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## FROM THE PRESIDENT TO OUR MEMBERS

Let's celebrate the arrival of 2021! It marks a fresh start and a momentous milestone for Landmarks Illinois: our 50th anniversary. I've been inspired recently by looking back at our accomplishments as an organization over five decades. I understand now more than ever why Landmarks Illinois is a leader in preservation throughout the state and nation. I am excited to highlight our work throughout 2021 as we reflect on 50 years. I hope you will be as impressed as I am and as proud to be part of Landmarks Illinois.



For those who may not know our origin story, 50 years ago a young lawyer began organizing people who were outraged that Chicago's world-renowned architecture was facing the wrecking ball. The proposed demolition of Adler and Sullivan's 1893 Chicago Stock Exchange was the last straw. On February 19, 1971, attorney Richard Miller put out the call to form an organization to spearhead the effort to save the Stock Exchange building. The Landmarks Preservation Council's Articles of Incorporation were filed just five days later. Miller was joined by his wife, Joan — also an attorney and Australian Consul to Chicago — and 19 other young preservationists to form Landmarks Preservation Council's first Board of Directors. Miller left his law practice in 1973 to become LPC's first President.

"Since 1971 we have held firm to the idea that historic places have meaning to people for a wide variety of reasons. We've evolved to see people as preservation's core."

LPC was formed as a nonprofit advocacy, policy and lobbying organization to promote the preservation of buildings with special architectural, aesthetic or historic value. Classified by the IRS as a Section 501(c)(4) organization, donations to LPC were not tax deductible, so the board formed a charitable arm, the Landmarks Preservation Service, in September 1971. LPS' work included writing National Register nominations, helping with preservation planning and offering public programs. LPS also had a revolving loan fund and made grants. Recognizing the vital need to become a statewide organization, LPC and LPS were dissolved in July 1979 and the new nonprofit organization, Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois (LPCI) was formed. LPCI is still our legal name, but we've been doing business as a more concise "Landmarks Illinois" since July 2006.

In our 50-year history Landmarks Illinois has played a role in saving nearly 25,000 historic places. Since 1971 we have held firm to the idea that historic places have meaning to people for a wide variety of reasons. We've evolved to see people as preservation's core.

The future of our communities is important to Landmarks Illinois. While marking our 50th anniversary, we know it is as important to look forward as it is to reflect on our past. We're planning for the next 50 years of preservation in Illinois, and we are doing it by expanding the concept of preservation and engaging even more people in saving places important to them and their communities. As an organization founded by young people, we especially believe our young volunteers, advocates and staff will define our future, and we must open doors to their leadership.

There's more to come about our anniversary throughout 2021. Please join us in celebrating this milestone and help us shape our next 50 years.

With gratitude,

*Bonnie McDonald*

Bonnie McDonald  
President and CEO

# LANDMARKS ILLINOIS WILL CELEBRATE 50 YEARS

AND THE PEOPLE WHO SHAPED THEM AT MARCH EVENT

**As part of our 50th Anniversary celebration in 2021, Landmarks Illinois is dedicating our upcoming spring fundraiser, 50Forward, to the people who have shaped our organization thus far and who we believe will play a pivotal role in our future. These 20 “Landmarks Illinois Influencers” have given their time, resources and expertise to ensure places of the past remain part of our state’s future. They have each helped grow the preservation movement in Illinois and have made our organization one that is recognized not only throughout the state, but nationwide.**

We will pay tribute to our Landmarks Illinois Influencers at 50Forward, scheduled for March 25, 2021. The hour-long, virtual fundraising event will include live entertainment, inspiring videos focused on our past, present and future and features of our 20 influencers. Please visit [www.Landmarks.org/50Forward](http://www.Landmarks.org/50Forward) for more information!

## Who are the Landmarks Illinois Influencers?

Landmarks Illinois Influencers are people from a variety of backgrounds, professions and places across Illinois. Some are preservationists by trade while others came into the field through volunteer and philanthropic efforts. They are architects, planners, engineers, developers, historians, photographers, community organizers and advocates dedicated to our mission. These 20 preservation leaders include people who were part of our founding in 1971 or have served on our Board of Directors for many years as well as emerging professionals just beginning to make their mark on the preservation field.

“Our diverse Landmarks Illinois Influencers represent the immense growth and evolution of the preservation movement throughout our 50 years,” said Bonnie McDonald, President & CEO of Landmarks Illinois. “Each one of them deserves to be recognized for their vision, passion, generosity and dedication to our mission of saving places for people.”

