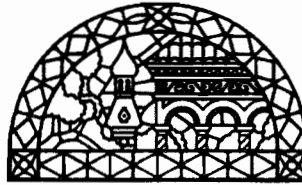


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AWARDS AND MORE AWARDS

What an amazing spring for Tampa Preservation, Inc.! The merry month of May brought lots of recognition to the heritage education programs of our organization.

On May 15th the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation presented TPI with an award for our new publication *If Our House Could Talk*. The book and accompanying video and curriculum guide were highly praised by the awards jury. "This should be the model for all programs in the State" said awards Chairman, Ellen Uggucioni. Education Vice-President (and author of the book) Robin Gonzalez and Executive Director Becky Clarke were thrilled to be present



at the Trust's Annual Conference in Delray Beach to accept the award.

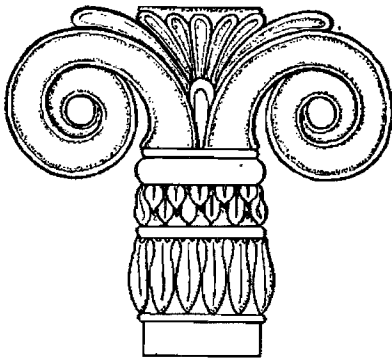
A second award came on May 18th in conjunction with the Save Our History initiative of the History Channel (see article about the project kick-off elsewhere in this newsletter). Tampa (represented by Tampa Preservation, Inc. and representatives from the City of Tampa, Bank of America and Brighthouse Network) was awarded the Bank of America Community Award. The award was given to the one community that best integrated the efforts of local government officials and agencies, school districts



and preservation organizations to support the Save Our History program - TAMPA. Tampa Preservation, Inc. will receive \$10,000 to further support our heritage education initiatives.

NEW MEMBERS

Ms. Sabra Carl
Ms. Raphael Clarke &
Mr. Charles O'Kelley
Ms. Caryn McDermott
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Mr. Rodney Kite-Powell
Mr. Owen LaFave
Ms. Pamela Carpenter
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Cedola



COMMEMORATIVE GIFTS

In memory of
Dr. Joel Mattison
by
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Clarke, Jr

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear TPI Friends,

In May I was privileged to attend the Save our History National Awards Ceremony in Washington, D.C. The History Channel hosted this event where students and communities from around the country were honored for local history preservation projects.

While in Washington, our itinerary included an evening riverboat cruise of the Potomac, viewing the beautifully lit Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument and the Capitol Building. We were treated to a behind-the-scenes tour of the Smithsonian Museum, my personal favorite part of the trip, and a very moving visit to the newly dedicated WWII Memorial on the Washington Mall.

This three-day event culminated in the National Awards dinner at the National Postal Museum. Along with the other representatives from Tampa, which included Del Acosta and Charlette Hein, City of Tampa; Andrea White, Brighthouse Networks; Mamie Buzzetti and Shirley Acord, Robert E. Lee Elementary; Nadia Jones and Shaunice Hobbs, students from Robert E. Lee Elementary; Susan Farmer and Ray Padgett, Orange Grove Middle School; and David Christian, Bank of America, we were thrilled to be there with the U.S. Secretary of Education, the Honorable Rod Paige; the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, the Honorable Ann M. Veneman; and the U.S. Secretary of the Interior, the Honorable Gail Norton. There Tampa Preservation, Inc, the City of Tampa, the School District of Hillsborough County and Brighthouse Networks received the Bank of America Community Award.

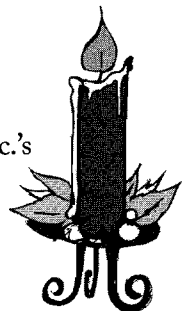
Because of the exemplary efforts of our own Robin Gonzalez, Vice President of Education, Tampa was chosen as the community that best integrated the efforts of local government agencies, school districts, preservation organizations and local cable operators in becoming actively involved in preserving their community's past through learning and innovative, hands-on projects. This award demonstrates Tampa's outstanding commitment to history education and preservation. TPI was the recipient of a \$10,000 cash prize which will be used to continue our heritage education efforts.

On a more personal note, I was so proud to be part this event and to have Tampa nationally recognized as a leader in preservation and preservation education. I would like to thank all our preservation partners and hope we will continue to build on the special relationships we formed as we work together in "Saving Yesterday for Tomorrow"

Grace Kelly, President

Save the Date

Plans are already underway for Tampa Preservation, Inc.'s thirteenth annual Candlelight Tour and Party. We know you won't want to miss this wonderful evening of historic homes and good food, so make sure you mark Saturday, December 4th on your calendar!



Interested In Helping TPI In Additional Ways?

