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Ask Rosamond Hudgins about her days spent teaching at Macon's Alexander II Elementary School, and her eyes sparkle and her face brightens, poised to share her memories. "It's such a special place," she said wistfully, gazing up at the entrance to the 98-year-old school. "I am delighted that there has been such an effort to preserve it." Though Ms. Hudgins has not taught at Alexander II in more than 20 years, she watched her three children walk to this same school from the house she still lives in just down the street.

The school has been preserved through efforts of active local parent-teacher groups and preservation organizations, including Intown Macon and the Macon Heritage Foundation. Most recently, the school received national attention when it was chosen by the National Trust for Historic Preservation as the Southeast representative of endangered historic neighborhood schools, one of the listings in this year's "Eleven Most Endangered Sites."

The sites were announced in Georgia at a National Trust press conference held on the steps of Alexander II. Reporters from newspapers, television, and radio attended the conference to hear National Trust and Georgia Trust Advisor Gene Surber speak. Young students gathered nearby to show their support for their school.

"More than architectural treasures, historic neighborhood schools are important community anchors for many older neighborhoods," Surber said. "These powerful symbols of community pride and stability are facing threats that include sprawl-promoting state policies, government funding policies that favor new construction over rehabilitation,

and the attitude that new buildings are always better than old ones."

To address the problem of endangered historic schools nationwide, the National Trust is calling for changes in state and local policies that now promote the construction of new schools in isolated out-of-the-way locations, reform of state funding formulas to facilitate the maintenance and modernization of existing schools and removal of state and local barriers to the continued use of older and



Students gather in support of the Alexander II School in Macon at the National Trust's press conference.

historic schools. Gov. Barnes' recently enacted education legislation has helped solve many of these problems in Georgia by revising the funding formulas to enable local governments to rehabilitate their older community schools and allowing schools to receive renovation dollars more than once. The National Trust is also calling for passage of America's Better Classrooms Act, which would provide \$24 billion in school modernization bonds — funding both renovation and new construction —

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**Greg Paxton**  
President and CEO,  
The Georgia Trust

# Who Is Richard Peters?

## Home of Atlanta's "Forgotten" Forefather Worth Preserving

In the hustle and bustle of Atlanta, Richard Peters is the man who time forgot. Although he and his family did a great deal to shape Atlanta in the nineteenth century, few Atlantans know anything at all about them. That fact is a clear example of why preservation needs to be a higher priority in the state's capitol city. So here's a little primer of little-known facts about the man that I like to call "the George Washington of Atlanta."

### The Man Who Named Atlanta

Richard Peters (1805-1888), as superintendent of the Georgia Railroad, spent ten years building the rail line and rode the first passenger train from Augusta to Marthasville. In a company circular, distributed by the thousands in Georgia and Tennessee, he announced the completion of the rail line from Augusta to "Atlanta." With this unauthorized and some said high-handed stroke of the pen, Peters, who thought that Marthasville was an unsuitable name for a major city, changed the name of the city forever. Three months later, the Georgia Legislature officially adopted the new name. Working with Gov. Henry McDaniel (of our McDaniel-Tichenor House in Monroe) and Henry Grady, Peters successfully maneuvered moving the Georgia state capitol from Milledgeville to Atlanta. Later, Peters and Grady successfully influenced the state legislature to establish a technical school — now known as Georgia Tech — on land donated and sold by Peters on the west side of Atlanta. Actually, Peters owned most of the area of Midtown from the Georgia Tech campus area to east of Piedmont Avenue, and from south of North Avenue up to Eighth Street. He was the first to begin development of this area.

### An Innovative Businessman

But that is not all. Under his administration as superintendent of the Georgia Railroad, the first rudimentary sleeping car was invented. Yet, in his own time, this Renaissance Man was best known as an exponent of scientific agriculture. From his farm in Calhoun county, he conducted extensive experiments with grains and grasses, shipped specimens of peach trees as far as California and New Zealand, and

in 1854, Peters joined with two other businessmen, to introduce Chinese Sorghum cane, also called Chinese sugarcane, to Georgia. Peters himself figured out how to process the cane, which later produced a substance known as molasses.