## How we selected the Influencers

Last fall, Landmarks Illinois welcomed nominations for “Landmarks Illinois Influencers.” We asked for people of any age who have had or will have a profound effect on Illinois’ historic preservation movement and who have helped shape Landmarks Illinois. They could be people whose preservation efforts included advocacy and policy campaigns, public engagement, organizational development, leadership, creating new preservation tools and more. Ultimately, we wanted to highlight the

people who represent our organizational values and the broad reach of our state’s preservation movement.

“We received an impressive and long list of nominations,” said McDonald. “While this made our task of selecting only a handful of people even more difficult than expected, it also reminded us of just how many people have played a role in our 50-year history. Without these influencers — and our many volunteers, partners and members — Landmarks Illinois would not be the preservation powerhouse it is today, carrying out its mission to positively impact people all across the state.”

Landmarks Illinois is excited to celebrate these 20 Landmarks Illinois Influencers at 50Forward and the organization’s 50th anniversary on March 25. The event will be hosted virtually, and registration is required. In lieu of a set ticket price, Landmarks Illinois will accept donations from registered guests. All registrants will receive a custom link to the event prior to the event date. Visit [www.landmarks.org/50Forward](http://www.landmarks.org/50Forward) to learn more and to register. 🍷

*clockwise from top right: Landmarks Illinois Influencer Edward Gerns inspects Randolph Tower in Chicago.*

*Landmarks Illinois Board Member & Landmarks Illinois Influencer Jean Follett (right) talks to Ophelia Niemann, owner of 2010 Most Endangered site, the Manske-Niemann Farm in Litchfield.*

*Landmarks Illinois was founded in 1971 in an effort to save the Chicago Stock Exchange. The Building’s original arch stands today outside the Chicago Art Institute.*

*Skyline Council Member and Landmarks Illinois Influencer Erica Ruggiero is interviewed by NBC 5 Chicago before a heartbombing event.*



## LANDMARKS ILLINOIS INFLUENCERS

**JOE ANTUNOVICH**  
Landmarks Illinois Board Chair (2003-2005)  
*Architect*

**DAVID BAHLMAN**  
Former Landmarks Illinois President (1999-2008)

**LEE BEY**  
*Journalist & Photographer*

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**CIERE BOATRIGT**  
Landmarks Illinois 50th Anniversary Task Force Member  
*Community Development Professional*

**JEAN FOLLETT**  
Landmarks Illinois Board Member & Interim Executive Director (1998, 2011-2012)  
*Historic Preservation Consultant*

**ED GERNS**  
Landmarks Illinois Emeritus Board Member  
*Architect*

**SHELLEY GORSON**  
Landmarks Illinois Board Chair (2011-2013)

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Springfield Historic Preservation Advocate  
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*Historic Preservation Consultant*

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Landmarks Illinois Board Member  
*Developer*

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Landmarks Illinois Founder & Board President (1971 – 1976)  
*Attorney*

**EMILIO PADILLA**  
Landmarks Illinois Board & 50th Anniversary Task Force Member  
*Architect*

**SANDRA RAND**  
Landmarks Illinois Board Chair  
*Purchasing Professional*

**ERICA RUGGIERO**  
Skyline Council Member  
*Historic Preservation Specialist / Architectural Historian*

**MARTIN TANGORA**  
Landmarks Illinois Board Member (1971-present) & Board President (1976)  
*Mathematician*

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Landmarks Illinois Board Member & Skyline Council Chair (2018-2020)  
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Former Landmarks Illinois Board Member & Current Regional Advisor  
*Architect*

To read more about each influencer, visit [www.Landmarks.org/50Forward](http://www.Landmarks.org/50Forward)

# THE STATE OF PRESERVATION

## MIRACLE HOUSE 2001 N. Nordica, Chicago

In December 2020, the Commission on Chicago Landmarks granted preliminary landmark designation for this Belli & Belli-designed home in Chicago's Galewood neighborhood. With volunteer Dan Lempa, Landmarks Illinois helped prepare the designation report at the request of its 21-year owner. Built in 1954, Belli & Belli designed the home for free and helped secure pro bono materials and labor for its construction on behalf of the Chicago Archdiocese, which raffled the home in a fundraiser to pay for a new St. William parish complex. The home is important both for its modern architectural design and its historic tie to the parish community.



