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President & CEO of The Georgia Trust

In December 2007, The Georgia Trust met with Representatives from the Fanning Institute of the University of Georgia for several sessions. Meetings were conducted with current and former Trustees, Advisors and members of the Trust staff.

A report was issued in February of 2008 and contained the group observations with some key points from the Fanning Institute. A breakthrough observation was made by Trust corporate secretary, May B. Hollis, who stated that a strong organization needs to:

***Build the Brand
Build the Bank
Build the Board
Build the Business***

Since I have been employed at the Trust I have been reviewing files and engaging in dialogue with present and past trustees, employees and preservation colleagues. I have heard very little since becoming President that has contradicted the essential wisdom of that report and May B. Hollis' observation.

In order to achieve these fundamentals, I am recommending that the Trust focus on four program areas to make our organization as strong as possible as we enter the next phase of our organization's history.

Trustee, Membership and Staff Development

I would propose changing "Build the Board" to a term which includes our members and staff, perhaps "Build the Base." It is absolutely imperative for The Georgia Trust to rebuild and engage our membership, Trustees and staff. I believe the best strategy for membership growth is to develop a clear focus, communicate it continually and sponsor fun events which underline and reinforce our message. We also need to be intentional about stressing the positive environmental effects of preservation in our communications.

We will be focusing the staff on board and membership events, membership recruitment using the internet, and events in and out of Atlanta. We intend to be a high service, customer friendly organization which places great value on our donors and members. There is a highly competitive market for charitable giving and we need to outperform other non-profits when it comes to servicing our members.

Partners in the Field

The Georgia Trust has financial commitments from our new *Partners in the Field* program for three years. Our challenge is to use this fund to create fees for service and/or consulting contracts for the Trust so this can become a long-term program.

An important aspect of *Partners in the Field* is its potential to create a shift in perception about the Trust's commitment to preservation in areas south of Atlanta. We have consciously placed our new employee, Jordan Poole, in Macon, so he can better serve the southern part of the state. He will be the main contact for our *Places in Peril* program and will bring strong technical assistance to these sites. This program will allow us to continue our preservation efforts on historic buildings of statewide significance such as the Crum and Forster Building and the other nine properties on the 2009 *Places in Peril* list.

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CONTINUING RESTORATION OF A NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK



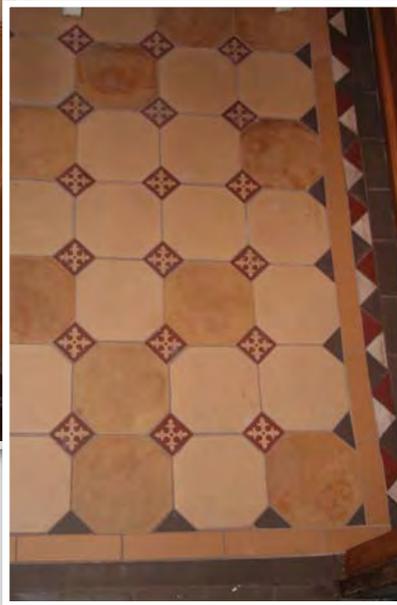
HAY HOUSE



Shelving units were grained to match the wall surface and were mounted at one end against the plaster wall and the other against window or door trim.

The service areas of the ground floor of Hay House were completed this fall. Paint study of the scullery and old kitchen revealed starkly different finishes from the formal spaces.

This included 19th century faux finishes of vertical board with



random widths of 4" to 6" inch boards. This finish started at the floor and continued up the wall to an average of 66" high. For the most part, this treatment was terminated with a simple painted cap rail. The only exception to this treatment was an area in the scullery where overhead cabinets were originally installed over a sink.

This wall treatment corresponded to a blue and buff pattern of encaustic and cut floor tile that still survives today. While Americans called these tiles "encaustics," the English called these tiles "geometrics" to distinguish them from their encaustic patterned tiles. The remainder of the floor surface in the scullery and old kitchen is comprised of green and purple slate.

Decorative encaustic tile was restored on the ground floor outside the Felton bathroom.



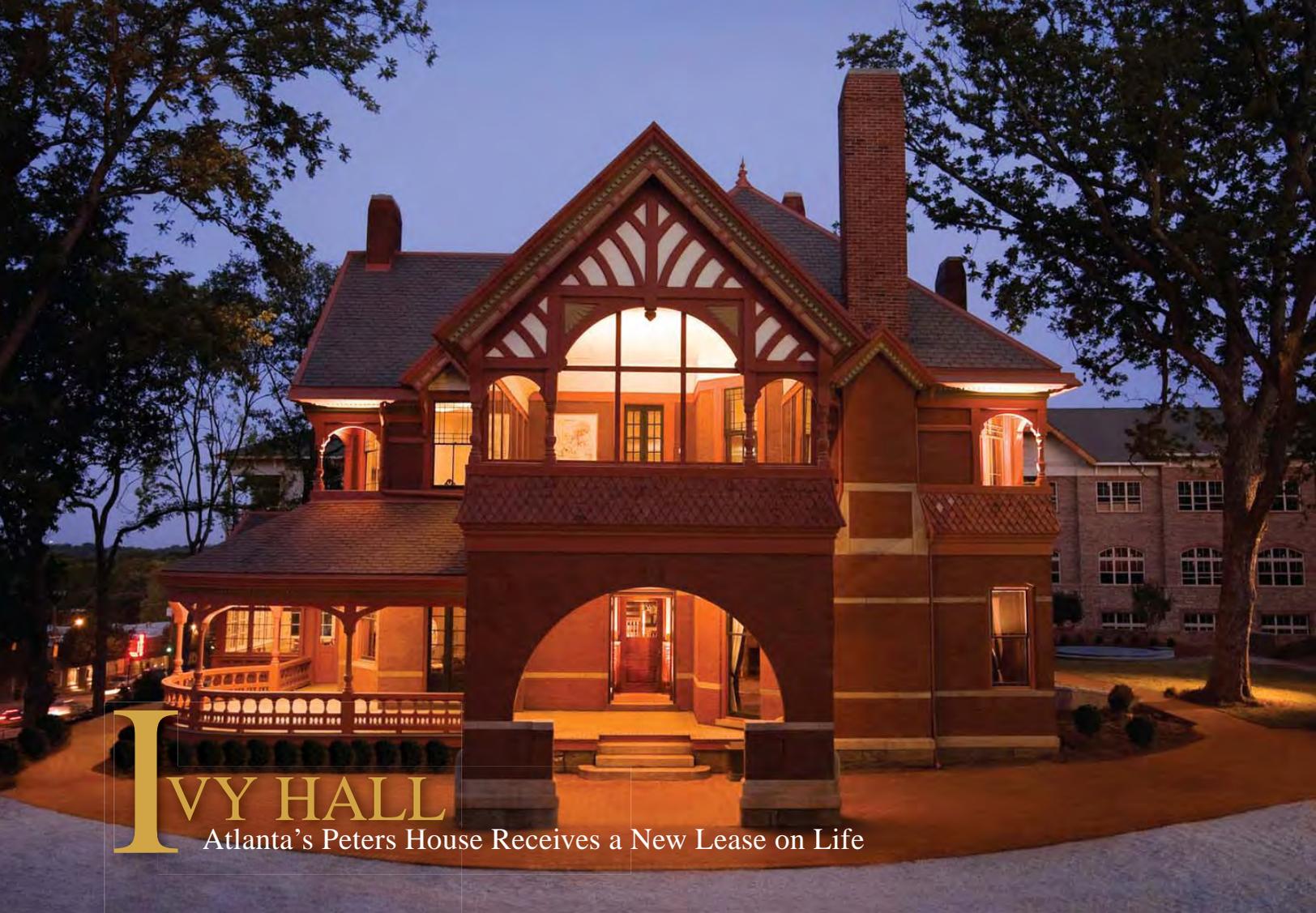
RHODES HALL

SANTA COMES TO RHODES HALL

Escape the mall and bring the kids to meet Santa at the beautifully decorated Rhodes Hall. The whole family will enjoy holiday music, arts and crafts, storytelling, and refreshments while an authentic "Old World Santa" listens to your child's wish list. This year marks the 11th anniversary of producing this popular event for metro-Atlanta families.

