



Sarasota Alliance for Historic Preservation, Inc.

**November
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We are half way through the 2009—2010 year and we can report that things are going well. Our 2009 Historic Homes Tour was a spectacular success. The weather was cool and windy but the attendance was hot and sunny—almost 1,000 people enjoyed visiting the homes on display. The success was due to wonderful

planning by our Board of Directors, acting as a committee-of-the-whole, under the energetic leadership of Vice President Jesse White. The selection process was headed by Lorrie Muldowney and we ended up with four wonderful homes. The House Managers, Joyce Waterbury, Deb Bowis and Rachel McCall, Ginger Mermin, and Harvey Hoglund and Cliff Smith, all did yeoman work in organizing their volunteer docents, and working with the home owners. The Trolley hosts made the ride interesting and informative. As usual Joyce Waterbury was competent, efficient and helpful in all aspects of the tour.

Special thanks goes to Jeff LaHurd for his tour book write-ups and to Ed Lederman for the tour photography. The Model A Restorers Club and the Antique Automobile Club of America brought their cars for display at each house, which set the tone as everyone entered each house—thanks much. Chris Fitzgibbons gave us a nice cover picture for the tour book, thanks.

And, most importantly, we had a great party for all the workers and home owners after the tour—Kittie Kelley was responsible for arranging the festivities and did her usual expert hosting and managing of the affair. Scottie Holliday and Ginger Sutton secured more volunteers than we needed-- thank you.

Topping this year's tour will be a challenge but Jesse White and his committee are well on the way to another spectacular show.

We had an fine Annual Meeting on April 3 at College Hall on the New College campus. It was chaired by Harvey Hoglund who gave us a wonderful program on the restoration of the Hotel de' Talleyrand in Paris France, by Susan Tate, Professor Emeritus, University of Florida

and local practicing architect Linda Stevenson, AIA. We elected three new board members to replace retiring members Scottie Holliday and Joyce Waterbury and fill an existing vacancy. Joyce will remain active by becoming an ex-officio member of the board and Scottie will continue her good work on the Volunteer Committee. The new board members are Larry Kelleher, Aviva LaGasse and Rebecca Morgan. Here is some background on them.

Aviva LaGasse is a native of New Jersey; she arrived in Sarasota in 2001. Aviva has a BA in Anthropology from the University of Arizona, and a masters in Social Work from Arizona State. Her husband Bill grew up in Osprey and Sarasota, and they own a tile showroom featuring custom and hand-crafted tile and stone. She is a member of the Sarasota County Historical Commission and Historical Preservation Board.

Rebecca Morgan grew up in Titusville FL, and has been a Sarasota resident for 7 Years. She and her husband Dennis have 3 children and 2 grandchildren. Rebecca is the co-owner of an interior design studio and she has experience in the hospitality Industry. She was Assistant Program Director of Museum Stores of the Ringling Museum. While living in the Orlando area she was a member of many civic organizations and the Orange City Council Historical Preservation Board. She has been published in Better Homes and Gardens and was the winner of 2000 "Keep Ohio Beautiful Award"

Larry Kelleher is a native Sarasotan and a graduate of Sarasota High School, and the University of Florida with a BS in Advertising and Marketing. He spent 20 years as Food and Beverage Director at a large retirement complex, and while there became aware of older adults unique and compelling stories. He started SARASOTA HISTORY ALIVE as a digital solution to this need and with his partner Lee Gaines Larry started a weekly e-newsletter which features local history that offers residents a sense of place in their community. He will soon launch a new product called TOUR BY CELL which offers

free self-guided tours of over 60 buildings in and around downtown Sarasota thus encouraging heritage tourism.

Later in the year Beverly Scott joined the board. She is a professional with experience in purchase, sales, renovation and management of real estate. She has served on the Community Housing Corporation of Sarasota, Inc, and is very interested in historic preservation.

At the April Board meeting we elected officers for this year and appointed committee chairs to lead our many activities. As you can notice I was reelected president, Joan Bowers was elected 1st vice president, Martha Horton was reelected 2nd vice president, Kafi Benz was reelected secretary and Jesse White was elected Treasurer.

