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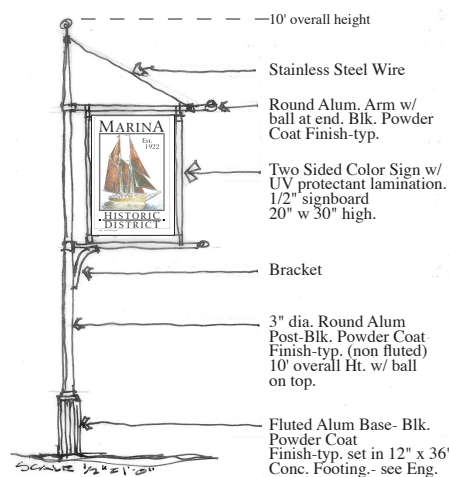
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"Doin' Good in the Neighborhood"

Trust Proposes Matching Grants Program for Neighborhood Beautification.

By Paula Detwiller

Imagine if every historic district in Delray Beach were clearly marked with monument signs, tastefully designed to reflect the character of each neighborhood. That's the vision behind a proposed new matching grants program for historic districts, put together by the Preservation Trust with the endorsement and support of the City of



Prototype historic district signage designed by Delray Beach Architect Dan Sloan.

Delray Beach. The Trust is working toward presenting the program to the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Commissioners to gain their support as well.

The matching grant program will be unveiled and explained at a community event on Thursday, May 26 at 7:00 p.m. at the Crest Theater (see flyer, page 4). All residents of Historic Districts and members of the Trust are invited free of charge and will be treated to an encore presentation of the acclaimed "Delray Then and Now" documentary after learning the details of the grant program. Refreshments will be served—a special recipe from the old "Patio Delray"!

"This grant program will give Delray neighborhoods a way to triple their funds for beautification," said Donna Sloan, Board Member at Large for the Preservation Trust.

The matching grant funds would be used for neighborhood improvements, beginning with a "signage for all neighborhoods" campaign. Dan Sloan, a local Architect and preservationist, designed a prototype sign for the Marina Historic District along with an overall improvement plan for the District.

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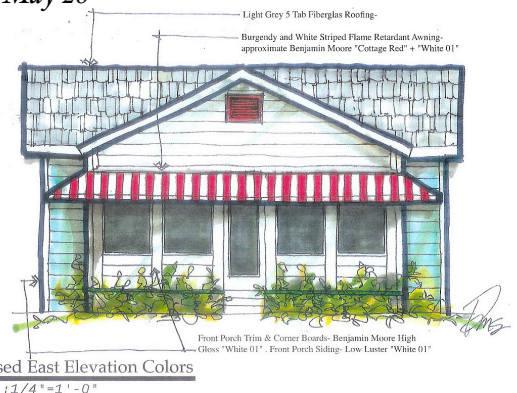
Franklin House Restoration Nearly Complete

Public Tour of Historic Home Set for Saturday, May 28

By Paula Detwiller

Rehabilitation and reconstruction of the 1924 Franklin House in the West Settlers District is all but finished, thanks to the work of many dedicated preservationists, laborers, and public officials. The Preservation Trust is sponsoring a tour of the historic home at 120 NW 4th Ave. on Saturday, May 28 at 1:00 p.m. as part of Preservation Month.

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October "Delray Then and Now" Event Raises \$10,000 for Preservation Trust

By Paula Detwiller

More than 250 Delray Beach history lovers packed into Gol! the Taste of Brazil restaurant (formerly the Arcade Tap Room) on the evening of October 11, 2010 to sip champagne, sample culinary treats, and witness the retelling of Delray's past.

The sold-out "Delray Then and Now" event — sponsored and produced by the Delray Business Executives — raised \$10,000 for the Delray Beach Preservation Trust and drew a crowd that included Mayor Woodie McDuffie, four former Delray mayors, dozens of local luminaries, and CBS-TV Channel 12 news personality Suzanne Boyd, who served as emcee.

The highlight of the evening was the public premiere of a documentary created by the Delray Business Executives that chronicles Delray's history through the words of those who were influential in the city's development. Afterward, officials revealed the historical contents of a 1949 time capsule discovered inside Delray's old Seacrest High School.

OUR MISSION

The Delray Beach Preservation Trust aims to be an effective advocate for the historic and architectural heritage of the city of Delray Beach. This includes, but is not limited to, the designated historic districts of Del Ida Park, Marina District, Nassau Street, West Settlers, and Old School Square Historic Arts District.