CHICAGO

## SUBURBAN COOK COUNTY RECENT PAST SURVEY UPDATE

The Suburban Cook County Recent Past Survey database on the Landmarks Illinois website was recently updated with funding from the Jocardno Fund. The web platform has improved functionality and expanded search parameters. Visitors are encouraged to explore the extensive database, which to date contains documentation of more than 4,100 commercial, institutional, office and religious structures in 70 municipalities in Cook County. The most recent communities surveyed by students in the Graduate Historic Preservation Program of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago include Burnham, Calumet City, Dolton, Flossmoor, Harvey, Homewood, Matteson, Olympia Fields, Park Forest, Richton Park, South Holland and Thornton.

*Grace United Protestant Church in Park Forest*



## COLONEL WOLFE SCHOOL Champaign

In November, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) listed the Colonel Wolfe School for sale. Built in 1905, the now-vacant school is the work of architect Walter Thomas Bailey, the first licensed Black architect in Illinois. While UIUC set only a one month deadline for proposals, Landmarks Illinois marketed the building and succeeded in generating proposals from experienced developers. At press time, UIUC is reviewing the offers, but may still opt to demolish the building. Advocates may contact the UIUC Chancellor's office in support of the sale and reuse of the historic Colonel Wolfe School. Advocates may contact the UIUC Chancellor's office at [chancellor@illinois.edu](mailto:chancellor@illinois.edu) in support of the sale and reuse of the historic Colonel Wolfe School.



CHAMPAIGN

# LOOKING BEYOND LINCOLN IN OUR STATE'S CAPITAL

BY FRANK BUTTERFIELD *Director of Landmarks Illinois' Springfield Office*

**Springfield, Illinois, is widely known as the home of Abraham Lincoln. You can run the Lincoln Presidential Half Marathon, stay at the Lincoln Hotel and visit both Lincoln libraries (presidential and local). Many local preservation initiatives have also been viewed through the lens of Lincoln, with buildings described as "associated with Lincoln" or simply "Lincoln era."**

We should commemorate and honor the 16th president's legacy, but not let it overshadow or preclude a more full and nuanced story of the capital city. Part of Lincoln's story is the struggle for the emancipation of those who were enslaved. Our advocacy efforts must equally elevate the legacy of all those who fought for that cause and continue to fight for civil and human rights of all Americans.

Springfield's Black community has not been afforded equal access to resources and platforms in their efforts to save historic places. Currently, community leaders are at work to change this dynamic and promote places associated with Black history in Springfield.

In 2019, Dr. Stacy Grundy, Dr. Gina Lathan and Kenneth Lockhart opened Route History in a former Texaco gas station for visitors to "learn of the tragedy, resilience and excellence of Black people on Route 66 and in Springfield." The group also seeks to raise awareness and funds for the Lincoln Colored Home, an orphanage for Black children founded by Eva Carroll Monroe that Landmarks Illinois listed on the Most Endangered list in 2013. (We featured Route History in this newsletter one year ago today. You can read the feature in our February 2020 edition of The Arch at [www.Landmarks.org/Resources/Newsletter](http://www.Landmarks.org/Resources/Newsletter).)

Teresa Haley, president of the Springfield chapter of the NAACP, has led the



charge to protect and commemorate the archaeological site of the 1908 Race Riot. The NAACP worked with Landmarks Illinois and the Faith Coalition for the Common Good to successfully avoid the destruction of this nationally significant site as part of a railroad consolidation project. A 2019 U.S. Department of Interior report found it suitable for designation as a National Monument.

Preservation efforts continue at the Ambidexter Institute (listed on Landmarks Illinois' 2014 Most Endangered Places in Illinois as the Judge Taylor House) by Tim Rowles of The Springfield Project and at the First Black Firehouse by Ken Page.

All of the historic sites mentioned here are within a one mile radius, presenting an opportunity to create a cultural heritage area. But geographic proximity alone is not what unites these sites.

Springfield has a story to tell. It's a deep and rich story that, yes, includes Lincoln. It also includes the legacy of Eva Carroll Monroe, who founded her orphanage after the three others in town would not house children of color. It includes the lynching of two people during the race riot that led to the founding of the NAACP, which Teresa Haley often refers to as the "oldest



and boldest civil rights organization in the country." It includes the stories of Black children attending the Ambidexter Institute, modeled after Booker T. Washington's Tuskegee Institute, and so much more.

