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**Florida Trust for Historic Preservation Announces 2018 Florida
Preservation Awards at the Florida Preservation Conference**

Jacksonville, May 19, 2018 – The Florida Trust for Historic Preservation announces its 2018 Florida Preservation Awards during the 40th annual Preservation Conference, *Stories, Structures and Soul*.

Nominations were made by the public with award recipients selected by a six-member jury. Preservationists and projects from around the state were awarded in nine categories: Individual Distinguished Service, Restoration/Rehabilitation, Adaptive Use, Infill Design, Green Buildings, Archaeology, Historic Landscape, Preservation Education/Media, and Organizational Achievement. Additionally, the Board of Trustees granted its two major awards—The Roy E. Graham Award and the Evelyn Fortune Bartlett Award. This year the Florida Trust was honored to host the Secretary of State Historic Preservation Awards as well.

The complete list of awards winners and a brief description of each follows.

EVELYN FORTUNE BARTLETT AWARD

Ms. Marion Almy
Sarasota



Marion Almy has dedicated her professional life to the documentation, assessment, and preservation of both prehistoric and historic resources. A native of Sarasota, Marion is founding principal and President of Archaeological Consultants, Inc., (ACI) a cultural resources management firm. ACI holds the distinction of working as part of the mitigation team to document the decommissioning of NASA's space shuttle program, specifically Cape Canaveral Air Force Station and associated launch complexes. Furthermore, as Principal Investigator for her firm, Marion has worked extensively with state and federal agencies to conduct surveys and excavations for



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compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and undertakings that require compliance with Chapter 267 of the Florida Statutes.

In addition to private sector work, Marion is experienced in facilitating the coordination of historic preservation issues and Florida's growth management legislation through her tenure on local and regional planning boards and historical commissions. She also regularly engages with the public by attending community workshops and events. At present time, Marion continues to chair the Florida Historical Commission and serve on the Florida National Register Review Board. As an archaeologist with an acute sense of architectural history, she is uniquely positioned to be an effective advocate for all cultural resources of Florida.

ROY E. GRAHAM AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN HISTORIC PRESERVATION

EDUCATION

Mr. Morris Hylton III
Gainesville



Morris (Marty) Hylton III is a tenacious advocate and educator in the field of historic preservation. He displays leadership through example, directing the Historic Preservation Program at the University of Florida, establishing the Preservation Institute in St. Augustine, and operating the Preservation in Nantucket program, the nation's oldest, continually operating field school for historic preservation.

Hylton ensures the longevity of historic sites through documentation, protection and education. His "Envision Heritage" program at UF, part of the Center for World Heritage Research and Stewardship, employs digital technologies to interpret resources with laser-scanning, drones and virtual reality. He works with cities from the Gulf Coast to the Atlantic to address the challenges of sea-level rise in coastal communities and focuses on education to ensure that a new generation has the practical skills—and the spirit—to innovate and expand historic preservation efforts throughout the state, across the country and globally.

INDIVIDUAL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Mr. Joel McEachin
Jacksonville



For decades Joel McEachin has served both the City of Jacksonville and the local preservation community at large as a preservationist and historian. Under his administration, the City saw the development of a Historic Preservation Element and its first historic preservation ordinance, allowing for the creation of the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission. Joel also administered a local property tax exemption program and Downtown Historic Building Trust Fund. Furthermore, through his assistance Riverside Avondale was voted one of the top 10 "Great Places in America: Neighborhoods" in 2010 by the American Planning Association.



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Additional achievements include publishing numerous works on local history and design regulations for local historic districts; researching and drafting many of the 200+ local landmark sites and structure reports; assisting with researching and compiling *Jacksonville's Architectural Heritage, Landmarks for the Future*, by Dr. Wayne Wood; and preparing numerous grants that resulted in the documentation of approximately 10,000 new sites to the Florida Master Site File.

RESTORATION / REHABILITATION

Outstanding Achievement: The Historic 1886 Narcoossee Schoolhouse Restoration Project St. Cloud

The oldest schoolhouse remaining in Osceola County, this structure was built by Narcoossee's British founders. Constructed as a simple, one-room building, it is an important example of a regional vernacular of the Late Victorian Gothic style, known as Carpenter or Rural Gothic, with beautiful, simple wood-crafted detail.