Preservation Trust board member Donna Sloan conceived of the documentary, titled "Delray Then and Now - the Movie," and also served as Creative Director and Executive Producer. President JoAnn Peart, Trust member Claudia Willis, and Delray Beach Historical Society Archivist Dottie Patterson pitched in with hours of historical research toward production of the movie.

In appreciation for the Historical Society's help, the Trust has contributed 20 hours of raw interview footage to the Archives, as well as a computer hard drive to assist in viewing the footage.

"It was a wonderful evening, and we want to say thank you once again to all of our sponsors, especially Jestena Boughton at the Colony Hotel and Craig Robelen of Robelen & Associates," said Sloan.

If you'd like your own copy of the documentary, DVD versions of "Delray Then and Now - the Movie" can be purchased through the Chamber of Commerce for \$25. The order form can be downloaded from the Delray Business Executives website: <http://delraybusinessexecutives.com>. Complete the order form and submit with payment or credit card information to the Delray Chamber.

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Preservation News from around Delray Beach

Improvements in the Works For Historic Del Ida Park

By Susan Ruby, former Delray City Attorney
and Del Ida Park resident

Neighbors in the historic district of Del Ida Park recently banded together to make their neighborhood even more attractive. So far we have obtained through the City of Delray Beach a county grant for the planting of Cassia trees along NE 2nd Avenue, the main entry to our neighborhood.

The neighbors formed a steering committee to further improve NE 2nd Avenue with a plan for decorative sidewalks, lighting, landscaping, bicycle lanes, crosswalks, entryway features and signage. This plan development could not have happened without the support of the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), which has budgeted \$80,000 for design plans. A grant is currently being pursued for the improvements.

We are indebted to the staffs of the City and the CRA. A special thank you must be given to them, especially to those who have held our hands, and guided and spearheaded efforts on our behalf. Among others, we wish to particularly thank Diane Colonna, Jeff Costello, Vince Wooten, Lula Butler, Nigel Roberts, Tim Simmons, Jennifer Costello, Officer Gary Ferrieri, and Amy Alvarez. On behalf of Historic Del Ida Park -- Thank You.

P.S. We are crossing our fingers that we will receive the grant!

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***The 1923 Hartman House, before
(above) and after (below) historic
restoration to turn it into a Bed &
Breakfast.***



Historic Home Becomes City's First Official Bed & Breakfast

By Paula Detwiller

An enterprising couple from Manhattan has transformed the 1923 Hartman House at 302 NE 7th Ave. into a modern-day Bed & Breakfast. The Historic Hartman House, which officially opened last month, became Delray's first B & B to open under a broadened city ordinance regulating such lodging.

Proprietors Benita and Jordan Goldstein purchased the property two years ago and hired Architect Roger Cope, a Preservation Trust Board member, to help them restore the house to its original look. Cope also designed a small residence for the Goldsteins adjacent to the B & B.

The original Hartman House was the boyhood home of Delray's assistant

postmaster Gustav Hartman, who grew up and moved away, then moved back later in life with his wife and children to care for his widowed father. During that period, the Hartmans took in boarders and also rented rooms to the wives of military men stationed in Boca Raton during World War II. Descendants of Gustav Hartman were among the many guests who attended a gala ribbon-cutting for the new B & B in late March.

"Happy History Hour" Events Contribute to Preservation

By Paula Detwiller

Have you heard about the Preservation Generation? It's a young networking and service group raising awareness of Delray's rich history and stimulating interest in preserving it. The group has been holding "Happy History Hour" events at historically significant watering holes each month, raising money to support the Preservation Trust, the Historical Society, and the Sandoway House Nature Center.

The Preservation Generation's final "Happy History Hour" of the season will be held Wednesday, May 25 at *Pineapple Groove* (formerly Hand's warehouse) at 19 NE 3rd Ave., from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. A donation of \$10 gets you an adult beverage, appetizers, and an engaging history lesson about Delray. Proceeds from this month's event will benefit the Preservation Trust. And don't miss the drawing for a big prize at the end of the event!

The group's Steering Committee consists of Ann Margo Peart, Kim Winker, Amanda Herrick, Laura Simon, Robert Hickok, Clayton Peart, Kirsten Stanley, Tom Stanley, Anna Laura Sherrard and Amy Hamilton.

Be sure to look for Preservation Generation at this month's Art & Jazz event downtown (May 19). Stop by their table for a chance to win prizes in an interactive trivia game.

