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Sarasota County celebrates Historic Preservation Month in Nokomis

The Sarasota County History Center will celebrate national Historic Preservation Month on Saturday, May 22, in Nokomis, one of the county's oldest communities. May 22 is also the 100th birth date of Bertha Honore Palmer, who was a central figure in the early development of Sarasota.

Events for the day include:

- 8:30-9:15 a.m. – Tour and discussion of the pre-history and history of the Pocono Trail Preserve, which contains three prehistoric Native American Indian sites. The preserve is at 189 Pocono Trail.
- 9:30-10:15 a.m. – Plaque presentation at the restored Venice-Nokomis Bank to property owners who received historic designations over the past year. Light refreshments will be served. The bank is at 801 S. Tamiami Trail.
- 10:30 a.m.-noon – Tour of Nokomis historic homes.

Parking for all three events will be available at the Venice-Nokomis Bank building, 801 S. Tamiami Trail, Nokomis.

Since the National Trust for Historic Preservation created Preservation Week in 1971 to spotlight grassroots preservation efforts in America, it has grown into an annual celebration. Events include architectural and historic tours, award ceremonies, fundraising events, educational programs and heritage travel opportunities.

Due to its overwhelming popularity, the National Trust extended the celebration to the month of May and declared it Preservation Month to celebrate the diverse and unique heritage of our country's cities and states and to enable more Americans to become involved in the growing preservation movement.

For more information about historic preservation in Sarasota County, call the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000.

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