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## PRESERVATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT



Mark C. McDonald  
*President & CEO of The Georgia Trust*

It is surprising that the mutual interests of environmentalists who are seeking to conserve large tracts of land and preservationists who work to preserve the settings of historic sites do not cause us to work together more frequently. It is astonishing that the positive environmental impacts of historic preservation in the area of sustainability and climate change are not more understood. I believe it is now time for preservationists to increase our efforts to form alliances with other groups to maximize the social, economic and environmental benefits of our movement.

First of all, preservation places a high value on downtown revitalization and the conservation of in-town older neighborhoods. By working on rural preservation, smart growth and good planning, we have been one of America's leaders in combating sprawl. This past summer, The Georgia Trust commissioned a study from one of our graduate student interns. We asked him to take ten houses in the suburbs and ten houses from in-town historic neighborhoods in Atlanta. Using Mapquest, he calculated the difference in commuting mileage from these twenty locations into downtown Atlanta. Using the figure of 250 working days a year, the average commuter burned 515 gallons of gas during a year just getting to and from work, and the average in-town resident used just 74 gallons of fuel in the same time period. That amounts to a savings of 441 gallons of gasoline saved per automobile per year. During the summer of 2008, when gas prices were around \$4 per gallon, this amounted to a savings of over \$1700 per year. The impact on the air quality in Atlanta is of course even more important.

Many of us in the preservation movement thought the Green Building movement was going to provide a powerful argument for preservation. After all, it does not take a University of Georgia degree to know that saving an entire building is the ultimate act of recycling. The economist Donovan Rypkema has even done research which shows that saving one building of 5,000 square feet equals the recycling of 1,344,000 aluminum cans in its impact on landfill space. This example does not even consider the saving of the energy which is embodied in the lumber, bricks and other building materials which compose the historic building.

But, unfortunately the Green Building Council, which is largely composed of green products manufacturers, have almost totally ignored the value of historic buildings in their rating system. In the early point system unveiled by the US Green Building Council, saving a historic building granted a developer only two points out of a possible total of 114 points. Two points was also the score you got for putting a bike rack in front of the building. The National Trust for Historic Preservation is working closely to have the intrinsic qualities of historic buildings to be recognized by the Green Building Council. President Richard Moe just had an op-ed piece published by the *New York Times* in April and he has been a powerful spokesman in raising preservation's substantial contributions to sustainability.

We face many challenges but we do not face them alone. Other groups who advocate quality of life issues, such as environmentalists, arts groups, neighborhood associations, and garden clubs, have a vested stake in reshaping America as a place which values the best of our cultural heritage and a nation that safeguards our fragile environment. ■



## Learn How the Pros Do It

The Floors at Rhodes Hall Receive a Makeover

### Floor Restoration at Rhodes Hall

Michael Purser, owner of Rosebud Floors, completed Phase I of cleaning and recoating the museum's wood parquet floors in March. This restoration project is funded by the generous grant from the Woodward Foundation. Local carpenter Gregg Limbird made extensive repairs to the 105-year-old floors before Purser started his trademarked passive refinishing treatments. Recoating a floor involves the application of a new finish over the older, ailing finish. Michael Purser says, "The key to successful recoating is the preparation prior to applying finish.

It is critical that the floor is thoroughly cleaned before any applications of finish, and cleaning with chemicals specifically formulated to remove the type of contaminants commonly found on wood floors. The old finish is scrubbed with these cleaners to loosen up dirt, grime and other products that have collected on the surface. This cleaning ensures that the new finish will properly bond and adhere to the old finish." After cleaners have been removed, the floor is allowed to dry overnight. Next is a synthetic pad to buff the floor or a chemical bonding agent for the final prep. The floors are carefully vacuumed and are now ready for an application of finish.

High use areas (kitchen, hall or family room) get multiple applications for additional protection. The Rosebud Company works with waterborne polyurethanes finishes only. These environmentally responsible coatings are tough, durable and easy to maintain. According to Purser they are expensive but worth the money. "You avoid noxious vapors; get superior protection and phenomenal drying and curing times that assure you a quick turn around." Phase II of the Rhodes Hall's floor restoration



will commence after the elevator project is complete this month.