Though a native of Philadelphia and against secession, Peters served in the



*A view of the Peters House, before restaurant additions.*

Confederacy as a civilian transport agent and developed a fleet to run the Union naval blockade. At war's end, he worked for conciliation with the Federal forces, lessening the impact of Reconstruction on the city.

### A Family Tradition

Richard Peters passed his entrepreneurial leadership on to his son, Edward, who became superintendent of the Atlanta Street Railroad Company, the city's first horse-drawn trolley line that was also Atlanta's first mass transit. Edward led the building of "Athletic Park" on family land near Peachtree Street and North Avenue, so people would use the trolley to get to the games played by Atlanta's first semi-pro baseball team, the "Atlantas" (1884). On June 3, 1882, Edward Peters and city officials laid the ceremonial blocks to pave the first street in the City of Atlanta, Alabama Street.

He also participated in the founding and underwriting of Georgia Tech and was one of the founders of the Exposition Cotton Mill. As a wedding gift, Richard Peters gave a parcel of land to his son, Edward, who

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## Richard Peters

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built the first and one of the finest Queen Anne houses in the state in 1883. Which brings us to the reason why we all should be concerned about Atlanta's cultural amnesia.

The Peters House, also known as Ivy Hall and The Mansion restaurant, is the only tangible link Atlanta has to the Peters family. The house was designed in 1883 by Gottfried L. Norrman, a prominent Georgia architect who also designed such notable buildings as the Church of Christ Scientist in Ansley Park, Fountain Hall on the campus of Morris Brown College and the Windsor Hotel in Americus. Situated in Midtown — an area where few historic landmarks remain in their original context — the property is bordered by Piedmont, North and Ponce de Leon Avenues and Myrtle Street. The northern two-thirds of this lot contains historic landscaping that is largely intact, including many specimen trees. Even though the entire block is locally designated as a historic landmark, a developer sought to erect 164 condominium units on a portion of the property without clarifying a use for the house.

Working together, the Atlanta Preservation Center, The Georgia Trust (represented by Chairman Sheffield Hale) and concerned citizens voiced their thoughts at a meeting of the Urban Design Commission on July 26. With a 5-1 vote the commission denied the developer's proposal, but asked the preservation community to take an active and immediate role in the project. Together with our preservation partners, including a \$2,500 from the National Trust's building intervention fund, The Georgia Trust is now actively seeking a compatible alternative use that will enable the current owner to obtain a reasonable return on his property. This tangible link to one of Atlanta's founding families can continue to have a viable role in Atlanta's future.

## Taking a Swing for the Trust



This year's **Preservation Classic**, held on August 14 at the **Peachtree Golf Club**, was a sold-out success! The Georgia Trust thanks our generous presenting sponsors, **Randstad North America** and **APower Solutions**, and official sponsor, **Saab Cars USA**. Pictured L-R: **Milton Williams** (Chairman, Preservation Classic), **John Orth** (Vice-President of Marketing, Saab), **Greg Paxton** (President & CEO, The Georgia Trust) **Sheffield Hale** (chairman, The Georgia Trust), **Alan Parker** (CEO, APower Solutions), and **Daryl Evans** (Managing Director of Marketing, Randstad).

Look in the next issue of *The Rambler* for more about this successful event!

## Ramble Heads West to Stewart County

In Stewart County, the most famous town isn't really a town at all. It's a living history museum called Westville, where, according to its 'residents,' it's always 1850. No one really *lives* in Westville, but each day a talented staff of men and women bring the village to life through activities such as blacksmithing, weaving, and potting.

According to Stewart County native and Westville Executive Director Matthew "Mac" Moye, Westville was developed in 1966 as a refuge for buildings that otherwise would have been demolished. "It's time travel," Moye said. "We take people back into another era and show them what life was like when people were dependent on the other people in their community."

