

# SAINT PETERSBURG PRESERVATION, INC. NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2007

## Upcoming SPPI Events

**April 21, Saturday, 10 a.m.**, at Craftsman House Gallery, presentation on the Bungalow  
**April 29, Sunday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.** Florida Collectibles, etc. show, St. Petersburg Coliseum  
**May 5, Saturday, 10 a.m.**, Guided Walking Tour of Downtown Historic District  
**May 9th, Wednesday, 7p.m.** Program Meeting at the Museum of History

**April 21, Saturday, 10 a.m.**, at **Craftsman House Gallery**, lecture with slide-show by **John Brinkman, publisher of American Bungalow Magazine** (seating limited, reservation necessary, phone the gallery at 323-2788). Cost is \$10. SPPI Members FY 2007 free with reservation (sorry - dues are not payable at the event).

**April 29, Sunday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.** Visit the SPPI table at the **Florida Collectibles & Vintage Memorabilia Show, St. Petersburg Coliseum**, 535 Fourth Avenue North. \$6 entrance fee. Parking is free. If you can volunteer time at the table, please call 824-7802.

**MAY 5, Saturday, 10 a.m - Noon.** This last-of-the-season guided **Walking Tour** of the Downtown St. Petersburg Historic District will leave from the fountain in Williams Park, 4th Street at 1st Avenue North. Members free, Non-members \$5.

It will be led by Peter Belmont and Kai Warren, whose **April 7th tour**, thanks to an excellent article by the *Times*, had a record turnout of nearly 100 walkers. Kai "I can talk really loud" Warren, did so! The group was attentive, appreciative, and asked excellent questions. Thirty became new members.

**May 9, Wednesday, 7 p.m.** SPPI Program Event for all members and the public, at the **Museum of History**, 335 2nd Ave. N.E., in the airline gallery. The meeting is free.

**Bob Jeffrey**, St. Petersburg Historic Preservation Planner will be the guest speaker, on "New Land Development Regulations and Historic Preservation."

**Will Michaels**, SPPI President, will speak on the historic importance of the Detroit Hotel and the Garden Cafeteria Building. The Detroit Hotel is located on the 200 block of Central Avenue, and is the City's most historic building. The Garden Cafeteria is located at 232 2nd Street N. It was designed by St. Petersburg's first architect, Edgar Ferdon, and operated as one of the City's great cafeterias for 40 years. More recently it was known as the Piano Exchange Building. SPPI is seeking to have these buildings designated local landmarks. For more information, call Will at 420-9195.

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**In May and/or June:** SPPI has filed an **appeal to City Council** of the Environmental Development Commission's acceptance of a site plan to replace the historic **Garden Cafeteria** with a proposed 19 story development (see May 9 meeting, above). SPPI President Will Michaels requests that all SPPI members make every effort to **attend and/or send letters** (watch for our future e-mails on this).

Also, the **1st Baptist Church**, 120 4th Street North, may come before Council in June for yet another extension of the demolition permit issued in April 2001. We are working to find solutions to present that will save this designated Local Landmark and benefit the historic buildings that share the block.

**Other Upcoming Events in the Preservation Community**

**African-American Heritage Preservation Network Conference, St. Petersburg Hilton,  
April 24 – 27  
www.floridatrust.org or 727-892-5087**

**Mirror Lake Charrette (recreation park workshop), May 4 – 5,  
Call 893-7207 by April 27 to register**

**Florida Trust for Historic Preservation Conference, Sarasota, May 17 - 19  
www.floridatrust.org**

**"The Tuskegee Airmen Decorated: Their Stories, Their Voices" Dr. Carter G. Woodson  
African American Museum, February 1 - August 18  
Special program April 21, 2007, 1:00 pm  
www.woodsonmuseum.org**

**"Simply Snell Isle" St. Petersburg Museum of History, now – August 28  
www.spmoh.org**

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**ARE YOU A MEMBER FOR 2007?**

Please join if you have not, for January to December 2007: \$15 Individual, \$25 Family, \$50 Sponsor, \$100+ Benefactor. Every contribution counts! This year we will be able to apply dues directly to preservation projects -- because a new member has volunteered to meet our annual basic operating expenses! **Thank-you to Dennis Hank of Adams & Bogue Enterprises, Inc.**, manufacturers of architectural millwork, who contacted SPPI in April with his generous offer of money and time. Dennis was previously active in historic preservation in Gainesville, Florida.

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