

## HPO Monthly Update May 2011

- **New to Spokane Historic Register:** In May, the Landmarks Commission recommend listing 2027 West Shannon Avenue (the Taylor House)
- **Landmarks Commission Business:** approved three applications for Certificates of Appropriateness for rehabilitation of historic properties:
  - St Paul Market (West Central),
  - Rose Apartments (East Central),
  - Guse House (Browne's Addition).
- **Revitalize Washington Conference:** May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> HPO attended a statewide Mainstreet/Historic Preservation conference in Walla Walla and presented a program on the City of Spokane's SMART business recognition program for green and sustainable practices.
- **Preservation Breakfast:** The HPO hosted a networking breakfast at the historic Roberts Mansion for individuals involved in local historic preservation efforts. The breakfast was attended by consultants, planners, a property developer, local government representatives, national local and statewide preservation nonprofit members (including SPA), and Chris Moore from the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation, all of whom shared information and ideas about preservation initiatives in Spokane and regionally.
- **Modern Architecture Program:** The HPO worked with SPA, the Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture, and Anderson Mraz Design to host a two-day event with a film showing, lecture, tours and discussions about modern architecture in Spokane. The event gathered local experts and interested parties to discuss the role of modern architecture in Spokane's recent past, and showed substantial interest in this subject in our community.
- **National Preservation Month:** Mayor Verner and the Spokane City Council and the Board of County Commissioners issued proclamations in honor of Preservation Month recognizing the many benefits of historic preservation. The theme of this year's commemoration was "Celebrating America's Treasures." The proclamations highlighted the ways that historic preservation contributes to managing growth, sustainable development, revitalizing neighborhoods, fostering local pride, maintaining community character, and enhancing livability. Kurt Kinbacher and Beth Fairfax of the Landmarks Commission accepted the proclamations.



Attendees at the 2011 Preservation Leadership Breakfast, held at the Roberts Mansion

### Upcoming for June:

- Week of June 6: Culture Week at Spokane Tribe – feast on Friday, public invited. School website for info
- TV-W was in Spokane filming locations for a statewide "this place matters" historic preservation PSA
- No Landmarks Commission hearing for June (quorum). Currently interviewing and filling vacancies
- The SMART program presented in Walla Walla has been accepted for 2011 NTHP conference
- HPO - scheduled time out of the office in June to work on ordinance revision