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13th Annual Holiday Tour a Wonderful Success

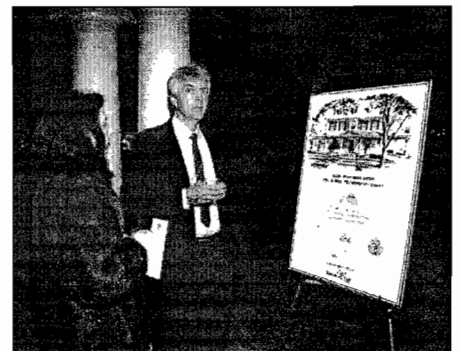
It would be hard to imagine a more perfect evening for a tour of homes than last December 4th. The weather was perfect, with temperatures cool enough to put everyone in the holiday spirit. The houses on the tour were beautifully decorated for the season and provided wonderful settings for the delicious food and holiday entertainment. Everyone had a fantastic time touring the homes and visiting with friends.

Thanks to our sponsors, homeowners, caterers and the almost 500 guests, the evening was also a wonderful success for Tampa Preservation and the support of our many projects and efforts. Plans are already underway for the 2005 tour, so mark your calendars for Saturday, December 3rd since we know you won't want to miss it!



Our gracious homeowners went all out with beautiful Christmas decorations. Here a group on the tour admire one of the displays

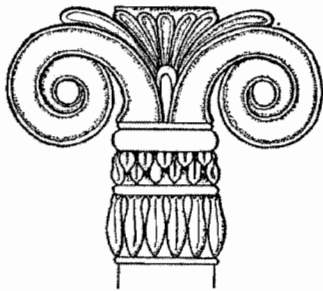
Ed Golly and Stephanie Ferrell admiring one of the easels. Ed generously donated his artwork for this event.



Catering this year was not only wonderful, but also bountiful. Here, some of our guests are enjoying one of the many food offerings.

NEW MEMBERS

Ms. Sarah Arnold
Mr. & Mrs. Clark Barlow
Mr. & Mrs. Glen Coker
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Costello
Ms. Olivia Curtis
Ms. Joyce Davidson
Ms. Gail Drumright
Mr. & Mrs. Rick Eckhard
Ms. Susan Ellis
Ms. Carolyn Franzese
Mrs. Joanne Frazier
Mr. Richard Haas
Ms. Tracy Hampton
Ms. Susan Lang
Dr. & Mrs. Carlos Lopez
Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Lykes
Ms. Michelle Monsein
Ms. Mary Jane Reeves
Mr. & Mrs. James Robbins, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Les Ryals
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Schneider
Ms Katherine Seymour
Dr. & Mrs. Martin Silbiger
Mr. J. Thomas Touchton
Dr. & Mrs. George Wilbanks



COMMEMORATIVE GIFTS

In Memory of Frances Kruse
By Nootchie & Vance Smith
Becky & Richard Clarke
Patti & David Cowart

In Memory of Ann Thompson
By Nootchie & Vance Smith
Becky & Richard Clarke
Patti & David Cowart

President's Message

Dear TPI Friends,

Happy New Year! We are tremendously excited with recent achievements and some of the many preservation opportunities ahead of us. Our membership continues to grow and we are in the process of strategic planning to develop a more involved and diverse board of directors.

This past year, through our revolving fund, we have allocated funds to "mothball" the Guida House in historic west Tampa. This suburb example of art modern was in real danger of becoming a victim of indifference and neglect. We hope through this effort we will not only save a piece of Tampa history but will encourage others to become involved, as we truly believe that our shared history needs to be saved for ourselves and for those who will follow.

In December, we hosted the 13th Annual Candlelight Tour in historic New Suburb Beautiful. The evening was crisp, all the homes were spectacular and the food and wine were abundant. Everyone had a fabulous time. All the generous support from our sponsors, donors and membership is greatly appreciated. All funds raised through our Candlelight Tour are used to insure the continued efforts to educate our citizens and preserve Tampa's heritage.

To generate an awareness of the value of saving our historic resources, we present the Annual Preservation Awards for outstanding restoration projects and leaders. Please join us on April 29 as we celebrate those individual that exemplify good stewardship and dedication to historic preservation. We are very excited about launching the next in our series of books *If Our Hotel Could Talk*. Please keep on eye on your calendar for this and more exciting events.

