



Preserve St. Landry

Newsletter of the Preservationists of St. Landry, Inc.

General Membership Meeting

The General Membership met on December 3. President James Douget reported on the successes of 2023. The Prudhomme House welcomed approximately 250 visitors in 2023. Major events were the Mother's Day Brunch in May; the Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours in June; the October 28 ceremony to commemorate the 1779 March by Gov. Galvez and the Opelousas Militia against the British fort in Baton Rouge; and the Picnic on the Lawn in November.

Preservationist of the year

HOPE for OPELOUSAS

Hope for Opelousas was chosen as the 2023 Preservationists of the Year. The nonprofit has purchased and renovated a number of houses in the Madison Street neighborhood which are used to tutor and mentor children in need. Loren Carriere was present to accept the award and to explain the services offered by Hope for Opelousas. Their website is HopeForOpelousas.org.

Board Members & Officers

New Board members elected by the membership were Alyce Hebert, a direct descendant of Michel Prudhomme, and Freddie Fontenot, son of Ruth Fontenot, the last private occupant of the home.

Officers elected at the January meeting are James Douget, President; Faye Hollier, Treasurer; and Bruce Gaudin, Secretary.

Renovations

In November, the Board contracted with Greg Brandl to repair and paint the dormers and to make repairs to the wooden roof shingles.

The Board received three bids to repair the rotten beams on the front gallery. The Construction Committee will review the bids and report to the Board.

Mother's Day Brunch

The Mother's Day Brunch in 2023 was a success, and the 2024 Brunch is planned this year for May 5, the Sunday before Mother's Day. Last year, 44 sponsors participated, and a total of 100 tickets were sold. This year, the goal is to increase the sponsorships and sell up to 150 tickets.

Opelousas General Foundation

The OGH Foundation has spent three days at the Prudhomme House interviewing individuals who will be inducted at the Hall of Fame Gala on March 7 at the Evangeline Downs Event Center. Testimonials were also filmed at the Prudhomme House.