Santa will be waiting at Rhodes Hall on December 7, 8, 9, and 10. The \$30 family admission covers entertainment, refreshments, and a color photo with Santa. Additional photos can be purchased for \$10 each. Pre-registration is required. The event benefits the preservation and continuing restoration of Rhodes Hall.





I VY HALL

Atlanta's Peters House Receives a New Lease on Life

Image courtesy SCAD, photo by Chia Chong

It is hard to believe that only a few years ago, the Edward C. Peters House, called “Ivy Hall” by the Peters family, could have been a candidate for the Trust’s *Places in Peril* list.

In 2000 a developer sought to build condos surrounding one of the first and finest Queen Anne houses in the state, without a clear preservation plan for the historic structure. Since the house is a local landmark, the decision went before the Atlanta Urban Design Commission (AUDC), which did not approve the petition. The AUDC charged preservation groups, including The Georgia Trust and the Atlanta Preservation Center, to find a feasible use for the property while helping

its owner obtain a reasonable return.

Ultimately, its owner, William Swearingen of S.D.H. Investment Corp., agreed to donate Ivy Hall to the Savannah College of Art and Design, and sold the adjacent land. The



1895 view

site is currently being developed into condominiums.

The Peters House was designed by noted architect Gottfrid L. Norrman in 1883. After Swearingen and Dunaway purchased the building, it was converted into The Mansion restaurant in 1973. After a debilitating upper-level fire in 2000, it remained vacant and unused until it was donated to SCAD.

Rehabilitation of Ivy Hall began in April 2007, when the donation of the historic Edward C. Peters House from William Swearingen of S.D.H. Investment Corp. Inc., William Dunaway and Harry Hill became finalized.

After nearly two years of planning and construction, the historic Midtown mansion at 179 Ponce de Leon Ave. N.E. reopened as a cultural arts and writing center on October 3, 2008.

Under the leadership of SCAD historic preservation specialist Bob Dickensheets, SCAD's adaptive rehabilitation of the home as a cultural arts and writing center for the college and the community has taken shape.

"This project was different than previous SCAD rehabilitation projects in that we are restoring not only a residence, but, in a way, the memory of one of Atlanta's earliest and most industrious families," Dickensheets said. "Ivy Hall will provide a very stimulating environment for learning. The residence will prove an excellent space for student and faculty interaction and an ideal setting for visiting authors and artists to share their professional experiences."

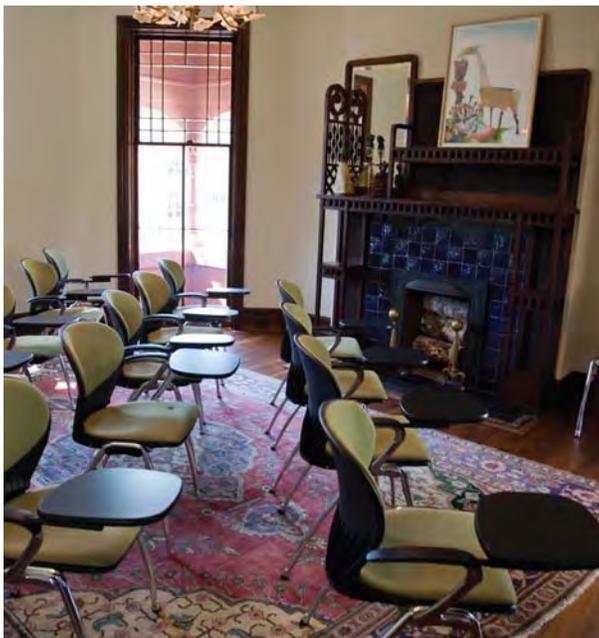
For more information, visit www.artofrestoration.org.

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The historic master bedroom is now used as a lecture/conference area.

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Historically a baby nursery, this room is now used for classroom space.

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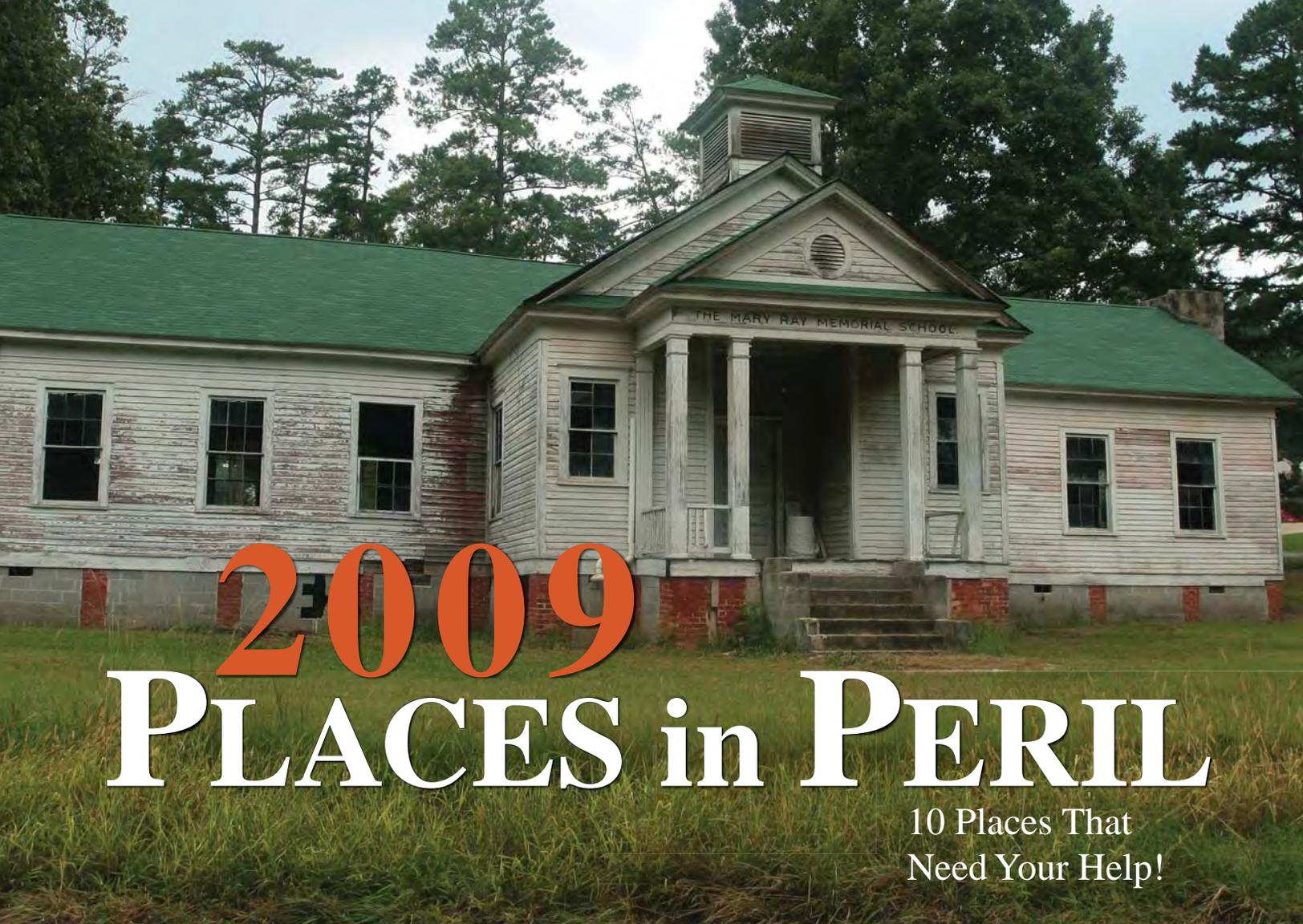
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2009 PLACES in PERIL

10 Places That
Need Your Help!

Mary Ray Memorial School, Coweta County

Bob Shapiro Photography

The Georgia Trust's *Places in Peril* program seeks to identify significant historic, archaeological and cultural properties that are threatened by demolition, deterioration or insensitive public policy or development, and have a demonstrable level of community interest, commitment and support.