Fulfilling the mission of TPI is made possible thanks to the generous support of our members, sponsors and strong volunteer leadership. We appreciate your interest in TPI. If you are not a member please join today, your support is vitally important as we work in "Saving Yesterday for Tomorrow".

Grace Kelly, President

Pay Tribute To Or Memorialize Someone

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.

Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____

Donor Name _____ Address _____

This gift is in honor of / memory of / for an occasion (*circle one*)

Please send acknowledgement to:

Name _____

Address _____

Mail to: Tampa Preservation, Inc., P.O. Box 18061, Tampa, FL 33679

Goodbye To An Old Friend

Early in January, Tampa Preservation lost one of its best friends. Feisty, marvelous, redoubtable Frances Kruse died at home, leaving a remarkable legacy of imagination, drive, and courage that sustained TPI for a quarter century.

She had already been on the board for some time when she became involved in the rehab and resale of the Hutchinson House in the early eighties. Not long after that, she was elected President of TPI and steered it into the heart of early efforts to nudge Ybor City back to life.

Together with several other non-profits and the State of Florida, she helped organized the creation of the preservation corner with the six cracker houses on the Ybor City Museum block. She bargained hard for the houses to be donated and then coordinated the house moves, resulting in the bizarre sight of little houses swanning down the street to their new homes in Ybor City, and at least one of them bursting into flame shortly after its arrival. Undaunted, she and Stephanie Ferrell and Nootchie Smith



*TPI reps and Frances (2nd from left)
at the Florida Trust Conference*

and Joan Jennewein plus various Tallahassee players beavered away at that impossible project, the main purpose of which was to create the casita for the museum, plus office space for TPI and the Historic Tampa Hillsborough County Preservation Board.

TPI only used a little of the Hutchinson House money for the Ybor house moves, and the rest was put into a restricted account to eventually bring to life another of Frances' dreams ... a Revolving Fund for high risk, last resort preservation projects.

One of our first Revolving Fund projects was to figure out how to revitalize the neighborhood of Tampa Heights (where Frances' mother's childhood home still stood). To



Frances (3rd from the right) in Washington, DC.

that end, Frances the Great Networker was one of a small band who began to research how others were bringing back their oldest neighborhoods and inner cities.

Her astounding reservoir of energy combined with her doggedness made us go further, meet more people, stay up later, push harder, build a gigantic national network, and never consider giving up on any project we had started.

But at the same time, during all those years, Frances was stomping along trying to save the First National Bank, getting the Preservation Ordinance passed, writing grants, and making countless trips to City Hall. She lobbied indefatigably (at her own expense) in Tampa, Tallahassee and occasionally Washington for everything from the local Preservation Ordinance to Florida preservation grant projects, from funding for the train station or legislation to protect the preservation boards to new federal tax credits. She was one of the founding directors of the non-profit that eventually owned, fund-raised for and rehabbed Tampa Union Station, and then handed it back to the City to see it reborn as a train station.

Throughout it all, she served on all three major preservation boards (TPI, Historic Tampa/Hillsborough County Preservation Board, and Tampa Union Station Preservation and Redevelopment). In those roles, which often involved the ethically bumpy worlds of politics, construction and development - where the layers of possibilities often turn things very gray - Frances was true north. Her inner compass unfailingly pointed the way through even the muddiest issues. She never shirked a challenge or behaved with anything but the highest integrity and honesty, and never, ever lost her ladylike approach to good manners, good practice, and good grammar. We already miss her.

Sponsors:

Bayfair Properties, Inc.
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National Distributing Company

The Homeowners:

Mr. & Mrs. Rick Eckhard
Mrs. Joanne Frazier
Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Lykes
Mr. & Mrs. James Robbins, Jr.

