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The Sarasota Alliance for Historic Preservation, Inc., is a non-profit, publicly-supported 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to “Preserve and Enhance our Historic Places Through Advocacy, Education, Financial and Technical Tools, and Celebration.” The Alliance is comprised of more than 500 residents, visitors, artists, architects, engineers, historians, builders, archaeologists, realtors, planners, designers and writers. Through our programs, we try to preserve and encourage others to preserve - not only the remaining significant landmarks, but also the contributing structures that define Sarasota County.

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# **2026 Heritage Awards Event Program Agenda**

*April 30, 2026*

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## **OUR** **MISSION**

PRESERVE AND ENHANCE OUR HISTORIC PLACES

## **YOUR** **PARTNERSHIP**

Your partnership with the SAHP through sponsorship of the Heritage Awards helps us create a future where our shared history is preserved, celebrated, and actively woven into the fabric of our communities. Through dedicated stewardship, education, and advocacy, your sponsorship helps us to protect historic places—keeping them alive, useful, and relevant. Our historic buildings and spaces will serve as vibrant, sustainable, and welcoming places for all, fostering a sense of connection and belonging.

By honoring our past, we shape a dynamic, inclusive future where history continues to inspire, inform, and unite us.



# 2026 Heritage Awards Committee

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# Congratulations to our 2026 Heritage Award Honorees

*Presented by the Sarasota Alliance for Historic Preservation*

**W**ith deep appreciation, we congratulate the following individuals for their outstanding contributions to preserving and celebrating the history and character of Sarasota County:

## **Gregory A. & Eleana Najmy Hall Adaptive Use and Historic Preservation Awards**

- Bogart Lamolithic House
- van Deventer Laurel Park Restorations
- Lord Higel House
- Phillippi Estate Farmhouse

## **Organizational Achievement Awards**

- Fred and Grace Whitehouse (FOSCP)
- South Poinsettia Park Neighborhood Association

## **Lillian Burns Individual Achievement Award**

- Esther Horton for Preservation Leadership

## **Historical Research/Publications Awards**

- Kristine Ziedina
- John and Kim Manning

## **Architects and Designers Award**

- Todd Sweet, Architect for Bay Haven School Project

## **Skilled Trades and Craftsmen Award**

- Hall Darling for Work on Sarasota County Terrace Building

## **Builders/Developers Award**

- Pat Ball of Ball Construction for Work on Historic Homes

# 2026 Historic Preservation Awards

## Gregory A. and Eleana Najmy Hall Adaptive Use and Historic Preservation Awards

These awards are named to honor the legacy of architect Gregory A. Hall and his wife Eleana Najmy Hall. The Halls built a successful architectural practice that completed some of the most challenging historic preservation projects in southwest Florida.



The award recognizes and celebrates the best historic preservation projects in Sarasota County. Nominations are judged for their success in the rehabilitation, restoration, or adaptive use of a historic building in Sarasota County as well as the impact of the project on the community. Nominated projects must have been completed in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historical Rehabilitation.

## GREGORY A. AND ELEANA NAJMY HALL HISTORIC STRUCTURE PRESERVATION AWARDS

### **Bogart Lamolithic House**

Following devastating 2024 hurricane damage, Mark and Lorrie Bogart chose rehabilitation over demolition of their 1948 Lamolithic home, designed by Ralph Twitchell and Paul Rudolph. Their preservation-minded, standards-based restoration retained character-defining materials and spatial qualities while strengthening the structure for resilience, ensuring this Sarasota architectural landmark endures for generations to come.



### **van Deventer Laurel Park Rehabilitations**

This award recognizes Paul and Michelle van Deventer for the thoughtful rehabilitation and stewardship of their historic Laurel Park residence and the historic neighboring bungalow, The Frederickson house.

With a strong commitment to architectural integrity and historic craftsmanship, they preserved each home's character while sensitively adapting them for contemporary living, exemplifying best practices in residential preservation.



### **Lord Higel House**

Built in 1896, the Queen Anne-style Lord-Higel House—one of Sarasota County's oldest residences—was rescued from deterioration through a sustained, community-supported preservation effort led by Venice Heritage and the City of Venice. Adaptively reused as the Lord-Higel Coffee House, it now thrives as a vibrant gathering space with on-site historical interpretation.