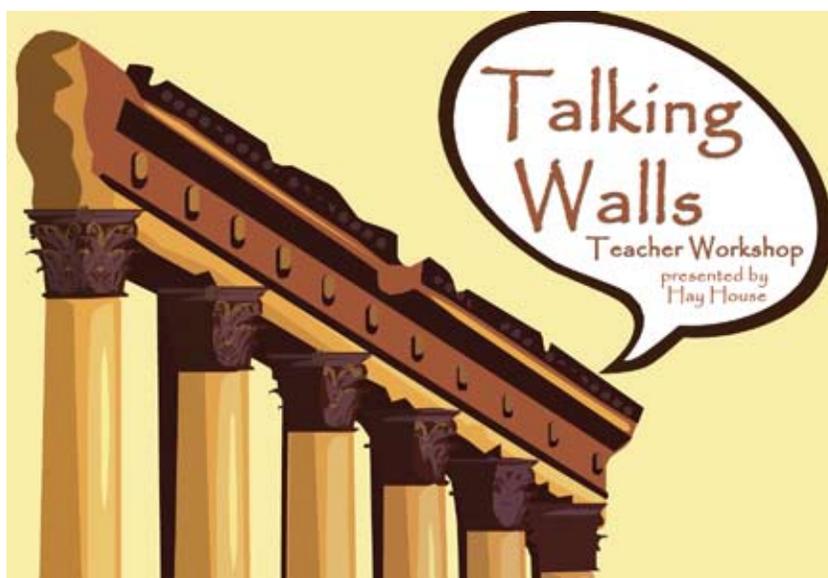
The left side of the floor has been cleaned as the right side has not been touched.

### Appeal for Carpets

Attention Spring Cleaners! If you have carpets and rugs that you no longer have a use for, considering donating them to Rhodes Hall. We need carpets and rugs of all sizes (especially runners) to protect our newly restored floors. Please call Laraine Lind at 404-885-7809 for more information.



Extensive wood repairs were made.



June 8-12  
3 PLU Credits!

The National Historic Landmark  
Hay House  
presents "Talking Walls" June 8-12

Tour Macon's historic sites and learn about the rich history that you can incorporate in your lessons! Hay House staff teaches you to integrate primary sources into your curriculum, and will help you develop a fun and exciting sample lesson plan.

*Moderate physical activity is required for walking tours of sites.*

Advance registration is required  
Registration begins April 1, 2009

Call 478-742-8155, or email [hayhouse@bellsouth.net](mailto:hayhouse@bellsouth.net)

## VALDOSTA HOUSE RECEIVES PRESEVATION ASSISTANCE – *Your Historic Building Can Too!*

For over twenty five years, the Valdosta Junior Service League has owned and operated the Converse-Dalton-Ferrell house in downtown Valdosta. This organization restored the Neoclassical residence to its 1902 appearance in 1982. Since that time the house has served as the League's headquarters and as a venue for elegant private and community events.

Through the years the ladies have addressed restoration, furnishing and maintenance issues quite well but stresses of keeping up a wooden structure of approximately 30,000 feet are a big responsibility. This past year Georgia Trust Board Member Todd M. Wilson suggested that The Georgia Trust staff could offer assistance to the Service League

On April 6th and 7th President and CEO Mark C. McDonald and Field Services Manager Jordan H. Poole visited the Converse-Dalton-Ferrell House and worked intensively to prepare a maintenance manual which addressed planned maintenance until the calendar year 2021. Valdosta Junior Service League House Chair Amy Ferrell commented on The Georgia Trust's work "I think this is definitely money well spent. The ladies 20 years from now just don't know how lucky they are that we found you."

**For information on consulting services for your historic property, contact Jordan H. Poole, Field Services Manager at [jpoole@georgiatruster.org](mailto:jpoole@georgiatruster.org) or (706) 506-9864.**



John D. Rockefeller estate, Kykuit

### Join the Georgia Trust Study Group to discover the picturesque **HUDSON RIVER** September 29–October 3

See a customized panoramic view of historic homes, art collections, West Point and the colorful autumn countryside as you travel back in time along secluded roads and sail the picturesque Hudson River. Sites include Kykuit, Sunnyside, Locust Grove and Edgewater.

Space is limited! Reservations required.  
Book NOW to hold spaces.