Unless strong, immediate and positive action is taken, these important icons of the past could become only memories.

It is our hope that five to 10 years from now, the places on this 2009 list will be competing for our annual Preservation Awards.

"Once it's gone, it's gone forever."



Mary Ray School, circa 1920s-1930s

Historic properties are selected for listing based on several criteria. Sites must be listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places or the Georgia Register of Historic Places. Sites must be subject to a serious threat to their existence or historical, architectural and/or archeological integrity. There must be a demonstrable level of community commitment and support for the preservation of listed sites.

MARY RAY MEMORIAL SCHOOL

Newnan—Coweta County

The Story: The town of Raymond was established in Coweta County, Georgia, in 1908 on land inherited by Mr. Robert F. Shedden and his wife, Laurie Ray Shedden of Fulton County. Originally owned by Mrs. Shedden's parents, Captain John D. and Mary Rawson Ray, the new town was named Raymond in honor of Mrs. Shedden's family. The town was laid out in a grid fashion alongside the McIntosh Trail, a traditional Creek Indian trade route. The old trail is still visible from the school.

Mr. and Mrs. Shedden believed that education was essential to a community and donated a square of the town to the people of Raymond for a school. The school was built and named Mary Ray Memorial School in honor of Mrs. Shedden's mother, Mary Ray. Much of Raymond has disappeared, but the school still stands.

Through the years, the school was used for educational purposes, public meetings, public worship, service and

entertainment. By 1950 the school had closed and the building had become the Raymond Community Center.

The Threat: By the early 1980s, diminishing interest in using the building as a community center contributed to its neglect and lack of maintenance. The school building has been in disarray since and currently is plagued with rotting sills, sagging beams, and a failing foundation.

The Solution: The school has been entrusted to the Trustees for the People of the Town of Raymond. Recent work done to the building includes a new roof, foundation repairs, and the cleaning and clearing of vegetation on the property. The school has been stabilized and is now in need of a preservation plan to help guide future work.

CRUM & FORSTER BUILDING

Atlanta, Fulton County

Midtown Atlanta landmark a potential centerpiece of Technology Square



The Story: Built in 1928 as the southern branch of the Crum and Forster Insurance Company, this office building is a rare example of classically designed architecture remaining in Midtown Atlanta. It was designed by a team of architects including the New York firm of Helme, Corbett, and Harrison Architects, and the Atlanta firm of Ivey and Crook. Helme, Corbett, and Harrison was a highly regarded firm responsible for the design of Rockefeller Center, LaGuardia Airport, and the United Nations Building. Atlanta architects Ed Ivey and Lewis Crook were trained in classical architecture design at Georgia Tech during the early years of Tech's School of Architecture.

The Threat: The Georgia Tech Foundation purchased the Crum and Forster Building in 2007 in order to expand nearby Technology Square. In May 2008 the Foundation applied for a Special Administrative Permit to demolish the building.

The Solution: After several well-attended public meetings and the circulation of a petition signed by over 2000 people opposing the building's demolition, Atlanta's Bureau of Planning denied the Georgia Tech Foundation's request. Recently the Crum and Forster Building was nominated as a local landmark building, which would further protect it from demolition. Both actions currently are under appeal.



ROCK HOUSE

Thomson, McDuffie County

Protection sought for unique colonial-era Rock House

The Story: This two-story 1780s house is constructed of twenty-four inch thick field stones and is recognized as the oldest surviving stone house in Georgia. The house was constructed by the Ansley family who received the land in 1783, fifteen years after the town of Wrightsborough was founded as the southernmost settlement of Quakers in America. The house remained privately owned until 1966, when the Wrightsborough Quaker Community Foundation purchased and restored the house with the intention of using it as a museum.

The Threat: Now the house is closed, vacant and unstaffed. Located in rural McDuffie County with no occupied houses near it, there is a minimal amount of security. Vandalism and a lack maintenance funding have added to the overall threat to this historic structure.

The Solution: In December 2007, the Watson-Brown Foundation Junior Board issued an emergency grant for the



repair of windows, historic sashes and doors, but the house and its associated Ansley Cemetery are still in need of a solid overall preservation plan that would address issues of use, maintenance and security.



CAMPBELL CHAPEL A.M.E. CHURCH

Americus, Sumter County

Historic church in need of immediate structural repairs

The Story: Campbell Chapel has served Americus' oldest black congregation since 1920. This Romanesque Revival Church with Queen Anne style details was designed by Georgia's first registered African American architect, Louis H. Persley. The church has served the community as worship space, hosted educational and political meetings, and held graduation exercises from 1957-1969 for local African American students.

The Threat: The church's structural integrity is threatened by lack of maintenance. The twisting and sagging of interior

trusses and beams are the result of deteriorated mortar and faulty flashing at the bell tower. Additional problems with moisture have contributed to rotting windows and floors, and a collapsed ceiling. Recently the 700-pound bell collapsed from its rotted ceiling members and crashed to the ground floor.

The Solution: The church has been recently inspected by structural engineers, architects, and contractors. Because the church's structural safety is questionable, services have been temporarily relocated. The small, elderly congregation recently raised funds for roof repairs, but the high cost of restoration remains the church's biggest obstacle to preserving their historic church.



Collapsed 700-pound bell



FORT DANIEL

Buford, Gwinnett County

Archaeologists unearth early Gwinnett County fort

The Story: Built in the late 18th century, the archaeological site of Fort Daniel was once a frontier fort located on Hog Mountain in Gwinnett County. The archaeological remains of the fort are currently being studied by several interested groups. Excavations revealed a stockade wall trench, a hearth where cooking and casting of shot was carried out, brick, burned lumber, and a trash pit. Artifacts recovered from the site include historic pottery, black bottle glass, musket balls, musket flint, wrought nails, and an 18th-century Spanish coin.

The Threat: The site is located on privately owned property. The property and its surrounding lots are for sale. A developer has already sought a zoning change to allow commercial development of the properties. Development of the property would destroy this significant archaeological site.

The Solution: A group has formed with the intention of purchasing the property where the site is located. With support from the community and at the county level, this group plans to purchase the property and create an archaeological park that would include a museum, lab, and classroom space.



METCALF TOWNSHIP

Thomas County

Rural Thomas County community seeks new economic viability

The Story: The railroad played a major role in the establishment of Metcalf in south Georgia during the late nineteenth-



century. During its more productive years, Metcalf was a center for commerce and the trade of agricultural products. The township has many examples of late 19th century commercial and residential Victorian-era, Romanesque Revival style, and vernacular architecture.

The Threat: Since the 1920s, Metcalf has endured being unincorporated, the loss of rail transportation, and the installation of a large lumber operation. Recently, Metcalf has caught the attention of developers due to its low cost of housing and land and proximity to Tallahassee. The possibility of new inappropriate development threatens a town already suffering from neglect, inappropriate infill, lack of building codes that address mobile homes, and no sewer system.

