.com) offers lots of information and resources for homeowners.

## Awards

## Preservation Awards

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Applications are now available for the 2004 Tampa Preservation Awards. Nominations for awards for Restoration/Rehabilitation Projects, Individual or Organizational Achievement or Educational Projects or Programs must be submitted before March 1, 2004. For a copy of the nomination form, please call our office at 248-5437.

The annual Preservation Celebration and Awards Presentation will be held on Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Music Room in Historic Plant Hall at the University of Tampa. Save the date now and plan to join us to applaud the many wonderful preservation projects and efforts taking place in our community.

## 2004 State Legislative Season Beginning Historic Preservation Day Scheduled

Once again we are approaching the Legislative Season and as usual the budget process will be of great interest to preservationists. Efforts are already underway to monitor events and voice support for the restoration of full funding to cultural activities. If you are interested in receiving legislative updates, please call the TPI office or send us a note with your email address and we will add you to the list. By doing this, you will be notified of action needed to help support the funding of preservation activities in the state.

As part of the advocacy activities, the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation will host Historic Preservation Day activities in Tallahassee on Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. A reception for all attendees and members of the Legislature will be held the evening of March 23<sup>rd</sup>, followed the next morning by a Legislative Briefing Breakfast where tips on the issues to discuss with your legislators will be provided. Registration information is available on the Florida Trust website at [www.floridatrust.org](http://www.floridatrust.org).

Listed below are the members of the Hillsborough County Legislative Delegation and their addresses. Please send them a letter stating your interest and support of funding for historic preservation and cultural programs. Your voice really does matter!

Senator Victor Crist –  
12<sup>th</sup> District  
208 Senate Office Bldg  
404 S. Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100  
850-487-5068

Senator Tom Lee –  
10<sup>th</sup> District  
400 Senate Office Bldg.  
404 S. Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100  
850-487-5072

Senator Les Miller –  
18<sup>th</sup> District  
222 Senate Office Bldg.  
404 S. Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100  
850-487-5059

Senator Jim Sebesta –  
16<sup>th</sup> District  
322 Senate Office Bldg.  
404 S. Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100  
850-487-5075

Representative Kevin Ambler –  
47<sup>th</sup> District  
214 House Office Bldg.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300  
850-488-0275

Representative Johnnie Byrd –  
62<sup>nd</sup> District  
420 The Capitol  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300  
850-488-1450

Representative Faye Culp –  
57<sup>th</sup> District  
400 House Office Bldg.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300  
850-488-2770

Representative Bill Galvano –  
68<sup>th</sup> District  
417 House Office Bldg.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300  
850-488-4086

Representative Bob Henriquez –  
58<sup>th</sup> District  
1320 The Capitol  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300  
850-488-9460

Representative Ed Homan –  
60<sup>th</sup> District  
210 House Office Bldg.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300  
850-488-3087

Representative Arthenia Joyner –  
59<sup>th</sup> District  
1401 The Capitol  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300  
850-488-5432

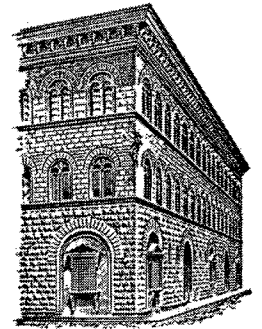
Representative Ken Littlefield –  
61<sup>st</sup> District  
212 House Office Bldg.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300  
850-488-5744

Representative Sandra Murman –  
56<sup>th</sup> District  
223 The Capitol  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300  
850-488-9910

Representative Frank Peterman –  
55<sup>th</sup> District  
1402 The Capitol  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300  
850-488-0925

Representative Ron Reagan –  
67<sup>th</sup> District  
210 House Office Bldg.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300  
850-488-6341

Representative Dennis Ross –  
63<sup>rd</sup> District  
212 The Capitol  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300  
850-488-9890



## Membership Contest!

Tampa Preservation, Inc. is celebrating a milestone - We turned 30 in September of 2003! Although over the years we have grown and advanced in our efforts to preserve the historic structures and neighborhoods of Tampa as well as educate the citizens about their unique heritage, we still have a lot to accomplish and feel there are many more people in the area interested in maintaining Tampa's historic character.