For information and to reserve your space, call Ken Ward Travel at 800-843-9839 or 404-261-1688

## BEEN TO COMMERCE LATELY? *If not, what are you waiting for?*

The North Georgia town of Commerce has done much to preserve its historic resources. The *Main Street* program, run from an office in a converted gas station, is at the heart of recent efforts. Working with the Downtown Development Authority, it has distributed thirty-three thousand dollars worth of façade grants and seen downtown investment reach 3.2 million dollars. Hasco Craver, Executive Director of the DDA and *Main Street* program describes how he uses the *Main Street Design Assistance* program to achieve his goals:

“The design assistance program has done wonders for our organization, property/business owners and community at large. Without the highly skilled support staff’s recommendations, a number of our property owners may not have taken on such drastic property rehabilitation projects.”

To borrow from the slogan on Commerce’s downtown directional signage (also an MSDA design), Commerce is a “city on the right track.”



1700 North Broad Street, design done in 2007



Before



After

## OWN A PART OF HISTORY!



“THE REGISTRY HOUSE”  
760 REGISTRY LANE



- ◆ Designed By Tucker & Howell in 1930
- ◆ Originally Sited on 24 Acres of Farmland; Now Sits on 1.38 Acres
- ◆ Original House Plans Located in State Archives
- ◆ Main House, Carriage House and Perfect Site for Pool and/or Tennis Court
- ◆ Main House Features 5 Large Bedrooms, 3 Baths, Beautiful Sun Room with Pink Tate Marble Floor and 12 Foot Barrel Vaulted Ceiling. Banquet Size Dining Room, Gourmet Kitchen, Butlers Pantry with Breakfast Area, Gas Powered Generator and \$10,000 in Extra Clay Roof Tiles.
- ◆ Charming Carriage House Features Plenty of Privacy with 2 Bedrooms, 1 Bath, Gourmet Kitchen and Currently Rents for \$800 Monthly.
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# 2009 PRESERVATION AWARDS

Richard Leo Johnson, Atlantic Archives

**31** Years Ago,  
The Georgia Trust presented  
its first Preservation Award.

Since then many projects  
and individuals have been  
recognized and honored for their  
contributions to preservation in  
Georgia.

Ranging from cemeteries to  
schools, this year's winners reflect  
a broad scope of preservation  
efforts across the state.

For more information about this  
year's award winners, visit  
[www.georgiatrust.org](http://www.georgiatrust.org)

## **W**ILLIAM F. BRANTLEY HOUSE Savannah, Chatham County

**The History:** Designed in 1857 by noted architect John Norris, the 8,000 square-foot Italianate building was the family residence of William F. Brantley, a merchant and Justice for the Inferior Court.

**The Rehabilitation:** Historic photographs of the building's interior provided invaluable information and contributed to the restoration and reproduction of lost features, such as intricate plaster moldings, an archway between the parlors and carved marble fireplace mantels.

**Current Use:** The William Brantley House continues to serve as a single family private residence while the success of the project contributes to the overall preservation of Savannah's impressive downtown Historic Landmark District.

**2009 Preservation Awards Committee:** Chairman Richard Laub, Maryel Battin, Cherie Bennett, Linda Chestnut, Bob Ciucevich, Bill Hover, Michael Miller, Robin B. Nail, Burke Walker

**Georgia Trust Staff:** Mark C. McDonald, President & CEO; Kate Ryan, Programs Manager

The awards committee bases its decisions on the contributions of the person or project to the community and/or state and on compliance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Preservation. The committee recommends to the Trust officers the recipients of the Preservation Stewardship and Excellence in Restoration and Rehabilitation awards.

# 2ND ASSISTANT KEEPER'S COTTAGE

Tybee Island, Chatham County

**The History:** This one story vernacular cottage served the Tybee Light Station for more than 100 years.

**The Rehabilitation:** The restoration team combined the analysis of historic photographs and physical evidence to produce a complete plan for a historically accurate rehabilitation that provides the necessary historic context and character of the cottage during its 1916-1939 period of interpretation.

**Current Use:** The 2nd Assistant Keeper's Cottage provides space for video presentations, exhibits, small lectures and Historical Society meetings while enhancing the visitor's understanding of the varied living conditions for three different ranks of keepers at the Tybee Light Station.



Tybee Island Historical Society

Excellence in Rehabilitation



Circa 1920s

Brenda Fayard



# WILLIAM BARKER WHISKEY BONDING BARN

Molena, Pike County

**The History:** The c. 1870 William Barker Whiskey Bonding Barn originally stored local distillery products in Pike County and continued to serve agricultural purposes throughout the 19th and 20th centuries as a furnish store for sharecroppers and tenant farmers, a cotton warehouse, and a storage barn for a large turkey growing operation.

