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## *From the President*



Architect Dio Perera and Sculptor Robert Rasmussen unveil renderings of the Bernardo de Galvez statue for which Pensacola Heritage Foundation is raising funds. The statue will be erected at the intersection of Palafox and Wright Streets.

## PHF takes on one of its biggest projects ever

I am excited about the future of Pensacola Heritage Foundation. I think 2016 is going to be another great year for us. Bill Williams has done an exemplary job of leading this organization for the past two years, and we will continue to be true to our mission of preserving our heritage through advocacy, education and community involvement.

We will work to help students learn more about local history and its vital connection to our nation's history by continuing to sponsor Essay Contests related to aspects of this history.

Our Lecture Series with John Appleyard continues to be a great success, thanks to much help from Debbie Adkins, Sue Nicholson, and Phyllis

Williams. The recently published articles in the Pensacola News Journal have really sparked a wide interest in the lectures.

We will also continue to support publishing Booklets of an important historical nature for distribution to all the seventh graders in Escambia County through the schools.

Of course, the major project this year is the Bernardo de Galvez Statue Project, which is progressing very well. This project was started more than two years ago when the City and PHF agreed to partner in exploring the construction of a large, life-size statue of a significant historical person.

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## Foundation works to raise \$400,000 for Galvez monument

Because of General Galvez's important role in the subsequent development along the Gulf Coast, and particularly in Pensacola, with the winning of the Battle of Pensacola, he was selected as our first statue subject. A bronzed conception of the statue has been completed by sculptor Bob Rasmussen and a monument base has been designed by architect Dio Perera. The cost of this project is estimated to be \$400,000 and is to be a world-class sculpture when located on the corner of Wright and Palafox Streets.

A public rendering of the project initiative along with a press conference was held at McGuire's Irish Pub on March 22, in order to kick off the necessary community fundraising effort. The Baroco Foundation already has stepped up to seed the effort with a donation of \$30,000. I hope you, too, will support this unique project for the City and the Pensacola Heritage Foundation. Donations can be made to PHF directly, noting the Galvez Statue Project.

*By President Jim Green*

## For More information About Galvez or to make a donation to the project

Visit our Web site at [GalvezMonument.com](http://GalvezMonument.com) or email us at [galvezpensacola@gmail.com](mailto:galvezpensacola@gmail.com)



Galvez Committee members from left: David Richbourg, Diane Appleyard, Jim Green, Nancy Fetterman, Claudine Kriss, Norman Ricks and McGuire Martin. Although the project has been the planning stages for two years, it was officially kicked off March 22 at a party at McGuire's restaurant. The Galvez monument is a cooperative effort by the Pensacola Heritage Foundation and the City of Pensacola.



Dio Perera, Kathryn Vincze and Capt. Robert Rasmussen at the official unveiling of the Bernardo de Galvez monument March 22. Vincze, the daughter of Rasmussen, will be assisting him with creating the bronze sculpture of Galvez and his horse. Perera designed the statue's base which will include an infinity fountain and LED lighting.

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# PHF Board welcomes two new members

Two new board members were elected during Pensacola Heritage Foundation's Russian New Year's Party and annual meeting: Amelia Asmar and Barbara Fitzpatrick.

## **Amelia Asmar**



Amelia Asmar began her life in Pensacola as a stay-at-home mother of four sons and much of her time was committed to their education and the family's church. She earned her B.A. degree in Philosophy and did post-graduate work in the Humanities Interdisciplinary field, which led her into Pensacola's arts community activities. She has served as an officer or as president of several prominent groups. Presently, she is on the Boards of the Pensacola Little Theater Trustees and Pensacola Sister Cities International.

## **Barbara Fitzpatrick**



Barbara Fitzpatrick joins PHF and brings experience as the former President (2012 and 2013) of Pensacola Historic Preservation Society. Barbara has served on several nonprofit boards, and her work as a philanthropist includes organizing fundraisers, writing grant packages and soliciting funds from local benefactors. She grew up in Pensacola and attended college here; she is married to Brian Fitzpatrick and has a married daughter, Holly Fahr, and four grandchildren.

Returning Board members are Jim Green, president; Don Bush, vice president; Tim Kane, treasurer; Bill Williams, past president; and Alice Ward.

## **PHF antiques now on display at Quina House**

Years ago, Pensacola Heritage Foundation had its office in the Barkley House downtown and owned many antiques that were on display there. After moving into the Carlton Palms, PHF had to downsize its holding of assets because of limited space. Some of the assets are now on display at the Quina House, which is operated by the Pensacola Historic Preservation Society.

The Quina House (204 S. Alcaniz) is the oldest house in Pensacola still on its original site. When you visit, you will see signs indicating that the item is "on loan" from Pensacola Heritage Foundation.

Items include an American "High Style" tilt-top table; a small "D" shaped table; a Sheraton side chair from about 1810; a 1900s wooden towel rack; a bathroom sink which includes a matching china wash bowl, pitcher, soap dishes and razor dish container; two small period trunks; and two antique Paris vases.

## ***Foundation presents Junior Heritage Keeper's Award***



Escambia County School Superintendent Malcolm Thomas (left) and School Board Member Patty Hightower (right) look on as PHF Past President Bill Williams presents the Junior Heritage Keeper's Award, a one-year complimentary membership in the Pensacola Heritage Foundation, and a check in the amount of \$100 to Gorham D. Partington, a freshman at Pensacola High School for the winning entry in the 2015 Escambia County History Fair.

His entry was entitled, "The Power of Purse over Politics: The Rise of the Pantan Leslie Company and the Forbes Purchase." The awards ceremony was at Booker T. Washington High School on Feb. 18.

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## PHF Briefs

### *We Moved*

In November 2015, Pensacola Heritage Foundation moved to its new location at 321 North Devilliers Street. The building we are in, early-on in the late 19<sup>th</sup> to the mid-20<sup>th</sup> centuries was THE place to shop for furnishings for homes and offices.

Interestingly, a recent Heritage Times ran an article about this same building. We are in Suite 216 and the telephone number is still 850-438-6505.

### *Find us on Facebook*



We are on Facebook! Our new look is fresh and we will be keeping you up-to-date on our programs and events through Facebook. We will be posting new information, photos, and events in a timely manner. It is our intention that our members become accustomed to looking here for the latest happenings with Pensacola Heritage Foundation.

Please find us under **"Pensacola Heritage Foundation – New"**.

We will monitor the site for questions and comments. Your feedback is always appreciated. Please "like" and "share" the site to your Facebook friends.

### *PHF underwrites Appleyard series*

John Appleyard has been writing some educational books for the seventh grade students in Escambia County. The books entitled "Writing the Bill of Rights" and "Learning about the Constitution of the United States of America" were underwritten by our Foundation.