As one of our anniversary activities, the Board of Directors has authorized a Membership Drive. We will be holding a Contest among our current members to see who can recruit the most new memberships for Tampa Preservation.

Why would you want to participate you ask? As with most contests, there will be a PRIZE! For those of you that attended our Candlelight Tour in December you saw the artwork of Charlette Hein on the program. Charlette

has offered to donate a watercolor rendering of the winner's home or historic building of their choosing. What a great incentive to help you discover your friends that care about the historic heritage of our community but have not yet joined TPI.

How do you participate? A membership form is printed below. Feel free to copy it as many times as necessary but just be sure that you print YOUR name in the space labeled "referred by". That's all you have to do.

The contest will run from now until March 31<sup>st</sup> and the winner will be announced at the Preservation Celebration on April 15<sup>th</sup> at the University of Tampa. Thanks for helping us in our efforts to expand support for preservation efforts in Tampa! (Memberships are our biggest source of unrestricted revenue. We can get grants for projects but it's very difficult to obtain funding for operating expenses - including staff!)

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Yes! I want to support the efforts of Tampa Preservation, Inc. to preserve the historic structures and neighborhoods of Tampa and to educate the citizens about their unique heritage.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Referred By \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership Categories

\$25.00 Individual

\$100.00 Contributing

\$35.00 Family

\$250.00 Supporting



### Commemorative Gifts

Please remember Tampa Preservation, Inc. as an option as you seek to make gifts in honor of or in memory of a friend or loved one.

All contributions are tax deductible and will be acknowledged by letters to both the donor and the honoree.

### Want To Get Involved?

If you are interested in getting more involved with T.P.I. and serving on a committee, or perhaps you have an idea or project you feel T.P.I. should undertake please contact Becky Clarke at 248-5437.

### Sanborn Maps Online

The Sanborn Maps are available online through the Tampa Hillsborough County Public Library.

Just go to [www.thpl.org](http://www.thpl.org), click on the Information Gateway option, then look for Geography & Maps.

There you will find an option to select Digital Sanborn Maps.

### E-Mail Updates

If you are interested in receiving email updates on Preservation Issues, please contact the Tampa Preservation office at 248-5437 or email [tpitampa@aol.com](mailto:tpitampa@aol.com)

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 2  
Preservation Week Poster Contest  
Entry Deadline

February 2 5:30 PM  
Architectural Review Commission Public Hearing  
City Council Chambers

February 4 5:30 PM  
Architectural Review Commission Public Hearing  
City Council Chambers

February 17 9:00 AM  
Barrio Latino Commission Public Hearing  
City Council Chambers

March 1  
TPI Awards Deadline

March 1 5:30 PM  
Architectural Review Commission Public Hearing  
City Council Chambers

March 3 5:30 PM  
Architectural Review Commission Public Hearing  
City Council Chambers

March 9 9:00 AM  
Historic Preservation Commission Public Hearing  
City Council Chambers

March 23 & 24<sup>th</sup>  
PRESERVATION DAY IN TALLAHASSEE

March 31  
TPI MEMBERSHIP CONTEST DEADLINE

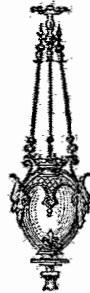
April 5 5:30 PM  
Architectural Review Commission Public Hearing  
City Council Chambers

April 7 5:30 PM  
Architectural Review Commission Public Hearing  
City Council Chambers

April 13 9:00 AM  
Historic Preservation Commission Public Hearing  
City Council Chambers

April 15 6:30 PM  
T.P.I. PRESERVATION CELEBRATION  
University of Tampa

April 20  
HISTORIC SCHOOLS DAY



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