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State Recognizes Stuart Main Street Program at Commission Meeting

Local Revitalization Program Receives Six Awards

STUART, FL – October 22, 2012 – The 25-year-old Stuart Main Street program has been recognized with six awards from Florida's Secretary of State. The program received three Honor Awards, two Merit Awards, and a Milestone Achievement Recognition for twenty-five years of community development, business enhancement, and historic preservation efforts. Stuart Main Street received the awards at the 2012 Secretary of State's Florida Main Street Awards Dinner in Dade City in September and presented them at the Stuart Board of Commissioners meeting October 22, 2012. Ann Macmillan, President of Friends of Florida Main Street made the presentations. Award recipients were:

- Outstanding Local Florida Main Street Program Supporter – Bernie Malone
- Outstanding Business of the Year – Ron Hart and Earthtones
- Outstanding Private-Public Partnership – City of Stuart CRA and Stuart Main Street – Colorado Avenue Business District Improvements
- Outstanding Economic Restructuring Program or Project – City of Stuart, Stuart CRA, Stuart Main Street, and Marcela Cambor – Downtown Stuart Outdoor Seating Strategy
- Outstanding Special Event – Dancin' in the Streets



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- Milestone Achievement – Stuart Main Street 25 years

In presenting the milestone recognition to Mayor James Christie, who also served on the City Commission when Stuart's Main Street Program was first founded, MacMillan said, "This program could not exist without the ongoing support of the city."

Florida Secretary of State Ken Detzner recognized the program's achievements in a news release, noting, "Their focus on preservation and contributions to Main Street programs across the state are essential to the revitalization of Florida's traditional commercial districts." Award recipients were selected by the awards committee, including Florida Main Street Program Coordinator Joan Jefferson, Preservation Architect Eva Osborne, and three local Main Street program managers: Mikel Dorminy, Bartow Main Street; Barbara Hendrix, Newberry Main Street; and Charles Rudd, Palatka Main Street.

Stuart Main Street is a 501(c)3 historic preservation-based program dedicated to building a vital downtown through community self-reliance and a focus on traditional assets: personal service, local ownership, unique architecture, and sense of community. Formed in 1987, the group follows the Main Street Four-Point Approach® as established by the National Trust for Historic Preservation's National Main Street Center and practiced in over 1600 communities across the country. Stuart Main Street meets the second Tuesday of every month at 4:30 p.m. in the City Hall Chambers at 121 SW Flagler Avenue, Stuart. For more information, visit call 772-286-2848



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