



February is upon us and local preservationists Katherina Paliwoda, Executive Director of Main Street Vero Beach, Heather Stapleton, Executive Director of Vero Heritage Center and Anna Brady, local community volunteer would like to invite you to join the National Trust for Historic Preservation's movement to spread the love for old and historic places.

On Valentine's Day and throughout February the community is encouraged to show their affection for older and historic places with a tangible expression of their love and devotion through Valentine's known as "heart bombs".

Unfamiliar with the concept? It's simple, really. "Heart Bombs" are love letters to historic places that appear at historic sites nationwide, on local landmarks, and around places both safe and threatened.

Your reasons for participating might vary. Maybe you dig a particular building, or your town, or your community's greater history. Maybe you love bringing people together around a good cause. Or maybe you just love crafting.

No matter your reasons, the beauty of heart bombing is its fun and ease. What follows are the essential steps, but we encourage improvisation!

- Read "[How to Host a Successful Heart Bomb Event.](#)"
- Buy your basic, elementary-school art supplies.
- Gather a group of people who are passionate about saving a place.
- Make big Valentines for the place you love.
- Take your Valentines and either affix them to the place, or stand in front of it holding your declarations of love. (Note: Do no harm and if you are not sure if you can legally access the property? Then go with the latter option!)
- Take pictures. Lots of them. Especially of your smiling faces in front of the bedazzled location.
- Share all those pictures on Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, etc. with the hashtag #IHeartSavingPlaces.

For those looking for inspiration for your special Heart Bomb, Vero Heritage Center will host a craft night on February 6th from 4:30-8pm. There will be craft supplies, wine, and yummy chocolates to celebrate our love for historic buildings! Suggested \$5 donation. If you can't make it that day, a craft table will also be available during the February 8th Mornings on Main Street at 8am, also held in the Vero Heritage Center, located at 2140 14th Ave in the heart of Historic Downtown Vero Beach.

So, snag some craft supplies, pick your place, and sing its praises to the world!

Good luck and have fun !

<https://savingplaces.org/stories/heart-bomb-spread-the-love-for-historic-places#.XE3m3VxKhEZ>

DISCLAIMER: PLEASE GET PERMISSION OF PROPERTY OWNER BEFORE AFFIXING YOUR VALENTINE TO THE BUILDING. WE WANT TO SHOW OUR LOVE AND APPRECIATION FOR OUR HISTORIC RESOURCES, SO WE DON'T WANT TO TARNISH THE INTEGRITY OF THE BUILDING IN THE PROCESS.