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Left: Made to Order - Kit Homes Lecture at the Rialto Theatre. Top-center: Art Contest Open Studio at Arts Together. Bottom-center: Kit Homes Exhibit at the Raleigh City Museum. Right: Art Contest Entry.

Deja New in Review

A Look Back at the Commission's Anniversary Year



On December 18th, 2011, RHDC marked its 50th year—an anniversary made even more significant by the fact that RHDC was the first preservation group of its type in North Carolina. As Raleigh has matured into a modern 21st-century city, the commission has been committed to “Preserving Raleigh’s Future,” advocating for the historic buildings and places that honor the city’s heritage and make it a unique place to live and work.

To commemorate this milestone, the commission launched a year-long celebration, hosting special events encouraging community awareness and participation. In May, the commission held a ‘kit home’ weekend, highlighting local examples of the build-it-yourself phenomenon.

A co-sponsored exhibit at the Raleigh City Museum featured the city’s best kit homes, while a lecture with kit home historian Rosemary Thornton at the Rialto Theatre attracted more than 150 people!

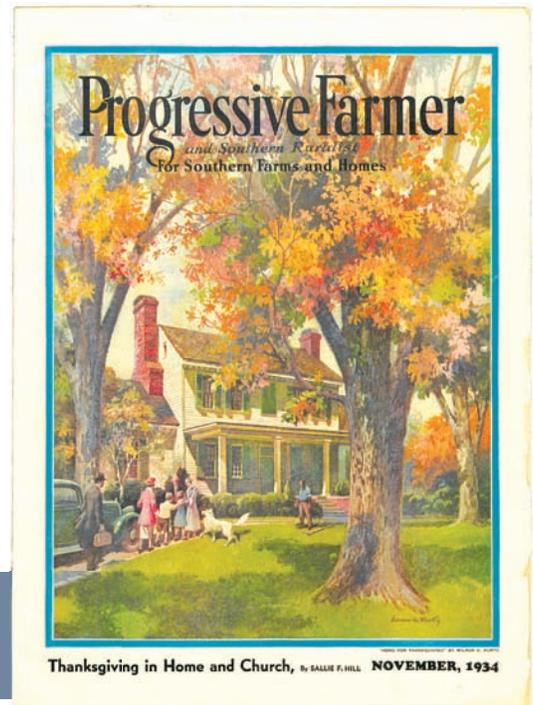
This fall, to encourage enthusiasm for preservation in a younger generation, RHDC partnered with Arts Together and Marbles Kids Museum to sponsor the “This Place Matters!” Art Contest. Area youth put their pen to paper (or canvas) and recreated their “favorite OLD building in Raleigh.” Open studios at Arts Together combined with school participation brought in almost 150 entries! All of the artwork was on display at Marbles, giving these young artists a chance to exhibit their talents.

Contest winners were announced at RHDC’s 50th anniversary bash, held at Marbles during November’s First Friday. Open to the public, guests snacked on delicious food and drink generously donated by local businesses, and enjoyed entertainment from Gary Mitchell Music and the Rainbow Dance Company dancers. A birthday cake, architecture activity books, photobooth, and raffle added to the fun! The party capped off an exciting year for RHDC, one that not only commemorated the commission’s decades of accomplishments but also looked to the future. RHDC would like to sincerely thank all our local partners. We couldn’t have done it without you!

Crabtree Jones House—A New Home?

The Crabtree Jones House is a rare ca. 1795 plantation house built by Nathaniel Jones, an early settler of Wake County sometimes referred to as Crabtree or “C.T.” Tucked away amidst trees on busy Wake Forest Road, the building is a two-story Federal-style house with symmetrical one-story wings, clad in molded weatherboard featuring late 18th-century details, Flemish-bond chimneys, a Greek Revival rear wing, and another later wing also remain. Preservation North Carolina is negotiating to relocate the Crabtree Jones House, a Raleigh Historic Landmark, to a nearby site. In support of this effort, RHDC commissioned a report to be utilized in a formal request to the National Park Service that the Crabtree Jones House remain listed in the National Register of Historic Places through the relocation process. Following its relocation, RHDC will commission an update to the Crabtree Jones House National Register nomination.