The Caterers

Art of the Feast
Beef O'Brady's
Chili's
Chris's Cookies & Gift Baskets
Ciccio and Tony's
Louis Pappas Market Café
Lynn's Café and Catering
Panera Bread
Rattlefish Raw Bar & Grill
Rita Carlino Catering
Starbucks on Bay to Bay
The Brunchery Restaurant &
Catering
The NoHo Bistro
TooJay's Gourmet Deli
Valencia Garden Restaurant
Wright's Gourmet House

Other Supporters

Kash & Karry
List Group Developers
Mr. Ham Moshell
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Our Musicians

Laura Hampton, Pianist
John Milton, Saxophone
Katie Morris, Harpist
Victoria Scuteri, Saxophone

Our Volunteers

Matt Abdoney
Tina Agnello
June Albert
Theresa Arrighi
John Bayless
Nancy Bayless
Bob Birrenkott
Regina Birrenkott
Barbara Bodden
Mitchell Bodden
Hank Brenner

Jennifer Brenner
Ellen Cheek
Dona Clark
Glen Coker
Susan Coker
Christina Conlin
David Cowart
Patti Cowart
Sharon Cowart

Caroline Hill
Steve Hill
Carol Hurless
Laurie Hutchinson-Mona
Brunetta Kaye
Christina Keene
Steve Kelly
Lucia Kennan
Phyllis Kimball
Laura Kipphut
Debra Kraemer
Rob Kraemer
Pam LaCrosse
Kathy Leimkuehler
Carlene LeMaster
Carrie Lister
Jeannine Mace
Jean Mattison
Jean Mayer
Gordon McBride
Tracy McBride
Margaret McCormick
Paula Meckley
Scott Meckley
Monica Meythaler
Erica Montanez
Mike Montanez
Karen Pesce
Harriet Plyler
Dennis Prieur
Suzanne Prieur
Cindy Ramm
Gene Ramm
Lori Ransohoff
Dolly Robson
Rebecca Russell
Julia Scott
Michael Scott
Michelle Shimberg
Nootchie Smith
Ray Smith
Vance Smith
Lori Starkey
Ted Starkey
Rick Stolbach
Grace Sultenfuss
Ann Tedesco
Anna Thomas
Jane Thurber
Joanne Wallace
Peter Wallace
Phil Weber

*Thank
You*

It has been said that it takes
a village to raise a child.
Well, it takes almost that many
people to make the Tampa
Preservation, Inc. Holiday Tour
happen. The Board of Directors
would like to recognize and
thank these individuals and
businesses for their support
and effort for our 2004
Holiday Tour
of Homes.

Nancy Crane
Mina Delavergne
Roy Dickie
Sydney Dickie
Christie Farior
Helen Gibbons
Angela Gillisse
Frank Goldston
Laurel Goldston
Scott Goldston
Shirley Goldston
Robin Gonzalez
Thom Gonzalez
Jane Greutzmacher
Harrison Griffith
Michelle Heitlinger

A Special Thanks to
Ed Golly for program artwork

**Tampa Preservation, Inc,
University of Florida &
The Neighborhood &
Civic Associations
of Seminole Heights**

**Are proud to co-sponsor
a presentation by
Charles Birnbaum
a national leader
in cultural landscape preservation**

**Landscapes
&
Historic Preservation**

Thursday, March 10, 2005

(Free admission)

7 - 9 pm

**Seminole Garden Center
5810 Central Ave.
Old Seminole Heights, Tampa**

**Call Suzanne Prieur at 610-5255
for more information.**

Volunteer Opportunities

Do you like people and learning more or new things about Tampa? Then perhaps you would be interested in training to be a tour guide for Tampa Preservation, Inc. Please contact our office at 248-5437 to indicate your interest and we will notify you about upcoming training sessions.

With the 2005 holiday tour (be sure to save the date!) there will be many volunteer opportunities available. Your assistance on the evening of December 3RD could help make this annual event a great success for T.P.I. Volunteers are not required to serve the entire time of the tour so you would still be able to experience the evening and visit the wonderful homes on the tour. None of the job assignments are painful - greeters, room docents, etc. Please consider supporting us by helping out during TPI's biggest annual fundraiser. Call the office at 248-5437 to volunteer.

County Preservation

With our name being TAMPA Preservation, Inc. one automatically assumes that we are only concerned with issues in Tampa. This could not be further from the truth! As an organization we are very involved with people and activities in the greater Hillsborough County area.

Hillsborough County Government is very active in preservation. Although they do not have the concentration of resources that could be designated as historic districts, there are over 20 individual landmark sites throughout the county and under the guidance of Parviz Moosavi the preservation program at the county level is constantly expanding.

The Hillsborough County Historic Resources Review Board (HRRB) serves as the body that that researches and recommends historic properties to the Board of County Commissioners for local designation in unincorporated Hillsborough County. They also serve as the review board for rehabilitation, new construction and demolition proposals for properties in locally designated landmarks.