Westville is just one of the sites Ramblers will visit when The Georgia Trust travels to Stewart County on October 27-28 (Friday-Saturday). Located about 30 minutes south of Columbus, Stewart County offers a wide variety of resources. The county is home to two Indian mound sites and two state parks, including Providence Canyon, often called Georgia's "Little Grand Canyon." There are beautiful historic buildings, such as the c. 1836 West-Moye Home, the childhood home of Matthew Moye and also the site of Friday night's dinner. The whole

family will enjoy this "kid-friendly" Ramble, which offers special activities on Saturday for young preservationists.

Ramble registration will take place at the Bedingfield Inn on the square in downtown Lumpkin on Friday and



Bedingfield Inn

Saturday. Built in 1836, the former stagecoach inn is considered to be one of the first success stories of rural preservation in Georgia. According to Moye, local residents were inspired by efforts in Columbus to preserve the Springer Opera House. In 1966, the Stewart County Historical Commission began working to restore the Greek Revival building to its current splendor.

All Georgia Trust members are invited and encouraged to attend. Invitations will be mailed to you with more details. If you have further questions, please call Laura Gaines at 404-881-9980 ext. 3232.

# Designing History: Main Street Brings

Design Assistance Program Offers Solutions for Downtown Business Owners

Looking at the old Grand Opera House in downtown Griffin, it's hard to tell where to begin the rehabilitation that will bring this once-vibrant building back into modern-day life. Most of the windows in the theater upstairs have been filled in with stucco, some exterior brick has been repainted, and other design elements have changed. Yet its beauty is still overwhelming, especially to new owner John Rivers, a mechanical engineer from Fayette County. He is full of questions for Griffin Main Street Manager Carolyn Byrd and Georgia Trust Design Manager Paul Simo. Both are providing advice on rehabilitating the 1894 building, which also includes three street-level storefronts.

"Preservation of the building is the top priority," Rivers said. "I want to keep it as original as possible."

Griffin's Grand Opera House is one of more than 1700 buildings statewide that has received design assistance from The Georgia Trust's Main Street Design Assistance Program. Since 1981, the program has been integral to Georgia's downtown revitalization efforts,

helping building owners make the most of their historic properties through exterior design and rehabilitation.

Simo, relatively new to the Trust, has already made quite an impact on the program. Utilizing his background in graphic design, he has implemented current technology-based tools such as computer-aided renderings of

"before" and "after" downtown facades.

"This job is a terrific mix of historic preservation and the graphic design/commercial background that I have," he said. Simo hopes to soon have the

resources to take a laptop computer on his Main Street visits. This technology would allow him to acquire project images with a digital camera, and while remaining on-site, use photo-manipulation software to show the owner how different the building might look with new awnings, new signs, or the removal of paint or siding.

"With the increasingly portable and 'instant results' era we live in, we hope to move our services in that direction," he said.

The computer-aided renderings are just one part of the assistance program. When a Main Street building owner contacts his or her Main Street



**Above:** Building owner John Rivers (right) consults with Design Manager Paul Simo in front of the Grand Opera House in downtown Griffin.



**Right:** Simo works on a hand-drawn rendering for a Main Street client.

## Existing



## Proposed Rendering



**Left:** Existing photo and hand-drawn rendering of a rehabilitation project for the Day Building in East Point. "Our job now is to help the city understand the appropriate way to uncover and rehabilitate the facade sensitive to its original character," Simo said.

# Downtowns Back to Life

manager, the manager then contacts Simo for advice or a site visit. Through various levels of assistance, he provides technical information on preservation techniques and products that would facilitate the rehabilitation work. In addition, for a \$50 fee, Simo can produce a design concept consisting of a hand-drawn colored rendering of a building's exterior with accompanying facade notes.

"The hand-rendered visuals are still the popular choice of business owners," Simo said. "It helps them see their building as a piece of art."

Seminars, workshops, slide presentations, and other materials are also offered to inform Main Street program directors, design committees, building owners, merchants, and the general public about proper downtown design, historic preservation, and building rehabilitation and maintenance.

"It really is a process of visioning," Simo said. "Hopefully we'll be able to educate business owners on the proper measures of rehabilitation and maintenance for their historic buildings. We really hope we can show them that they are stewards in preservation. What they have in their historic building is what they are going to pass down to future generations."

