

Bureau of Historic Preservation Monthly Report October 2009

Bureau News

Barbara Mattick, Bureau Chief

October saw some significant staff and program changes that I think will strengthen the Bureau's ability to meet its mission. The historical marker duties in the vacated Career Service Information Specialist III position in Public Outreach were transferred to the Survey and Registration staff and reclassified as a Historic Sites Specialist. These positions are presently working under the direct supervision of the Bureau Chief. The historical marker duties were combined with the oversight of the Certified Local Government Program (CLG), which, like the Marker Program, is closely tied to the National Register Program. Michael Zimny, who already coordinates the CLG Program, was chosen for the position. Other changes include the creation of an OPS position dedicated to managing the federal Historic Preservation Fund Grant that we receive each year from the National Park Service. Angie Tomlinson, formerly the assistant for the Main Street Program, has assumed those responsibilities. Andy Johnson, who assisted Joan Jefferson a couple of years ago, has returned to be the assistant for the Main Street Program once again. We are in the process of searching for a full-time OPS assistant for the Folklife Program, as Lynnsey Weissenberger is now working full time for the Grants Program.

A major accomplishment was the adoption of the new rules for the State Historic Preservation Grant Program. The new rules will enable staff to much more effectively manage the grants and comply with risk management requirements.

As the Interim State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), Barbara Mattick attended the National Trust for Historic Preservation's annual meeting, held in Nashville this year. She also attended a concurrent meeting of the National Conference for State Historic Preservation Officers (NCSHPO), at the same venue.

Section Reports

Architectural Preservation Services

Dave Ferro, Section Head

Dave Ferro and Phil Wisley met with representatives of White's Plumbing at The Grove on October 14 to discuss work needed to replace the water line serving the basement kitchen and several exterior hose bibs. Existing piping had to be capped and abandoned to correct a serious subgrade water leak.

On October 19, Phil met with Jeff Gause of GT Electric to discuss phone line repair at the Grove.

On October 20, Dave participated in a construction meeting at Mission San Luis. The participants inspected the finish work wrapping up at the Visitor Center. Work on the Tennessee Street entry and the new portal to the reconstruction area was well underway. The status of the legal description and site plan for the conservation easement being required by the City of Tallahassee was discussed. The conservation easement is required for issuance of a certificate of occupancy for the new Visitor Center.

On October 28, Phil met with Rick Anderson of PSH Construction to discuss proposed exterior repairs for the Jefferson County Courthouse.

Dave and the rest of the grants staff worked to prepare for two workshops, one on the new on-line application and the other on grants management, as well as a Webinar on the new application. These sessions are to be presented on November 4, 5 and 6, respectively.

Florida Main Street

Joan Jefferson, Coordinator



Joan Jefferson represented the Department of State at the Governors' South Atlantic Alliance Workshop on October 26 at the historic Ribault Club on Fort George Island, Florida. The Alliance deals with four priority issues: 1) Healthy Ecosystems, 2) Working Waterfronts, 3) Clean Coastal and Ocean Water, and 4) Disaster-Resilient Communities. Joan was in the Working Waterfronts and Disaster-Resilient Communities discussion groups. Because of her input, the need to "maintain and strengthen the historical and cultural character of waterfront communities" was chosen as one of the top four priorities in Working Waterfronts.

Main Street responded to five technical assistance requests in October.

We welcome Andy Johnson back to the Main Street family. He is replacing Angie Tomlinson who is now the Historic Preservation Fund Grant Manager.

Grants

Sharyn Heiland, Supervisor

The big news from the Grants Program in October was the adoption of the new rules governing the program in Chapter 1A-39 of the *Florida Administrative Code*. This was the culmination of a two-year project initiated as a result of an audit performed by the Inspector General's Office in the spring of 2007. The new rules will give grants staff the ability to more effectively enforce the requirements of the Grant Program. We congratulate Dave Ferro on his efforts to see these rule changes through to adoption.