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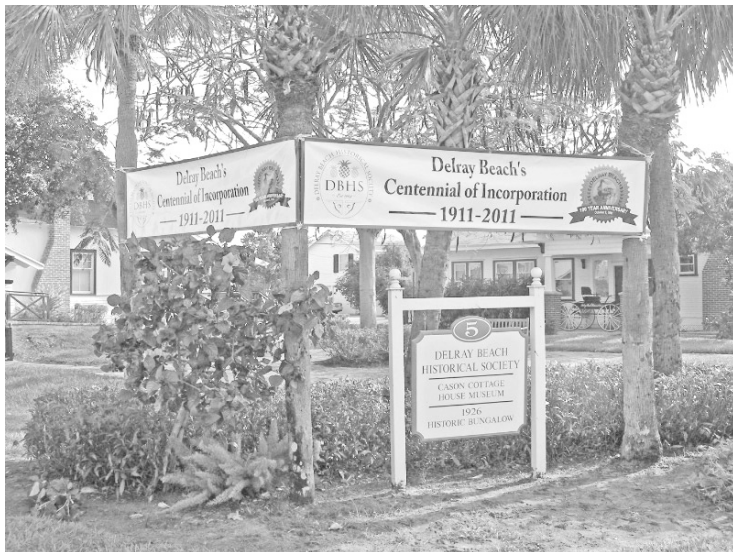


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DELRAY BEACH HITS THE CENTURY MARK



The Preservation Trust and other Delray Beach organizations are preparing for a number of festivities later this year as the city celebrates its 100th birthday.

May is Preservation Month

Be Sure to Save These Dates!

Saturday, May 17, 10 a.m.

"Ride & Remember" Trolley Tour (\$15)

Guided tour through Delray's Historic Districts
Sponsored by Spady Cultural Heritage Museum
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Tuesday, May 17, 6 p.m.

Historic Preservation Board Awards
City Commission meeting
Delray Beach City Hall, 100 NW 1st Ave.

Wednesday, May 25, 6 p.m.

Preservation Generation Historic Happy Hour
Pineapple Groove (formerly Hand's warehouse)
19 NE 3rd Ave.

Thursday, May 26, 7 p.m.

Doin' Good in the Neighborhood
Delray Beach Preservation Trust
Crest Theater, Old School Square

Saturday, May 28, 1 p.m.

Historic Franklin House Tour
Delray Beach Preservation Trust
120 NW 4th Ave.

Weds, Thurs, Fridays Throughout May

Vintage photo exhibit "Pioneer Childhood"
Delray Beach Historical Society Archives
111 North Swinton Ave.



Preservation Generation

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*Wednesday, May 25th
6 - 8 pm*

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Donated Funds Enable Preservation of Historic Architectural File Cabinet

Restoration Work Should Make Sam Ogren Blueprints Last Longer

By Paula Detwiller

Samuel Ogren, the father of Delray Beach architecture, kept his many blueprints in a heavy steel 1930s flat-file cabinet that now resides in the Delray Beach Historical Society archives. The cabinet's paint has discolored, the drawers stick, and the priceless architectural drawings inside are deteriorating fast.

"We've been begging for money for a couple of years now to restore it," says Archivist Dottie Patterson. "We now have the money to hire an artisan to do it."

The money came in the form of a \$600 donation from Preservation Trust Advisory Board member Liz Forman. Liz shared with us her reasons why:

I read about the Sam Ogren collection in a Historical Society newsletter. Having grown up in an Ogren house myself, I was immediately intrigued! When I realized what a valuable donation the Historical Society had received in the form of his original blueprint filing cabinet, I knew I wanted to be a part of its restoration. My interest in preserving the Ogren history goes even further in that I have used the house I grew up in as a teaching tool as well. I have developed a website called www.historicdelrayhouse.com, that documents the house through the years, including photographs from when it was first built and a biography of Sam Ogren.

The Delray Beach Preservation Trust made an additional donation of \$300 toward the Sam Ogren file restoration, in line with its mission to preserve historic buildings—or, in this case, the architectural plans for buildings designed by Sam Ogren and his architect son, Sam Ogren, Jr.

"This gift is to honor Claudia Willis, who rotated off the Preservation Trust Board May 1st after several years of dedicated

service, including many hours spent at the Historical Society archives cataloging Ogren blueprints," said Preservation Trust President JoAnn Peart.

Ogren's work, which dates from 1924 to 1950, includes the Sandoway House, the Arcade Tap Room, and the Delray Beach Elementary School at Old School Square. Patterson says a key part of the file cabinet restoration will be to line the drawers with acid-free mat board, helping to preserve the Ogren drawings for future generations.

Doin' Good in the Neighborhood

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The sign's construction was funded in part by the City of Delray Beach Community Improvement Department and the Marina Historic District Homeowners Association. It is currently being fabricated and will be installed at SE 1st Street.