The Solution: Thomasville Landmarks has held community meetings to provide residents of Metcalf with information and gather support for a *Places in Peril* designation. Thomasville Landmarks and Thomas County Commission have agreed to support any preservation efforts and seek to protect the historic integrity of this small, rural south Georgia township.

BATTERY BACKUS

Tybee Island, Chatham County

Development to impact historic military fortification near Tybee Island Lighthouse

The Story: During the late 19th through mid 20th-centuries, batteries like Backus were vital components of the United States' coastal defense system. Six individual gun batteries, with construction dating from 1885 to 1905, significantly contributed to Fort Screven's coastal defense success during the Endicott Period. The 1898 Battery Backus protected the entrance to the Savannah River. Battery Backus, five additional gun batteries, the Tybee Island Light Station, and several hundred military buildings and structures were included in the 1984 Fort Screven National Historic District designation.



The Threat: Of Fort Screven's six gun batteries, all but one is privately owned. Batteries Gant, Fenwick, and Brumby are nearly unrecognizable following the construction of private residences on top of the batteries. Batteries Backus and



Habersham are currently privately owned and available for development.

The Solution: The Fort Screven Preservation Organization, The Tybee Island Historical Society and other groups are working to ensure public access to the batteries; however, development pressure is intense on this seaside property.



SALLIE DAVIS HOUSE

Milledgeville, Baldwin County

Partnership with Georgia College to bring new life to important African American landmark

The Story: The Sallie Davis is the 1890 home of African American education pioneer Sallie Ellie Davis, who taught black children in Milledgeville. Sallie Ellis Davis was born in

1877 to an African American mother and Irish father. She attended schools in Baldwin County and Atlanta University. It was at the University that she developed a life-long friendship with W.E.B. DuBois. Sallie returned to Milledgeville and opened the home she bought in 1912 as a school to teach academics as well as life skills to African American children.



Rear facade

The Threat: Built in 1890, the house was owned by Sallie until her death in 1950. Sallie's will left the house to her cousins, who eventually sold the house in 1981. The house was continuously used as a residence until 1989, when the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia purchased it. The house is vacant and suffers from neglect, weathering and vandalism.

The Solution: In 2003, a Certified Local Government grant was awarded to the City of Milledgeville for the Sallie Davis House, which funded an assessment and rehabilitation plan. Recently several involved groups, including UGA, have met to discuss possible future uses of the Sallie Davis House.



The Berrien House has many of its historic architectural elements, including fine Greek Revival detailing dating to the 1850's.



JOHN BERRIEN HOUSE

Savannah, Chatham County

Savannah treasure at risk of demolition by neglect

The Story: The Federal style Berrien House in Savannah was built circa 1800 for Revolutionary War officer Major John Berrien. After his death in 1815, John Berrien's son, John McPherson Berrien, used the house as his principle residence throughout his life while serving as a United States Senator, United States Attorney General and the first president of the Georgia Historical Society. The 3 ½ story wood frame

building has a gabled roof, six dormer windows, beaded wooden clapboard, and fine Greek Revival detailing dating to the 1850's. The house is located on Savannah's main commercial street and was raised one story in the early 20th-century to allow for retail space on the ground level.

The Threat: The Berrien House has been vacant for more than twenty years, during which the site has faced strong development pressures and several demolition permits have been sought and denied. Lack of maintenance and failed rehabilitation efforts have left the severely deteriorated building at risk of demolition by neglect. A mortgage foreclosure has left the house in the ownership of a bank which is evaluating the economic feasibility of the building's rehabilitation.

The Solution: Historic Savannah Foundation holds a preservation easement on the house and has invested \$70,000 in roofing and structural repairs. The Foundation also established a task force to seek strategies for the rehabilitation of this important building.

BIBB MILL

Columbus, Muscogee County

On October 30, Bibb Mill, an 1898 textile mill, was destroyed by fire, just two weeks after it was listed on The Georgia Trust's 2009 *Places in Peril* list.

According to news sources, the fire started shortly after midnight Thursday morning. Firefighters worked until about 6 a.m. to extinguish flames that engulfed much of the 700,000 sq. ft. building. Small fires inside the building were contained shortly thereafter. The nearby conference center and neighboring houses were saved. The cause of the fire is not known at this time.

The 1898 mill on the Chattahoochee River was purchased by Bibb Manufacturing in 1900. During the early 20th century, Bibb Manufacturing expanded the mill and continued the development of the surrounding community of Bibb City for its mill workers.

In the fall of 2007, Bibb Mill was threatened with demolition. The owner applied for and received a demolition permit to remove two thirds of the historic mill for a new hotel and residential development. Historic Columbus Foundation, The Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation worked together

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Historic Textile Mill Goes Up in Flames

LOST



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BIBB MILL FIRE

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to convene a group of large-scale redevelopment experts, who met with owner Brent Buck to discuss demolition alternatives.

Earlier this year, owner Brent Buck decided to invest in rehabbing the one-story warehouse as leased storage space.

“The loss of this important piece of Columbus’ heritage is a tragedy,” said Mark C. McDonald, president and CEO of The Georgia Trust. “We were looking forward to providing preservation assistance to Bibb Mill and Brent Buck as part of our *Places in Peril* program. This fire certainly shows the threat faced by abandoned buildings, which is the primary reason we put it on the *Places in Peril* list.”

“This is a great loss not only to historic preservation in Columbus but to the residents of Bibb City. The mill’s historic significance and its tremendous size were unparalleled. Historic Columbus will continue to work

with Mr. Buck to assist in preserving what remains of the mill and for the future of the property.” said Elizabeth Barker, executive director of Historic Columbus Foundation.

Special thanks to Jim and Herb Cawthorne

For more information about the Trust’s *Places in Peril* program, visit www.georgiatrust.org or contact Jordan Poole at 706-506-9864 or jpoole@georgiatrust.org

HOW ARE THEY FARING?

A Look at Past *Places in Peril*



Andalusia, Milledgeville, Baldwin County
2006 *Places in Peril* site

2006 PLACES IN PERIL

Terrell County Courthouse, Dawson

Current Status: The clock has been repaired and remanufactured. The clockface is being restored; the exterior is nearly complete; interior will be complete in another 2 months. New sprinklers and A/C were installed.

Recap: 1892 courthouse suffering from advanced deterioration.

Auburn/Edgewood Avenue Commercial District, Atlanta

Current Status: No progress to report.

Recap: "Birthplace of Civil Rights movement." Landmark Atlanta structures threatened with neglect, demolition.

Hartwell Downtown National Register District, Hart County

Current Status: Last year, we reported that nearly a block of historic buildings were replaced by a newly-constructed CVS, using a set-back drive-in plan incompatible with the surrounding downtown district. Currently the city is trying to initiate a city-wide sign ordinance that is already in use in the historic district.

Recap: Hartwell's historic district is so successful that CVS proposed clearing an historic block for its typical suburban-style site plan.

St. EOM's Pasaquan, Buena Vista

Current Status: Recently listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Recap: Wild, wonderful deramscape created by artist Eddie Owens Martin (EOM). Painted concrete sculptures, decorated walls, historic house threatened by decay.

Andalusia, Milledgeville

Current Status: Since being placed on The Georgia Trust's *Places in Peril* list in 2006, Andalusia has completed several restoration projects and is pursuing others. With assistance from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Historic Preservation Division's Georgia Heritage Grant and donations from the Knight Foundation, City of Milledgeville, and Friends of Andalusia, the water tower behind the main house was fully

restored in 2007. The next year, a grant from the Watson-Brown Foundation Junior Board in Milledgeville made possible the restoration of the old pump house located next to the water tower. The next project is the restoration of the milk-processing shed.

The Foundation has also been developing an Outdoor Learning Center with funding from the E. J. Grassmann Trust and the Knight Foundation.

