



## HRA Invites You to Live the Highland Experience May 1st

by Teresa Edgerton

**G**et ready to sample signature dishes from your favorite Highland restaurants and perhaps discover new locally-owned, neighborhood eateries at HRA's first annual Highland Experience. The outdoor festival will be held in the 800-900 blocks of Robinson Place on Sunday, May 1, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

**T**here will be something for everyone at this Highland Restoration Association fundraiser, dedicated to highlighting area restaurants, artists, historians and musicians, while raising money to continue improv-

ing and promoting the Historic Highland neighborhood. If you don't live in Highland, we want to introduce you to our life style--relaxed, creative, and filled with good food and good times.

**A** \$10 ticket (\$5 for children 8 and under), purchased at the entrance of the event, will allow you to taste delicious cuisine from ten participating restaurants, all located in the Historic Highland area. A cash bar will sell wine, beer, sodas and water. Stroll along the beautiful, shaded boulevard of Robinson Place, which will be blocked off to vehicular traffic that day. Soak up the sounds of Michael Futreal and Twang Darkly, Appalachian music with a modern twist, from 11:30am -1:00pm; then rock out with A. J. Cascio & the Two Tone Blues Band from 1:30pm-3:00pm.

**A** group of neighborhood artists will display their artworks in the yard of one of the lovely homes along the street. This year's artist section is a just a sampling of the many talented artists and artisans who call Highland home. HRA hopes to increase the size of this venue in the future.

**F**ascinating photos and stories from Highland's past will be fea-

### The Highland Experience

**What:** Highland-area food, music, art, history, and more!

**When:** Sunday, May 1st, 11am-3pm

**Where:** 800 & 900 Blocks of Robinson Place in the Highland/Fairfield Neighborhood

**How Much:** \$10 for food tickets, cash only please!

**More Information:** Visit <http://restorehighland.org>

tured in the History Tent, where participants can visit with three of Highland's resident historians—Sue Ball, Eric Brock and Dr. Gary Joiner. An children's area, sponsored by the Fairfield Historic District Association, will have activities, such as painting and jewelry making, for the younger set.

**P**articipating restaurants are:

- **Barrakooda Bites**—a Line Ave. venue featuring world famous Gambino's cakes from New Orleans, coffee cakes from Boston & other cake creations.
- **Bears**—oysters, poboy, and other Louisiana favorites, with a full bar; located in a lovely Tudor building on Fairfield Ave.
- **Columbia Café**—fresh foods and contemporary American cuisine, with a full bar, in a



## Experience, cont'd

funky, renovated bungalow on Creswell St at Kings Highway.

- Ernest's Orleans Restaurant—New Orleans-style, fine dining establishment and cocktail lounge between Downtown and Highland on Youree Drive.
- Lilah's Deli and Bakery—quaint neighborhood eatery in an old grocery store on Olive St, serving breakfast and lunch, in addition to delicious sweet treats.
- The Mabry House—fine dining in a beautifully restored Queen Anne home on Irving Place.
- Monjuni's Italian Café & Grocery—the Louisiana Avenue

location features authentic Italian dishes in colorful café or patio setting.

- PieWorks-Pizza by Design—specialty pizzas, salads, bread sticks at convenient Kings Highway location.
- Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers—one of Highland's fast food establishments on Kings Highway, featuring fried chicken and their special sauce.
- Smokin A's Mobile Catering—barbecue on-site in the former Leon's Barbecue location on Kings Highway. Anthony will also bring his signature barbecue to you with his mobile unit.

Other area businesses supporting The Highland Experience include C & C Electric, SWEPCO, Kings Highway Brookshire's Grocery, Julie Anne's Bakery, Taqueria la Michoacana, Ridgways, Caddo Career Center Commercial Art faculty and students, Shreveport Green, Loyola High School volunteers, Republic Distributors, Highland Jazz and Blues Festival, and Thrifty Liquor.

If you enjoy fine food, good music, art, and history, join us Sunday, May 1, in the 800-900 blocks of Robinson Place. Support one of Shreveport's oldest and most interesting neighborhoods and live The Highland Experience.

## NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT AWARDS

HRA is proud to announce two new Neighborhood Improvement Award Winners. The first winner is The ARC of Caddo-Bossier. Their history in Highland goes back to over 50 years ago when in 1960, their offices were moved to 351 Jordan Street. The Arc of Caddo-Bossier is a private, non-profit agency that provides an array of services and supportive programs for infants, children, and adults with developmental disabilities and their families. Their mission is to provide

opportunities for children and adults with disabilities to realize their full potential, to fulfill their gifts and talents, and to become self-directed and contributing citizens. Today, the location houses the Goldman School & Child Development Center, which is an inclusive program, the Administration Staff, and Residential Services Staff offices.

