



LOUISIANA TRUST
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Greetings from the Louisiana Trust for Historic Preservation

Dear Friend of Preservation,

I am pleased to announce that our Annual Preservation Conference will be held in Monroe and West Monroe on September 30 and October 1, 2021. The conference will feature guest speakers, local tours, and networking events such as our Awards Ceremony in West Monroe's Alley Park. This is an excellent time to learn more about preservation efforts around the state and enjoy each other's company again! I hope you will mark your calendars and plan to attend. There are also sponsorship opportunities for this and other programs.

I am also excited to announce that our popular Rambles will resume with a day of touring historic sites in and around Bogalusa on October 16. I hope you will take advantage of these opportunities that highlight historic preservation in our beautiful state and support LTHP's work.

The 2021 Most Endangered Places are revealed in this booklet. The Trust produces this list each year because it raises awareness about the plight of historic sites and begins the conversation on ways to save them.

Even with the restrictions this past year due to COVID-19, the Louisiana Trust for Historic Preservation has worked tirelessly to preserve our historic architecture and culture around the state. Some of our accomplishments include:

1. Advocating for and obtaining an extension of the Louisiana Commercial Tax credits for historic rehabilitations until 2025;
2. Launching outreach efforts to inventory, survey, and document the status of nearly 400 Rosenwald Schools in LA;
3. Accepting donations of historic properties to our Revolving Fund so they can be stabilized, protected, and returned to use.

There is still much to be done in the historic preservation arena... most importantly bringing tax credits for residential homes back to Louisiana and creating more Cultural Districts in rural areas so that historic preservation can become a tool of economic development for these areas. I am confident that, with your support, we will continue to be an asset for preservation efforts across all 64 parishes of our state. **Your membership can make the difference between our landmarks being lost or saved!**

I hope to see you at the conference!

Cordially,

Lisa Condrey Ward

LTHP President



What's Happening Across Louisiana

Rosenwald School Inventory

Identifying community landmarks

It started with a call from Claiborne Parish Library and developed into a statewide effort to determine the locations of both surviving and lost Rosenwald Schools in Louisiana. Previous efforts by the National Trust for Historic Preservation identified **four schools**.

Since the launch of this program, LTHP has received numerous calls and emails from people connected to these schools. Staff is conducting ongoing field work to identify the status of schools. So far, an **additional five schools and one teachers residence** have been identified.



Technical Assistance & Advocacy

Working in all 64 Parishes

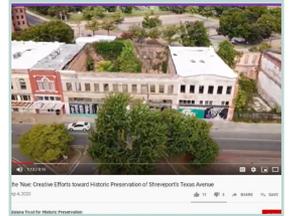
LTHP provides resources and tools to help save historic site in all corners of the state. Recent projects include extensive advocacy for the **Louisiana's State Historic Tax Credit** extension, cemetery cleaning workshops, and socially distanced site visits to preservation projects amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.



Educational Video Series

Digital Learning

After postponing the annual conference, sessions were adapted into online presentations and interviews hosted on our website and YouTube page. For free access to **over 30 presentation topics**, visit [Youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and search for "Louisiana Trust for Historic Preservation."



Sue Turner

Remembering One of Our Founders, 1927-2020

Last December, Louisiana lost one of its strongest preservation advocates. Sue helped to form our statewide organization, leading the way to save many iconic landmarks. She served as an advisor to the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Our Preservationist of the Year Award was recently named in her honor.





Camp Ruston

Ruston | 1942

Local farm land was acquired by the federal government to establish this internment camp for WWII prisoners of war. It was activated on Christmas Day 1942 and reached its peak population in October 1943 with 4,315 prisoners. The site was later used as a tuberculosis hospital and is now part of Grambling State University. Only a few Camp Ruston buildings survive today in poor condition and may need to be moved in order to be saved.



Columbia Free Methodist Church

Columbia | 1948

Located on the edge of Columbia's Main Street community, this simple concrete block structure once served as a house of worship, later an educational center. The building has lost its entrance steps and has been vacant for over two decades. Situated on the main highway, it is highly visible and could be a great adaptive reuse project.



2021 Most Endangered Places



Frank Young House

Franklin | c. 1900

Frank Young was an advocate for improved African American education in the early 20th century. He deeply influenced his grandson, Andrew Young, who went on to become a leader of the Civil Rights Movement, US Representative, and a United Nations Ambassador.

The property was to be donated to the local Boys and Girls Club in the 1980s but remains vacant.



