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618 SOUTH PALMETTO AVENUE | JOHN PIERCE



517 SOUTH MYRTLE AVENUE | JAY MACPHEE

JANUARY

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<div>517 South Myrtle Avenue</div> <div> Parkside Cottage is a 1200 square foot simple vernacular bungalow. H.L. and Fannie Gibson built this bungalow in 1917 - it was the last house to be built on this block. On June 23, 1919 Harry L. Gibson and his new wife Nellie Evans Gibson refinanced the house for \$1800 - at 8% interest and paid at the rate of \$18 per month. In 1917 H.L. Gibson was Yard Master for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad and by 1924 he was General Yard Master. Both he and Nellie are buried in Lakeview Cemetery in Sanford. The Gibson's resided here until July 22, 1946 when the title was conveyed, by the widow Nellie Gibson, to Lillian G. Brownlee and her husband E. Darnel Brownlee for “\$1.00 and love and affection”. The Brownlee's lived in the house from 1946 until 1961. The MacPhee's have lived in Parkside Cottage since 1999. </div>					<div>1</div> <div>New Year's Day</div>	<div>2</div>
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<div>24 / 31</div>	<div>25</div>	<div>26</div>	<div>27</div>	<div>28</div>	<div>29</div>	<div>30</div>





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FEBRUARY

“I never design a building before I’ve seen the site and met the people who will be using it.”
– Frank Lloyd Wright

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14 Valentine's Day	15 Washington's Birthday	16	17	18	19	20
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28	29 Leap Day Full Moon	444 Elliott Avenue Buddy the rescue dog guards the Mediterranean style home owned by Doug and Debra Groseclose since 1995. Built in 1925 the house, located in Sanford's Mayfair district, was auctioned off in 1930 for \$3500. The Aiken family lived here for more than 45 years, raising more than 10 children in the house. By the time Doug and Debra purchased the home the wood floors were painted black and the woodwork was painted hot pink! They have worked diligently since then to restore and maintain the integrity of their old house. Several generations of the Groseclose family have encountered ghosts in the house.				





1820 SOUTH PARK AVENUE | CARSTEN BASILE

MARCH

“Old houses mended, cost little less than new before they’re ended.”
– Colley Cibber

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1820 South Park Avenue Built in 1917 in the Victorian style, this home retains its original wrap around porch. The garage was once a stable for horses. This home was divided into apartments in the 1950s and converted back to a single family home in the 1970s. Major interior renovations were made during the late 1990s.			1	2	3	4	5
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13 Daylight Saving Time Begins	14	15 Ides of March	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	
20 Spring Begins (Equinox)	21	22	23 Full Moon	24	25 Good Friday	26	
27 Easter Sunday	28	29	30	31			





808 SOUTH MAGNOLIA AVENUE | JIM ERMISCH

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APRIL

“It doesn’t make any sense, why would somebody be selling a million dollar house for a hundred thousand?”
– Walter Fielding, Jr.

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808 South Magnolia Avenue The current owners of this home have found evidence pointing to the fact that this home is older than the 1911 date listed in local records. The Frame Vernacular home is listed on the National Historic Register was known as the M H. Cheaton House. At one time the front porches were enclosed and the property was enclosed with a chain-link fence. It is believed that the home was restored to its original form during the 1961 – 1997 ownership by the librarian of Sanford’s public library. Owners Jim and Marion Ermisch have lived here since 2005.										1 <			





1600 SOUTH PARK AVENUE | ANTHONY DiPACE

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MAY

The National Trust for Historic Preservation designates May of each year as “Preservation Month.”

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8 Mother's Day	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Full Moon	21
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29	30 Memorial Day	31	1600 South Park Avenue Thought to be built in 1901, bought by Susan “Bubba” Wight in 1921, this one story National Style house (with Shingle Style characteristics) remained in their family for fifty years. The Wight’s owned a local wholesale grocery business. Bubba and her husband Henry were horticulturists; she founded the local garden club, hostess too many gatherings, a published writer and friend to Zora Neale Hurston. They enjoyed lunch right here in the sunroom overlooking her gardens. Sheila and Anthony DiPace have been restoring the home and gardens since 1998.			