In disrepair and slated to be moved out of the area with the 2012 widening of Narcoossee Road, concerned local residents formed the Narcoossee Area Chapter of the Osceola County Historical Society and successfully negotiated to purchase and keep this historic landmark at its original site and to restore and maintain it as a schoolhouse museum for the enjoyment and benefit of students, residents and visitors for years to come.

Outstanding Achievement: Pensacola Lighthouse and Light Station Restorations Pensacola



After years of planning and dedication, the Pensacola Lighthouse Association has reached the end of a multi-phase restoration endeavor. The Lighthouse, which has been watching over mariners in Pensacola Bay for 159 years, is now prepared to continue doing so for many years to come. It is open for public visitation seven days a week and has over 150,000 visitors annually.

The project, reviewed and approved by the Florida Department of Historic Resources, was financed by a combination of state grants and funds from other charitable organizations. The Pensacola Lighthouse restorations were led by Jon Hill, Executive Director of the Pensacola Lighthouse and Museum. The projects were designed by Kenneth Smith Architects, Inc. and Atlantic Engineering Services, both of Jacksonville. The restorations were completed by Robinson Iron of Alexander City, AL and H&B Contracting of Pensacola.



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Outstanding Achievement: Gasparilla Island Lighthouse Restoration Boca Grande

One of few lights to work in two states, Gasparilla Island Lighthouse was built at Lewes, DE in 1881, decommissioned in 1918 due to shoreline changes, and shipped to Miami in 1921. In 1927 it was reassembled on Gasparilla Island and relit on January 1, 1932. The U.S Coast Guard completed structural repairs in 1982, however, by 2016 the structure was severely rusted and deteriorated. Restoration work ensued and included the development of the Lighthouse property into a beach park with walking trails and turtle friendly site lighting. Gasparilla Island Lighthouse reopened for public visitation in 2017.



Restorations were funded by the Florida Lighthouse Association, Boca Grande Women's Club, Lee County Tourist Development Council and many private donations and foundation grants. They were led by Sharon McKenzie, Executive Director of the Barrier Island Parks Society; designed by Kenneth Smith Architects, Inc. and Atlantic Engineering Services (Structural Engineers), both of Jacksonville, and completed by Alex Klahm Architectural Metal and Design, Inc. of St. Petersburg and Razorback, LLC of Tarpon Springs.

Honorable Mention: Main Street Bridge Rehabilitation Jacksonville



The rehabilitation of the National Register of Historic Places-eligible Main Street Bridge over Hogans Creek served as a unique solution to a structurally deficient bridge. Constructed in 1929, the Main Street Bridge existed as a single span reinforced concrete slab structure and functioned as a four lane roadway with a sidewalk along each outside travel lane for vehicles and pedestrians traveling between the Historic Springfield neighborhood and downtown Jacksonville.

The project provided a reconstructed bridge structure while reusing and rehabilitating the historic architectural elements that contribute to the bridge's historic significance, specifically the precast masonry bridge rail copings, obelisks, cartouches, medallions, urns, plaques and balusters. This required coordination with multiple stakeholders, including consensus building and concept approvals. The successful completion of the Main Street Bridge Project will provide the community with a fully restored bridge for decades to come as well as an important historical connection to Jacksonville's past.



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Honorable Mention: Temple Beth EL Pensacola



The Temple was founded in Pensacola in 1876, making it the oldest Jewish congregation in the state of Florida. Its Sanctuary building, designed by Emil Weill, was built in 1931 after a fire damaged the original Temple, and the Education building, designed by Sam Marshall, was built in the 1950's. Consequently, the two buildings demonstrated two different styles (a hybrid-Art Deco and Art Modern), stood separated by a courtyard and had mismatched floor levels.