Franklin Lodge 57 F&AM

Franklin | 1895

Franklin Lodge incorporated in 1848 and built this prominent building as their headquarters nearly 50 years later. Plans have been developed for the building's restoration. Some masonry work was completed in recent years, but additional work includes returning second-story windows and balcony as well as updating the storefronts. Community leaders are working to raise funds to restore the facade and encourage new commercial activity.



Gueydan Museum

Gueydan | 1902

Originally built as a bank, this building features ornate details such as a recessed Romanesque arched entry. It was listed on the National Register in 1990 and opened as a museum that same year. In the fall of 2020, the building was impacted by multiple hurricanes. Needed repairs include rehabilitating all windows, replacing the roof, and other updates. The museum is actively fundraising but needs additional support to keep their space open and safe.



Holy Cross School

New Orleans | 1895

Since Hurricane Katrina, this school has remained vacant. Plans for its redevelopment have not been implemented and the site continues to suffer from overgrown vegetation, lack of security, and demolition by neglect. Residents of the Lower 9th Ward are advocating for the building to be stabilized, secured, and rehabilitated soon. The school is located within a local and National Register historic district.



2021 Most Endangered Places



Husser School & Community Center

Husser | 1921

A century ago, this school house was built by local families in this farming community. It features three classroom spaces constructed with local pine timber and includes a small wooden bell tower. The school closed at the end of the 1942 school year but later served as a community center. Events continued here until the 1980s. Efforts to restore the school are taking shape, but additional funding is necessary.



Mary & JW Thomas House

Natchitoches | c. 1900

Originally from Baton Rouge, JW Thomas moved to Natchitoches in the early 1900s to educate black youths. In 1912, he opened the Lincoln Institute where he served as teacher and administrator. By 1925, a seven-room Rosenwald school was dedicated as the Natchitoches Parish Training School. His home remained occupied until 2009. Repairs are needed to stabilize and update the traditional cottage.



Kerner House

Gretna | c 1840

Individually listed on the National Register, the Kerner House is representative of the Greek Revival & Italianate styles. The property suffers from demolition by neglect, overgrown vegetation, and rot. It is also located within a local historic district.

Community leaders plan to work together to clean up and restore the property as a showcase to their neighborhood's history.



St. Mary Church

Union | 1875

This church was designed and built by Louis Chauvin II, a local sugar maker, architect, and Civil War veteran. It was constructed with local cypress highlighting the Gothic Revival style. Additions of the transepts and sacristy were added in 1900. The frame structure suffers from neglect and water intrusion. Community members are working to establish a new non-profit to restore the building and make it available to the public again.



Recent Success Stories

Community landmarks are finding a second chance. Since 1999, *over 40* Most Endangered Places have been restored and rehabilitated, some even relocated. These sites have returned blighted properties to productive uses, created new jobs, supported local businesses, and revitalized neighborhoods. They are encouraging additional preservation activities. Here are just a few sites that were given new life.



Andress Motor Company *Shreveport | Listed 2011-12*

This structure was built in 1929 as a parking garage and Ford dealership, designed by Samuel Wiener. After years of neglect, it's been transformed to become an arts and entrepreneur center highlighting its Art Deco features.



Holy Rosary Institute *Lafayette | Listed 2014*

Holy Rosary opened in 1913 as an industrial school for African American women (later for men in 1947). The school closed in 1993. Funding support from the National Park Service has started its long overdue stabilization.



Miller-Roy Building *Monroe | Listed 2015*

Once a hub of African American social and business life, this 1929 corner building is being rehabbed with tax credits for affordable housing and workforce development. Neighboring vacant lots will be filled in with new construction.



Bogalusa Coca-Cola Bottling Plant *Bogalusa | Listed 2017-18*

Renovation is under way to make room for new office space and even a display area of Coca-Cola memorabilia. This iconic structure will be featured as a tour stop during the Fall Ramble on October 16.



Sam Mistretta Store

Donaldsonville | Listed 2019

There is new activity on Donaldsonville's Main Street as this former saloon and later grocer in the 1940s is being restored as a new museum and retail space. The museum will highlight the history of the building and town.



Alto Presbyterian Church

Alto | Listed 2020

Structural work is progressing at this 1873 chapel. The water damaged floors have been removed to make additional upgrades and safety improvements. Electric upgrades will follow the floor replacement. This will help reopen the space to the public once again.



