

WHO WE ARE

Preservationists of St. Landry, Inc., is a nonprofit dedicated to the maintenance and preservation of the historic Michel Prudhomme House (aka Ringrose) in Opelousas, Louisiana, as a tourist and cultural center. The House is located on Prudhomme Circle, Opelousas, Louisiana.

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1975 – 2025: Celebrating 50 years of community-driven preservation

2025 Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Board and the Members of the Preservationists of St. Landry was held on December 7, 2025. President James Douget recalled the events leading to the incorporation of the Preservationists on April 7, 1975. Fifty Years ago, the original board members were: Lucius J. Doucet, II, DDS; Richard B. Millspaugh; Warren J. Bordelon; George Buller; Winona C. Guedry; Lawrence T. Dupre, Jr.; and C. Kenneth Deshotel.

The original incorporators were Ellis S. Byers; Paul R. Sandau; Donald J. D’Avy; Miriam N. Lyman; Mercedes N. DeJean; George Buller; June Savoy; Pat Pitre; Winona Guedry; Lucius J. Doucet, II, DDS; Harriet H. Doucet; Richard Gaiennie; Richard B. Millspaugh; C. Kenneth Deshotel; Joseph L. Boatman; Vernon A. Schiff; A. E. Williams, MD; Emile K. Ventre, MD; Warren J. Bordelon; Harold Hill Comeau; Ruby Prudhomme; William Foraz; Lawrence T. Dupre, Jr.; and Martin A. Roy, Jr.

The Preservationists acquired the historic Michel Prudhomme Home from Hospital Service District No. 2 on May 5, 1976. The size of the lot was about one-half acre, where the property was identified as “Ringrose” in honor of the family who owned the plantation after the Prudhomme family.

According to the conveyance, “the improvements include the residence, pigeonier, and corn crib built by Michel Prudhomme in about the year 1778.” Act No. 597731, records of the Clerk of Court of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana.

Preservationists of the Year



The 2025 Preservationists of the Year were Senic Batiste and his wife, Judge Vanessa Harris (shown here with Preservationists President James Douget). The couple was honored for their work in restoring the John Fakouri building (now The Parlor) on Main Street in Opelousas.

Wine Pairing



Chef Jason Huguet of the Steamboat Warehouse hosted a wine pairing dinner at the Prudhomme House on November 17. Board members acted as servers for the event, and Greg Brandl and his crew decorated the house with Christmas lights and candles. Twenty diners feasted on a four-course meal prepared by Jason and Crystal Huguet, and they sampled a number of wines to go with the meal. The event raised more than \$1200.00 for the Preservationists.

Rotary Mural

Local artist Jerome Ford, @colors_of_culture on Instagram, completed a mural on the outside of the Gaudin Law Office on Court Street. The mural features various scenes important to members of the Opelousas Rotary Club. The Michel Prudhomme home is given a prominent place in the mural, along with scenes from the Orphan Train Museum, the bronze statue of St. Landry, the Rotary Centennial Clock, and the project undertaken by Rotary International to end polio in the whole world.