As much as we love having your support through membership, there are many other needs that a non-profit organization experiences. TPI has a great reputation for being very good at keeping our expenses down (our accountant applauds us every year!). However, there are many items that we feel could definitely benefit not only TPI but the preservation efforts in Tampa as a whole by allowing us to expand our programs and services. Please review the following list and if you have any way of helping us with any of these goals (either a cash donation or an in-kind donation), please call our office at 248-5437.

WEB SITE DESIGN AND EXPANSION. If you have checked our website lately, you surely have noticed that it needs a great deal of updating and expansion.

LAPTOP COMPUTER AND LCD PROJECTOR. With technology changes and advancements, the old ways of doing presentations, lectures and displays has changed. TPI is finding it more and more necessary to be able to have the mobility and flexibility that a laptop computer and associated equipment would provide.

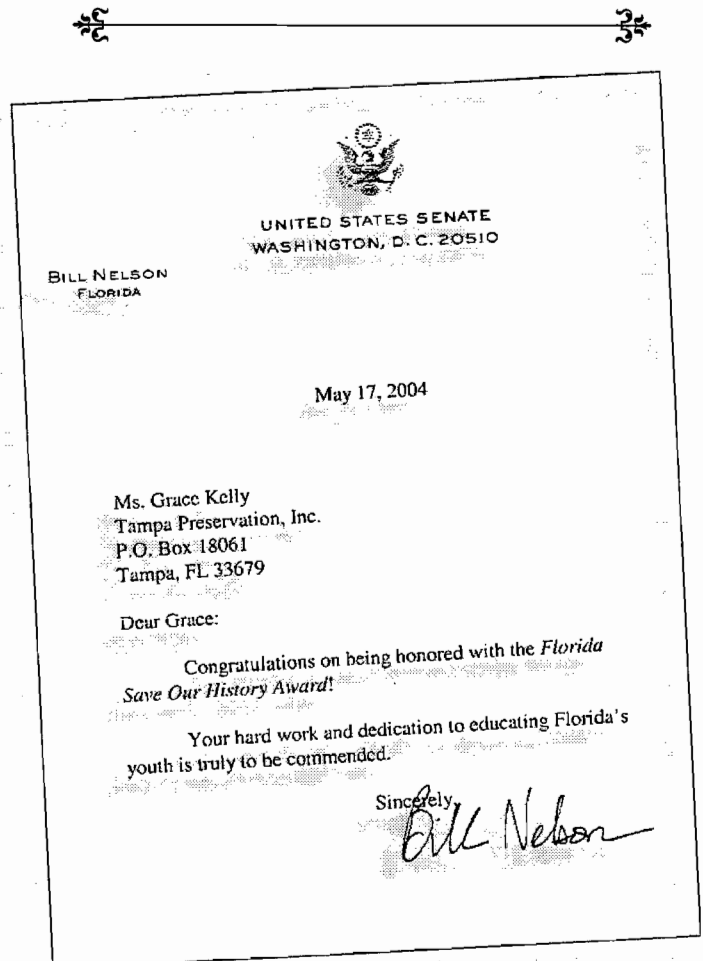
FAX MACHINE AND HIGH SPEED INTERNET SERVICE. In many ways, TPI is operating in the dark ages. Our fax machine is a dinosaur and we are limited at the moment to dial up internet connection (slow, inefficient, and limits access by phone while on the computer). Our productivity could be greatly enhanced by improved systems.

EVENT SPONSORS. The variety of events and programs that TPI holds throughout the year are well attended by our membership and the general public and serve as our primary fundraisers. To grow the organization and expand these events to better fulfill our mission, additional sponsors and underwriters for these events are necessary - Preservation Celebration and Awards Ceremony, Annual Holiday Tour and Party, Heritage Education Workshops.

*We wanted to share this note of congratulations
from Senator Bill Nelson.*

PUBLICATION UNDERWRITING. Hopefully by now you have seen our most recent publication *If Our House Could Talk*. This award winning book has been a wonderful addition to our heritage education program and plans are now underway for the next installment of the series. TPI will be partnering with the H.B. Plant Museum to produce a new book entitled *If Our Hotel Could Talk*. The creative juices are already flowing on this project and now we are in the midst of raising the funds for the actual creation. Underwriters are definitely needed to make this dream a reality for both TPI and the H.B. Plant Museum.

NEWSLETTER. The *Cornerstone* serves as one of our best tools for educating our membership and spreading preservation news. In order to expand the size and distribution of our newsletter additional resources for its publication are required. This could take the form of either a sponsor or advertisers. If you have a business or service that you would be interested in advertising, please call our office.



