

ONE OF FLORIDA'S MOST ENDANGERED HISTORIC SITES

Central Christian Church has been added to the list of Florida's 11 Most Endangered Historic Sites, the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation announced.

Central Christian Church is at the southern gateway to the Lake Eola Heights National Register Historic District. This religious building serves as a record of Orlando's residential and spiritual growth during the Land Boom Period of the 1920s. Over the decades, the sanctuary has performed as a starter sanctuary for several new congregations of various denominations. The Diocese of Orlando received the building as a gift in 1999 with the intent to use it for school activities for the nearby St. James Cathedral School.

"The Most Endangered Historic Sites program is designed to increase the public's awareness of the urgent need to save Florida's neglected or threatened historic resources," said Mathias Bergendahl, executive director. "The Central Christian Church continues to face the threat of demolition and our Most Endangered Committee made the selection upon the recommendation by the Lake Eola Heights Historic Neighborhood Association." The Most Endangered committee is comprised of preservation specialists and advocates from around the state of Florida.

An announcement of all historic properties in Florida added to the 2010 Most Endangered List will be made on May 13 during the 32nd Annual Statewide

Preservation Conference at the Sanibel Harbour Resort & Spa in Ft. Myers.

Founded in 1978, the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation promotes the preservation of the architectural, historical and archaeological heritage of Florida through advocacy, education and stewardship of historic properties. The Florida Trust also maintains a Passport membership program offering free or reduced admissions and other special benefits at over 80 historic sites, museums and parks across the state of Florida.

OLD IS THE NEW GREEN

The theme for 2010's National Preservation Month this May is: Old is the New Green! We know that preservation is good for communities and good for the pocketbook, but in the face of our growing climate crisis, we can also say with confidence that preservation has a significant role to play in fostering development that is more environmentally and economically sustainable. When you reinvest in older and historic buildings or live in a historic home, you support a more sustainable world. Spread the word this May – Old is the New Green!

For more information, check out the Preservation Month link on www.lehhna.com or the National Trust website at www.preservationnation.org/take-action

THANKS TO ALL WHO MADE OUR BLOCK PARTY A SUCCESS!

By Mimi Roberts

A record number of residents came to eat, have fun and mingle with neighbors at the Lake Eola Heights 2010 Spring Block Party this year. Barbeque from WildSide was provided by LEHHNA and neighbors brought side dishes and desserts to round out the menu. Kim Keyser provided wonderful tunes and Meg Prewitt brought back her delightfully popular Artist Corner. New this year was a Craft Area for kids to go along with the chalk art, basketball and four-square.

A wonderful surprise this year was a 25-Year Anniversary cake. Thank you Raymond Cox and Janet Walker for planning that surprise!

Thank you for the hard work planning the party to: Martha Morris, Raymond Cox, Diane Martens, Dave Martens, Meg Prewitt, and Jeff Thompson. And thank you to Martha Morris, Diane Martens and Karen Crawford for helping distribute all those flyers!

As a final note, we want to know what you thought about the block party. Please take a few moments to fill out a 10-question survey. All information is confidential

and is not shared. This will help us plan future events. Please complete the survey if possible by May 12. You can reach it on www.lehhna.com and go to the Block Party Survey link or type <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FZZK3LB> in your browser's address bar.



DO YOU ENJOY PAPER ARTS?

By Mary Alice Willis

Would you enjoy cardmaking, scrapbooking, repurposing books, etc., with others? I have inherited an enormous quantity of paper art supplies and materials from my mother (more than I could ever use in a lifetime), and I'd like to share these materials, ideas, and some relaxing creativity with others who might be interested. I'm pretty sure that I have not inherited my mother's artistic ability, so no skill is needed ... believe me!! If you are interested in getting together to snip, stamp, glue and be creative, please contact me at mawillis@ddna.org