### **Phillippi Estate Farmhouse**

The 2026 Adaptive Reuse and Organizational Achieve Award is presented to Sarasota County Parks, Recreational & Natural Resources Department as well as Fred and Grace Whitehouse, Friends of Sarasota County Parks, for the successful public/private collaboration of the restoration 1916 Farmhouse at Phillippi Estate Park. This 10 year effort is a restored farmhouse providing a window into Sarasota's past through its use as a public interpretive history center.



## ORGANIZATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

### **Fred & Grace Whitehouse**

Public-private partnerships require leadership. The Friends of Sarasota County Parks took on the fundraising task to restore the the Phillippi Creek Farmhouse, a very important piece of Sarasota history. Under the direction of Fred and Grace Whitehouse, they began the Farmer's Market in 2013 to help fund the project, raising almost \$500,000 in support of the effort.



The SAHP honors the **South Poinsettia Park Neighborhood Association** with the 2026 Sarasota Heritage Award for Organizational Achievement. Neighbors dedicated countless hours to the 2025 Centennial Home Tour—opening 30 homes, guiding visitors, and sharing legacy stories. This event showed a strong, people-driven model of community pride and preservation. The public tour sold 500 tickets and featured some of Sarasota's finest historic architecture.



## LILLIAN BURNS INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT

**Ester Horton**, a sixth generation Englewood resident, Ester receives the 2026 Lillian Burns Individual Achievement Award for her outstanding leadership in preserving Lemon Bay history. She helped save the 1928 Green Street Church and has long promoted community education through public programs, lectures, the Cracker Fair, and service on historical and civic boards.



## HISTORICAL RESEARCH/PUBLICATIONS

### RESEARCH

**Kristine Ziedina** of Architecture Sarasota receives the 2026 Sarasota County Heritage Award for Historical Research for her work, including leading the State funded Preserving Manufactured Housing Communities in Sarasota project. Her comprehensive survey and public education initiatives have broadened understanding of Sarasota's architectural history and elevated overlooked historic resources across the county.



### PUBLICATIONS

#### **John & Kim Manning**

Sarasota Trivia Game, created by Kim Patton Manning and John D. Manning, receives a 2026 Sarasota County Heritage Award for Historical Research – Publications. This 216 page book blends rigorous research with an engaging Q&A format, offering well sourced local history, recommended resources, and an accessible, intergenerational tool for learning and community pride.



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## ARCHITECTS AND DESIGNERS

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### **Sweet Sparkman Architecture and Interiors for the Bay Haven School Project**

Todd Sweet receives a 2026 Sarasota Heritage Award for Architecture. Architect Todd Sweet led the sensitive restoration of the 1926 M. Leo Elliot–designed campus, modernizing essential systems, improving safety and accessibility, and preserving historic character—

demonstrating exemplary leadership in balancing preservation with the demands of a modern educational environment.



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## SKILLED TRADES AND CRAFTSMEN

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The SAHP Awards Committee honors the architectural firm of **Hall Darling Design Studio and Sarasota County** for its stewardship of the Terrace Building exterior restoration. Located at Fruitville and Main Street, this structure originally opened in the 1920s as the Terrace Hotel and converted to government use in 1971. The building has been carefully revitalized through Hall Darling’s expertise, craftsmanship, and leadership in historic preservation.



## BUILDERS/DEVELOPERS

**Pat Ball**, founder of Ball Construction, receives a 2026 Sarasota County Heritage Award for Builders/Developers. For over 50 years, he has led major preservation projects—from the Asolo Theater relocation to work at Ca' d'Zan, Selby Gardens, Historic Spanish Point, and Sarasota School of Architecture landmarks—shaping and safeguarding Sarasota's historic built environment.





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**2025**  
**HIGHLIGHTING SARASOTA COUNTY'S**  
**MOST THREATENED HISTORIC AND**  
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**TO**  
**SAVE**



**U.S. Garage building** Built 1924/1984  
330 S. Pineapple Ave., Sarasota  
Architect, Frank Folsom Smith



**J.B. Turner House** Built 1912  
1225 Fruitville Road, Sarasota  
Stone Cuter/Mason, George W. Barker



**Blackburn Point Swing Bridge** Built 1925  
Blackburn Point Road, Casey Key, Osprey



**Luke Wood Park** Built 1931  
**Mable Ringling Fountain** Built 1936  
1851 Mound Street, Sarasota



**Lawyers Professional Building** Built 1961  
2051 Main Street, Sarasota  
Architect, Frank Folsom Smith



**Warriner Residence** Built 1960  
1677 Hyde Park St., Sarasota  
Architects, Mr. & Mrs. Warriner



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## Sarasota Preservation Program