Texas & Pacific Railway Depot

Natchitoches | Listed 2015

The renovation of this train depot is a joint effort amongst Cane River National Heritage Area, Cane River Creole National Historical Park and the City of Natchitoches. The 1927 landmark will serve as the main visitors center for the Historical Park.



Shiloh Baptist Church

Alexandria | Listed 2007, 2010

A successful fundraising campaign is bringing new life to this important African American landmark. The Louisiana History Museum will restore and move into the space expanding their exhibits and artifacts.



Pacale-Roque House

Natchitoches | Listed 2017-18

This restoration project will include slightly raising the grade and rotating the house to face the water, as it was originally constructed. This will also be beneficial to the large live oak tree, which is now impacting its roof.



Still Need Some

Historic sites across Louisiana are threatened everyday. Below are just a few of Louisiana's Most Endangered Places from previous years that could be lost or saved.

Olla State Bank

Olla | Listed 2011-12

Banks in small towns and big cities have found many adaptive uses. This corner building remains boarded up and missing its roof. Built in 1906, it is located within a local historic district and requires major renovations to avoid becoming a vacant lot.



E.A. Conway Memorial Hospital

Monroe | Listed 2014

Opened in 1941, this hospital served the region until 1987 when a new facility opened. The building features a prolific columned entrance that could be welcoming again if restored to serve the community in a new way. It is a large structure with over 70,000 sq ft of opportunities.



Old East Carroll Parish Courthouse

Lake Providence | Listed 2018

Built in 1901 by prominent architect William Stanton, it has sat vacant for more than a decade. This was the site of the last hanging of a female prisoner in Louisiana in 1938. This building is located within a new Cultural District making it eligible for state historic tax credits.



Tioga Sawmill Commissary

Tioga | Listed 2002

In 2009, the Tioga Historical Society opened a museum in partnership with the State of Louisiana. The museum went on to host a variety of events but was forced to close in 2015 due to structural damage. A new roof and other repairs are required to reopen this space to the public.





Louisiana's Rosenwald Schools

Between 1916 and 1932, approximately 378 schools were constructed in Louisiana with the help of challenge grants from Julius Rosenwald, president of Sears, Roebuck and Company. Booker T. Washington saw that proper educational facilities were not being provided for black students in rural parts of the South at that time and approached Rosenwald with the idea. During a twenty-year period, over five thousand schools were constructed across the South through this program. Typically, the construction expense would be shared evenly between the Rosenwald Fund, the black community and the white community/school board.

Only around 11 percent of original Rosenwald School buildings survive. Louisiana Trust began an inventory in the summer of 2020, to map where these schools were constructed; which ones survive; their condition/needs; and to gather stories about them and those who attended. We compare records from Fisk University with historic topographic maps and current satellite imagery. Leads from our website, social media and news coverage have been instrumental in finding several schools and former students.

Louisiana's northwest region had the highest number of Rosenwald Schools, with nearly one-third of the state's total being constructed in the four parishes of Bienville, Caddo, Claiborne, and Webster. Mt. Olive Rosenwald School is a four-teacher type school constructed in Claiborne Parish in 1920. It is one of the most intact Rosenwalds remaining, thanks to the continued maintenance by the adjacent Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church. Remnants of hurricanes in 2020 damaged the original metal roof. LTHP staff participated in a volunteer work day and is working with the church and local preservation community to seek funds to restore the school.

For more information about the program, visit: lthp.org/rosenwald-schools/.





2021 Louisiana Preservation Awards

Each year, the Louisiana Trust for Historic Preservation honors leaders throughout the state that are championing the cause of historic preservation. Their efforts are making an impact to help save historic places as well as build pride and engagement in their communities. For more information about this year's winner and their work, visit lthp.org/about/awards. Congratulations to this year's recipients!



Main Street Award

Main Street Homer | HOMER

Recognizes a Main Street community that exemplifies the strategic use of creativity, historic preservation, and/or culture to strengthen economic opportunity while respecting the quality of the area.



Education Award

1811 Kid Ory House | LAPLACE

Recognizes an individual or organization that, through educational efforts, helped broaden appreciation for the importance of value of historic preservation in Louisiana.



Leadership Award

Louisette Scott | MANDEVILLE

Recognizes an individual who is making or has made a significant contribution to the advocacy and/or promotion of historic preservation, or the development of their cultural discipline in a community, region, or state.



Organizational Excellence Award

A.P. Tureaud Cultural District | NEW ORLEANS

Recognizes an organization that successfully leveraged assets to provide greater cultural value to its region within the state such as a heritage tourism project, or restoration/preservation effort such as adaptive reuse.