Interpretive signs linking the landscape with O'Connor's literature are scheduled to be installed in September. Funding for the Foundation has increased each year, along with visitation to Andalusia, but millions of dollars are needed to fully restore the main house and other structures to preserve this internationally significant landmark for generations to come.

Recap: Home of literary icon Flannery O'Connor, estate's buildings need restoration, threatened by encroaching commercial sprawl. Acquired by Flannery O'Connor-Andalusia Foundation in 2001.

Old Highway 17 Brunswick and the Golden Isles

Current Status: Glynn County is currently updating the Highway 17 corridor Historic Resource Study that was initially done in the early 1990s.

Recap: Crazy-quilt of 1950's motels, WWII-era Liberty Ship Boatworks & Victorians, "Gateway to Historic Brunswick and the Golden Isles," threatened by unplanned development.

Old Hawkinsville High School, Pulaski County

Current Status: Listed in the National Register of Historic Places in May 2008. An architect is working on a plan for the building, and a project for adaptive use is moving forward.

Recap: Largely vacant with maintenance issues due to restricted budget.

Ponce de Leon Apartments, Atlanta

Current Status: No progress to report.

Recap: An early luxury high-rise in midtown Atlanta, needs major interior, exterior rehabilitation, maintenance.

City Mills, Columbus

Current Status: Situation unchanged, still for sale and in same condition.

Recap: Built in part by freed slaves, 1828 Columbus mill now threatened by vacancy and neglect.

Cowen Farmstead, Acworth

Current Status: The Georgia Trust rehabilitated the exterior and has listed it for sale as part of the Trust's *Revolving Fund* program.

Recap: House in poor condition; city threatened to condemn until Trust assumed ownership.

2007 PLACES IN PERIL

Native American Structures in North Georgia

Current Status: No change in status

Recap: Significant Native American structures remain unidentified and undocumented.

City Auditorium, Waycross

Current Status: The city has an excess of \$1 million to renovate the building; the project is in the beginning stages.

Recap: This 1937 WPA auditorium located in Waycross hosted acts such as Elvis Presley, Little Richard and Roy Orbison. It is threatened by deferred maintenance and potential condemnation.

LOST

Gilmer County Courthouse, Ellijay

Current Status: Demolished by the county.

Recap: Originally built as the Hyatt Hotel in 1898, this unique courthouse was listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The citizens of Gilmer County voted to demolish the building in 2006.

10 Ways to Help Rescue Georgia's Places in Peril

EMAIL letters to your city officials describing the problem and offering solutions, and copy local news media.

ORGANIZE a Save The Building Day. For properties with heavily deferred maintenance, enlist the help of civic organizations looking for community projects, or organize a volunteer's clean-up day through your local preservation group.

ADOPT a site. Start a written petition to protect the property. Post a web page for online 'signatures' with full name and zip code. Forward the signed petition to local officials.

JOIN The Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation's advocacy group, Georgians for Preservation Action (GaPA). Email Patrick Brennan at tpbrennan@georgiatrust.org for more information.

CREATE a support group of local business people and residents. Organize public meetings. Distribute information about the building you're trying to protect.

WORK with or form a local historic preservation organization. Keep media and citizens informed of ongoing changes in the property's status and/or efforts to preserve it. The news media won't cover every new development, but steady contact will ensure they won't let it fall off their radar, either.

SHARE this Rambler electronically by emailing the website link, www.georgiatrust.org, to everyone you know.

ASK a local columnist, television or radio personality to interview elected officials about their views on your adopted *Places in Peril* site.

ENLIST help from the local library. Offer to teach schoolchildren about endangered landmarks. Organize an art show of kids' work and distribute information to attendees.

DONATE to The Georgia Trust or your local preservation group.

Wren's Nest, Atlanta

Current Status: Paid off \$68,000 debt; raised over \$140,000 for capital improvements to home; started working on interior and roof; and increased programming.

Recap: Home of Joel Chandler Harris threatened by lack of funds.

Herndon Home, Atlanta

Current Status: A new director has been hired; house is now open on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Recap: House museum and home of former slave turned millionaire, closed.

Eleanor Roosevelt School, Warm Springs

Current Status: Group is trying to collect funds to purchase from owner and have some funds committed. They are planning on sending a letter of intent to owner. Once the property is purchased, they will start work on restoring the building and turning it into a museum.

Recap: Unrecognized African American school threatened by neglect.

Raised Tybee Island Cottages

Current Status: Historic preservation guidelines are being developed.

Recap: Unique island cottages at risk from zealous developers.

Aluminum Hill Mill Workers' Houses, Eatonton

Current Status: The city of Eatonton purchased the buildings in January 2008 and shortly thereafter boarded them up. They were given to the newly formed Downtown Development Authority. UGA students did a charette during which they addressed the mill workers' houses.

Recap: Mill workers' homes, artifacts of Georgia's industrial past, at risk of demolition from neglect.

Virginia Highland Neighborhood, Atlanta

Current Status: At a recent Neighborhood Planning Unit meeting, there was a 176-15-4 vote in favor of zoning for the neighborhood's three commercial nodes, which would limit new commercial development to three stories, enforce approved materials, and give a "storefront character" while allowing more shared parking.

Recap: Development, teardowns and out of scale infill harm early 20th century intown neighborhood.

Hand Trading Company Building, Pelham

Current Status: The city of Pelham and a joint development company are accepting bids. Roof repair is underway; other bids are going out for pressure washing and fixing windows.

Recap: Grand downtown store deteriorating with time.

2008 PLACES IN PERIL

Meriwether County Jail, Greenville

Current Status: Lot is currently being used for parking by the Methodist church; status largely unchanged.

Recap: Historic jail struggles to escape deterioration.

A.L. Miller High School for Girls, Macon

Current Status: The Knight Foundation and The Georgia Trust hosted a town hall meeting to discuss possible future uses of the building and ways to raise funds.

Recap: Neighborhood threatened by abandoned school.

Old Clinton Historic District, Gray

Current Status: With volunteer efforts of the Corps Reenactment Committee, Clinton family descendants and Old Clinton Historical Society members, Clinton tanyard project is still going forward, and the roof on the red barn is complete.

Recap: Historic community meets strip development.

Spencer House, Columbus

Current Status: The Owlettes operate a house museum that funds minor repairs. Grants and support have come from the Historic Columbus Foundation. Group met with the Knight Foundation to discuss the possibility of a business plan.

Recap: Fragile nature threatens important African American historic resource.

UGA Marine Institute Greenhouse & Administration Building, Sapelo Island

Current Status: A task force was formed in April 2008, consisting of representatives from The Georgia Trust, University System of Georgia, the UGA Marine Institute, DNR, HPD, contractors and other interested parties. The group sponsored Project Sapelo, a workday involving 80 people, who stabilized and secured the Administration Building. Friends of the University of



Administration Building, Sapelo Island after *Project Sapelo* workday

Georgia Marine Institute funded a business plan for the greenhouse complex.

Recap: Significant state-owned property threatened by lack of funds.

Trinity CME Church, Augusta

Current Status: Continuing to raise funds for rehabilitation. The church has received a few grants, and the windows are currently being repaired. Future work includes painting and plumbing repairs.

Recap: Abandoned church threatened by development.

Adam-Strain Building, Darien

Current Status: Darien's Director of Community Development put together a group to work on long-term plans for the building. The owner is now interested in the building being preserved. The Department of Community Affairs and The Georgia Trust are brainstorming with the Department of Economic Development on ways to use the building as part of town-wide tourism efforts as a way of bringing economic development to the town.

Recap: Highly significant community landmark at risk from developers

Sunbury Historic Colonial Town Site, Liberty County

Current Status: Conservation efforts have been implemented for the site.

Recap: Fragile archaeological site threatened by development.