**The Rehabilitation:** Pike Historic Preservation (PHP) purchased the barn and the surrounding three acres of land in 2005 and focused on the reinforcement and stabilization of the masonry exterior while rehabilitating the barn's interior for use as an event center.

**Current Use:** The William Barker Whiskey Bonding Barn now serves Pike County as a unique place to celebrate events while honoring the area's long agricultural history.



Early, pre-construction view

# HARMONY GROVE CEMETERY

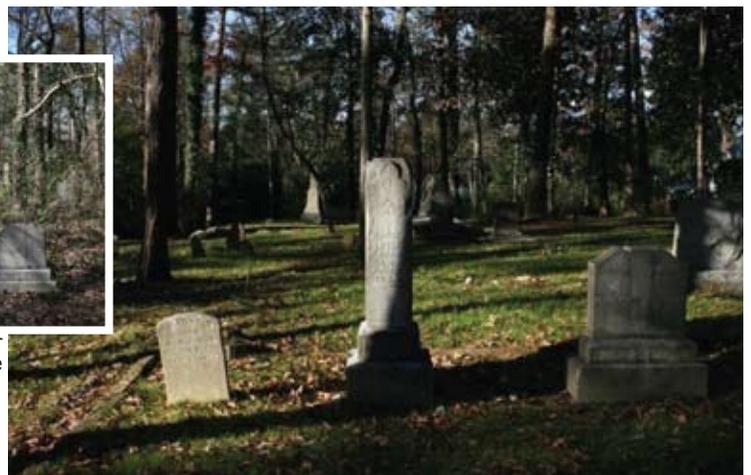
Atlanta, Fulton County

**The History:** Located in the Buckhead area of Atlanta, Harmony Grove Cemetery is the small burial ground associated with a church that was demolished in the 1920s.

**The Rehabilitation:** The rehabilitation project consisted of the clearing of densely overgrown vegetation, research and archaeological investigations, development and implication of a master landscaping plan, and devising a plan of ongoing maintenance and beautification efforts.



Vegetation had taken over much of the site



**Current Use:** The Buckhead Heritage Society oversaw all phases of this project and furthers its commitment to Harmony Grove with future plans of installing interpretive signage and conducting educational tours of the cemetery.

# Excellence in Rehabilitation

## CLOWER HALL South Georgia College Douglas, Coffee County



Students take advantage of the newly rehabilitated student center



Creative Sources Photography, Rion Rizzo

**The History:** Built as a gymnasium for South Georgia College (SGC) in 1936, the hall became a storage facility following the construction of a new gym in the 1960s.

**The Rehabilitation:** The initiation of Clower Hall's rehabilitation followed the student body's vote of a referendum authorizing a student fee to finance the project and included re-pointing exterior bricks, repairing original windows, exposing the large truss system in the ceiling, adding insulation and improving ADA accessibility.

**Current Use:** Clower Hall now serves as a student center for both residential and commuter students.

## GOSPEL PILGRIM CEMETERY Athens-Clarke County

**The History:** This 11-acre African-American burial ground was established in 1882 by the Gospel Pilgrim Society.

**The Rehabilitation:** As a phase of a 2004 master plan for Gospel Pilgrim Cemetery, rehabilitation of the cemetery focused on preserving historic elements and enhancing the site's access.

**Current Use:** In addition to preserving the site and providing safe access for visitors, the Gospel Pilgrim Cemetery project encourages community heritage, ownership and other local preservation projects.



Pathways were cleared of vegetation during rehabilitation



View of pathway before clean-up; many grave markers and artifacts were buried in overgrown vegetation.

## ROURKE-BUTLER COTTAGE Tybee Island, Chatham County

**The History:** The Rourke-Butler Cottage is an outstanding example of the Raised Tybee Cottage building style, characterized as having a standard bungalow floor plan with living quarters situated on a raised level supported by brick foundation piers.

**The Rehabilitation:** The rehabilitation focused on using the property as a year-round rental without compromising the historic integrity of the cottage or its property, with particular attention paid to rehabilitating the character-defining ground level rooms.

**Current Use:** With only 110 remaining, Raised Tybee Cottages have faced threats of demolition and development in recent years, leading to a general listing of the building style on the Georgia Trust's 2007 *10 Places in Peril* list. The rehabilitation of the Rourke-Butler Cottage serves as an excellent template for the preservation and rehabilitation of Raised Tybee Cottages.