Joyce Waterbury will continue her invaluable service to the Alliance as an ex-officio member of the board and Lorrie Muldowney will also continue to importantly support our activities as an ex-officio member.

The following committee chairs were appointed: Historic Homes Tour—Jesse White. Revolving Fund—Joyce Waterbury, Annual Meeting—Harvey Hoglund, Volunteer—Ginger Sutton, Public Relations—Wes Snyder, Web Page—Chris Fitzgibbons, Holiday Membership Party—Rachel McCall and Aviva LaGasse, and representing us at the Historic Coalition—Cliff Smith, who with the help of Rebecca Morgan will work to create synergies between the various preservation groups in our midst.

As you can see we have a good group of folks to lead us this year, and we have many activities planned—some of which are featured elsewhere in this newsletter..

Don Smally

2010 Statewide Preservation Awards

Each year, the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation recognizes significant contributions to the preservation of Florida's historic resources through its Annual Statewide Preservation Awards Program. The Florida Trust invites you to participate this year by submitting nominations for outstanding historic preservation projects, programs and achievements by individuals and organizations. The Florida Trust will applaud recipient accomplishments at the prestigious Annual Preservation Awards Program to be held during the 2010 Annual Statewide Conference in Lee County. Nomination forms are available online at www.floridatrust.org in the awards section, or by calling the Florida Trust at 850-224-8128.

Florida's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places 2010

Florida's Most Endangered Historic Places program is designed to increase the public's awareness of the urgent need to save Florida's neglected or threatened historic resources. Each year, the Florida Trust highlights 11 historic sites. Nominations can include sites previously listed on the Most Endangered List, or sites that have recently come under threat. We encourage you to be creative in your nominations. Nomination forms are available online at www.floridatrust.org in the Most Endangered Section or by calling the Florida Trust at 850-224-8128.

Florida Trust for Historic Preservation 31st Annual Conference...Ginger Sutton

Florida Trust for Historic Preservations 31st annual conference was held May 13-16 at the Colony Palm Beach Hotel in Palm Beach County, Florida. The Sarasota Alliance for Historic Preservation was generous in sending me as a delegate.

The opening session was held at the Episcopal Church of Bethesda-By-The-Sea. Built in 1925, the Church is a gothic structure with beautiful stained glass windows that fill visitors with awe as the sunlight illuminates the brilliant color. Next was a tour of the famous Breakers Hotel which is one of the most magnificent examples of Henry M. Fagler's vision and an icon in the field of historic preservation across the world. While we enjoyed a delicious luncheon in the Mediterranean ballroom, President Paul Leone gave a presentation of the fabulous hotel. Managing historic sites is not rocket science. It's harder than rocket science and governing non-profits: pitfall, pains, pratfalls and perfection produced a packet of materials on "What Makes Great Boards Great." If anyone would like a copy of this, please contact me.

Strolling through history and downtown development in West Palm Beach beginning at the Centennial Fountain at the foot of Clematis and ending at the Harriett Himmel Theatre was a wonderful three hours of fresh air and information. Off to dress for the 30th Annual Presentation Awards Ceremony in the First Presbyterian Church, which is a Spanish colonial building designed by Arthur Harman, who later designed the empire State Building. Of course, we all know that the Alliance received the adaptive use-outstanding achievement award for the Nokomis Beach Pavilion. Congratulations to all of you! The awards reception was held in the same Harriett Himmel Theatre which was former the home to the First United Methodist Church built in 1926.

Next year the conference will be held in the rich historic area of Ft. Myers and Sanibel. Let's make it a goal t have ten members attend!

BOOKS • LECTURES • REFRESHMENTS

The Alliance, partnered with the Friends of the Sarasota County History Center and the Historical Society of Sarasota County, invites you to a book signing by local authors; Joe King, Jeff LaHurd, and Don Smally; and informative walk-through lectures on the exhibits at the History Center Museum.