The project included a new connecting gathering lobby and a new elevator was placed in a tower designed to reflect the south facing bell tower. The remainder of the lobby was enclosed in a glass and metal frame forming a two story entry accented by a floating staircase connecting the lower level Social Hall and administrative spaces with the upper level Sanctuary and classroom spaces. New protective glass panes were installed over the stained glass windows after their cleaning and restoration.

Honorable Mention: Miami River Inn Miami

This cluster of four pastel colored houses is located in East Little Havana, adjacent to the Miami River. Originally built as a Victorian boarding house in 1908 for those who desired to be close to downtown, these four wood vernacular houses have been historically preserved by developer Avra Jain and her team. From the antique furniture and ornate Spanish tile to the window shade design and coral rock and original Dade county pine floors – no part of the property's story was left untold or overlooked. The renovation ended with interior design, fresh paint, landscape design and modern upgrades.



ADAPTIVE USE

Outstanding Achievement: BOTA Center Sarasota

In late 2017, sixty years after it opened as Baker's Badcock Furniture, a signature building in Sarasota's Rosemary District was re-opened as BOTA Center, named for its



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location on Boulevard of the Arts. Although it was an intact, nearly original example of mid-century commercial architecture, the building suffered from deterioration and neglect when it was purchased by developer/owner Howard Davis in 2016. With the assistance of preservation consultant Lorrie Muldowney, the building subsequently received historic designation from the City of Sarasota and plans to completely rehabilitate the building were prepared.

The objective was to re-position the building as a home for multiple commercial tenants with modern building systems and amenities, while carefully restoring the most notable features of the building. The completed BOTA Center, with new tenants now taking occupancy, stands as a jewel in the Rosemary District and a rare link to the past in this rapidly growing area.

Meritorious Achievement: City of Fort Lauderdale South Side School Ft. Lauderdale



South Side School, located on the southern end of downtown Fort Lauderdale, recently re-opened after the completion of a full restoration project as a cultural arts center. Accomplishing this project took many years, dedicated staff and elected officials from the City of Fort Lauderdale, as well as active community members to achieve the ultimate outcome of preserving the historic

South Side School with a purpose.

South Side School initially opened in 1922 as part of an expansion of school facilities intended to serve the growing population of Fort Lauderdale and is the first commissioned work of local architect, John Morris Peterman. As of January 30, 2018, the South Side Cultural Arts Center has opened and will host numerous classes to the community and serve as the primary administrative office for the Parks and Recreation Department.

Meritorious Achievement: Matheson Museum Library and Archives Building Gainesville

The Matheson Library and Archives project entailed the preservation of the Gainesville Gospel Tabernacle, a 1933 church building that the congregation built by hand. The former church was later used as an antiques store and Melting Pot fondue restaurant. In 2014, the Matheson History Museum, a nonprofit museum complex in the heart of downtown Gainesville, purchased this unique historic building and secured a combination of private funding and a special category grant from the Florida Division of Historical Resources to assist in its preservation and transformation into the Matheson Library and Archives.





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According to the project architect, Jay Reeves, the building was within one to two years of collapse due to neglect, exposure to the elements and structural issues. Today, this beautifully restored building houses the museum's library and archives, so historic preservation takes place both inside and outside the building.

Meritorious Achievement: Cowford Chophouse Jacksonville



The Cowford Chophouse is a transformative adaptive reuse of the 116-year-old, 6,000-square-foot Bostwick Building. Following three years of meticulous restoration — and even rebuilt in part brick-by-brick — this elegant and modern restaurant is thoroughly connected to Jacksonville's history.

Its owners, the Klempfs, salvaged original elements including historic arched windows, exterior bricks, metal cornice and 300-year-old heart of pine lumber, taking design and architectural cues from items discovered during the renovation. A building that was once at risk of demolition, this showpiece for downtown revitalization has truly energized a main gateway into the city center.

Honorable Mention: Venue 1902 at Preservation Hall Sanford



The historic Sanford Grammar School has served the community for 116 years. It has seen use as a grammar school, high school, museum and public history center. In 2017, a significant adaptive use project was completed, giving new life to the building as an event venue and offices. The rehabilitation of the structure was painstakingly undertaken and included the addition of fire sprinklers, central heat and air, handicap accessible bathrooms, re-plumbing and re-wiring and restoration of the building's original hardwood floors, chalkboards and other interior finishes.