Just one site visit from Simo can provide a wealth of knowledge to a Main Street building owner. His large box of 'traveling files' is filled with product information for onsite technical information, information from the National Main Street office, and

description forms that he fills out as he assesses the buildings.

"I feel like the information he has given me is general enough so I can really apply it to the building. Yet I've received enough technical information so I can make a knowledgeable decision," said Rivers. "This has been a real help to me. Even though I have knowledge of commercial buildings, I don't have knowledge of historic buildings. I guess I'll know a lot more after this project is finished!"

Visit The Georgia Trust Web site at [www.georgiitrust.org](http://www.georgiitrust.org) for full-color Main Street design renderings!

## Existing



## Computerized Proposal



*Above: Existing photo and computerized proposal of Bussey's Florist in downtown Cedartown. Simo completed the rendering using photo-manipulation software on his computer.*

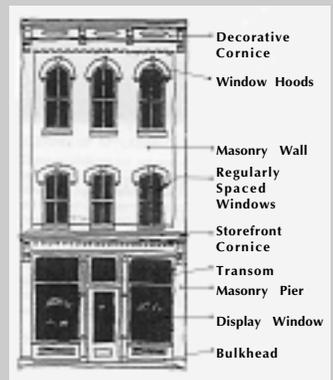
## More on Main Street

### How it works:

Select cities with populations between 5,000 and 50,000 are designated Georgia Main Street Cities by the Georgia Department of Industry, Trade & Tourism. There are currently 43 Georgia Main Street Cities. Each city has a Main Street manager, who oversees a comprehensive downtown revitalization strategy. Focus on revitalization of these commercial centers is based on the "Four Point Approach" of Organization, Design, Promotion and Economic Restructuring. For technical and design assistance, building owners contact their Main Street manager, who then contacts the design manager at The Georgia Trust.

### The Look:

One of the goals of the Main Street program is to educate and inform owners about the importance of preserving the historic integrity of their buildings while keeping their businesses viable in the modern marketplace. "We like to see the appreciation of good design, respect for historic materials, and the appropriate use of all elements that are already in place," Simo said. A traditional storefront consists of three levels: the display level, the signboard level and the upper facade level (see drawing above).



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### Who to Contact:

For more information on the Georgia Main Street Program, please contact Mary Anne Thomas, state coordinator, at 912-931-2124 or e-mail [mat1@canes.gsw.edu](mailto:mat1@canes.gsw.edu).

To find out more about The Georgia Trust's Main Street Design Assistance Program, visit [www.georgiitrust.org](http://www.georgiitrust.org) or contact Paul Simo at [psimo@georgiitrust.org](mailto:psimo@georgiitrust.org).

## AROUND THE STATE

### MILLEDGEVILLE

## A New Look for the Old Capitol Building

The old state Capitol building in Milledgeville is proof that a phoenix can rise from the ashes. Damaged in three fires throughout its almost 200-year existence, the building that once housed the most influential people in Georgia's history will unveil its rehabilitation at a celebration on October 21.

Milledgeville, like Washington, D.C., was designed and built to be a capitol city. The city was laid out in July 1804 and construction began on the capitol building in 1805. Many important decisions were made within the building's legislative chamber, the most famous being the state's decision to secede from the Union.

Through existing documentation, architect and Georgia Military College alumnus Sibley Jennings



*Old State Capitol Building in Milledgeville*

began the initial design of the project, restoring the legislative chamber and exterior to their 1867 appearance, the project's period of interpretation. The rest of the building was remodeled to suit the needs of Georgia Military College, which has occupied the building since 1879. Lord, Aeck &

Sargent, preservation architects for the construction phase, began work on the interior and exterior of the grand building in 1998. Tony Aeck, AIA, principal in Lord, Aeck & Sargent, estimates that the project is about 99 per cent completed. The last major renovation of the building was in 1941, following a fire caused by faulty wiring.

Highlights of the day-long Old Capitol Celebration include a parade and re-enactment of General Marquis de Lafayette

crossing the Oconee River into town to the capitol building, an old-fashioned barbecue, and the LaFayette Ball, held in the legislative chamber of the capitol. For more information, call Smithie Parham at 912-445-2035.