To properly tell all these stories will take investment and commitment from the preservation and philanthropic community, city, state and federal governments as well as community support. Landmarks Illinois is a committed partner of the people working to save these important places. 🇺🇸

*clockwise from left: Eva Carroll Monroe, founder of the Lincoln Colored Home.*

*The Race Riot Site in Springfield was named to the NPS African American Civil Rights Network at a Ceremony at the Lincoln Home. (Courtesy DOI, Tami Heilemann photo.)*

*Stacy Grundy gives a tour of Route History in Springfield for Landmarks Illinois Board members.*

## BY THE NUMBERS

Then & Now: Landmarks Illinois at the time of our founding in the early 1970s, versus today

1971-73  
2021

### STAFF MEMBERS

4

9

### BOARD MEMBERS

21

34

### SERVICE AREA (in square miles)

234

57,915

### NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN SERVICE AREA

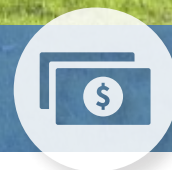
3.4 million

12.7 million

### ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENSES

\$25,000

\$1.9 million



## PRESERVATION HERITAGE FUND GRANT RECIPIENT

The **S.B. Fuller Mansion in Robbins** received a \$2,500 Preservation Heritage Fund Grant from Landmarks Illinois to aid stabilization efforts at the residential structure. The home was built in 1958 for S.B. Fuller, who founded Fuller Products. Born in 1905 to a family of sharecroppers in Louisiana, Fuller began door-to-door sales at the age of nine to help support his family. He moved to Chicago at 17 to pursue a career in sales. At his peak, S.B. Fuller owned eight other corporations, was publisher of two newspapers, led the Chicago NAACP, served as president of the National Negro Business League and was a prominent Republican. Fuller died in 1988, leaving the Mansion to his family. In 2016, the family donated the Mansion to the Robbins Historical Society and Museum. The Village of Robbins is one of the oldest incorporated African American communities in the United States and the oldest Black suburb in the Chicago area. Unfortunately, the Fuller home has been neglected for many years and is currently uninhabitable. The Robbins Historical Society and Museum will use the Landmarks Illinois' grant to mothball and stabilize the structure with repairs identified in an economic feasibility study that will be completed using funds from a National Trust for Historic Preservation grant.

## IN MEMORIAM

Landmarks Illinois is sad to hear of the recent passing of two longtime supporters. **John W. "Jack" Barriger** served a total of 18 years on the Landmarks Illinois Board of Directors between 1985 and 2008. He also chaired the Landmarks Illinois Reliance Building Task Force. **Lucia Woods Lindley** first became a Landmarks Illinois member in 1978. She was an Honorary Board Member from July 1990 to December 1995. Landmarks Illinois thanks Mr. Barriger and Ms. Lindley for their decades of dedication to our organization and mission.

## TWO LANDMARKS ILLINOIS LEADERS REFLECT ON THEIR DECADES OF SERVICE TO THE ORGANIZATION



Will Tippens

Martin Tangora was among Landmarks Illinois first board members when the organization formed in 1971. He also served as its President in 1976. Will Tippens first got involved in Landmarks Illinois in the early 1980s when he interned with the organization. He later served as Board President from 2015 to 2017. Both Martin & Will currently serve on the Landmarks Illinois Board of Directors, and Will leads the organization's 50th Anniversary Task Force.

We invited Martin & Will to ask each other about their decades of experience volunteering and helping Landmarks Illinois carry out its mission. Below are their interviews with each other.



Martin Tangora

**MARTIN TANGORA: When and how did you realize you wanted a life devoted to architecture, building and preservation?**

**WILL TIPPENS:** No question my interest in architecture and preservation came from my father, Bill, who was an architect. I loved visiting his office to see the firm's work and going with my dad to the job sites and see the buildings under construction. My father also loved Chicago architecture. He would give slide lectures at local grade schools on the Chicago School of Architecture and photograph the buildings on weekends. One of my very first summer jobs was around 1980, when I had a brief, unpaid internship with Landmarks Illinois. I helped do research on the mansions that would become the Seven Houses on Lake Shore Drive district.

**MT: What victory or victories in preservation (or development) are you most proud of?**

**WT:** It was during my first job out of grad school creating a new culture of preservation, with the help of Julia Bachrach, by establishing the preservation program at the Chicago Park District with Ed Uhlir. One of my roles in this was partnering with trades people on completing work orders on the park's historic structures. I was a long haired, wet-behind-the-ears recent grad, and needless to say, I was not someone many of the trade workers were interested in listening to or working with. But over the four years I was at the Park District we worked together to find solutions for

the trades to implement that were more appropriate to the buildings. By the time I left, I would often get calls from trades people before I even saw the work order list asking me to meet them at a fieldhouse to come up with a solution. We'd become a bit of a team that helped to elevate these important historic resources.