The building's rehabilitation has had a positive impact on the community and introduced many new visitors to Sanford's beautiful historic districts. Scores of amazing memories have been created in this building, and its new life as Venue 1902 at Preservation Hall ensures that the building will see many more memories in the years to come.

Honorable Mention: Brew Angels Pub Milton



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The recent conversion of the Old Milton Post Office building to the Brew Angels Pub preserves the building as a cherished civic icon that still plays an essential role in the historic downtown. Historically, local post office buildings played an essential role in the life of their communities, serving as both a hub for communication and information and a gathering place and common destination. Brew Angels Pub allows the building to continue in these roles by creating a space for friends, families and local artists.



Brew Angels Pub features indoor and outdoor dining, a game/play area and space for local artists and musicians to perform. Available for private and public events, Brew Angels has hosted tie cutting ceremonies for the military, holiday parties and other organizational events. The Pub has also partnered with local artists to host instructional classes for the public. The adapted building is a community destination for the historic downtown, serving as common destination and gathering place for residents and visitors and a gateway into the National Register Historic District of Milton.

Honorable Mention: Anderson Cottage St. Augustine



Anderson Cottage sits in the center of the Flagler College campus facing the historic Hotel Ponce de Leon, between the Proctor Library and the Ringhaver Student Center. Built by 1870 for the Anderson family as a guest cottage, Henry Flagler had the cottage moved to Sevilla Street for construction of the Hotel. In the 1920s the building was sold, received a Mediterranean Revival transformation and was eventually donated by Robert Ellert and JoAnn Crisp-Ellert to Flagler College to ensure its preservation.

The Florida Trust holds a preservation easement on the property to further protect the building.

As the global recession ended, the college rehabilitated the building, maintaining architectural details and features. Rooms were converted with few alterations. The living room became a lounge, bedrooms became offices and the dining room hosts meetings. The kitchen and six baths were updated compatibly and contemporary mechanical systems were introduced sensitively. Anderson Cottage enjoys its 21st century role.

INFILL DESIGN

Meritorious Achievement: Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach Palm Beach



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Completed in December 20147, the Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach's \$2.7 million beautification project at Bradley Park was the result of a public-private partnership with the Garden Club of Palm Beach and Town of Palm Beach. The project activates a formerly underutilized 4.4 acre public park located on the town's historic main street and showcases its historic and natural features.



Formerly the location of Colonel E.R. Bradley's Beach Club and personal residence, the land was donated to the town in 1946. The Gilded Age buildings were demolished with the exception of the historic tea house and Artemis fountain. Previously lacking a comprehensive landscape design, the refreshed park is now a gathering place and source of pride for the community that marks the northernmost entrance to the town. The project encompasses every aspect of the Preservation Foundation's mission to preserve the architectural and cultural heritage and unique scenic quality of Palm Beach.

GREEN BUILDINGS

Meritorious Achievement: Newell Hall, University of Florida Gainesville



Located on a site at the center of campus, Newell Hall is the third oldest building at the University of Florida, vacant since 2012. In response to a request from the UF Student Government Association to provide collaborative, flexible study spaces with food service, tech and areas for social gatherings, Newell Hall was meticulously restored to reflect its historic character. The repurposed Newell Hall features a vibrant collection of light-filled learning commons and team rooms arranged around an open stair.

ARCHAEOLOGY

Outstanding Achievement: St. Augustine Archaeological Investigation of Nuestra Señora de los Remedios St. Augustine

Nuestra Señora de Los Remedios is America's oldest documented parish church established in 1572 in St. Augustine and destroyed in 1702. Over the next 130 years the church and cemetery remained undisturbed until impacted by development. During mitigation for a city utility project in the right-of-way, an archaeological investigation was undertaken and morphed into an





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expansive multidisciplinary archaeological project involving organizations from America and Germany.