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*The Vamo Lodge is one of oldest remaining structures in Sarasota. Located on Little Sarasota Bay and owned by Sarasota County, we are engaged with the Vamo community to compel the County to repair and restore the Lodge.*



# EDUCATION

*Alliance Program Director Erin DiFazio regularly speaks to community groups to expand awareness and support for preserving our historic assets.*



*The Alliance offers walking tours of historic neighborhoods across Sarasota County. In 2024, we focused on the modest, off-the-beaten path 1920s neighborhood of Edgewood in Venice.*

*The tour sold out!*

# TECHNICAL & FINANCIAL SUPPORT

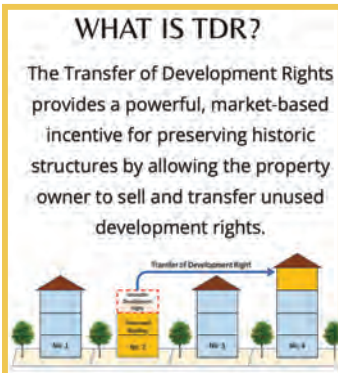
*The Alliance manages a low interest loan program for owners of historic houses. It's the first of its kind in Florida and has a waiting list.*



*Ethiel Garlington, Executive Director of the 1772 Foundation, and our largest supporter of the loan program, visited the site of one of our first loans.*

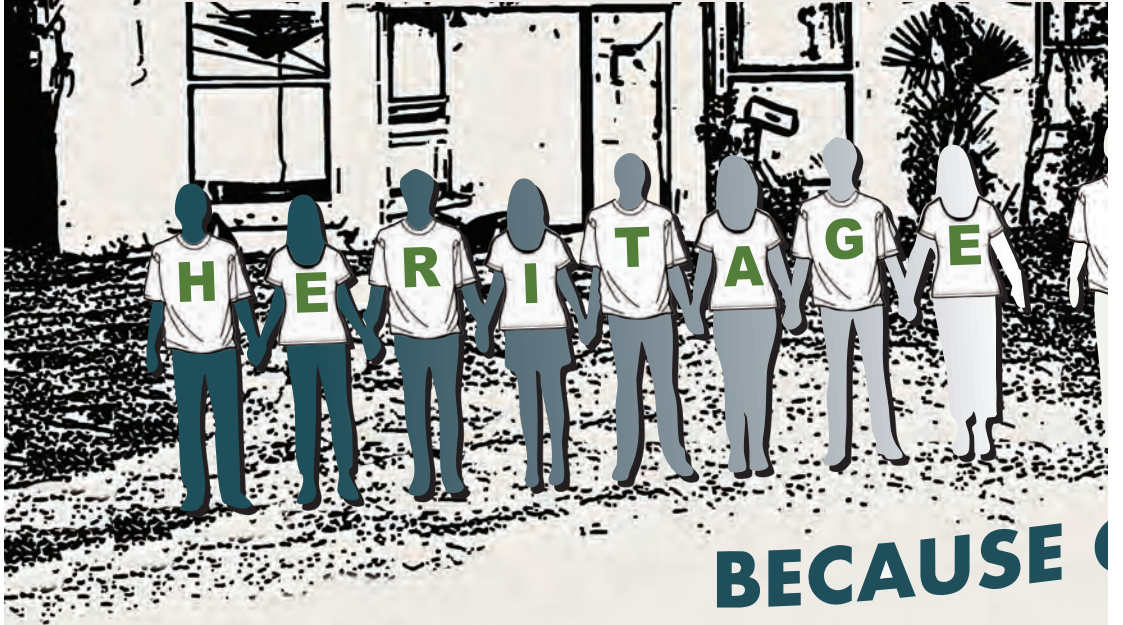


*SAHP was instrumental in preventing the demolition of Sarasota's last remaining Lustron House, and secured a new owner who has had the house historically designated. SAHP lent the owners the money needed to replace the roof, and thereby obtain property insurance.*



*SAHP led the successful effort to expand Transfer of Development Rights to the downtown Sarasota Core, using its Preservation Fund to hire Kimley-Horn Engineering to perform the technical analysis. The TDR will have a positive impact on preserving the historic core of the city.*

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Jan Vertefeuille

*“There may have been a time when preservation was about saving an old building here and there, but those days are gone. Preservation is in the business of saving communities and the values they embody.”*

*Richard Moe, National Trust for Historic Preservation*

*Barry and Rebecca Preston are  
passionate  
supporters of the work of the  
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WILLIAM MURTAGH

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Daniel Sack

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