

► (12/18/08) *SCPTA House on the National Register of Historical Places*



After doing some checking, the SCPTA Historic House Preservation Committee learned that the SCPTA Office/House was already a part of the National Register of Historical Places. With further inquiry, the committee members learned that there was a plaque available to designate a house in the Register. Noticing that the house next door already had its plaque posted, the committee members decided that there should be one for the SCPTA house.

The National Register of Historic Places is the nation's official list of properties and sites with significance in American history and culture. It is part of the federal preservation program that is conducted by the National Park Service under the Secretary of the Interior and administered for South Carolina by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) — part of the South Carolina Department of Archives and History. Each year preservation specialists and interested citizens prepare nominations to the National Register for review — first by the State Board of Review, and then by the National Park Service. Properties listed in the National Register earn the honor of displaying South Carolina's National Register bronze plaque and parchment certificate.

The plaque, a modified oval about 5" x 6", features a palmetto tree, carries the inscription "National Register of Historic Places," and gives the name of the property on a raised bronze plate. The plaque is designed for exterior display and can be purchased by the owner of the property or others interested in it.

The members of the committee divided up the cost of the plaque and each donated one-fifth of the cost to purchase the plaque. The plaque was installed today - December 18, 2008 - by Nigel Lee. It is on the post of the picket fence that fronts the house so that all who pass may see it.

Members of the SCPTA Historic House Preservation Committee (see photo) are as follows: first row - Martha C. Knight and Gail Phillips, Co-Chairmen; second row - Karen Kurimcak, Nigel Lee, and Patricia Gates.