In order to better serve the needs of their clients and to make their location more ADA compliant, they spent approximately \$600,000 on improvements to their parking lot and grounds. The beautiful gardens in front of Goldman School & Child Development Center were created in memory of a longtime employee, Lucy Poulsen, who served as a Social Counselor then



Katherine Brandl's Home  
the Executive Director for The Arc  
for over 30 years.

Our second winner, Katherine Brandl, is also an important contributor to the Highland neighborhood. As a mathematics professor at Centenary College, she exemplifies the notion that Highland is the type of community where one can live, work, AND play. Congratulations to our winners, and thanks for making Highland a more beautiful place!



The ARC of Caddo-Bossier's Gardens



# HIGHLAND RESTORATION ASSOCIATION

## 2010 HIGHLIGHTS

As you read through the following list, remember that each activity represents not only your membership contributions at work, but also an opportunity to be involved. If there is a particular activity that you'd like to be become part of, please email: [highland\\_restoration@hotmail.com](mailto:highland_restoration@hotmail.com) or call 221-7629 and leave us your information. Please check out our blog, [restorehighland.org](http://restorehighland.org) and join the HRA Facebook group—additional ways to keep up with neighborhood happenings. As a grassroots organization, we're only able to accomplish these things through member contributions, grants, partnerships, and, most importantly—volunteers. Please come out and join us! We want to thank the city of Shreveport and the Department of Community Development for their support through the Neighborhood Investment Program (NIP) Grant, which helped make possible many of the HRA activities and events.

<b>Events &amp; Activities</b>	<b>More Events &amp; Activities</b>
HRA wrote, received & implemented a Neighborhood Investment Program (NIP) grant in 2010.	Three HRA Board Members attended the 2010 Louisiana Trust for Historic Preservation Convention held in Shreveport.
Attended the Community Oriented Policing (COP) Networking Conference with city officials.	Assisted in application for designation of a Highland Cultural District.
Held 3 General Membership meetings, focusing on topics of interest to you, our members, e.g., updates from city officials, zoning issues, master plan, Shreveport Historic Commission Study Group recommendations.	Unveiled a new website and our well-received blog, <a href="http://restorehighland.org">restorehighland.org</a> , established a HRA Facebook group and initiated "email blasts" to remind interested individuals of upcoming events and issues.
Monitored MPC and ZBA agendas for zoning issues impacting our neighborhood, met with property owners, reviewed plans, wrote letters and appeared at above meetings in numerous cases.	Collaborated with other neighborhood groups: A Better Shreveport (ABS), Texas Avenue Community Association (TACA), Highland Jazz and Blues Festival, Downtown Development Authority (DDA), Shreveport Green, Community Renewal, Fairfield Historic District Association
On-going efforts to monitor Property Standards and take appropriate actions on problems brought to our attention with successful results.	Wrote and distributed three newsletters, plus postcards and other communiqués to HRA members.
Held two neighborhood clean-ups to pick up litter; including the Great American Clean-up, during which we removed over 75 tires and other large items, in addition to litter found along sidewalks and roadways.	Held monthly HRA board meetings (November & December combined), scheduled for last Wednesday of each month, updated organization by-laws, hosted a HRA table at the Highland Jazz & Blues Festival.
Continued to maintain 5 historic monument sites and gateway locations as part of ongoing beautification efforts; totally refurbished one 20 year old site.	Addressed concerns about Highland Park with SPAR Director and included park improvements in HRA's proposed 2011 NIP grant activities.
Recognition of 7 Neighborhood Improvement Award winners.	Hosted a well-attended District B City Council Candidate Education Forum on August 26, 2010.

## 2011 Highland Restoration Association Membership Information

(Member dues are our primary source of revenue.)

Regular Membership.....\$20 Renters.....\$10 Family Membership.....\$30 Patron.....\$275

Senior Citizens (60+).....\$10 Commercial Member.....\$75 Sponsor.....\$125 Benefactor...\$525+

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Membership \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be interested in serving on a committee or volunteering with HRA? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you consider to be the top three issues facing the Highland area? \_\_\_\_\_

How can the Highland Restoration Association better serve the area? \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to: Highland Restoration Association, 520 Olive Street, Shreveport, LA 71104

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These individuals are proud to continue a 34-year tradition of volunteer service to the residents and businesses of Highland and they appreciate your support.

You may contact any of your board members by calling and leaving a message for them at (318) 221-7629.