Before

After

# Toccoa Historic Commercial District

Toccoa, Stephens County

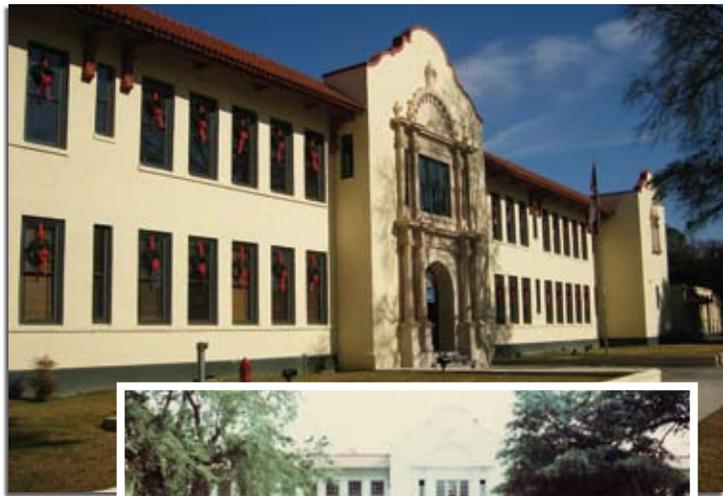
**The History:** Urban Renewal practices of the late 1960s resulted in the construction of large concrete canopies in Toccoa's Historic Commercial District, resulting in altered traffic flow and obscuring buildings within the historic district.

**The Rehabilitation:** Beginning in 2007, Toccoa's Historic Commercial District's rehabilitation project consisted of removing the concrete canopies and reopening Doyle St. to vehicular traffic.

**Current Use:** Since the project's completion, the relocation of businesses to Toccoa's downtown and a renewed interest in the surrounding historic residential neighborhoods has increased, proving that sound preservation policies strengthen local economies, instill confidence, and provide new opportunities for businesses and consumers.



Circa 1947



Robyn Mairor, Historic Augusta, Inc.



# Houghton School / Heritage Academy

Augusta, Richmond County

**The History:** This 1917 Spanish Colonial Revival building, known originally as the Houghton School, now houses the Heritage Academy serving inner city at-risk school children.

**The Rehabilitation:** The rehabilitation of the Houghton School/Heritage Academy is highlighted by the cooperation of various preservation groups and hardworking volunteers. A preservation easement played a key role in initiating the rehabilitation of this building.

**Current Use:** This rehabilitation project presents an excellent example of the benefits of preservation easements and preserving the historical integrity of a neighborhood by returning a building to its original intended use.

# Rees Park Economic Development Center, Rees Park & Oak Grove Cemetery

Americus, Sumter County

**The History:** Rees Park was established in 1846 in Americus. In 1910, Americus' first high school was constructed adjacent to the park. In March 2007, a tornado ripped through Americus, devastating the school building, Rees Park and the nearby historic Oak Grove Cemetery.

**The Rehabilitation:** Disaster recovery specialists devised a rehabilitation plan for the affected area, including the school building, park and cemetery. A significant portion of the school building needed structural rehabilitation work; rehabilitation of Rees Park focused on replacing hundreds of lost trees; and Oak Grove Cemetery concentrated on the conservation of monuments, cast iron fencing and tree replacement.

**Current Use:** With the completion of the high school building's rehabilitation project, the building has reopened as the Rees Park Economic Development Center. The building is nicely complimented by the rehabilitated open green space of the historic Rees Park and the nearby Oak Grove Cemetery.



Steve Macon, Parker-Young Disaster Specialists



# Excellence in Rehabilitation

## HILL HALL

Savannah State College  
Savannah, Chatham County



Garbutt Construction

**The History:** Constructed by facility and student workers in 1901, Hill Hall is a white brick Neoclassical style building located on the Savannah State University campus.

**The Rehabilitation:** A renovation project that began in 1998 with the primary objective of removing asbestos and lead paint while restoring significant exterior elements ended tragically in 2000 when a welding fire broke out in an attic wall, destroying the building's third floor.

Seven years later, after finding additional funding for Hill Hall, a new project to save and rehabilitate Hill Hall commenced.

**Current Use:** Today the fully rehabilitated Hill Hall once again serves as Savannah State University's student services center and is the main administration building for the school's president and his leadership staff.



## 348 SEAVY STREET

Senoia, Coweta County

**The History:** Built in 1906, this one-story Queen Anne cottage suffered neglect and deterioration while sitting vacant.