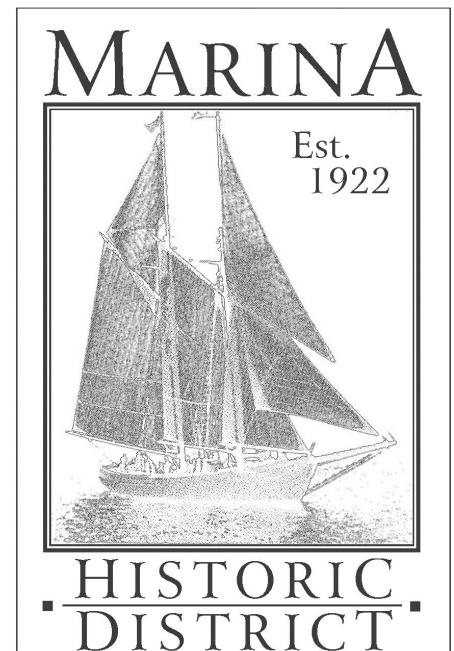
"The premise of the matching grants is to engage residents at a grassroots level and empower them as stakeholders in their own community," says Donna Sloan. "We hope to create a pleasant aesthetic, establish community pride, and promote a sense of place in Delray neighborhoods."

The Trust will provide its share of funding for the matching grant program with the proceeds of last October's hugely successful fundraising event, "Delray Then and Now" (see article, page 2).

"Due to the generosity of our members, sponsors and supporters," Sloan says, "the Trust collected more than \$10,000 in donations at that event, which now makes this terrific grant program possible."



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Funding from the Trust's proposed matching grants program would be used initially for Historic District signage similar to this prototype developed for the Marina District.

Franklin House Restoration Nearly Complete

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How It Was Saved

"When the Franklin House became the target of the wrecking ball, the West Settlers District had lost so many contributing homes to unforeseen circumstances, it was in danger of losing its historic status," says Preservation Trust Board member Carolyn Patton. So she initiated a Preservation Trust campaign to save the house.

The Trust later joined forces with the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), which owned the home, and the Delray Beach Community Land Trust, Patton says. Eventually, the CRA offered the home at no charge to anyone willing to restore it and resell it at an affordable price.

Several individuals and entities have since performed restoration work pro bono. Original field documentation and architectural plans were done by Sloan & Sloan Architecture and Interior Design, which is also working toward Gold certification of the building by the Florida Green Building Coalition. Former City Commissioner and Architect Gary Eliopoulos did the architectural working drawings for permitting. Chuck Halberg with Stuart & Shelby Construction stepped forward to handle General Contracting. And most of the roofers, carpenters, plumbers, cabinetmakers and other contractors volunteered their labor, while some generous local suppliers donated building materials.

A Preservation Trust member who prefers anonymity provided a zero-interest loan to help defray the costs of the project; the CRA also provided a loan and a grant. When completely finished, the home will be turned over to the Community Land Trust, which will sell it to an income-eligible homeowner in accordance with the neighborhood's wishes.

Cultural Significance

The Franklin House was the original home of 1920s community leaders Joe and Rosa Young. It was later inhabited by William Franklin (Rosa Young's nephew) and his family.



Franklin House Restoration Volunteers (L-R): Gary Eliopoulos, Chuck Halberg, Bill Neville, and Dan Sloan.

"Willy Franklin was a legendary figure in Delray," says Patton. "He was the right-hand man to Bill Krauss, a prominent businessman who owned and ran the Arcade Tap Room on Atlantic Avenue (now Gol! restaurant) in the '30s and '40s."

According to Patton, Mr. Franklin often opened his home to African American musicians and singers coming through town who, because of segregation, had nowhere else to stay until the LaFrance Hotel opened in the 1940s specifically for black patrons.

What's Been Done

The building's salvageable original wood flooring, windows, shutters, beaded-pine ceilings, and interior doors were removed and stored temporarily in an on-site shipping container. Then the rear portion of the home, which was severely damaged by termites and water damage, was demolished. The front portion, consisting of the front porch and another six feet

of the building, was stabilized. A new foundation had to be laid for the rear of the house before the whole thing could be rebuilt.

"We were able to reproduce the character of the original house by re-using so many of its salvaged pieces," says Dan Sloan of Sloan & Sloan Architecture and Interior Design. "And by including green building principals, we've made the home energy efficient and a model for future historic restorations."

"I'm thrilled to see this project completed," says Carolyn Patton. "It's such a great family home and a key part of Delray Beach history."

Sources: Spady Cultural Heritage Museum, Preservation Trust, CRA.

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