Cooperation with the adjacent property owners, the Florida Division of Historical Resources, the University of Florida Anthropology Department, the Cathedral Basilica, along with volunteers from the Florida Public Archaeology Network and St. Augustine Archaeological Association, and significant individual scholars enabled this investigation to document the site and Spanish burial customs. Forensic analysis indicates that these first colonists who are buried within the church grounds represent a diversity of people which reinforces historical records that St. Augustine is an authentic melting pot of European, African and American heritage.

HISTORIC LANDSCAPE

Outstanding Achievement: Conservation and Restoration of Memorial Park's Historic Landscape, Memorial Park Association Jacksonville

Designed by Olmsted Brothers, Landscape Architects, Memorial Park was dedicated in 1924 to the memory of Florida servicemen lost during World War I. The 5.85 acres include a bronze sculpture called *Spiritualized Life* by Charles Adrian Pillars, the finest Florida sculptor of the age.

Since its inception in 1986 the Memorial Park Association has worked to preserve the park. In 2013, the MPA hired David Sacks to develop a Master Plan allowing for capital improvements in the park in keeping with the original design. The Master Plan addressed the problem of visual obstructions and sought further improvement of the vistas to the Memorial to restore this element of the Olmsted Plan. Primarily focused on the green of the center oval, the plans included improving drainage, the installation of a new irrigation system and the amendment of the soil to create a healthy new lawn.



Meritorious Achievement: The Henry Morrison Flagler Museum Palm Beach

Palm Beach acquired its name from the Cocoanut Palm Groves once common along its eastern shore, natural features that attracted Henry Morrison Flagler to the area and motivated him to build Whitehall, now a National Historic Landmark. In 2015, the Flagler Museum extended a capital project to recreate the only Cocoanut Grove currently existing on Palm Beach, providing daily public access, historical interpretation and programs reminiscent of those enjoyed more than a century ago.



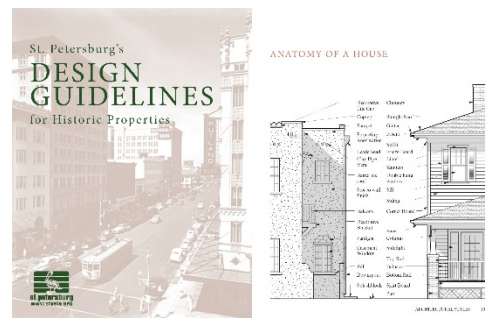
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With its location at Whitehall, its design based on historic photographs and archival material and its installation conducted by an established South Florida landscaper, this newly restored grove possesses “integrity in location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.”

PRESERVATION EDUCATION / MEDIA

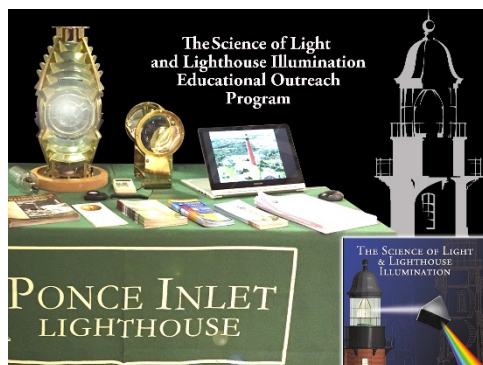
Outstanding Achievement: St. Petersburg’s Design Guidelines for Historic Properties St. Petersburg

Design guidelines promote the retention of character-defining features of historic properties while also promoting sensitive modernization for buildings and structures that have proved their durability and resilience based on age and appeal to residents of the historic neighborhoods in which they were built. In 2017, the “City of St. Petersburg’s Design Guidelines for Historic Properties” were adopted and immediately became an important resource for historic preservation in The Sunshine City.



The Guidelines are the result of a collaborative effort between the City of St. Petersburg and the consultant team from Renker Eich Parks Architects. Valuable input was also provided by the nonprofit, Preserve the 'Burg, involved residents and property owners of the North Shore, Kenwood, Round Lake, Grenada Terrace and Roser Park National Register and local historic districts, and many other individuals interested in the City’s historic preservation efforts.