On October 1, the solicitation period for the fiscal year 2010-2011 Small Matching Grants opened, and on October 19, the new Small Matching Online Application went live on the Web. The online application team consisted of Jennifer Patnode, Lynnsey Weissenberger, Victor Doss and Blair Limcangco. Deadline for submission of applications is December 18.

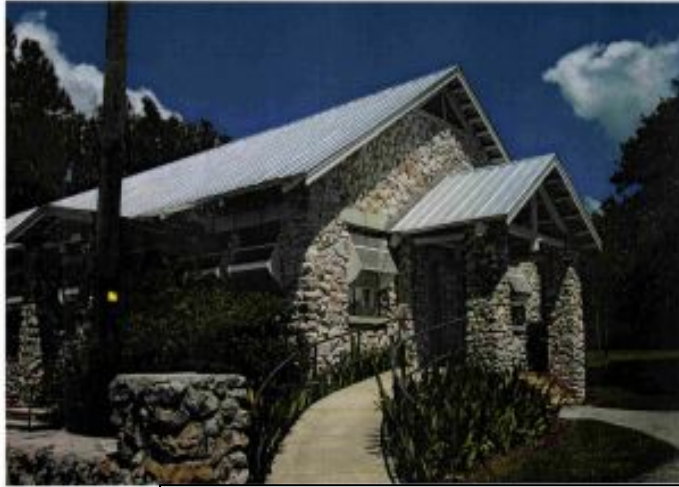
During the month of October, Grants Program staff prepared for the two grants workshops and a Webinar to be held the first week of November. Preparations included planning for the promotion of the events and overall design and agendas for the workshops. Jennifer and Lynnsey served as coordinators for *Workshop I: Applying for a Historic Preservation Grant* and also worked on publicizing the workshops on our Web page and through our mailing list (recently updated by Anne Krug). Phil Wisley and Crista Hosmer were coordinators for *Workshop II: Grants Management*. Dave and Sharyn Heiland also assisted in developing materials and Power Point presentations. Webinar preparations were coordinated by Lynnsey, who is the BHP representative on the Web Conferencing Evaluation Team.

Sharyn participated in the Archaeological Resources Management Training sponsored by the Bureau of Archaeological Research by presenting a Power Point overview of the Historic Preservation Grants Program.

Survey & Registration – National Register

Bob Jones, Coordinator

During the month of October, we had five properties listed in the National Register. These properties are the North City Historic District in the City of St. Augustine; the Mt. Dora Historic District in the City of Mt. Dora, Lake County; the Thomas Picton Warlow House in Winter Park, Orange County; the Rosemere Historic District in Orlando; and the Spring Lake Community Center in Hernando County. These five listings added 805 resources to the National Register.



Spring Lake Community Center,
Hernando County

We received two National Register proposals (FNP): the Camp Chowenwaw in Clay County (currently a county park and historically a Girl Scout camp) and the Downtown Winter Park Historic District in Orange County.

We received three preliminary proposals. One is the Deauville Beach Resort, Miami Beach, Dade County. The other two are not eligible due to dramatic non-historic alterations and a move.

During October, the Masonic Temple in Inverness, Citrus County, cleared its Part 3 approval for the tax act program. Current photographs have been taken and descriptive text has been updated so it will move towards National Register designation.

Certified Local Governments Program (CLG)

On October 20, Florida CLG program coordinator Michael Zimny conducted a training program for Florida's newest Certified Local Government, Volusia County. Although the program was directed primarily at the Volusia County Historic Preservation Board, this regional training was also promoted to all Florida CLGs and other local governments interested in the Florida CLG program. The training attracted representatives from seven other Florida CLGs and three other local governments. Future regional CLG trainings are planned for southwest and southeast Florida next year.

Compliance & Review

Laura Kammerer, Section Head

Federal Agency Actions – National Historic Preservation Act – Section 106; and the National Environmental Policy Act

Scott Edwards and Laura Kammerer participated in a teleconference call October 4 and 5, with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and Florida Division of Emergency Management representatives working on the finalization of the draft for the updated state programmatic agreement to carry out Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act in efficient streamlined and expedited processes.