The Crabtree Jones House, as featured on the cover of the November 1934 issue of *Progressive Farmer*, courtesy of NC Archives.



Oberlin Cemetery, photo courtesy of Longleaf Historical Resources.

Oberlin Cemetery Designation Under Consideration

In partnership with the Friends of Oberlin Cemetery and Longleaf Historical Resources, RHDC sponsored an application for the designation of Oberlin Cemetery as a Raleigh Historic Landmark. Oberlin Cemetery is historically and culturally significant as an early and rare African American cemetery and as one of the most significant surviving historic landmarks in Oberlin Village, the largest freedmen’s village in Wake County during the Reconstruction Era. The matter was heard by City Council and RHDC in a joint public hearing on January 15th, at which multiple community members rallied to support this designation. Council will receive RHDC’s final recommendation on February 19th.

Prince Hall Historic Overlay District Officially Named

On October 16, 2012, at the recommendation of the RHDC, the Raleigh City Council officially named the South Person/South Blount Street historic district the Prince Hall Historic District. Thanks to all who voted in our online poll!

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Art Contest Winners

While we received hundreds of pieces of great art, only a few could be named winners. Thanks again to our judging panel and for the members of the public who voted!



The following artists were recognized at RHDC's 50th Anniversary Party:

People's Choice:

Kendall W., Barwell Road Elementary School

Preschool:

1st Place: **Cecilia O., Arts Together**
2nd Place: **Vivian K., APA Preschool**
3rd Place: **Landen G., Arts Together**
Honorable Mention: **Sydney T., Arts Together**

Elementary School:

1st Place: **Megan, A.B. Combs Elementary School**
2nd Place: **Ben C., Follow the Child Montessori**
3rd Place: **Jim A., Barwell Road Elementary School**
Honorable Mention: **Valentyna, A.B. Combs Elementary School**

Middle School:

1st Place: **Chasity W., Carnage Middle School**
2nd Place: **Josh S., Sacred Heart School**
3rd Place: **Lauren M., Carnage Middle School**
Honorable Mention: **Laura H., Carnage Middle School**

High School:

1st Place: **Ni A., Broughton High School**
2nd Place: **Cameron G., Broughton High School**
3rd Place: **David J., Broughton High School**
Honorable Mention: **Emily E., St. Mary's School**

Each winner received a prize pack with artist materials donated by Jerry's Artarama, Marbles Kids Museum, and RHDC.





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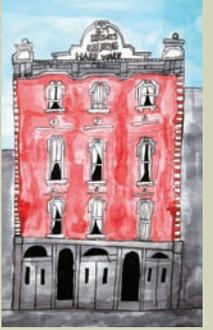
E. S. 1st Place: Megan



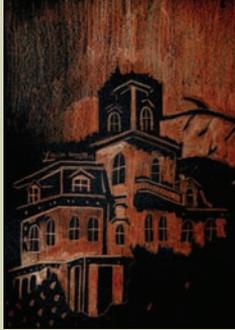
H. S. 2nd Place: Cameron G.



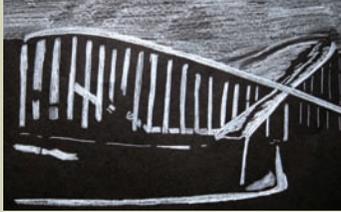
E. S. 3rd Place: Jim A.



M. S. Honorable Mention: Laura H.



M. S. 1st Place: Chasity W.



Preschool 3rd Place: Landen G.



H. S. 3rd Place: David J.



E. S. Honorable Mention: Valentyna



H. S. Honorable Mention: Emily E.



People's Choice - Kendall W.



Preschool 1st Place: Cecilia O.



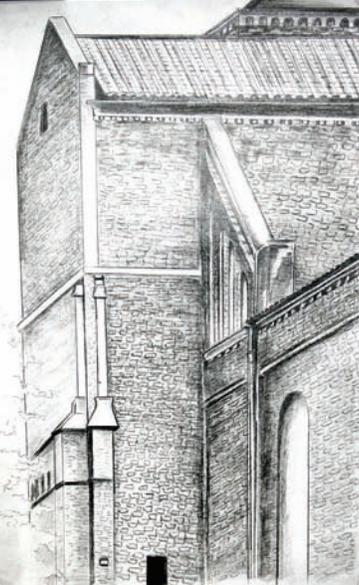
M. S. 3rd Place: Lauren M.