Outstanding Achievement: Ponce De Leon Inlet Lighthouse Preservation Association’s Science of Light and Lighthouse Illumination Educational Outreach Program Ponce Inlet



Inspired by STEAM and the need to preserve lighthouse and maritime history, the Science of Light and Lighthouse Illumination is a multi-faceted, mixed-media educational workshop that explores the Science of light, the Technological evolution of lighthouse optics, Engineering challenges related to lighthouse construction, Architectural variations in lighthouse design, and the Mathematics of maritime navigation.

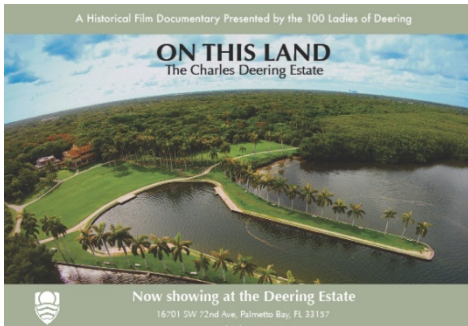
Conceived and developed by Ponce Inlet Lighthouse staff and volunteers, the program centers around a 45 minute interactive video that allows ample time and opportunity for group discussion, elaboration and experimentation. Narrated by a voice-over,



Meritorious Achievement: West Augustine Oral History Project St. Johns County

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Meritorious Achievement: Deering Estate Foundation, Inc.
Palmetto Bay



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Jacksonville



In 2016, North Florida Land Trust completed a community-wide capital campaign to acquire the 1898 Spanish-American War Fort located in Jacksonville. With help from the City of Jacksonville, a challenge grant from the Delores Barr Weaver Fund and individual donations, North Florida Land Trust accomplished its goal to purchase the property from a private landowner who intended to demolish the Fort and build new homes on the site. North Florida Land Trust is now working to transfer the Fort site

to the National Park Service.

Outstanding Achievement: Dade Heritage Trust Miami Dade

Dade Heritage Trust, founded in 1972, is Miami's largest historic preservation nonprofit. Its mission is to preserve Miami-Dade County's architectural, environmental and cultural heritage through advocacy and education. Dade Heritage Trust accomplishes its mission through significant public programming and outreach efforts in addition to creating meaningful partnerships with like-minded organizations and governmental offices who work toward making Miami a better place for all. Dade Heritage Trust, which also serves as a Heritage Tourism Visitors Center, is led by Executive Director Christine Rupp. Its offices are located in the lovingly restored 1905 office of Miami's first physician, Dr. James Jackson.



Meritorious Achievement: Woman's Exchange of St. Augustine St. Augustine

The Woman's Exchange of St. Augustine manages, preserves and shows the Peña-Peck House, circa 1750, for the City of St. Augustine. In 2011, the Exchange embarked on projects to upgrade protection for artifacts from archaeological digs, restore Peck collection artwork dating to the 1600s, restyle the Old Peck Kitchen to the 1840s, and create a Visitor Orientation Center with antique cabinetry refurbished to modern museum standards for preservation and conservation of antiques, heirlooms and artifacts on display. Six wall panels enhance the history of occupants and the town over three centuries and the work of the Woman's Exchange since 1892.



Meritorious Achievement: Key West Historic Seaport



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Key West



The Key West Historic Seaport sits in the Historic District of Key West, a region listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Dating back over 200 years, the Key West Historic Seaport remains a thriving engine of commerce, supporting many industries vital to the economy and overall way of life in Florida and Key West. From fishing to tourism, the nearly 100 businesses and organizations situated along the beautiful harbor-

walk waterfront rely on the Historic Seaport to support their families and livelihood.

Picturesque and historic water and landscape views make the Historic Seaport home to some of the country's best sunsets. With dozens of events planned each year, the site offers a unique opportunity to capture the history of old Key West while serving as a perfect location for events and special occasions.

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About the Florida Trust

The Florida Trust for Historic Preservation is the state's non-profit dedicated to protecting Florida's extraordinary heritage and history. Founded in 1978, the Florida Trust has collaborated to save irreplaceable Florida treasures like the Historic Florida Capitol and is a statewide partner of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Learn more at www.FloridaTrust.org and follow on Twitter: @FloridaTrustHP.