Laura participated in a teleconference call with representatives of Eglin Air Force Base and their cultural resource management consultant regarding the proposed Mid-Bay Bridge Connector road construction project around Valpariso and Niceville in Okaloosa County, and a draft of the mitigation of adverse effects agreement for two archaeological sites, one a 19th century turpentine still/camp and the other a prehistoric camp site that both will be impacted by the proposed project. Minor changes to the agreement will be made and it will then be ready for signature approval by all participating parties, which will include several federally recognized Native American tribes.

Laura participated in a cultural resources coordination/consultation teleconference call with representatives of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (funding, constructing and carrying out cultural resource investigations) and their consultants, the South Florida Water Management District (also funding, constructing and carrying out cultural resource investigations) and their consultants, and a representative of the National Park Service. As in typical calls, we reviewed Action Items, Old Business, New Business, and then reviewed updates for all ongoing Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Program projects.

State Agency Actions/Program Assistance – Chapters 253 and 267, F.S.

State Agency Actions

Susan Harp and Laura Kammerer participated in a teleconference call with representatives of the University of Florida working on an update of the University's archaeological sensitivity map that is included in the Gainesville campus-wide Programmatic



Memorandum of Agreement between the University of Florida and the Division of Historical Resources for protection of historic resources.

Archaeological Monitor Training

Susan participated in the 3-day Archaeological Resource Monitoring training with the Bureau of Archaeological Research. She provided a classroom overview of the Compliance & Review Program for trainees and participated in the field training exercise at Natural Bridge Battlefield State Historic Site.

Comprehensive Planning – Department of Community Affairs (DCA)

Susan completed reviews for four Evaluation and Approval Report amendments, three Evaluation Report amendments, and 18 regular comprehensive plan amendments (many of which involve more than one parcel or issue). A total of 51 parcel and/or text reviews were completed. All review comments are submitted to DCA and/or the applicable local government.



Florida Communities Trust (FCT) Acquisition & Management – DCA

Eagle Point Park located in Pasco County - cultural resource survey completed and submitted – for review in which no significant resources were encountered.

Cypress Lakes Preserve located in Hernando County - cultural resource survey completed and submitted for a proposed trailhead. One non-significant archaeological site was encountered and recorded for inclusion in the Florida Master Site File.

Local Government Actions/Preservation Program Assistance – Chapter 267, F.S.

Katherine Peterson, Scott Edwards, and Laura Kammerer participated in a meeting with representatives of the City of Tallahassee’s Blueprint 2000 Intergovernmental Agency and Development Team with Genesis Group for an overview of the latest Capital Cascade Park construction plans. It is the hope of the City that the project will get underway in early 2010. Signage for the park was reviewed. (Example in image below).

Smokey Hollow Plaza

This Plaza commemorates the historic African-American neighborhood of Smokey Hollow that located here in the late 19th Century. This self sustaining community, with its residences, churches, grocery stores, cafes and juke joints, was an underprivileged area with a strong common bond. With the ratification of an urban renewal campaign in the 1960s and the Health Department's assertion of a prevalence of substandard structures with little plumbing, dirt floors and unsanitary cramped living conditions, the area was vacated and slated for redevelopment that was never fully realized. The Plaza contains two interpretive features: the Bronze Relief Map shows the layout of the neighborhood as it was in the past; The "cooling cloud" generated by the Misting Fountain is symbolic of the smoke that hung over the community from the wood burning stoves and nearby incinerator. The community was home to James Ford, Tallahassee's first black Mayor, R. Frank Nims, Principle of Old Lincoln all black high school, Cannonball Adderley, saxophonist and Jazz Hall of Fame Inductee, and Wally Amos of Famous Amos Cookies.



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1957 Aerial

Thank You

The Smokey Hollow Plaza was made possible by a generous donation from Pittman Law Group, Tallahassee



Eighteen project reviews, including cultural resource assessment reports, were completed by staff at the request of local governments or applicants seeking local government approvals.