**The Rehabilitation:** The project included the restoration of the original exterior siding; the rehabilitation of flooring, joists, millwork and trim; and the replacement of wiring, plumbing, HVAC, foundation bricks and the roof.

**Current Use:** The rehabilitation of 348 Seavy St. set the standard for future projects in Senoia and this private residence has been featured on several tours of historic homes.

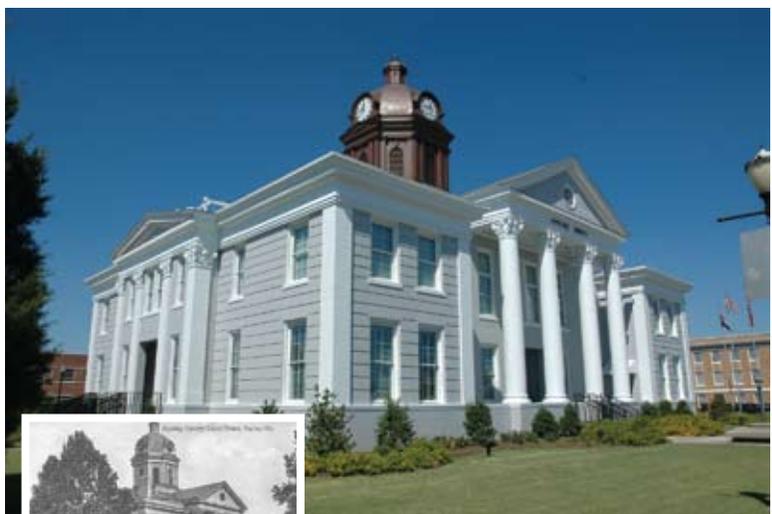
## APPLING COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Baxley, Appling County

**The History:** This Neo-classical courthouse built between 1907 and 1908 is a rare example of a limestone courthouse in Georgia dating to the early 20th century.

**The Rehabilitation:** Following the construction of a new courthouse annex, the project's second phase concentrated on the rehabilitation of the 1908 courthouse building, consisting of stripping much of the modern material of the 1960s remodel, and salvaging and reusing as much original material as possible.

**Current Use:** Today, the rehabilitated courthouse retains its historic use and presents a new reason for visitors to stop in downtown Baxley, further increasing interest in Appling County's efforts to revitalize its downtown areas.



Gary Doster/CVIOG

# WOODSON-DEKLE HOUSE

Thomasville, Thomas County

Stanley F. Smith



Thomasville Landmarks



**The History:** This c. 1855 vernacular Greek Revival-style home remained in the same family for 113 years before eventually being donated to Thomasville Landmarks, Inc. in 2005.

**The Rehabilitation:** With the intention of rehabilitating the building for use as an office while retaining the original footprint of the house, a local architect purchased the home in 2006 and

preserved much of its historic integrity while making it functional for today's use.

**Current Use:** Since the project's completion in December 2007, the Woodson-Dekle House serves as office space. The project serves as a model for other property owners who strive to preserve and celebrate the layers of a building's history while modernizing aspects for contemporary use.

Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, MA

## GDOT (WATER WITCH PROJECT)

Chatham County



Circa 1860

Excellence in Preservation Services

GDOT



Water Witch survey crew

**The Service:** The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) investigated a two and half mile corridor in the Vernon River while constructing the Harry S. Truman Parkway near Savannah to identify any significant historic resources. More specifically, it searched for the Civil War vessel known as the *Water Witch* that was reportedly burned and sunk in the Vernon River by Confederate troops in 1864.

Coinciding with these investigations, the National Civil War Naval Museum at Port Columbus, through its educational and heritage tourism initiative, constructed a full scale replica of the 160-foot long wooden hulled double side-wheel steamer. GDOT produced a short documentary of the archaeological investigations entitled "*Water Witch: Traversing the Seas of History*," which is available for viewing on The Archaeological Channel.

## NEWTOWN MACON (HISTORIC MARKER PROJECT)

Macon, Bibb County



**The Service:** Newtown Macon, Inc. (NTM), a 501(c)3 organization dedicated to the implementation of Macon's comprehensive plan of revitalization, initiated a historic marker program to create a sense of place through the installation of more than fifty plaques on historic buildings in downtown Macon and the creation of a self-guided walking tour.

The plaques include a brief history of the building accompanied by a laser-printed historic line drawing or historic photograph of the original building to occupy each site. The project allows people to identify buildings that have been preserved, altered or replaced over the years, and provides a sense of the history of Macon's growth and development.