Cockspur Island Lighthouse, Chatham County

Current Status: Starting on June 14, 2008, park staff began emergency repairs to the base of the Lighthouse. The fill material around the lighthouse was removed, exposing the wooden base. A close inspection of the timbers revealed that there was some shipworm damage to the upper sections of the timbers but that the timbers themselves were structurally sound. The timbers were covered with the polyvinyl, then a layer of bagged dry mix cement and topped off by a layer of rock. This action should create an anaerobic environment that will kill off the current shipworm infestation and buy some time. A group of local residents and lighthouse enthusiasts came together to form the "Friends of Cockspur Island Lighthouse." Its mission is "to raise funds and other resources for the preservation, restoration and perpetual maintenance and repair, as necessary, of the historic Cockspur Island Lighthouse."

Recap: Historic lighthouse in danger of collapse.

The Castle, Atlanta

Current Status: No progress to report.

Recap: Low-scale building threatened in high-rise area. 🏠

New This Year!

The Georgia Trust announces its newest program:

Partners in the Field

Providing Preservation Assistance for 2009 Places in Peril

This year, each *Places in Peril* site will receive direct assistance as part of The Georgia Trust's new *Partners in the Field* program, funded by grants from the National Trust for Historic Preservation and a number of charitable organizations throughout Georgia.

Jordan Poole, our new field services manager, will visit each designee and work with the local property owners and community leaders to help form a preservation strategy.

For more information about this exciting new program, visit www.georgiitrust.org or contact Jordan Poole at 706-506-9864 or jpoole@georgiitrust.org.

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Real Estate Activities

Historic preservation organizations have tremendous opportunities when it comes to historic real estate. We can use our tax exempt status to attract the donation of historic buildings which we can sell with preservation protective covenants. In addition Georgia law is extremely favorable for the donation of historic preservation conservation easements.

As economically profitable as real estate can be for non-profits, its greater value is what it can do for the dynamism and attractiveness of the organization. Members and donors are enthused by seeing successful bricks and mortar projects initiated and completed. There is no greater asset for successful fundraising than a good track record.

I propose that we pursue the acquisition by gift of marketable historic buildings and that we aggressively market our easement program. This initiative can Build the Brand, Build the Bank, Build the Base, and Build the Business by attracting new constituents to The Georgia Trust.

Our Properties

Hay House and Rhodes Hall are powerful symbols for The Georgia Trust. They are inseparable from our Brand.

The successful capital campaign for Hay House should be celebrated as restoration work is performed. We should make sure that we thank our donors and take prospective donors there to see our success. Hay House staff is a strong one and we need to continue to support them in every way we can.

Rhodes Hall is also a success story. It is an Atlanta icon and a profit center for the Trust. I believe it is underutilized for Trust events, which we will rectify.

Trust properties are an important part of the strategy to **Build our Brand, Bank, Base and Business.**

Summary

In the near future, we will be working to update our 2009-2010 strategic plan. I hope the Trustees, Advisors and members will review this document and give me your feedback as we begin the planning process. Thank you all for your support of the Trust and for your generosity and leadership. 🏠

GEORGIA TRUST REVOLVING FUND FOR ENDANGERED PROPERTIES FOR SALE

For more information and photos of the Georgia Trust's Revolving Fund Properties, visit www.georgiastrust.org



Bagwell-Little House
Carnesville, c. 1810. Federal house on 1.75 acres, just off the square. Original interior details, faux painted panel, graining on doors & wainscotting. Perfect for shops, offices or restaurant. New systems, roof, siding. Interior painted surfaces need restoration. \$199,000. Contact Kate Ryan, 404-885-7817.



Cherry Cottage
Washington, c. 1818. 4BR/2BA home built by Constantine Church who bought the lot in 1784. Features include a large sitting room, parlor, formal dining room and library. Located in a beautiful historic neighborhood. \$175,000. Contact Kate Ryan, 404-885-7817.



Stovall House
Sautee, c. 1837. Built by Moses Harshaw. National Register-listed house operated as a Bed & Breakfast as well as a restaurant for more than 20 years. On 28 acres of rolling green hills; ideal for a vineyard or continued use as a small inn or restaurant. \$1,950,000. Contact Anne Farrisee, 404-885-7804.



E.M. Rogers House
Adel, c. 1907. This Queen Anne cottage features 14' ceilings, heart pine floors & hipped roof. The 2,000-sq. ft. house also contains 6 fireplaces, 7 rooms & 2 full baths. The surrounding .5 acre property includes 3 out-buildings. \$110,000. Contact Kate Ryan, 404-885-7817.



Cowen Farmstead
Acworth, c. 1854. Plantation Plain house on .6 acre makes ideal commercial or office space. ~~\$325,000~~. Now \$250,000. For more information on this property, contact Kate Ryan, 404-885-7817.



Housworth-Moseley House
Lithonia, c. 1843. This 1,200 sq. ft. home sits on 7.4 acres near the Arabia Mountain Nature Preserve. Located 20 miles from Atlanta, the house features largely intact historic interior including original woodwork. The lot includes a large front yard and a small picturesque creek. ~~\$269,500~~. Now \$250,000. Contact Kate Ryan, 404-885-7817.



THE GEORGIA TRUST & ITS HISTORY OF UNFORGETTABLE EVENTS

The Third of a Four-Part Anniversary Series

Since its conception, The Trust has been committed to both preserving Georgia's historic resources and involving citizens in that effort. From their earliest days, special events have been a way of achieving both those goals by building community among members while benefiting the Trust's work. This year, as we celebrate 35 years of working together to preserve our state, we thought we would take our readers on a look back at the Trust's history of elegant affairs.

The Trust's tradition of holding affairs to remember began in April of 1979 with its first fundraising event, the Edwardian Street A'Fair, which was cosponsored with the Atlanta Decorative Arts Center. The event was coordinated to coincide with the Arts Center's three-day market. The gala street fair featured tours of 1886 townhouses, gourmet food, and turn-of-the-century entertainment. The Trust followed on the success of its inaugural production with the Fairlie-Poplar A'Fair held in March of the following year in the downtown district named for the cross-streets of Fairlie and Poplar. It was co-sponsored with

Central Atlanta Progress to celebrate the planned revitalization of downtown and to launch the city-wide ad campaign "Atlanta's Going to Town!" The event was held in three historic buildings: the Healey, Grant, and C&S. Atlanta's top designers were recruited to develop party themes relating to the architecture of each building. The sites were selected to "reflect Atlanta's turn-of-the-century elegance," according to a *Rambler* article of the time.

The year 1982 saw the most widely attended of any Trust event, Midtown Connection, which attracted 40,000 attendees to the street festival that shut down part of Peachtree Street. Another 3,000 revelers attended the preview party. The event featured tours of four historic landmarks: the Fox Theatre, Ponce de Leon apartments, Georgian Terrace Hotel and the Hotel York. The area was transformed into nine colorful party themes, complete with international food and 150 street performers.

The Trust stayed in Midtown for its next two gala events, A Grand Biltmore Affair and Tight Squeeze. A Grand Biltmore Affair was held in September 1985 to celebrate the preservation of the Atlanta Biltmore Hotel. The theme of the Saturday evening gala was "Dancing through the Decades" and featured Southern

Above: A view of *Midtown Connection* from Atlanta's Georgian Terrace



Edwardian A'fair

supper fare and live music with prizes for the best Charleston, waltz, jitterbug and twist. Attendees were also treated to a USO Canteen show, a big-screen presentation of the history of Atlanta, evening tours of the condominiums that had been recently constructed in the Biltmore, and old movie screenings. Attendees were requested to dress in attire from the 1920s-50s. The following day the public was welcomed to the Biltmore for tea and tours.

