

The Henry Nehrling Society



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Nehrling Property Acquired!

On November 30, 2009, The Henry Nehrling Society realized its goal of acquiring the National Historic Register listed Henry Nehrling Estate/Palm Cottage Gardens in Gotha. The Society has worked for several years to obtain funding from public sources, only to be stymied by a combination of budget deficits and bureaucratic complications. But the Society was able to raise sufficient funds from individuals and private foundations to put down a substantial payment on the property while maintaining operating funds for the first year; and a private investor has stepped up to the plate to loan the remaining funds needed to close on the property.

"I can hardly imagine what he (Dr. Henry Nehrling) would think about the closing and purchase by the society of the garden he loved so much. Words cannot express the how much I personally appreciate the efforts, determination, time and energy from so many people who have come to know this story over the last fifteen years.

Henry has again found many kindred spirits to carry on his dream, his dream lives on through the past, present and future garden lovers who will continue to have the opportunity to know this garden story. Thank you for making this all possible," said his great-grandson, Richard.

Immediately after the closing, the Nehrling Society presented an original oil painting to former owner Barbara Bochiardy. The painting, "Palm Cottage, Historic Home of Dr. Henry Nehrling" by Don Thomas, was presented in recognition of the contribution made by Barbara and her late husband Howard Bochiardy, AIA, for the preservation of the site during their ownership of the property from 1981-2009.

The Henry Nehrling Society is very excited to be part of saving one of the "Florida Trust for Historic Preservation's 11 Most Endangered Historic Sites", a critical part of our Florida and local history.

"The Society now is looking forward to kicking off a major capital campaign and conducting a basic clean-up of the house and gardens. An initial condition assessment must be made of the property followed by the development of detailed plans for its rehabilitation," said Theresa Schretzmann-Myers, president of The Nehrling Society.

Ultimately, Nehrling Gardens will become an education center focusing on historic preservation, horticultural education and environmental conservation, but there is much work ahead. The Society encourages anyone with an interest in these fields to get in touch through its website, www.nehrlinggardens.org.

The Henry Nehrling Society is very grateful to Jim and Brenda Gissy for making the acquisition possible by providing a private loan to the Society and to realtors Suzi Karr and Sandy Roman for waiving their fees. Attorney Vernon Swartzel of Carlton Fields donated his legal representation, Allen & Company Professional Surveyors and Mappers donated the recertification of the boundary survey.

The Society received a \$50,000 acquisition grant from the Winifred Johnson Clive Fund II of the Community Foundation of Central Florida, \$25,000 donations from the family of John W. and Anita E. Ritchie and the Ella B. Sadler Estate and \$5,000 - \$10,000 contributions from the Chesley G. Magruder Foundation, Jim Karr & Family, the Gotha Community Foundation, Jerry and Mary Howard, Jim and Margaret Thomas, Kathleen Klare and Stephen and Angela Withers.

Letter from Our Nehrling Society President

"I encourage you to take a look and see how your gift can help our garden grow."

Dear Nehrling Supporters:

Happy New Year! I hope your holidays were filled with family, friends and memories to be cherished. With the new year ahead of us the possibilities are high for our economy, nation and the Nehrling Society initiatives.

The Nehrling Society has centered our focus in the past 10 years on fundraising efforts to acquire the remaining six acres of Dr. Nehrling's historic Palm Cottage Gardens in Gotha, southwest Orange County. That goal came to fruition with the Nehrling Society's recent purchase of Palm Cottage Gardens on November 30, 2009.

More than 500 individuals and organizations have given financial support over the years including generous donations from Winter Garden Bloom and Grow Garden Society, Windermere Garden Club and Rotary Club of Windermere. Countless volunteers have given their personal time, talent, treasure and labor to clean-up the gardens. To all of you we say a heart felt thank-you for your continuing support.

We have an important fundraising campaign in which you can participate to help save Nehrling Gardens. Purchase an "Honorary Deed" for a piece of Dr. Nehrling's Palm Cottage Gardens. The Henry Nehrling Society is offering the purchase of "Honorary Deeds to one or more

square yard parcels of the Nehrling Gardens site, at \$50/parcel. The money raised will be donated to the Acquisition Fund required to save our threatened National Register Historic site. See the honorary deed application at our website at www.nehrlinggardens.org or fill out and mail the Honorary Deed form in this newsletter. Your donation of the value of one or more parcels will be permanently recorded and you or the person you designate will be given an "Honorary Deed" that acknowledges your contribution towards the preservation of this important heritage home and garden. I encourage you to take a look and see how your gift can help our garden grow.