# Excellence in Stewardship

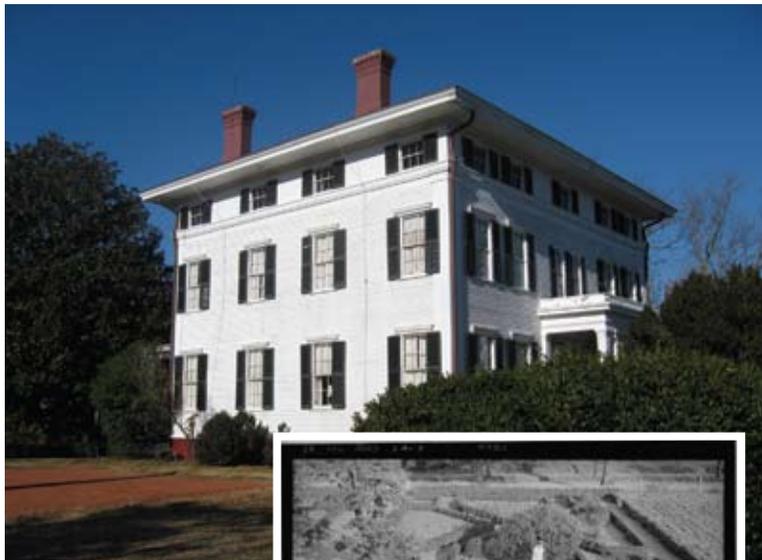
## WHITTIER MILL VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

Atlanta, Fulton County



**The History:** The Whittier Mill Carpenter Shop Ruins is associated with the 1896 mill in northwest Atlanta and is currently surrounded by recreational space. It is the center of a National Register of Historic Places and City of Atlanta-designated historic district comprising of 110 mill worker's dwellings.

**The Stewardship:** The Whittier Mill Village Association is committed to the rehabilitation and preservation of the remaining historic mill elements. The association produced a structural analysis of the ruins, stabilized the remaining historic walls, installed a new concrete floor, and restored the historic fenestration and landscaping of the adjacent property, providing the ruins with a new use as an open air pavilion enjoyed by the whole community.



HABS Survey,  
L. D. Andrew-  
Photographer  
June, 5, 1936



East side parterre, 1936

## NEWTON FAMILY (BOXWOOD)

Madison, Morgan County

**The History:** In the mid 19th-century, Wildes Kolb constructed a townhouse in Madison featuring an east façade in the Greek revival style and a west façade in the Italianate style. Additionally, Kolb created twin boxwood parterres whose designs reflected the differing architectural styles, resulting in an eastern parterre reflecting the angular lines of the Greek revival façade, and a western parterre with curvilinear lines complimenting the Italianate façade.

**The Stewardship:** The Newton family has owned the Boxwood property since 1906, passing ownership within the family for more than one hundred years, and paying great attention to ensuring the preservation of the house's interior and exterior, the parterres, and the several outbuildings on the property. In addition to preserving the history of their property, the Newton family is committed to sharing history with the community, whether through home and garden tours or by donating historic pieces to the Madison-Morgan Cultural Center.

## TROUP COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY (TROUP COUNTY ARCHIVES)

Lagrange, Troup County

**The History:** This prominent Neoclassical building in the LaGrange Commercial Historic District functioned as a bank from 1917 through 1968, and later served various businesses before becoming the Troup County Archives in 1983.

**The Stewardship:** In the 26 years Troup County Archives has occupied the building, they have maintained records, documents, research areas, and exhibit space, in addition to making necessary upgrades and continued maintenance of this historic building. The recent rehabilitation project of this building by its longtime stewards, Troup County Historical Society, greatly contributes to the overall revitalization of downtown LaGrange.





# UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

Augusta, Richmond County

## Excellence in Restoration

**The History:** Built in 1851 as Augusta's First Presbyterian Church, the Union Baptist congregation acquired the church in 1883 and significantly altered the church's exterior, producing its present day façade by constructing the church's two corner towers and installing the Gothic stained glass windows.

**The Restoration:** Beginning in the 1990s with a state grant funding repairs to the roof, Union Baptist Church's restoration included repairing interior water damage, refurbishing wooden pews, repairing the gothic arched glass windows, and addressing issues of basic ongoing maintenance.

**Current Use:** To continue the preservation of this church, the Union Baptist congregation formed a unique partnership with Historic Augusta, Inc. The success of the project inspired the revitalization of the Greene Street corridor that currently hosts several ongoing preservation projects.