**MT: What losses or other things are you most disappointed in?**

**WT:** The losses that disappoint me the most are those that could have been avoided. Pilgrim Baptist Church, which was lost to a preventable fire is the first that comes to mind.

**MT: What do you hope your personal legacy will be — with Landmarks Illinois or in the world of architecture and preservation?**

**WT:** I've never really thought about legacy. I hope only that I've made a contribution to the field and the organization.

**WT: What first got a mathematician interested in preservation?**

**MT:** Short answer: I was always interested in preservation. Long answer: As an undergrad at CalTech, editor of the student newspaper and of the humor magazine, I wrote lots of articles and editorials about how the Institute was not respecting its campus architecture (and plan). At the time, I didn't have any knowledge, just instinct. As a Fulbright scholar in Paris, I studied the history of art and architecture — mostly French, of course. When the Republic Building was

torn down, a newspaper article talked about the Chicago School, and I knew nothing about that, but saw that I had a gap to fill. I became a drinking friend of Carl Condit, so naturally I read his books. The loss of the Italian Court on North Michigan Avenue was tragic for me. By the time the Old Stock Exchange was in jeopardy, I was well informed and intensely concerned.

**WT: When you joined the Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois what were the preservation issues that were the focus of the organization at that time?**

**MT:** The Stock Exchange, other Adler & Sullivan-designed buildings and then the Marquette Building a year later. Richard Miller (Landmarks Illinois' founder) had me organize the inventory, which was our (published) list of the buildings in the Chicago Central Area that we wanted developers to know that we would fight to protect.

**WT: What are the biggest changes you've seen in the organization and the preservation movement in the past 50 years?**

**MT:** Displacement of volunteers by professionals with advanced degrees not just in architectural history but in preservation. Actually I am disappointed and worried that even very knowledgeable volunteers no longer can have a major role in preservation. Going forward, addressing this may be one key to getting the younger generations involved. ■

# 45 YEARS OF PROTECTING HISTORIC PLACES THROUGH PRESERVATION EASEMENTS



BY SUZANNE GERMANN *Landmarks Illinois Director of Grants & Easements*

After accepting its first preservation easement in 1976, Landmarks Illinois organized a formal easement donation program in the early 1980s. Today, Landmarks Illinois protects 540 historic properties across the state through this program. The dedicated members of Landmarks Illinois' Easement Committee ensure the protection of these properties in perpetuity.

The Easement Committee has two main roles: To make recommendations to the Board of Directors for the acceptance of easement donations and to review proposed alterations to easement-protected properties. In the early years of the easement program and through the early 2000s, the main role of the committee was reviewing proposed easement applications. It considered the historic significance, integrity and condition of the building when making its recommendations. In recent years, the committee's main responsibility has been to review proposed alterations to protected properties.

The committee is comprised of architects, contractors, historians and attorneys who all work within the field of preservation. Suzanne Germann, who staffs the committee, considers the members a resource for all easement

property owners. Not only do committee members attend monthly meetings, they also donate their time and expertise by meeting with property owners on site to work through specific issues. They take the time to meet Landmarks Illinois staff and property owners on location to view mock-ups, offer technical assistance or share their knowledge of historic building materials. The committee has met with new property owners to discuss how to expand their home within the constraints of the easement. Several members of the committee with expertise in masonry recently met with an owner to determine a restoration plan for their sandstone rowhouse.

The easement program would not be possible without the dedication and commitment of the Easement Committee members. Landmarks Illinois strives to have a diverse knowledge base on the committee to be able to address any issue that comes its way. Over the past 15 years, more than 40 professionals have contributed their skills to Landmarks Illinois through their volunteer work for the easement program.

Landmarks Illinois appreciates the time and expertise that longtime committee member Ed Gerns, an architect with Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, has

provided for the easement program. Ed said the following about being part of the committee: "To be involved with such a dedicated and passionate group of individuals is an honor. The group has always worked very hard in our role as stewards of these historic properties on behalf of Landmarks Illinois and giving back to the preservation community is a small contribution to preservation in Illinois."

Jack Tribbia from Berglund Construction has provided his steady manner in managing the review process for requests for alterations as Chairman of the Committee during his two terms on Landmarks Illinois' Board of Directors. "It's an honor to be associated with a group of talented industry leaders, working together to share knowledge to provide building maintenance guidance for current stewards of historic properties," Jack said.

Landmarks Illinois has greatly benefitted from the contributions of Ed and Jack and all of the dedicated Committee members over the years. ■

*Members of the Landmarks Illinois Easement Committee conduct a site inspection last summer at the easement-protected property, the Battledock House in Highland Park.*

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