Have you renewed your membership? Memberships through our website or by filling out the enclosed form and mailing are appreciated and help us reach our goals by supporting the Society's greatest needs

Have you considered volunteering? We need volunteers for our Capital Campaign Committee, House Restoration Committee and Garden Restoration Committee. Or, if you are interested in learning more about Nehrling Society Board membership, give us a call at 407-876-4524. We are committed to historic preservation, environmental conservation and horticultural education. Join us in our continuing quest to preserve one of the Florida Trust's 11 Most Endangered Historic Sites and a National Register Site.

Theresa Schretzmann-Myers

Annual Membership Meeting

The Nehrling Society annual Membership meeting will be on Monday, February 22, 2010, 7 p.m. at Camp Ithiel, 2037 Hemple Avenue, Gotha, FL 34734.

The guest speaker will be Joy Wallace Dickinson, "Florida Flashback" columnist for the Orlando Sentinel. Refreshments will be served. There will be a Silpada Jewelry table fundraiser on the side with proceeds to benefit the Nehrling Garden Acquisitions fund.



How can you get involved?

You can become a member of The Henry Nehrling Society through one of the following memberships, or, by purchasing a Deed, a membership is included.

Senior/Student	\$15
Individual	\$25
Family	\$40
Sponsor	\$100 and above
Corporate	\$250 and above
Patron	\$1,000 and above

Name _____

Address _____

(City, State, Zip)

Phone _____

Email _____

If you are interested in volunteer opportunities, please call or email us. There are plenty of opportunities to help!

Membership Benefits: Quarterly newsletter, Discounts for workshops and lectures, Free Garden tours, 10% discount on plants and gifts, Special Events, Access to resources of the History and Education Center.

Honorary Deeds

Honorary Deeds provide long-lasting recognition of your gift for yourself or in honor or in memory of someone. What better way to show someone your love or appreciation than by giving them a piece of history as a legacy. You will be investing in the future as we develop in the gardens a unique, dynamic educational model, something that will pay off more over time. You can help ensure development of a skilled horticultural workforce for years to come. We invite you to share in our vision and invest in the opportunity to develop and nourish minds through the gift of giving. You can make your commitment here today by mailing in the attached form or you can go to our website, www.nehrlinggardens.org

The Henry Nehrling Society, Inc.

The Henry Nehrling Society invites you to purchase an honorary deed to contribute to the acquisition of Palm Cottage Gardens. Help us save this National Register Historic property, that is one of the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation's "11 Most Endangered" sites. We welcome and encourage your tax-deductible contribution. All donors will receive an honorary deed recognizing your "ownership" of 1 square yard of the property for each \$50 in donated funds and permanent recognition on the site after acquisition.

Amaryllis Level \$50 * Honorary Deed for 1 square yard

Gloriosa Lily Level – \$100

* Honorary Deed for 2 square yards

Bromeliad Level – \$500

* Honorary Deed for 10 square yards

Bamboo Level - \$1,000

* Honorary Deed for 20 square yards

Magnolia Level - \$5,000

* Honorary Deed for 100 square yards * Color Copy of Site Plan

Palm Level - \$10,000

* Honorary Deed for 200 square yards * color Copy of Site Plan * Private tour of Nehrling Gardens (for up to 8 people)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I choose the following level:(circle one)

Amaryllis \$50 Gloriosa \$100 Bromeliad \$500

Bamboo \$1,000 Magnolia \$5,000 Palm \$10,000

The deed will be issued with the name specified above, unless one of the following options is selected:

Please designate the deed in honor of a friend or loved one who has passed away:

In Memory of: _____

Or, please designate the deed to honor someone on a special occasion:

In Honor of: _____

I pledge \$ _____ /year for _____ years.

Enclose check made payable to "The Henry Nehrling Society" and mail to P.O. Box 884, Gotha, FL 34734. Thank you for your support!

Eco-Friendly

Please go to our website and sign up to receive our newsletter, which can be found at the top of the Home page. This will help us reduce our carbon footprint. The newsletter will be posted on the website and will be emailed to our members, donors and those requesting it. Feel free to print it and share with friends and family.

"Show me your garden, provided it is your own and I will tell you what you are."

- Dr. Henry Nehrling

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