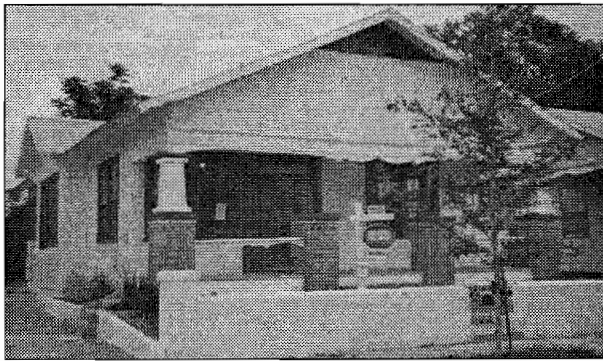
Preservation Celebration

Tampa Preservation, Inc. held its 21st Annual Preservation Celebration on Thursday, April 15th in the Music Room at historic Plant Hall at the University of Tampa. Awards were presented in the categories of Restoration/Rehabilitation of residential and commercial buildings and in Organizational Achievement.

The big winner of the evening was the I-4 Historic Preservation Project with 10 residential and 5 commercial structures being recognized for their relocation and rehabilitation as part of the I-4 widening project. The Federal Highway Administration, Florida Department of Transportation and The City of Tampa were recognized for their partnership and Organizational Achievement for the project also.



I-4 Historic Preservation Project - Columbus Avenue

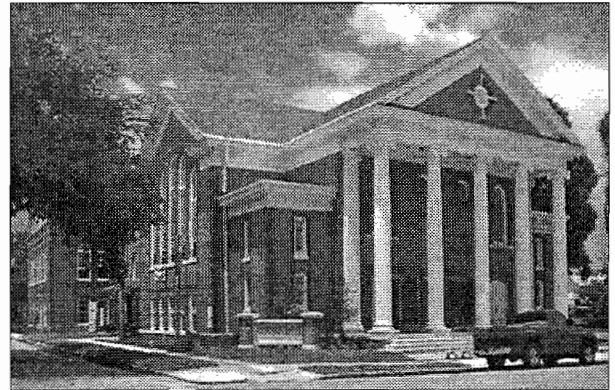


2210 3rd Avenue

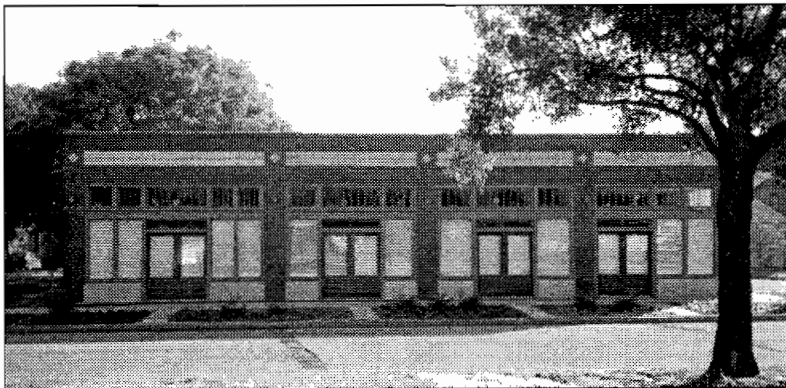
Other awards presented included:

- ~ a residential banner to Mr. Dan O'Connell for his restoration of 2210 3rd Avenue
- ~ a commercial banner to Hillsborough Community College and Fleischman-Garcia Architects for the restoration of 2001 N. 15th Street
- ~ a commercial banner to The Tampa Theatre for the reconstruction of the historic blade sign and marquee
- ~ a commercial banner to Ms. Rochelle Gross and the Roal Group for their restoration of 401-407 Oak Avenue
- ~ a commercial banner to Atelier Architects, Tampa Neighborhood Development Corporation and Versaggi Family Trust for the rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of The Sanctuary project.

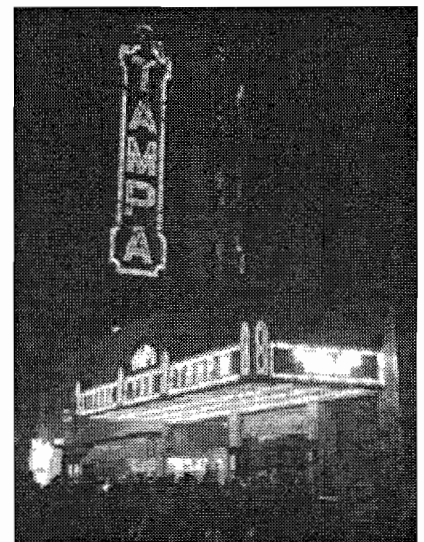
Guests and award winners gave an enthusiastic welcome to students from Lee Elementary, Orange Grove Middle School and Hillsborough High School as they presented an overview of their involvement and projects in the History Channel's Save Our History initiative. The excitement expresses among the young people for history and historic preservation was evident to all.