JOE KING
PAUL RUDOLPH: THE FLORIDA HOUSES

JEFF LA HURD
HIDDEN HISTORY OF SARASOTA

DON SMALLY
SARASOTA AND ME AN ENGINEERS' LIFE (AND LOVE) STORY

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DATE: Friday, November 20
PLACE: History Center Museum at the Historic Chidsey Library Building,
701 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota 34236

TIMES: 5:30-6:00 Meet and Greet
6:00-6:30 Author Jeff LaHurd Walk-through Lecture on Sarasota's Settlement Era and Boom Years exhibits

6:30-7:00 Author and Architect Joe King Walk-through Lecture on Paul Rudolph – The Florida Houses

7:00-7:30 Archaeologist Jodi Pracht Walk-through Lecture on Rising Seas: Life in Ancient Sarasota

Alliance Calendar**2009-2010**

Nov. 17 Monthly Board Meeting

Nov. 20 Book Signing with local authors

Dec. 5 Annual Holiday Party for members and guests at DAR Building on 12th Street

Jan. 19 Monthly Board Meeting

Feb. 16 Monthly Board Meeting

March 7 20th Annual Historic Homes Tour

March 16 Monthly Board Meeting

April Annual Membership meeting.

Other Related Events

Nov. 9 –Dec 12 The Art Institute of Tampa
Modernism at Risk – Architecture Exhibit

Nov. 14 Step Back to Sarasota 100 Years Ago Historic Marker Rededication Event At the DAR Building on 12th Street

Dec. 2-9 Holidays at the Crosley, Festival of Trees At the Crosley Estate, Manatee County
11 am – 8 pm.

May 13-15 Florida Trust for Historic Preservation Annual Conference Sanibel and Ft. Myers Florida

2009 Annual Meeting

The 2009 Annual meeting on April 3, 2009 was one of the best yet. Local architect Linda Stevenson and University of Florida Professor Emeritus Susan Tate presented their recent project which documented the restoration of the Hotel de Talleyrand in Paris.

This building was made famous as the site where the Marshall Plan was signed at the end of World War II. The restoration project was done for the U.S. State Department. There were 74 attendees. Kudos to Joan Bowers and Harvey Hogle for all their work putting the meeting together.

Officers for the 2009-2010 year were elected. They are: Don Smally, President; Joan Bowers, First Vice President; Martha Horton Second Vice President; Kafi Benz, Secretary; and Jesse White, Treasurer.

Thanks were given to Joyce Waterbury for doing such an excellent job as Treasurer the past several years, and to Jesse for being Vice President.

Book Review

Sarasota and Me- An Engineer's Life (and love) Story By Don Smally

Our president, Don Smally, has written a fascinating book about the post World War II development of the Sarasota area- from an engineer's point of view. The following is condensed from an article written by Jay Brady in the Gulf Coast Business Review, dated June 12, 2009.

"When you consider that Smally was also a pilot, pugilist, warrior, inventor, actor, farmer, and philanthropist who loved the opera- truly a renaissance man- there's something in this book for just about everyone.

Though he does it in a way unlike anyone but a numbers-guy civil engineer could do, Smally also shows a softer side exemplified by his 'Love Affair with Sarasota.'

Don Smally is the founding principal of Smally, Wellford and Nalven, Inc. Consulting Engineers and Land Surveyors (later known as SWN). They opened their doors in 1956 and were finally purchased by Wilson Miller in 1991.

Smally, sharp as ever at 86, takes the reader through his beginnings growing up in Cleveland and Cincinnati, through World War II, his arrival on Lido Beach in 1950 (and on to today). Along the way, he modestly explains how he developed his expansive engineering and construction skills.

The book includes numerous, rare historic black and white photos, and describes how SWN designed Sarasota Island Park, surveyed the bulkhead line around Sarasota Bay and planned much of the infrastructure for the future growth and environmental protection of the region.

Smally uses 2,500 project listings as his outline for the engineering achievements, which he describes in ways non-engineers can appreciate. Just the same engineers, planners and history buffs will find it especially hard to put down.

A former mechanical engineer turned civil engineer, Smally, along with his partners Marion Wellford and Bob Nalven were instrumental in developing storm water design standards used throughout Florida. They pursued engineering and financing solutions to some of the region's biggest development challenges: central water and wastewater utilities, storm water management, and the first developments of regional impact, starting with The Meadows and including Palmer Ranch.

Just as intriguing are the many non-engineering contributions made by Smally and his wife, Jan, a medal-winning master swimmer at 85."