The Trust's third Midtown-based extravaganza was Tight Squeeze, a September 1986 street festival and ball held to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the publication of *Gone with the Wind*. The event was held on four and a half blocks of Midtown around 10th and Peachtree Streets, the site of Margaret Mitchell's "The Dump." Tight Squeeze drew its name from that intersection, so called after the Civil War because the narrowing of the road made it difficult for two wagons to pass at the same time. Over 7,000 visitors explored the streets that

were transformed into a mini *Gone with the Wind* theme park, complete with such areas as: Mr. Kennedy's Lumberyard, which featured Southern food and a continuous showing of the film; Belle Watling's Crescent Avenue Jazz Garden; and for the younger visitors, Bonnie Blue Butler's Backyard with a carousel and pipe organ, farm animals, balloon rides and puppets. An Armory Ball, held on the first evening, included a "Search for Scarlett" contest to find a lady to lead the Virginia Reel and prizes for winners of the 18 ½ inch waist contest, best waltz, best polka and best costumed couple.

The special event that is perhaps best known to locals is the Haunted Castle, held annually at Rhodes Hall in the 1980s and early 1990s. The Castle, which was designed and constructed by a professional team, often attracted over 10,000 people who waited in lines wrapping around the block to encounter the spirits lurking in the Peachtree Street mansion. The 1984 Castle, which featured a basement laboratory, a ghostly dancer and a phantom Joan Crawford railing against wire hangers, was rated by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution as a "best bet" among area Halloween attractions. It remained a Halloween favorite from 1984 until its final year in 1992.

Hay House has also been the site of Trust events, most notably the annual Christmas at Hay House. For the month of December visitors are invited to see the mansion decorated for the season and attend such holiday festivities as



View of Atlanta skyline from Fairlie-Poplar A'fair



Armory Ball

children's Tea Parties with Santa and Christmas Luncheons. Hay House has been celebrating the holidays since 1988 and invites you to visit this Christmas.

The Georgia Trust continues its tradition of entertaining our members while raising funds to benefit our community with its current Preservation Ball. The Ball evolved out of the galas the Trust was known for in the 1980s and is considered today as a premiere event on the Atlanta social calendar. This spring we will once again host hundreds of guests at a dancing and dining spectacular.

The Trust is especially excited to announce the introduction of a new event to our calendar, the Rhodes Race 10K, which will be held on March 21 in Ansley Park. We hope to see you there! 📍



A Grand Biltmore Affair



Aerial view of the Trust's *Midtown Connection* event

In Memoriam

Florence Phillips Griffin, of Atlanta, passed away August 11, 2008 at age 82. Mrs. Griffin worked side by side with her husband, William W. Griffin, who was a founding trustee and chairman of the Trust. She helped found the Southern Garden History Society and Georgia Conservancy.

Paul Matthew Hawkins, of Atlanta, passed away September 27, 2008, at age 74. Mr. Hawkins helped found The Georgia Trust and was the organization's first Treasurer.

Our thoughts and prayers are with their families.

CALL FOR ENTRIES

The Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation is now accepting entries for the J. Neel Reid Prize and B. Phinzy Spalding, Hubert B. Owens & Colonial Dames of Georgia Scholarships.

J. Neel Reid Prize

Honoring the legacy of Neel Reid, this is awarded annually to an architecture student, an architect intern or a recently registered architect to study architecture anywhere in the world.

B. Phinzy Spalding and Hubert B. Owens Scholarships

Each year, the Trust awards two \$1,000 scholarships to encourage the study of historic preservation and related fields.

Colonial Dames of Georgia

For the first time, two \$1,000 scholarships for graduate or undergraduate students will be offered for the study of history and historic preservation.

For more information and to download an application, visit http://www.georgiatruster.org/preservation_resources/opportunities.htm.

DEADLINE:

Friday, FEBRUARY 13, 2009
(postmark date)



AMERICUS, c. 1833. The Guerry House. Listed on National Register of Historic Places in 1982. The main house, carriage and well houses are original structures. 2 guests cottages, 14 acres of beautifully landscaped property, 14 artesian springs and 11 spring-fed ponds. Handcrafted furniture and heirlooms adorn the interiors. Ideal Bed & Breakfast! Offered at \$1,400,000. Contact Mark Pace, ALC at Southern Land & Realty 229.924.0189 or marktpace@bellsouth.net.



AMERICUS, c. 1842. This lovely Victorian, carefully restored, is the oldest surviving residence in Americus. Approx. 4100 sq. ft. with 4 bedrooms, 2 ½ baths, featuring ornate mantels, original stained glass, a large paneled library and upgrades to kitchen and baths. Additional improvements to property include pool and pool house, new garage with period door, interior and exterior paint. \$395,000. Contact Kay Pace, AHS, with Southern Land & Realty, 229.924.0189 or kaysassi@bellsouth.net.



AMERICUS, c. 1892. Splendid Queen Anne house, 4334 sq. ft. 5/6BR, 3BA. Oriel window, stained-glass, heart-pine flooring, panelled wainscot, plaster cornice & medallion. Spacious, well-lit rooms. Updated kitchen with stainless-steel appliances. Generous-sized porches & nice, fenced-in backyard. Desirable location in Americus Historic District. \$305,000. Contact Charles Crisp at Southern Land & Realty 229-924-0189 or 229-938-4127 (cell) or charlescrisp@bellsouth.net.



ATLANTA, 1896. Renovated 3 BR/2BA bungalow in Historic Whittier Mill Village backs to quiet, heavily wooded neighborhood Park! Double sided antique brick fireplace, antique hardwood flooring, high ceilings, updated kitchen with granite and stainless appliances, large master suite with private bath. All rooms are very large, floor plan has been opened up, and there is lots of sunlight. Newer roof, paint, and systems. Fenced Yard. \$289,900. Contact Cindy Dennis with Dorsey-Alston, Realtors 404-735-3367 or for more photos, visit www.dorseyalston.com.



ATLANTA, c. 1936. The Thornton-Jones House, a Philip Trammell Shutze original and an Atlanta landmark. Combines English Regency style in front w/ American Federal in back. Renovated and expanded w/ painstaking attention to detail. 7 BRs, 7.5 BAs, lg. master suite on the main, chef's kitchen, 8 masonry fireplaces, steam room, sauna, gym, saltwater pool and spa, and 3-car garage. Sits on just under 2 acres of level, gated, landscaped property in the heart of Buckhead. \$6,990,000. Contact Russell A. Gray, Jenny Pruitt & Associates, 404-814-3045.



BAINBRIDGE, c. 1903. Originally built in 1903 as the Fordham Hotel in downtown Bainbridge. Approximately 10,000 square feet on 3 floors located in the Central Business District. Perfect for mixed-use development. Sale Price: \$75,000. For information concerning this property please contact Amanda Glover, 229-248-2000 or aglover@bainbridgecity.com.



ELLIJAY, c. 1890s. One of the oldest homes in the heart of downtown. Approximately 2340 sq ft, ready for renovation. Two living rooms/kitchens, 2 BR/1 BA on main, 2 BR/1 BA upstairs! Excellent commercial potential/location. \$250,000. Contact Pam Baxter, www.foggymountainrealty.com, 706-669-1196 or email fiddlingranny@ellijay.com.



HARRIS COUNTY (Shiloh), c. 1880. The Carlisle House, 3330 sq.ft., 3-4 bedrooms, 3 baths on 8 rural acres. Vernacular farmhouse retains original heart pine floors, beaded board walls, windows and mantels on 5 fireplaces. Interior and exterior walls have never been painted. Completely renovated. \$486,000. Bob Patterson Realty, 706-628-4663 or www.bob-patterson.com.