### ATLANTA

## Herndon Home Named National Historic Landmark

The Herndon Home, 1910, a proud symbol of Atlanta's African-American heritage, was recently designated as a National Historic Landmark by the National Park Service. Only 47 historic properties or districts have been designated National Historic Landmarks in Georgia. The Herndon Home was presented with a bronze plaque from Frank Miele, National Park Service senior historian. The home was recognized not only for its importance to the community, state and nation, but also for its exceptional qualities that help to define the heritage of our country. Dr. Edward Irons, chairman of the Herndon Foundation, also notes that the home is equally important because, "it represents the entrepreneurial success that gave rise to the development of the mansion."

This 90-year-old home was the

residence of the family of Alonzo Franklin Herndon, a slave-born Georgian and founder of the Atlanta Life Insurance Company. The 15-room house was built by black craftsmen and designed by Herndon and his first wife, Adrienne McNeil, a drama teacher at Atlanta University. From 1910 to 1977, the Herndon family occupied the home, where they hosted various business, social and cultural gatherings. Norris Herndon, their son, made provisions so that the home would become a memorial to his parents. The Herndon Home has been owned and operated by the Alonzo F. and Norris B. Herndon Foundation as a museum since 1984.



*The Herndon Home in Atlanta is open for tours.*

Hourly tours are offered Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Contact 404-581-9813 for group tour reservations and further information.

## AROUND THE HOUSES



### RHODES HALL

Dance the Charleston and the Fox Trot at Rhodes Hall's annual **Roaring Rhodes Party** on September 22. Bring out your flapper dresses and your gangster suits to enjoy this 1920s-style evening. Advance tickets are \$40 per person or \$70 per couple. Door prices are \$45 per person and \$80 per couple. Please call 404-885-7800 for more information.

Rhodes Hall received an **Award of Excellence in Historic Preservation** given by the Atlanta Urban Design Commission at the Capitol building. The Georgia Trust and Rhodes Hall would like to thank **Surber Barber Choate and Hertlein Architects** for nominating Rhodes Hall for this award.

To crown the beauty of Rhodes Hall's restored parlor, **two gilded curio cabinets** original to the house were returned from the Georgia Department of Archives and History. The cabinets have been housed at the department since the early 1960s.



Guests at last year's Roaring Rhodes Party.



### MCDANIEL-TICHENOR HOUSE

Discover the art of wine appreciation and **wine tasting** at the McDaniel-Tichenor House in Monroe on October 5. **Dr. Vincent W. Masters**, a celebrated lecturer and columnist, will host this special evening. Dr. Masters has received numerous awards and honors from wine academies and institutes in Europe and the U.S. An amateur wine maker for 30 years, he also founded the Athens Wine Society and served as its director for ten years. Participants will have the opportunity to taste a variety of wines and cheeses and Dr. Masters will give advice on how to choose wine. Tickets are \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. Please call Amber Singleton at 770-267-5602 for more information.



### HAY HOUSE

Don't miss the special **Behind-the-Scenes Tours** of Hay House in Macon, beginning on Saturday, October 14 and continuing every weekend through Sunday, November 12. Tour members will view upper floors of the house not normally open to the public and will climb the spiral staircase, view the cupola, and step out onto the widow's walk for a panoramic view of Macon and the Georgia Piedmont. Admission is \$20 per person. Reservations are required. Please contact Tammy Ply at 912-742-8155 for reservations and further information.

**Visit the Houses During the Holidays!**  
**Look for Holiday Activities in the**  
**Next Issue of *The Rambler***

## Winter Escape to Homes and Villas of Jamaica

Imagine a cool tropical breeze and an isle lush with flowers and full of rich traditions. Sound good? Just pack your bags and head off to explore the mystique of Montego Bay, Jamaica on The Georgia Trust's study tour: "*Winter Escape to Homes and Villas of Jamaica.*" Scheduled during Atlanta's winter season, February 21-25, 2001, the tour is designed to survey the culture, architectural treasures and world-famous gardens of this historic island paradise.

