



**The History & Preservation Coalition of Sarasota County announces nominations are open for the 2017 Sarasota County Heritage Awards.** The Coalition wishes to recognize individuals and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to the

preservation and understanding of Sarasota County's prehistorical and historical resources. Besides honoring those who have devoted themselves to maintaining the integrity of our remaining architectural, archeological, and historical assets and educating the public to their importance, the Heritage Awards aim to raise the level of public support for governmental and citizen-based efforts to preserve our common past so future generations may learn from it.

**All nomination materials must be submitted by email or regular mail by January 15, 2018.**

Award recipients will be notified on or after February 15, 2018. Awardees will be announced publicly in March, and the Awards Ceremony Luncheon will be held April 7, 2018 at the Venice Golf and Country Club.

**The 2017 Award Categories are:**

- 1. Archaeological Conservancy Award** – Recognizes outstanding efforts to preserve and document prehistorical sites and/or effective advocacy of archaeological conservation
- 2. Historical Research Award** - Awarded for outstanding contributions through research and publication to increase knowledge of Sarasota County's past.
- 3. Lillian Burns Individual Achievement Award** – Conferred upon an individual who has made profound contributions to the history and preservation movement in Sarasota County. Contributions may include scholarly research and publication, education, museology, history and preservation organizational leadership, and public advocacy for history and preservation. The Awards Committee will be most impressed with nominations that document sustained excellence and high achievement.
- 4. Organizational Achievement Award** – Presented to a Sarasota County historical or preservation organization for outstanding success in historical preservation, historical education, and/or support of historical research. The Awards Committee welcomes nominations of organizations that have successfully completed a project or a series of projects that have had a significant impact on preserving and understanding Sarasota County's history.
- 5. Historical Collections Preservation Award** – Recognizes outstanding work in preserving, describing, and providing public access to historical collections located within Sarasota County. The award will be given to individuals or organizations that demonstrate the use of best practices in the field of archival management.
- 6. Historic Structure Preservation Award**- Recognizes and celebrates the best preservation projects in Sarasota County. Nominated projects must have been completed within the last five years of the submission deadline. Nominations are judged for their success in preservation, rehabilitation, and/or restoration of our architectural heritage in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior standards as well as the impact of the project on the community.
- 7. Student Scholar Award** - Promotes and recognizes excellence in student contributions to the field of history, archaeology, or preservation. Contributions should focus on Sarasota County history and can be in the form of a research paper, exhibit, website, or documentary. Nominations are open to juniors and seniors in high school and freshmen and sophomore college students.

Nominators must select one of the categories. However, the committee may move the nomination to another category if the members believe it to be more appropriate. Nominations may be emailed to [scheritageawards@gmail.com](mailto:scheritageawards@gmail.com) or by mail to History & Preservation Coalition of Sarasota County, P.O. Box 895, Venice, FL 34284-0895.

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Please Select the Heritage Awards Category that applies to your nominee:

Archaeological Conservancy    Historical Research    Individual Achievement Award  
 Organizational Achievement Award    Historical Collections Preservation Award  
 Historic Structure Preservation Award    Student Scholar Award

Name of Nominator _____
Phone _____ Email _____
Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Name of Nominee _____
Phone _____ Email _____
Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

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Briefly describe *on a separate page* why this individual or organization deserves the award. (Please do not exceed 500 words.) Nominators must provide: this completed form, the 500-word rationale, the nominee’s resume/biography, and two letters of support. Additional documentation is optional. The committee may request images or other information prior to the awards ceremony.

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The Heritage Awards Committee intends to uphold high standards so that these awards will be meaningful. The committee reserves the right not to make an award in a particular category if it feels that none of the nominations have made a compelling case. Individual self-nominations are not accepted. All decisions by the Heritage Awards Committee are final. It is the Coalition’s hope that all historical, preservation, and archaeological groups in Sarasota County will enthusiastically support this effort to honor our own and raise public awareness of the work we do.

**For information about the History & Preservation Coalition of Sarasota County, visit [historicpreservationsarasota.org](http://historicpreservationsarasota.org).**