Florida Transportation Compliance Review Program (FDOT)

Brian Yates, Laura Kammerer and Jennifer Ross participated in a teleconference with FDOT District One and FDOT Central Office to discuss the Draft Section 106 Consultation Case Study for the Ninth Avenue West Bridge Replacement (FPID 426729-1, ARRA 198 B) [October 1].

On October 6, Jennifer and Laura participated in a teleconference with Becky Spain Schwarz regarding the Bartow Northern Connector.

Jennifer Ross, Laura Kammerer and Dave Ferro participated in a teleconference with Lynn Kelley (FDOT District Four) regarding the Deerfield Beach Rail Station (October 9). During the week of October 5 - 9, Brian participated in training for the Florida Certified Contract Manager certification. The training was held at the Betty Easley Center in the Southwood Office Complex in Tallahassee.

Brian and Jennifer coordinated comments for the Flagler Memorial Bridge Marketing Plan (October 12).

On October 15, Brian, Laura and Jennifer participated in a teleconference with Terri Newman (FDOT District Two) and consultants Anne Stokes and Beth Chambliss (SEARCH, Inc.) regarding the Olustee Creek Bridge replacement project.

Brian and Jennifer participated in the fourth Gulf Coast Parkway Cumulative Effects Evaluation (CEE) Agency Advisory Group (AAG) meeting sponsored by FDOT District Three and project managers at PBS&J. The meeting was held at the Rhyne Building here in Tallahassee (October 21).

Brian, Alyssa McManus and Jennifer participated in the FDOT District Three Annual Environmental Technical Advisory Team (ETAT) district-wide meeting. The meeting was held at the FDOT District Three offices in Chipley, Florida (October 22).

On October 28, Jennifer participated in a discussion with the Federal Highway Administration and FDOT District One regarding the SR 64 improvement project.

Brian delivered a lecture on the compliance review process and Section 106 and Chapter 267, F.S. consultation to Dr. Barbara Mattick's historic preservation class taught for the Florida State University's History Department (October 29).

Public Outreach Section

Susanne Hunt, Section Head

FLORIDA FOLKLIFE PROGRAM

Folklife Program Outreach Coordinator Bob Stone made site visits to all three 2009-2010 Folklife Apprenticeship teams. He documented working cowboy/horse trainer Gene Cox, African-American octogenarian cowboy Woodward "Big Boy" Mitchem, and Micanopy raconteur and oral historian Carson Roberts. He attended the annual meeting of the American Folklore Society in Boise, Idaho, October 21-24, 2009. He continues to coordinate programming with organizations that will host the *Florida Cattle Ranching* exhibit. The South Florida Community College Museum of Florida Art and Culture, Avon Park, is interested in hosting the exhibit November 2011-January 2012.

Files have been set up to track payments to the 2009-10 folklife apprenticeship teams. Susanne provided Folklife Program materials to Howard Pardue for his presentation to a group in Tallahassee interested in Florida Folklife.

STATE HISTORICAL MARKER PROGRAM

Susanne responded to calls regarding marker status of Hickory Hill, Leon High, Brevard County (3), Jerkins High, Jessup's Hill, and Douglas Anderson High School. She prepared minutes of September 29, 2009 Marker Council meeting and circulated them for review, coordinated the FAW listing of December 2, 2009 Marker Council Meeting with Beverly McGriff, updated the proposed agenda for that meeting as applications were received, and participated with Barbara Mattick in the interview process for the position.

AWARD PROGRAMS

Secretary of State Historic Preservation Awards

Members of the Florida Historical Commission were notified that the deadline for nominations was extended to Monday, November 2.

Great Floridians

An appointment letter for the new Attorney General representative, Kimberly Case, was prepared and sent. A meeting date of Friday, November 13, 2009 was confirmed with Ad Hoc Committee members. The meeting has been announced in the FAW, and the agenda is being circulated for approval.