Hillsborough County is also very fortunate to have a great number of wonderful historic schools throughout the county and a School District that appreciates and cares for those resources. TPI will soon be producing a wonderful poster that salutes our historic schools and many people will be surprised at the beauty that is out there unnoticed.

So, as you travel around our county outside the city limits of Tampa, be sure to pay attention to the additional historic resources that you may not have thought of before!

(For additional information on County Landmarks or preservation programs, contact Parviz Moosavi at 276-8371.)

Saving Yesterday For Tomorrow

TPI's "Saving Yesterday for Tomorrow" heritage education second installment is almost finished. Created through a partnership between the Henry B. Plant Museum and TPI, *If Our Hotel Could Talk* will be a wonderful addition to the resources available to Hillsborough County schools in their efforts to teach their students. *If Our Hotel Could Talk* will follow in the footsteps of the award winning *If Our House Could Talk* to teach students to become "building watchers" and appreciate the history and heritage of their community. Watch your mail for the announcement of the completed publication!

Tampa Theater

One of our wonderful Tampa landmarks, The Tampa Theatre was recently recognized in USA Today on January 21, 2005 as one of the "10 Great Places to Revel in Cinematic Grandeur". What fantastic publicity for what we all know to be an outstanding movie palace!



Bungalow Author Event A Grand Success

Suzanne Prieur

People flocked to purchase books and meet the author following our November 5 presentation by Jane Powell, nationally known preservation expert and consultant, at the Friday Morning Musicale. Speaking on bungalow kitchens, Jane showed slides of bungalows all over the country, pointing out common details as well as regional differences.

Jane stressed the fact that a period kitchen in a period house is timeless, while a contemporary kitchen soon becomes dated, "Oh, look, granite countertops. How turn of the 21st century!" and will be cursed by future owners as we now curse the inappropriate choices made those who "updated" our bungalows (Think shag carpeting and flocked wallpaper) during the decades preceding our ownership.

She showed many examples of period kitchens, either original, or painstakingly recreated. These lovely rooms are in high demand in sophisticated, high-end historic areas in more cosmopolitan cities. As people are becoming more educated in historic preservation, period appropriate kitchens, are the sought after feature in multi-million dollar neighborhoods from California to New York.

Often featuring re-built vintage stoves and even refrigerators, costing tens of thousands of dollars, these kitchens enjoy collector status. The "search for the right stove" has become a topic of great interest amongst those requiring the unique, followed only by the search for an original pedestal tub for the bath. (Kohler makes a nice one, as a second choice.).

Many books were purchased after the event, the most popular being her latest release, *Bungalows: The Ultimate Arts and Crafts House* of which the San Francisco Chronicle states, "The book's photos of bungalows and their interiors across the country, shot by Linda Svendsen,



The author with TPI Members.

Paula Meckly, Becky Clark, Jane Powell, Suzanne Prieur and Grace Kelly

are almost shockingly beautiful. From middle-class Chicago neighborhoods to Southern California architectural wonders, the homes featured are all delightfully original in style and artfully decorated inside."

This event was the first of a series to be co-sponsored by TPI and the Old Seminole Heights Neighborhood Association Historic Preservation Committee.

If you missed the Bungalow Kitchens event, you can still buy Jane's books by calling me, Suzanne Prieur, at 610-5255 and I will deliver your books to you!

NEWS FLASH!

TPI Board Member Robin Gonzalez was presented the City of Tampa's Tony Pizzo Award on October 28th.

The City established the award to recognize a VOLUNTEER's contribution to the preservation of Tampa's historic resources and rich historical heritage. Robin's efforts with the local projects for the History Channel's Save Our History program were just the latest in her many activities and long dedication to Tampa's heritage that illustrate why she earned this recognition.

Congratulations Robin!

Preservation Awards

As you have traveled around our community in the past year, you have undoubtedly noticed that there have been many restoration projects underway. This is the time of year when Tampa Preservation, Inc. prepares to recognize and applaud the many wonderful efforts being made in our community to save and preserve our historic resources.

We are currently accepting applications for awards for Restoration/Rehabilitation Projects, Individual or Organization Achievement, and Educational Projects or Programs. If you or someone you know has been involved in a project that you think may be worthy of recognition, please be sure to acquire a nomination form. All nominations must be received by March 15, 2005. To receive a copy of the nomination form, please call our office at 248-5437.