1018 SOUTH OAK AVENUE | BLAIK MATHEWS

MAY 2016

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JUNE

“We regret much of what we’ve built; we regret much of what we’ve torn down. But we’ve never regretted preserving anything.”
– Daniel Sack

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1018 South Oak Avenue The construction date is listed as 1913 for this Beaux Arts Colonial Revival home. Originally known as the C.A. Betts house the home remained in the Betts family until 1978. At some point the back porch was enclosed, otherwise the house retains its original form. Sanborn maps dating from 1922 show at least 2 garages and a stable on adjoining property. Current owner Blaik Mathews continues to maintain and improve the property.			1	2	3	4
5	6 D-Day	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18
19 Father's Day	20 Summer Begins (Solstice) Full Moon	21	22	23	24	25
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719 SOUTH OAK AVENUE | ROBERT CROSS



120 WEST 16TH STREET | REG GARNER

JULY 2016							SEPTEMBER 2016						
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AUGUST

“Usually, terrible things that are done with the excuse that progress requires them are not really progress at all, but just terrible things.”
– Russell Baker

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14	15	16	17	18 Full Moon	19	20
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28	29	30	30	120 West 16th Street Old “Sweeney home” built in the 1930s, was previously owned by Vivienne and Gordon Sweeney. They raised two sons and a daughter in this house during the 1950s. The Sweeney’s owned and operated “Sweeney’s Gift Shop” on Magnolia Avenue for many years. The house is now owned by Reg Garner, award winning local photographer and Sanford native.		



549 GLENDALE AVENUE | JOHN ALAVA

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SEPTEMBER

“Growth for the sake of growth is the ideology of the cancer cell.”
– Edward Abbey

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549 Glendale Avenue This tiny home is fondly known as the “Shack on the Track” by current owners and restorers Jim and Brenda Boland. Thought to be a former gardener’s home, it was one of seven buildings owned by the Ginn family on Ginnway Avenue adjacent to the single railroad track. Much of the original structure, circa 1909, was restored including the windows. It is once again a comfortable and cozy cottage, a tribute to Sanford’s past.								1		2		3	
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OCTOBER

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“Once a downtown is more than one-third parking lots, it loses its character and sense of place.”
– Wellington E. Webb, former mayor of Denver, CO

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422 Grandview Avenue First appearing on local records in 1929 and built in a subdivision known as Rose Court, the home has remained unchanged over the years.						1
2	3 Rosh Hashanah	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Columbus Day	11	12 Yom Kippur	13	14	15
16 Full Moon	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 / 30	24 / 31 Halloween (31)	25	26	27	28	29





109 WEST 9TH STREET | MARY KENT

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NOVEMBER

“It has been said that, at its best, preservation engages the past in a conversation with the present over a mutual concern for the future.”
– William Murtagh

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6	Daylight Saving Time ends	7	8 Election Day	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12
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20		21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving Day	25	26
27		28	29	30	109 West 9th Street Built between 1884 and 1887, this frame vernacular home is listed on the National Historic Register. Currently occupied by an owner, it has been vacant and occupied over the years.		





A DIFFERENT KIND OF SANFORD HOME LOCATED AT BOAT TREE MARINA | CYNTHIA BILLINGS

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DECEMBER

“When you strip away the rhetoric, preservation is simply having the good sense to hold on to things that are well designed, that link us with our past in a meaningful way, and that have plenty of good use left in them.” – Richard Moe

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A Different Kind of Sanford Home Located at Boat Tree Marina Warren and Cynthia Billings decided to return to Cynthia’s birthplace of Sanford and simplify their life along with the many people exploring downsizing to small house living. The Billings designed and built this 12 x 32 foot floating home on the St. John’s River. Built with hardwood floors, granite countertops, and a porch to sit and watch the manatees				<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i> Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> Full Moon	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>
<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i> Winter Begins (Solstice)	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>25</i> Christmas Day Hanukkah begins	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i> New Year’s Eve



HISTORY OF THE SANFORD HISTORIC TRUST

The Sanford Historic Trust was formed in 1988 as a not-for-profit organization which serves to evaluate, protect and preserve the architectural and historical heritage of the city through education and stewardship.

The founding members were “urban pioneers” who were renovating historic homes in an area near downtown Sanford that had yet to be classified as a bona fide historic district. Their beautiful homes were sandwiched between other Grande Dames that had been sadly transformed into neglected rental units, abandoned homes, or repugnant crack houses.

