



“Celebrate Our Civic, Community and Cultural Heritage”
2nd Annual Regional Conference on April 24, 2010
Historic Pensacola Village in Downtown Pensacola, FL

Dear Colleague,

It is with great excitement that West Florida Historic Preservation, Inc. (WFHPI) announces the upcoming “Celebrate Our Civic, Community and Cultural Heritage” Conference in April 2010. The mission of WFHPI, a support organization of the University of West Florida, is to collect, preserve and interpret the history of Northwest Florida. The theme of this year’s conference will focus on **civic education, community and cultural heritage**. Our **essential mission for this event is to better equip educators** to teach local history, civics and heritage by providing continuing education, resources and materials. It is also part of our vision to provide a venue of discussion for all community heritage, local history and civic enthusiasts. This conference will enable us to collaborate with one another, share and equip, and better instruct our students.

This unique event was created in 2009 as a part of the 450th Anniversary Celebrate Pensacola education initiative and was hosted by WFHPI. The success of the first conference was greatly due to successful partnership with such influential education organizations as the **Florida Council for Social Studies, the Escambia Area Council for Social Studies, Alpha Delta Kappa** (International Honorary Organization for Women Educators) and **The Freedom’s Foundation of Valley Forge**. The positive response by participants was overwhelming! WFHPI, recognizing the great potential of this event, has committed to lead in the continuation of this event. Co-leaders for the conference are Ms. Cherie Arnette (Escambia County Social Studies Specialist), Mrs. Connie Brown (FCSS District 1 Board Member) and I, Dena Bush (WFHPI Museum Education Coordinator). As leaders, we will continue to collaborate with the same respected organizations as last year. Currently, the Florida Council for Social Studies, Escambia Area Council for Social Studies and Alpha Delta Kappa will continue to co-sponsor our upcoming conference.

As proponents of civic education, community and cultural heritage, we invite you to consider participating in this unique opportunity as a presenter. Attached, you will find a presentation proposal form. If you prefer not to present, we encourage you to attend. Registration forms are available on the websites listed below. We value your expertise and any suggestions or contributions are appreciated.

Sincerely,

Dena Bush
WFHPI, Museum Education Coordinator
dbush@uwf.edu
850-595-5985

Registration Forms:
www.historicpensacola.org
www.fcss.org