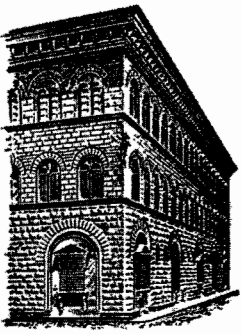
The Sanctuary Project



401-407 Oak Avenue



The Tampa Theater



PRESERVATION LEGISLATION

2004 Legislative Season Better for Preservation Efforts

Thanks to all the hard work of preservationists around the state, the Florida Legislature and the Governor approved a budget for the 2004-2005 year that included slightly over \$10,000,000 for preservation Special Category Grants. Although not as much as was needed (it never really is!), this level of funding was a definite improvement over the 2003-2004 year when preservation and museum funding was drastically reduced.

TPI would like to applaud our members that helped in the efforts by contacting their legislators by phone calls, emails and even personal visits. Those contacts definitely made an impression on our elected leaders.

Plans are already being put in place for advocacy efforts for the 2005-2006 year, so keep an eye out in the Cornerstone for issues and how you can get involved. If you would like to receive email updates on issues and preservation news, send your name and email address to us at tpitampa@aol.com.

News Flash!

Preservationists cheered as Secretary of State Glenda Hood announced that Fred Gaske was appointed Director of the Division of Historical Resources and State Historic Preservation Officer. During the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation Annual Conference in Delray Beach in May, preservationists from around the state gave a standing ovation as they heard the news. Mr. Gaske has been a wonderful asset in the Division for many years and this recent appointment is well deserved. We look forward to the preservation advancements that no doubt will develop under Mr. Gaske's leadership.

WWW

Want to keep up with legislative issues? Check out www.capwiz.com/nthp2. This is the Legislative Action Center of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. You can even find out the names of your congressmen and state officials by typing in your zip code. Once you know who they are you can find out how they voted on Historic Preservation issues!!

The National Park Service has a new website that illustrates concepts of National Historic Districts and local landmarking. Check out www2.cr.nps.gov/workingonthepast/www.thisoldhouse.com offers lots of information and resources for homeowners.

Save Our History Project Kick-Off

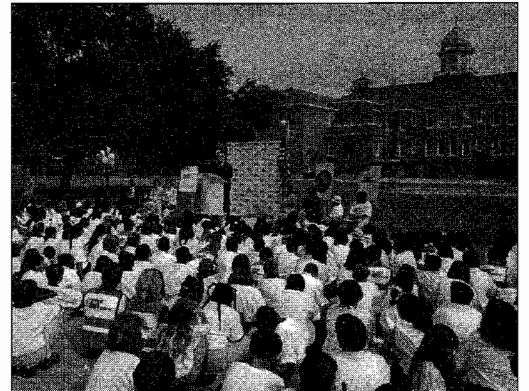
Tampa was pleased to be selected as the initial kick-off city for the History Channel's new initiative Save Our History. A total of 10 US cities were selected to participate. Along with Tampa - Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Los Angeles, New York City, Philadelphia, St. Louis and Washington, DC are all involved and competing for Local awards.

The top project from each city will then fly to Washington, DC in May for the National Awards Event to vie for the grand prizes.

On Wednesday, April 21st, Robert E. Lee Elementary School became the site of a major press conference to announce the program and showcase the local projects. Students, teachers and guests were honored to hear from Dr. Libby O'Connell, historian-in-

residence for the History Channel, the driving force behind the Save Our History Project. Also in attendance to applaud the local efforts were Dr. Earl Lennard, Superintendent of the Hillsborough County Schools; Mayor Pam Iorio; and Mr. David Christian from Bank of America, one of the major sponsors of the initiative.

As the local preservation organization coordinating all of the ongoing efforts, Tampa Preservation, Inc. was thrilled to be involved with such a major effort to broaden the awareness of historic preservation and to further the interest of the areas students in their local history and built environment.



Dr. Lennard addressing students at Lee Elementary



Dr. Lennard, Mayor Iorio and Dr. O'Connell discuss projects with students at Lee Elementary

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please note the change in location for ARC, BLC and HPC Meetings in July and August.
No Meeting of the Preservation Commission or the Preservation Roundtable in July

July 12 5:30 PM
Architectural Review Commission Public Hearing,
Convention Center

July 14 5:30 PM
Architectural Review Commission Public Hearing,
Convention Center

July 20 9:00 AM
Barrio Latino Commission Public Hearing,
Convention Center

August 2 5:30 PM
Architectural Review Commission Public
Hearing, Convention Center

August 4 5:30 PM
Architectural Review Commission Public
Hearing, Convention Center

August 10 9:00 AM
Historic Preservation Commission Public
Hearing, Convention Center

August 17 9:00 AM
Barrio Latino Commission Public Hearing,
Convention Center

September 13 5:30 PM
Architectural Review Commission Public Hearing,
City Council Chambers

September 15 5:30 PM
Architectural Review Commission Public Hearing,
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