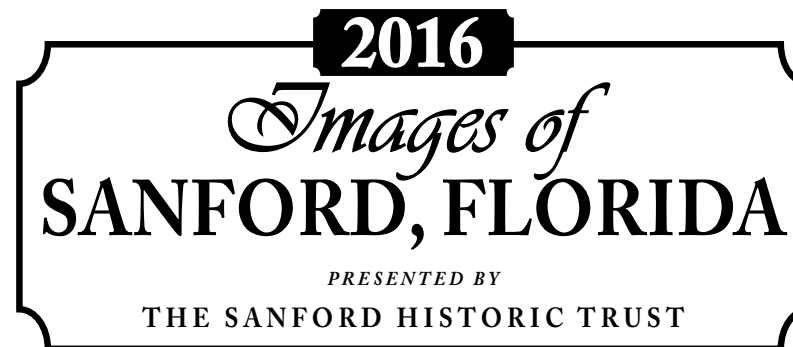
Sanford received a big boost in 1989, when the city was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. With 434 residences and 29 commercial buildings of historic significance now on a national register, the trust gathered momentum. In 1991-92 they worked with world renowned architects and town planners, Andres Duany and Elizabeth Plater-Zyberk, to provide a master plan and an urban code that would preserve and promote Sanford’s unique historical qualities, while simultaneously encouraging growth. Plans were later finalized, fine-tuned and adopted by city officials.

The Sanford Historic Trust has initiated many other projects since its inception. The popular Holiday Tour of Homes is an annual fundraiser and showcases the city’s beautiful historic homes. Tour funds have been earmarked to residents with financial or physical needs for exterior home improvements or repairs, with additional funds assigned to city projects. Another project brought the National Main Street Program to Sanford. The Main Street Program advances preservation-based revitalization of commercial districts throughout the country. The Trust presents Historic Preservation Awards every May during National Preservation Week. First offered in 1993 and later partnered with the City of Sanford in 2007, the Historic Preservation Award recognizes good stewardship of Sanford’s most valuable asset - its historic structures.

In 2013 the Trust commissioned award-winning artist AI Carroll to design “Old Sanford Historic District” lamppost markers giving residents a sense of pride in place and let visitors know that they are in the Old Sanford Historic District.

A historic lamppost program, begun in 2003 in a partnership with the City of Sanford and later sponsored solely by the Trust, continues to spread light throughout the Historic District. Today, over 150 lampposts have been installed. As founding member Helen Hickey puts it, “The trust provided the spark that was needed to reinvigorate our community.”

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings and salutations!

Our inaugural calendar was so popular that for 2016 we have increased the number of free calendars by over 60%. An increase that wouldn't be possible without the generous support of our community-minded sponsors: CPH Engineers, Inc., The Sanford Herald, Insurance Risk Services, and Wayne Densch, Inc.

This year we asked photographers to capture Sanford's charming homes and their diverse architectural styles. We had over 80 entries but could only select 13 which represent Sanford at its very best. Many people know how great Sanford is but if you come across someone who doesn't, then show them this calendar to get them acquainted with our friendly city.

You may have noticed that this year's calendar includes monthly historic preservation quotes — I hope you will find them encouraging. One quote in particular sticks in my mind, that of William Murtagh who said, "...at its best, preservation engages the past in a conversation with the present over a mutual concern for the future."

The Trust has accomplished many great things in our community but we are not content to rest on our laurels as we are always focused on preserving what makes Sanford so wonderful. The Trust is moving into year number 28 of existence and experts say the length of a generation is around 25 years. That means the Trust is ripe for new members, new volunteers, and new ideas.

I invite you to join us as we continue preserving our heritage and magnifying the charm of our historic city. Becoming a member is easy, simply visit our website at www.SanfordHistoricTrust.org and click the Join/Donate button at the top of the page.

Sincerely,

Nelson D. Beverly
President
Sanford Historic Trust

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO

- Kathy Hull and Reg Garner for coordinating this year's photo contest and calendar project
- Members of the Orlando Camera Club for performing the blind judging process to determine the winning photos
- Jeanine Taylor for offering gallery space at the Gallery on First for exhibition of the calendar contest winners
- Pat and Mike, Owners of the Higgins House Bed & Breakfast (420 South Oak Avenue) for sponsoring the framing of the winning photos

618 SOUTH PALMETTO AVE. (ON THE COVER)

Listed on the National Historic Registry, this pre-1900 Queen Anne style home was built for the Graves family and may have been moved from Osteen. It first appears on local records in 1911. Frank Graves, farmer and his wife Bessie, phone operator, owned the home until 1956. The front door originally was facing the corner, but was moved to face Palmetto when a formal address was assigned. The decorative siding is original. The home received the Historic Preservation award from the Sanford Historic Trust in 2006. Current owners, Chris and Sarah Keeney continue to maintain the home; they added a garage in 2013.