Guided by local historic authorities, you will visit fabulous private winter homes and gardens on the island. David Pinto, president of the local chapter of the Georgian Preservation Society, will lead a scenic trip to Round Hill, where US Ambassador McLelland will host a welcome party. George Palmer, chairman of the local Preservation Society, will guide visits to architectural treasures around Montego Bay while Orchid Club members will open their award-winning gardens. Guests will enjoy dining at private residences of Americans and shopping via shuttle to Montego Bay.

Accommodations are at the world-renowned Round Hill, the Caribbean's first great and still finest resort. Its graceful colonial buildings are situated on a green peninsula that was once a 100-acre pineapple plantation amid a vast canvas of tropical flowers.

Don't hesitate! Call Ken Ward Travel at 404-261-1688 or 800-843-9839 for a detailed itinerary and make your reservations early to join The Georgia Trust on this historic tropical tour.

### Discover America with The Georgia Trust

The first in a series of Discover America family-oriented educational tours, Ken Ward has designed an excursion to Philadelphia on June 14-17, 2001. Georgia Trust members can enjoy historic sites, museums and the local culture of America's City of Liberty. Children of all ages will learn their colorful national history first-hand. All generations are welcome to participate — so bring your young ones, grandchildren and favorite kids along on this special trip geared toward the next generation of historic preservationists!

# Calendar

September 22

## Roaring Rhodes

Rhodes Hall, Atlanta

Don your flapper and gangster attire and dance the night away at this popular party to benefit Rhodes Hall. Please see story on page 7.

October 5

## Wine Tasting

McDaniel-Tichenor House, Monroe  
Discover the art of wine appreciation with Dr. Vincent W. Masters, celebrated lecturer, columnist and wine expert. Please see story on page 7.

October 14,15,21,22

## Behind-the-Scenes Tours

Hay House, Macon

Varied Times, \$20

View upper floors of the house not normally open to the public. Call 912-742-8155 for more information.

October 27-28

## Ramble to Stewart County

Ramblers will visit Westville, "a working 1850 town," along with other sites in this historic county. Please see story on page 3.

November 10

## Preservation Ball

Biltmore Hotel, Atlanta, \$85

Join us at the elegant Biltmore Hotel for an evening of dancing and live music. This event is chaired by Dominique Love and Jennifer and David Curry. Please call Rebecca Rice at 404-881-9980 ext. 3273 for more information.

November 29

## Hay House Patrons Preview Party

Hay House, Macon

7 p.m., Invitation only, see below

November 30

## Hay House Preview Party

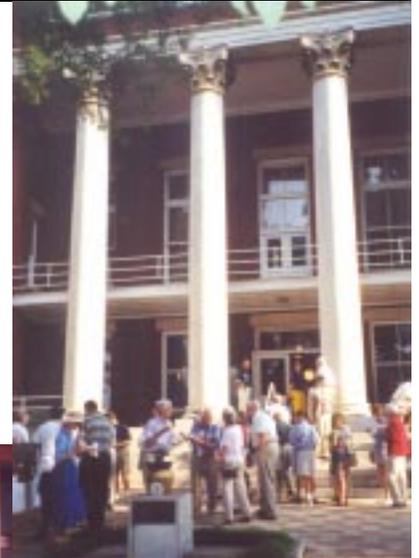
Hay House, Macon

7 p.m., Reservation req'd, call for cost  
Preview Hay House at its Christmas best as the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas at Hay House extravaganza is unveiled. Call 912-742-8155 for details.