Stewardship Awards

Sazerac House, Ryan Gootee General Contractors | NEW ORLEANS



Recognizing exemplary historic preservation, restoration, rehabilitation and reconstruction projects that adhere to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards. Awards may be presented to a residential or non-residential property, whether privately or publicly owned. Projects completed within the last three years.

Diverse Heritage Award

Alex Da'Paul Lee Thomas Sr | ACADIANA

Recognizing achievements in the promotion and preservation of the Louisiana's multicultural or under-served heritage. Projects eligible for this award include rehabilitation/restoration projects, interpretive programs, heritage leadership or other activities that re-examine, emphasize or further our understanding of the diverse heritage of Louisiana.



Living Trades Awards

Jean Becnel | BRITTANY

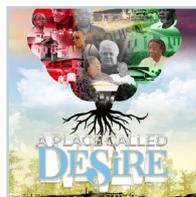
Recognizing individuals that have continued to use a traditional technique or method in construction to achieve authenticity in the preservation, restoration or reconstruction of historic resources within Louisiana. The technique must be one that is considered both artistic in nature and rare in today's construction practices.



Louisiana Heritage Media Award

A Place Called Desire - Leonard Smith III | MAURICE

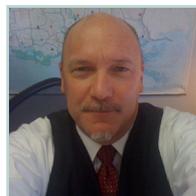
Recognizing outstanding works published or produced within the last two years (journalism, films, books, websites or other media) on Louisiana historic preservation themes, topics, issues, projects or local history and architecture.



Sue Turner Preservationist of the Year Award

Ray Scriber | BATON ROUGE/STATEWIDE

Recognizes the efforts of an individual that made a significant contribution to historic preservation in Louisiana.



Winnie Byrd Preservationist Extraordinaire Award

Mayor Travis Whitfield | KEACHI

Recognizes an individual(s) who have made a lasting impact to the historic resources of Louisiana through a body of work.





Awards cont.

—*Les Prix des Pommes Pourries - Rotten Apple Award*—



City of Alexandria | ALEXANDRIA

Identifies an organization, person or company whose actions disregard the benefits and importance of historic preservation and threaten the cultural legacy of Louisiana

Save the Dates!

We're excited to announce the return of our popular Rambles and the Louisiana Preservation Conference later this year! Visit www.lthp.org/events for updates and to register. Members are eligible for registration discounts for all events. Contact us for sponsorship opportunities at 225-930-0936 or wprince@lthp.org

41st Annual Louisiana Preservation Conference *Monroe & West Monroe*

Thursday, September 30 & Friday, October 1, 2021

Local Tours - Engaging Sessions - Preservation Networking

Keynote Speaker: Jonathan Foret, South Louisiana Wetlands Discovery Center

Fall 2021 Ramble *Bogalusa & Washington Parish*

Saturday, October 16, 2021

Lumber Heritage - Sacred Spaces - Civil Rights - Music History





Taking the Extra Step

LTHP established a statewide Revolving Fund Program in 2015 to acquire, market, and in some cases, stabilize endangered buildings. All buildings are sold with preservation easements attached, protecting its historic character into the future. Proceeds from the sale are then "revolved" back into the program, to save the next endangered property.

If you would like to consider selling or donating your property to the revolving fund or donating a preservation easement, contact Brian Davis at bdavis@lthp.org or 318-267-5220. We can explain the potential tax deductions which this donation may provide.



LeJeune House Adding Easement

Point Coupee Parish

Owners of the c. 1820 LeJeune House in New Roads are working with LTHP staff to develop a preservation easement which will insure the site's protection into the future.



Recently Sold Revolving Fund Properties

Opelousas & Winnsboro

The Judge Gilbert House and two commercial structures in Winnsboro recently sold. The new owners are in the beginning phase of renovations and we look forward to seeing their completion soon!



Sell - Donate - List

Connect with LTHP

Let's find a way to sell your property! Connect with LTHP staff to list your property for sale (for free!) on our website and marketing outlets or donate the property as part of our growing Revolving Fund program. Scan the QR code to see currently listed properties.



Thank You to Our Members

Without the support of our members, we could not provide the advocacy, education, preservation, or technical services to all 64 parishes. Please consider joining or increasing your support for historic preservation in Louisiana today at LTHP.org/give.

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- Clark Malchow

**As off May 1, 2021*

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