PUBLICATIONS

Distribution

Approximately 827 copies of DHR publications were distributed this month. Bulk quantities were distributed via Certified Local Government training in DeLand, and by the Bureau of Archaeological Research at its outreach events. Susanne coordinated UPS pickup of publications shipment for Trails of Florida's Indian Heritage.

Ongoing

- Daily newsclips
- BHP monthly reports were compiled, approved and posted for August and September.

PR

- Coordinated the review and approval of November Main Street Program of the Month release.
- Worked with Barbara Mattick to provide images and text for Government Accountability Act Council PowerPoint presentation.

Other

Susanne prepared remarks for Secretary of State Kurt S. Browning to the Florida Humanities Council, Scholar Summit, October 30 on USF campus. Web site updates were made to the Great Floridians page, State Historical Marker listings, and the Florida Spanish Colonial Heritage Trail.

Florida Master Site File (FMSF)

Chip Birdsong, Section Head

The Site File reached a few milestones during the month of October.

- The number of resources recorded at the FMSF crossed the 180,000 mark to settle at 180,012 on the last day of the month.



- The number of requests for data and information from the Site File was also a near record high at 794.
- In addition, there were 548 successful client logins to the FMSF Web self-service site.

Staff has been working on processing the latest cycle of large, grant-funded cultural resource surveys into the Site File. These are typically the largest surveys received during the year with some projects yielding more than 1,000 site forms that require processing.

Featured Resource: LE262
Campus Art Theatre/Leon Theatre/Randy's Campus Theatre,
528 W. Tennessee Street, Tallahassee



This two-story Art Deco style theater with brick stuccoed exterior, flat tar and gravel roof, and art deco ornament over the marquee was designed by Hopkins and Huddleston in 1940, and seated about 300. The following text is excerpted from a 1985 *Tallahassee Democrat* newspaper article by Osker Spicer that is on file with the miscellaneous documentation for LE262:

The lights were turned down Sunday night for the last time at Randy's Campus Theatre at 528 W. Tennessee St. - known in recent years for showing X-rated films. The 45-year-old movie house, which once attracted bustling audiences during its earlier days, was closed down after the final showing of the erotic films "Tangerine" and "Puss 'n' Boots." And the historic building - known as the Leon Theatre when it presented some of the most popular films and black stage acts from the 1940s through the '60s - is now up for sale by owner Randy Petron. Petron, who bought the theater about five years ago from founder and longtime manager Tony Stone, said business had slumped, so he decided to sell out

about six months ago. About five people were employed at the theater when it closed, said a local real-estate agent. J. Everitt Drew, whose company - Florida Financial Properties Inc. - is handling the property sale, said the 4500-square-foot building was being marketed for \$195,000, reduced from \$250,000.

The movie house, built in 1940, was Tallahassee's second major theater for mostly black audiences, not allowed in segregated downtown theaters of the time, Stone said. The old Capital Theater, which was located on Macomb Street, was the first, he said. Stone said that he purchased the Capital in 1940 from founder Maggie Yellowhair, a prominent black businesswoman of that era, and operated both theaters for several years. He said that the Leon hosted appearances by comedian Jackie "Moms" Mabley, athlete Jesse Owens and Tallahassee jazz greats Julian "Cannonball" Adderly and his brother Nat. The Adderly's first legitimate stage debut was at the Leon, Stone said. And numerous movie celebrities frequently appeared at the theater - such as Western stars Lash LaRue and his sidekick, Al "Fuzzy" St. John, Jim Holt, and young Robert Blake, who played "Little Beaver" in the Red Ryder movies and later starred on TV's "Barretta" series.

In 1968, Stone said, he changed the theater's name to the Campus Art Theater and showed foreign and art films. As audiences dwindled, he began featuring erotic art films. About 1977, when he was hired as a manager, Petron added his name to the theater's marquee.

The now vacant lot, located between Macomb and Copeland Streets on Tennessee Street across from FSU's MFA building, where the Campus Art Theatre once stood is owned by the City of Tallahassee.

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