HOGANSVILLE, c. 1905. Early Craftsman style home or B&B. Main house features 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, pocket doors, pine floors, clawfoot tubs, 7 fireplaces, 11 stained-glass windows. Two-car carriage house boasts 2 bedrooms, bath, den, kitchen, studio. Hilltop home is 2 miles from I-85 and sits among mature hardwood and fruit trees. To view more photos, visit www.iggyshouse.com/Property/173435. Contact Angela Sharp at (706) 407-6723 or ang.sharp@gmail.com.



MILLEDGEVILLE, c. 1890s. Myrick House. 3030 sq. ft. "New South Vernacular" house is in the historic district of Downtown Milledgeville. Features 3-4 bedrooms, 3 & 1/2 baths, cook's kitchen w/ walk-in pantry, formal dining room, sunroom, large foyer, hardwood floors, wrap around porch. The Myrick house belonged to Susan Myrick, a well known writer for the Union Recorder. Also known for her help with the making of "Gone With The Wind." \$339,000. Contact Kelly Gates, Coldwell Banker SSK, 478-363-1082, or 478-453-4210 ext 231.



NEWBORN, c. 1870. Lovely, Second Empire style home with receiving hall and formal dining room. 5 bedrooms and 3 baths. This home sits on 4 acres. Many pecan and oak trees. Outbuildings. Located less than 50 miles east of Atlanta. \$349,900. Easy access to I-20. National Register of Historic Places. For more information, visit www.delaine-bourne.com or call Delaine Bourne, Prudential Colony Realty, at 770-786-2000.



PLAINS, c. 1903. Spacious Victorian house in the hometown of the 39th President of the United States. 4,000 sq. ft.; 4/5 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. Original fireplace mantles, doors, windows, trim and heart-pine flooring. Very good condition with recent roof, wiring, plumbing, HVAC. Wrap-around porch and extra-large lot. \$189,000. Contact Charles Crisp, Southern Land & Realty, 229.924.0189 or charlescrisp@bellsouth.net.



SAVANNAH, c. 1822. One of the last remaining original Federal style houses in Savannah. Exterior restoration completed along with the Gardens. Interior period details: original heart pine floors, solid mahogany doors, oak leaf medallions (ceiling, doors, windows), hand carved plaster moldings. Over 5,000 sq. ft. of interiors and piazzas. Garden level can be restored separately. Across street from Davenport House Museum. Completely renovated c.1848 Carriage House available for long term lease. \$898,000. Contact: wkswing@gmail.com or 828-713-3389.

To advertise your historic property in *The Rambler*, contact Traci Clark at 404-885-7802 or tclark@georgiatruster.org.



SPARTA, c. 1838. Bird-Pierce Campbell House. 6,000 sq. ft. living space w/ basement; 1.067 acre lot; 3 large living areas; 3 BR; 1 1/2 bathrooms installed & plumbed for 2 more full baths; 12-foot ceilings; covered porches w/ original columns; elaborate plaster moldings & cornices; original mantels & hearths; original wood floors; historic glass windows, masonry, stone and plaster; new appliances; new copper roof; six zone HVAC; attic insulation; Romex wiring; copper/cast iron plumbing; city sewer, gas, water; \$399,900. Call Sue Tuvell 678.443.9110

CALL FOR ENTRIES: 2009 Preservation Awards

Each year, The Georgia Trust recognizes significant contributions to the preservation of Georgia's historic resources. The awards are open to projects completed within the last three years.

The Georgia Trust is now accepting nominations for the following:

Restoration | Rehabilitation | Stewardship | Preservation Service

For more information on each category and to download an application, visit www.georgiatruster.org/preservation_resources/preservation_awards.htm

DEADLINE: Monday, December 8, 2008 (postmark date)

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November 25, 2008 -
January 6, 2009

Christmas at Hay House
We deck the halls and trim the trees for the holidays at Hay House. This year's theme is The Twelve Days of Christmas.
Call 478-742-8155.

February 14, 2009

A Victorian Valentine Tea
Hay House, Macon
Victorian Valentine Tea guests will enjoy a traditional Victorian tea, a brief lesson in etiquette, and a tour of the historic Hay House.
Call 478-742-8155.

March 21, 2009

Rhodes Race 10K
Rhodes Hall, Atlanta
Grab your running shoes and join the Trust in its newest and exciting event.
Call 404-885-7812.

April 18, 2009

Hay Day Family Festival
Hay House, Macon
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Educational fun for the whole family. Admission is FREE.

May 1-3, 2009

Macon Gardens, Mansions & Moonlight
Hay House, Macon
Enjoy touring Macon's finest gardens and grand historic homes.
Call 478-742-8155.

May 15-17, 2009

Annual Meeting & Spring Ramble
Augusta, Ga.
Join us May 15-17 as we tour Augusta, also known as the "Garden City."
Call 404-885-7812.

For more information about our upcoming events, visit www.georgiitrust.org

STAFF NEWS

Anne Farrissee is taking over the position of Sr. Director of Development. Anne has been working with the Trust since Spring 2007 as Director of Preservation Services. Anne is the co-author of the award-winning *Democracy Restored*, an illustrated history of the restoration of Georgia's Capitol.

President and CEO Mark C. McDonald was invited to speak at a conference in Liverpool, England, where he gave a lecture called "A Cotton Port Restored - Savannah, Georgia." His talk included a brief history of Savannah, its economic decline, and its remarkable community-led restoration.

Jordan Poole is the Trust's new field services manager. Originally from Chattooga County in Northwest Georgia, Jordan received both his Bachelor and Master of Arts degrees in historic preservation from the Savannah College of Art and Design. Jordan comes to the Trust after working as restoration manager at George Washington's Mount Vernon. He will be offering preservation assistance to this year's *Places in Peril* sites through the Trust's new *Partners in the Field* program.

Mary Railey Binns is the Trust's new special events coordinator. She is originally from Columbus, Georgia, and recently moved to Atlanta from Charleston, South Carolina, where she studied arts management, historic preservation, and art history at the College of Charleston. Her past experience working in art galleries and with the Charleston Fine Art Dealer's Association awakened her passion of event management.



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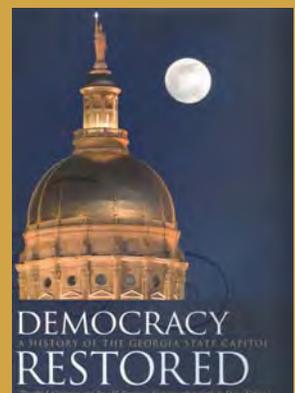
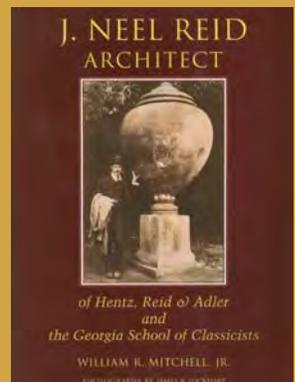
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November 25, 2008 - January 6, 2009

Mon-Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 1-4pm ~ Tours on the hour, Last tour begins at 3pm

Adults \$10, Seniors (55+) & Military \$9, Students \$6, FREE for Georgia Trust members

Sugar Plum Parties - Kids age 5-12 and their accompanying adults will enjoy story-time under the tree, a tour of all the Christmas decorations, making a special Victorian craft, and eating cookies & milk with Santa!

Saturday, December 6 and Sunday, December 14, 2008

Advance Reservations are Required, please call 478.742.8155

\$15 per attendee, Multiple seating times are available for each day

Christmas Luncheons - Enjoy a delicious three-course meal served in the grand Hay House music room. Ideal for office parties or ladies' day out. Includes a discount in the Hay House Museum Store - perfect for finishing your Christmas shopping list!

Thursday, December 11 and Friday, December 12, 2008 ~ 11:30am-2pm

Advance Reservations are Required, please call 478.742.8155

\$30 per person or \$25 per person for groups of 8 or more



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