# THE GEORGIA TRUST PHOTO GALLERY

## Ramble to Cartersville June 2-3, 2000

*The Ramble to Cartersville and Bartow County was a huge success and plenty of fun for all!*



*Above: Ramblers gather at the 1903 Gold Dome Courthouse in downtown Cartersville, site of Saturday's registration and orientation.*



*Above: (L-R) Bartow County Commissioner **Clarence Brown**, Georgia Trust Trustee and Chief Justice of the Georgia Supreme Court **Robert Benham**, Local Planning Committee Chair **Mary Norton**, and Cartersville Mayor Pro-Tem **Edsel Dean**.*



*Above: (L-R) **Dr. Ray Luce**, director of the Historic Preservation Division (HPD) of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, works with **Richard Laub**, community services planner with HPD, at the Georgia Trust/HPD workday at Hardman Farm in White County.*



***Barry and Gracie Phillips** were among the members who attended the Presidential Dinner at Hills & Dales in LaGrange on June 17.*

## Donations Bring Revolving Fund Account Up to \$2 Million

Timing is everything, especially in real estate. Knowing when to buy and when to sell is crucial. Although the Revolving Fund does not operate by the same monetary motivations as most real estate agencies, timing is just as important. Thanks to recent generous donations to the Revolving Fund capital account, the program now has substantial additional funding to quickly buy endangered properties before it is too late.

The Georgia Trust is exceedingly grateful to Mr. John H. Cheatham of Griffin, who recently donated an exceptionally generous gift of \$150,000 to the Revolving Fund capital account. This gift, along with other recent gifts (see story below), has raised the amount in the Revolving Fund account to more than \$2 million.

“This amount will enable us to react quickly to preserve endangered historic properties,” said Revolving Fund Director Frank White.

Greg Paxton, Georgia Trust president & CEO, also expressed his gratitude. “This gift is especially meaningful because it took us past another milestone and because it came from a long-term friend,” he said.

Mr. Cheatham, a Trust member since 1974 and past Trustee and current advisor, originally chose to support the Trust with a planned gift. Recently, however, he decided make the donation outright.

“The treasures of Georgia’s past will be gone if we don’t preserve them,” Mr. Cheatham said. “We can preserve them through the Revolving Fund.”

### Other Generous Gifts

The Revolving Fund is not the only Trust program that has received gifts in recent months. Several donations have been made specifically for the Trust’s Heritage Education Program, including:

**James Starr Moore Foundation  
Jane Smith Turner Foundation  
SAFECO  
Williams Family Foundation  
of Georgia, Inc.**

Special thanks to the **James H. Porter Foundation**, who donated funding for capital equipment for Hay House, including improved computer systems and software programs.

The Georgia Trust is grateful to all of our donors for their continued support of historic preservation.

## Gifts of Stock Benefit Trust Programs

The Revolving Fund holds a special place in the heart of Mrs. Gertha Felts of Macon, who recently donated generously to the fund in honor of her late husband, Mr. Fred Felts. Mr. Felts had a life estate in the Webb-Felts Homeplace in Crawford County, which has been preserved through the Revolving Fund.

“Because the Revolving Fund did such a good job in selling the family home, I wanted to give something back,” said Mrs. Felts. “I would like to see other homes restored. Maybe this will help.”

Mrs. Felts gave a generous amount of BellSouth stock to the Revolving Fund. For employees of BellSouth, the company has a policy of matching charitable gifts up to a specified amount. Mrs. Felts arranged for the Trust to benefit from this program.

“If you have stock that has highly appreciated, it is really the best way to give,” said Mrs. Felts.

The Gertrude and William C. Wardlaw Fund also recently donated stock to the Trust to be used for general operating costs.



*The Webb-Felts Homeplace in Crawford County was preserved through the Revolving Fund.*

## How You Can Donate Stock to The Georgia Trust

Donating a gift of appreciated stock to The Georgia Trust is a form of giving that many members find convenient and practical for tax purposes. There are several ways that you can donate stock to the Trust. Your gift can be delivered by hand, through the mail, or through a transfer. For those who choose to transfer stock directly into the Trust’s account, the development office will guide you through the steps involved. To ensure that your stock is handled promptly and accurately recorded, kindly notify the development office before making your gift, even if you have transferred stock to the Trust’s account in the past.

If you choose to send your gift through the mail, the Trust recommends that the stock certificate(s) and signed stock power(s) be sent in separate envelopes, preferably by registered or certified mail. Along with designation of the gift, please include a cover letter indicating your name, address, and phone number.

The Georgia Trust is grateful to all of its generous members, who have been instrumental in furthering the work of the Trust. For additional information on giving to the Trust and the tax advantages of giving stock, please contact Jean Druckenmiller, director of development, at 404-881-9980.