# IVY HALL

Atlanta, Fulton County

**The History:** This 1883 eclectic Queen Anne mansion was the family residence of Edwards C. Peters.

**The Restoration:** In 2006 a diverse team of artisans from around the country dismantled and reconstructed the vast porte cochere brick-by-brick, restored significant interior wood details, replaced unique one-of-a-kind design elements, and carefully restored rare interior elements such as wall paintings and leatherwork.

**Current Use:** Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) completed Ivy Hall's restoration in fall 2008 and the mansion now serves as a cultural arts and writing center.



Savannah College of Art and Design



Circa 1900

# 2009

THE GEORGIA TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

# PLACES in PERIL: UPDATES



*A Partners in the Field program*

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## 2009 PLACES IN PERIL UPDATES



Citizens and preservationists took part in the Mary Ray School workday in March

### Outreach using technology

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### Battery Backus, Tybee Island

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### **John Berrien House, Savannah**

The Georgia Trust and the Historic Savannah Foundation are both working with the property owner, Queensborough National Bank with a plan for Rehabilitation for this late 18th century Savannah landmark.

### **Bibb Mill, Columbus**

An event with Bibb village was held on April 16th to honor firefighters as well as announce a grant amount of \$10,000 given by the Georgia Trust to support appropriate redevelopment planning.

### **Campbell Chapel A.M.E. Church, Americus**

The congregation is working to raise funds for the stabilization of the building.

### **Crum and Forster Building, Atlanta**

The Georgia Trust and The Atlanta Preservation Center are working together to save the building from demolition. So far, all requests for demolition have been denied by the City of Atlanta.

### **Fort Daniel, Dacula**

The Georgia Trust co-hosted an archaeological event on May 2nd at the endangered archaeological site in Dacula, Georgia. The Georgia Trust awarded Fort Daniel \$5,000 for a planning initiative of the site.

### **Mary Ray Memorial School, Raymond**

Rainy weather on March 14th did not dampen the enthusiasm of the people of Raymond, Georgia. At the Mary Ray School workday, The Georgia Trust awarded \$10,000 towards the stabilization efforts of the historic school building.

### **Metcalf Township, Thomas County**

The Georgia Trust awarded Thomasville Landmarks \$7,000 towards the revitalization of Metcalf. The Metcalf community association is currently engaging community discussion and involvement with the preservation planning of Metcalf.

### **Rock House, Thomson**

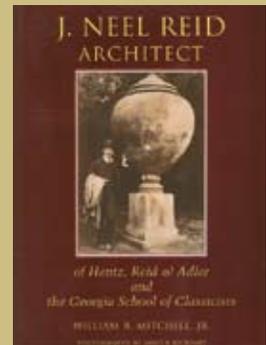
On April 25th, over 60 people attended a 'Spotlight' event held at the historic Rock House in Thomson, Georgia. Georgia Trust Preseident Mark McDonald called on all attendees to work together to be better stewards of this significant building.

### **Sallie Davis, Milledgeville**

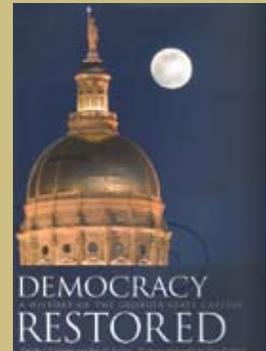
On June 5th, Georgians and locals of Milledgeville will be learning about the efforts to rehabilitate the Sallie Davis House into a community center. The Georgia Trust awarded \$10,000 towards the stabilization of the home of the late Sallie Davis, an avid supporter of African American education in the early 20th century. 📍

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The event was awash in vibrant color including a lighted dance floor surrounded by clusters of colorful tables. Guests enjoyed nibbling on passed hors d'oeuvre and sipping cocktails provided by Presenting Caterer Jerry Dilts & Associates and feasted on the culinary delights of ten of Atlanta's premiere caterers who served signature dishes from food stations located throughout the space. *Kingsized's* eight-piece band set the pace for the evening, beginning with jazz and swing,

continuing with a memorable Elvis tribute set, and ending the evening with a lively selection of dance music.

Throughout the evening, guests took part in an exciting silent auction. Lucky winners took home paintings and art pieces, travel packages, jewelry and other temptations.

Event chairs were May B. and Howell Hollis III. Honorary chairs were members of the Spalding family.

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