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LOCAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROJECTS TO BE RECOGNIZED

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. May 11, 2009 – In celebration of National Preservation Month, the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission will honor 18 projects and services at their annual awards ceremony.

WHAT: Jacksonville Historic Preservation Awards
DATE: Thursday, May 21
TIME: 6 p.m.
WHERE: Jacksonville Main Library, 303 N. Laura St.

National Preservation Month was created by the National Trust for Historic Preservation to spotlight grassroots preservation efforts around the country. Communities take this time to celebrate historic preservation activities in order to create greater public awareness, understanding and appreciation of efforts to preserve local historic resources and heritage.

This annual awards ceremony recognizes outstanding projects and services that promote historic preservation in the greater Jacksonville area. Award categories include: Heritage Education and Publications, Residential and Commercial Rehabilitation, and Preservation Projects and Services. The awards will be presented by the Historic Preservation Commissioners with the chairman, Mitch Weiss, acting as the master of ceremonies.

Some of the projects and people receiving awards on May 21 include: the film “Kiss of Life: The 40th Anniversary,” which documents the Pulitzer-winning 1967 photograph by Rocco Morabito of a JEA lineman dangling from a pole while receiving mouth to mouth resuscitation; the Historic Sites Survey of the St. Nicholas Neighborhood; the exterior restorations of the Woman’s Club of Jacksonville located in Riverside and the Richard Norman Studios in Arlington; and the archaeological findings at the Betz-Tiger Point Preserve. Among the individuals being honored is Council Members Glorious Johnson and Warren Jones for their contributions toward the restoration of the Brewster Hospital.

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