The book is published by Sarasota's Spotlight Graphics. Proceeds will benefit the Sarasota Alliance for Historic Preservation. Please come meet the author at a book signing on November 20 at the Chidsey Library.

The Sarasota Alliance for Historic Preservation Books for Sale

The Alliance has many books for sale that are written by local authors who focus on our heritage and interesting history.

Please choose from the following selection; and call 941-953-8727, or email, SarasotaAlliance@gmail.com, for purchasing details.

BOOKS FOR SALE

AUTHOR: JEFF LAHURD

Sarasota in Vintage Images \$16.00

Quintessential Sarasota 16.00

Lido Beach 10.00

Gulfcoast Chronicles 18.00

Sarasota: A History Through the 20s 20.00

Hidden History of Sarasota 16.00

AUTHOR: DON SMALLY

Sarasota and Me – An Engineer's
Life (and Love) Story 20.00

AUTHOR: KARL BICKEL

Mangrove Coast 10.00



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Dear Alliance Member:

We have a few of our upcoming events listed in this newsletter, and we know that you'll want to be a part of each and every one of them.

If you haven't already mailed in your dues payment, please take this opportunity to drop your membership check in the mail today! If you've already paid your dues, we thank you!

Note: If you are receiving printed copies of your newsletter, and you have an email address, please forward the email address to Kim Noyes at SarasotaAlliance@gmail.com and you'll then receive all of your newsletters and special event notices at top speed!

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Annual Dues 2009/2010

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Alliance Announces its 20th Historic Homes Tour

Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 7, 2010 and plan to volunteer, promote, and/or attend our 20th Annual Historic Homes Tour. This year the tour will feature homes in the Sapphire Shores neighborhood, near the Ringling Museum of Art. We already have some homes lined up. If you are interested in participating – either as a homeowner, volunteer, trolley speaker, or planning committee member, please call the Alliance office at 941.953.8727, or Chairman Jesse White, 362-0803, jesse@rmg.us. If interested in being a volunteer, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator Ginger Sutton at gsutton@comcast.net.

We are currently seeking sponsorships for the Tour. All sponsors will be recognized on the Alliance website and in the Tour Book that is given out to all participants. See sponsorship information in newsletter. The deadline for requesting sponsorship is December 31, 2009.

We're very excited about this, our 20th Historic Homes Tour. We have a great committee that is working hard to make this a very special day. Many thanks to our committee: Don Smally, Joyce Waterbury, Joan Bowers, Larry Kelleher, Kittie Kelley, Lorrie Muldowney, Martha Horton, Jesse White, and Ginger Sutton.

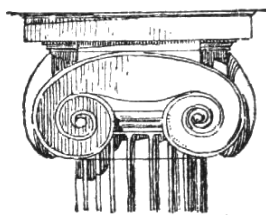
Sarasota Alliance for Historic Preservation
2010 Historic Homes Tour
 11 am to 5 pm on Sunday March 7, 2010
 in the beautiful Indian Beach/Sapphire Shores neighborhood

Sponsorship Opportunities



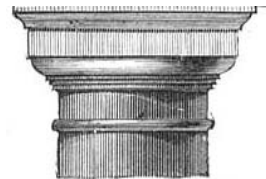
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 Recognition on Website



Lally - \$100

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 Business Card (1/10 Page) Advertisement in Tour Book
 Recognition on Website
 Recognition in Newsletter for one issue

Camera Ready Art and full payment is due by

January 20, 2010

Sponsorships will be discounted by 20% if artwork and payment is received by December 1, 2009 or 10% if artwork and payment is received by January 1, 2009.

Please contact us with your interest ASAP – Space is limited

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GROUNDBREAKING NEWS FROM THE UMBRELLA HOUSE

Museum Planners and Designers Vincent and Julie Ciulla (www.ciulldesign.com) announce the beginning of the reconstruction of the long lost Umbrella. The house was designed in 1953 by now famous American architect

Paul Rudolph. The large trellis shade structure that stood above both the house and the pool quickly became known as "The Umbrella" and the house became internationally recognized and known as The

Umbrella House. The Umbrella was lost to poor maintenance and storms during the early 1970s. Until now, it has lived only in the minds of those who loved and remember it, and in the few surviving photographs.

Photo: Steinmetz Collection



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