# Welcome New Members

List period: June 1-July 31, 2000

## Albany

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Cole  
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Dr. Carol A. Downs

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## Letters

### Reactions

Since The Georgia Trust's new graphic identity was unveiled, many people have expressed their opinions about the change. The feedback has been largely positive, and members tell us that they like our new look.

In a recent letter to the Trust, William R. Mitchell, Jr., one of The Georgia Trust's founding trustees in 1973 and author of *J. Neel Reid, Architect*, noted "the three alliterative 'R's,' Reclaim Restore Revitalize." He suggested, "Some other 'R's' that come to mind are: revive, retain, renew, regain, redeem, rejuvenate, regenerate, rehabilitate, revamp, recapture, retrieve, reuse, renovate, and recondition."

Mr. Mitchell also expressed pleasure that the word "Trust" remains part of our name and reminisced in his letter about the early days of the Trust. "I was on a three-person committee, chaired by Mills B. Lane IV, that chose the seal-logo of the new Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation in 1974...The new organization was named after the National Trust for Historic Preservation; I was also involved in that. I recall the day in 1973 when Mary Gregory Jewett\* reserved that name with the Georgia Secretary of State's office. She returned to our office from Ben Fortson's office saying she was told it would be the last organization in Georgia to be given the name "Trust."

### Remembering Mary Gregory Jewett

Ms. Jewett was also remembered in a letter written to the Trust by Mr. William L. Norton, Jr., secretary-treasurer of the Gainesville-Hall Trust for Historic Preservation. After he reviewed the Trust's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary book, *Window on the Past, Door to Our Future*, Mr. Norton commented, "Naturally Adelaide [Gregory Norton] and I were pleased for the very generous inclusion of information concerning the leadership of her sister, Mary Gregory Jewett. The success and respect of the Trust ... even at one-half of what it has presently attained, would be terrifically gratifying to Mary Jewett. I wonder if she or anyone else in the original leadership ever anticipated that the Trust would attain its present status."

*\*Note: Mary Gregory Jewett served as Georgia's first state historic preservation officer and was a driving force behind the creation of the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation. She served as the Trust's first president in 1976.*

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# 11 Most Endangered Sites (continued from page 1)

and benefit 6,000 schools across the country.

"Alexander II is very typical of historic schools you might find all over the Southeast," said Maryel Battin, former executive director of the Macon Heritage Foundation. "Schools were once built close to city areas and at a smaller size than they are built now." Ms. Battin said that due to regulations of school construction, new schools are required to be built on large amounts of land, which usually pushes schools further away from the cities and towns where the children live. Recently the Bibb County Board of Education applied for a Heritage 2000 Grant to fund a study documenting the current condition of the Alexander II, its historical significance, and possible plans for its preservation.

Alexander II Elementary School was chosen by the National Trust to represent historic schools in the Southeast because of the support of its community, its location in the inner city, and its historic significance. The school, which originally contained eight classrooms when it opened in 1902, has expanded to accommodate more than 300 students. It is the state's first magnet school and also one of the oldest schools in Georgia in continuous operation. Conveniently located within walking distance of a recently revitalized historic neighborhood, Alexander II also has a very active parent/teacher organization and

draws a racially balanced group of highly motivated students because of its advanced math and science curriculum.

Although Alexander II is receiving attention because it is endangered, the designation is also providing hope to the school's many supporters. "This recognition will mean something special to this community," said Ms. Hudgins. "I am excited that it is nationally recognized now."

Visit [www.nthp.org/11most/](http://www.nthp.org/11most/) for tips from the National Trust for

Historic Preservation on how you can save your historic neighborhood school.



Gene Surber talks to reporters following the press conference at the Alexander II school.

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Fifth and Forbes Historic Retail Area, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Nantucket, Mass.  
Okeechobee Battlefield, Okeechobee, Fla.  
Red Mountain Mining District, Ouray and San Juan counties, Colo.  
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Valley Forge National Historical Park, Valley Forge, Pa.  
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