Mark Your Calendars

TAMPA PRESERVATION, INC. PRESERVATION CELEBRATION

Friday, April 29th
7:00 PM

Music Room, Plant Hall
The University of Tampa

Free for TPI Members!

Web Sites of Interest

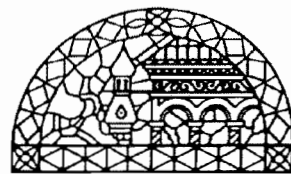
Over 50 million historical records in the National Archives can now be accessed using the internet. Whether you are interested in genealogy, the Civil War or just doing research, the availability of the documents has become much more convenient. Check out 222.archives.fob/aad/

As we once again start the legislative activities of the state and federal governments, check out www.capwiz.com/nthp2 where you can type in your zip code and find all your legislators and how they voted on various items.

Speaking of web sites, be sure to check out the improvements made to the Tampa Preservation, Inc. website at www.tampapreservation.com Our thanks go out to Garritt Raines for getting us started on an improved look to our domain!

The winning projects will be recognized at TPI's annual Preservation Celebration to be held this year on April 29, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the National Historic Landmark Tampa Bay Hotel, Plant Hall at the University of Tampa. Anyone with questions about the program or a potential nomination may call either Nootchie Smith at 286-8896 or Becky Clarke at 248-5437.

**Join Us In Preserving
Tampa's History
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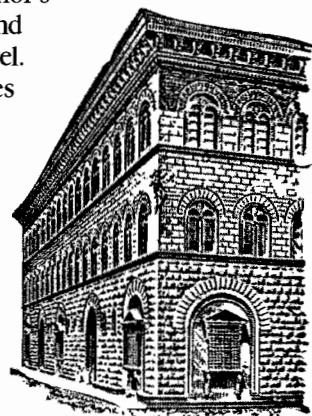
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Legislative Season Gearing Up

As usual, with the start of a new calendar year our State Government prepares for a new legislative season. Governor Bush released his proposed budget in mid January and for the first time in several years preservationists were actually very happy and encouraged by what they saw in his proposal! The Governor's recommended funding puts preservation and cultural funding back to the 2002/2003 level. There will, of course, still be lots of changes and work to be done before the final budget is signed sometime in April or May.

On of the best advocacy tools available to preservationists around Florida is the various activities hosted by the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation during their Preservation Day. This year the activities will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 4th & 5th in Tallahassee. With receptions for preservationists and legislators, advocacy training sessions and the great informational resources that the Trust provides, this occasion makes it easy and fun to let the legislature know our feelings about the importance of preserving our cultural and historical resources in the State of Florida.

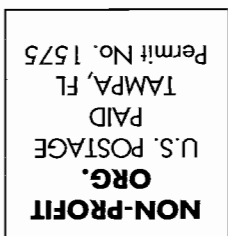
For further information on Preservation Day or just to find out how to become involved in the statewide legislative alert process, please contact the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation at (850)224-8128 or check their website at www.floridatrust.org.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



March 7, 5:30 PM	Architectural Review Commission Public Hearing
March 8, 9:00 AM	Historic Preservation Commission Public Hearing
March 9, 5:30 PM	Architectural Review Commission Public Hearing
March 10, 7:00 PM	CHARLES BIRNBAUM PRESENTATION, Seminole Heights Garden Center
March 13, 12 - 5 PM	Tampa Heights Tour of Homes
March 15, 9:00 AM	Barrio Latino Commission Public Hearing
March 19, 10 - 2	Historic Hyde Park Neighborhood Association Tour of Homes
April 2, 9 AM - 6 PM	Voces de West Tampa, West Tampa Library
April 3	Seminole Heights Tour of Homes
April 4, 5:30 PM	Architectural Review Commission Public Hearing
April 5 & 6	Preservation Days Activities in Tallahassee
April 6, 5:30 PM	Architectural Review Commission Public Hearing
April 12, 9:00 AM	Historic Preservation Commission Public Hearing
April 19, 9:00 AM	Barrio Latino Commission Public Hearing
April 29, 7:00 PM	TAMPA PRESERVATION, INC. PRESERVATION CELEBRATION



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