M. S. 2nd Place: Josh S.



H. S. 1st Place: Ni A.



Preschool Honorable Mention: Sydney T.



Preschool 2nd Place: Vivian K.



E. S. 2nd Place: Ben C.



Check Us Out on Facebook and Twitter

In the fall RHDC expanded its online presence with Facebook and Twitter. Please like us and follow us, respectively, to stay current on what's happening with Raleigh's historic preservation planning program!



www.facebook.com/RaleighHistoricDevelopmentCommission



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New Presence on TriangleWiki

In December 2012, RHDC completed entries for Raleigh's historic resources on TriangleWiki, a "free, openly-editable, community-centric website for local history, media, opinions, interesting characters and everything else about the Triangle Region." Visit www.trianglewiki.org for more information.

TRIANGLE WIKI

Rebranding Facts



In addition to special events and outreach efforts, the 50th anniversary included an extensive rebranding effort for the commission. It changed its name from the Raleigh Historic Districts Commission to the Raleigh Historic Development Commission and implemented new graphic standards, including a new logo, website, newsletter, and portable display. This update better reinforces RHDC's commitment to thoughtful, managed change throughout the city and reinvigorates its mission.



Party Time!

RHDC's 50th anniversary bash was a smashing success! Special thanks to all of our event sponsors and to Marbles Kids Museum.



Platinum

Empire Eats

Gold

Capital Club 16
Garland Restaurant
Jerry's Artarama
Piebird
Red Carpet Event Photobooth
Side Street Restaurant and Catering
Trader Joe's

Bronze

518 West
O2 Fitness
Burning Coal Theatre Company
Ornamentea
Café Helios
Phydeaux
CAM Raleigh
Preservation North Carolina
Epona and Oak
Quail Ridge Books and Music
Fallon's Creative Flowers
Seaboard Café
Harris Teeter
Sip...A Wine Store
Learning Express Toys
Sparians
North Carolina Museum of Art
Spark Metal Studios
North Hills
Turkish Delights
Raleigh City Museum

Silver

Biltmore Wines
Neomonde
Busy Bee Café
Paragon Commercial Bank
Chick-fil-a—Cameron Village
Posh Nosh
The Cupcake Shoppe
Sunflowers Café
Fresh Market—Cameron Village
Tuscan Blu
Moe's Southwest Grill
Videri Chocolate Factory
Mutual Distributing Company
Wilmore Café

RHDC MEETINGS

RHDC Business Meetings:

3/19, 4/16, 5/21, 6/18. 7:30 AM, Rm. 305, Avery C. Upchurch Gov't. Complex.

Certificate of Appropriateness Comm.:

(Application deadline & meeting date)
2/18 for 3/4, 3/15 for 4/1, 4/22 for 5/6, 5/17 for 6/3. 4:00 PM, Rm. 305, Avery C. Upchurch Gov't. Complex.

Community Awareness Committee:

3/5, 4/2, 5/7, 6/4. 4:00 PM, Rm. 213, One Exchange Plaza. Research

Committee:

3/7, 4/4, 5/2, 6/6. 7:30 AM, Rm. 213, One Exchange Plaza.

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Fred Belledin (Chair), Miranda Downer (Vice-Chair), Michael Story (Sec'y/Treas.), Will Alphin, Elizabeth Caliendo, Jannette Coleridge-Taylor, Sarah David, Kiernan McGorty, Rachel Rumsey, Scott Shackleton, Flora Hatley Wadelington, Barbara Wishy.

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Special Insert

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Major work (comm. review):	Oct '12	Nov '12	Dec '12	Jan '13
Approved as submitted		2	1	1
Approved w/ conditions	7	3	3	4
Approved in part/ denied in part		1		
Denied	1			
Deferred				
Minor work (staff approved):	7	17	3	5

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