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## RETURNING TO NORMAL?

As vaccinations for COVID-19 in Georgia increase and eligibility is now available for everyone over 16, it seems that we may be returning to normal. The only trouble is that preservationists are not perceived as normal! We have all had to tolerate the cliché of being called the “hysterical society.”

All I can say is that it is absolutely great to be committed to a future which includes a fundamental respect for our natural and built environments and a commitment to ensuring that our cities and towns in Georgia retain their distinctive identities.

We will never forget the year 2020 and the over 125 million people worldwide who suffered from Coronavirus and the nearly three million people who have perished during the pandemic. It is self-evident that life will never be normal again for the friends and relatives of these persons. The Georgia Trust recognizes and thanks our courageous frontline and healthcare workers and the generosity of those who have sustained the Georgia Trust and the many other nonprofit organizations who work to make life better. 🙏

*Mark C. McDonald*



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### ON THE COVER

One of the highlights of this past year was the re-installation of the *Seasons of the Vineyard* window at Hay House, a property of the Trust, in January 2021. On Memorial Day weekend 2019, the window was removed and transported to Chicago to be restored by Restoric LLC. The cover photo shows the stunning result of this restoration.



COVER IMAGE: Walter Elliott Photography  
Image on this page: Ennis Willis



## FALL RAMBLE

# Fall Ramble set for Macon

OCTOBER 8-10, 2021

Experience the rich history and southern hospitality of beautiful Macon, Georgia.

From Shirley Hills to Downtown, local preservation efforts have led to Macon's rebirth. Ramblers will have the opportunity to tour historic private homes and sites in Macon's most remarkable neighborhoods including Shirley Hills, Vineville, Intown, Downtown, and the revitalized Beall's Hill neighborhood, a Victorian-era neighborhood that features many architecturally significant homes.

The Georgia Trust will be following current CDC Guidelines for Events and Gatherings. **A limited number of tickets will be available.**

Learn more and purchase tickets for this fun-filled weekend at [GeorgiaTrust.org](http://GeorgiaTrust.org) or call 404-885-7812.



VISIT MACON

## STUDY TOUR

## Discover Portugal!

NOVEMBER 5-12, 2021

The Georgia Trust invites you to discover Portugal, the oldest nation state on the Iberian Peninsula and one of the oldest in Europe. During this trip, guests will travel throughout multiple regions of Portugal, visiting magnificent castles, cobblestone villages and fascinating cities. Travelers will enjoy private tours and excursions, local cuisine, and exquisite accommodations.

Learn more about this exclusive travel opportunity at [GeorgiaTrust.org](http://GeorgiaTrust.org).



## Mark your calendars!

### FIRST FRIDAY LEGENDS AND LORE TOUR

#### First Friday of Every Month Hay House, Macon, Georgia

Ever wonder what goes bump in the night at Hay House? Join us on the First Friday of every month for spine-tingling tales of unexplained noises, lights, and real-life ghost sightings and other supernatural activity at Hay House. *Spaces are limited.*

### PRESERVATION GALA

July 10, 2021

#### Savanna Hall, Zoo Atlanta

Join us as we honor and celebrate outstanding preservationists from around the state at the 37th annual Preservation Gala. *Event is sold out.*

### FALL RAMBLE

October 8-10, 2021

#### Macon, Georgia

Enjoy a rare opportunity to explore spectacular historic homes and sites in Macon, Georgia.

### SPRING RAMBLE

Postponed to NEXT YEAR, April 22-24, 2022

#### Augusta, Georgia

Tour stunning historic homes and sites in Augusta, the state's second oldest city.

**For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [www.GeorgiaTrust.org](http://www.GeorgiaTrust.org).**



## HAY HOUSE, MACON

# Restoration of Ruth's Room is completed

After more than 100 years, the white marble sculpture of *Ruth Gleaning* recently returned to her room, which has been restored to its original Johnston-era appearance.

William and Anne Johnston commissioned American artist and expatriate Randolph Rogers to sculpt the statue of *Ruth* while on honeymoon in Italy in the early 1850s. After a long voyage by sea and rail, she arrived in Macon in early 1858. Following detailed instructions by Mr. Rogers, the Johnstons carefully assembled the statue in a private room adjacent to their picture gallery where she would remain for the next 50 years.

Around the turn of the twentieth century, the Johnstons' youngest daughter Mary Ellen Felton moved *Ruth* from her room into the alcove of the Music Room where she kept an eye on social events in the house for over 100 years.

Now that restoration of Ruth's Room is complete, *Ruth* has returned to her room where she'll keep watch for 100 more. 🏠

The white marble statue of *Ruth Gleaning* recently returned to her newly restored room at Hay House.



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This park like property comprises the residence, carriage houses and a converted brick power plant, 2-story barn and acreage for your children and pets to wander. The Colonial Revival-style house is the former home of Governor S. Ernest Vandiver, Jr. Built in the tradition of the early 20th century, it is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The aesthetic beauty of the historic home is magnetic, as its unrivaled architecture has withstood the test of time. It has approximately 5,200 sq ft of living space including large spaces for entertaining. Though modernized throughout the years to be completely enjoyable, the home has retained its old Southern appearance, its charm of being lived in and treasured completely. The new homeowner has the potential to build upon one of Georgia's most iconic and historically significant residences with their own unique vision.

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## PROGRAMS

# Georgia Trust launches two new programs

### African American Preservation Program

The Georgia Trust is pleased to announce a new program that will expand our educational efforts and enhance hands-on assistance to provide African American sites with successful tools for preservation. We will host workshops focused on preserving Georgia's African American resources, heighten our preservation services to African American *Places in Peril* sites, and continue making headway on our West Atlanta Preservation Initiative.

### Georgia Trust GREEN

Georgia Trust GREEN is a new program that promotes environmental sustainability in historic homes across the state. The program will combine advocacy and education to provide homeowners with the necessary tools to make significant and verifiable improvements to their home's energy efficiency while maintaining its historic integrity. 🏡



Photo: Horace Henry

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Georgia Trust Board Member Dr. R. Candy Tate in the bell tower at Fountain Hall in Atlanta. [Learn more about these programs at GeorgiaTrust.org.](https://www.GeorgiaTrust.org)

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## TOURS & EVENTS

# Outstanding preservationists to be honored at 37th annual Preservation Gala

Six longtime Georgia Trust supporters and preservationists will be honored at the 37th annual Preservation Gala on July 10, 2021 at Zoo Atlanta's Savanna Hall.

### Teri and Mose Bond (Atlanta)

Emeritus Trustee Mose Bond and his wife, Teri, have been involved with The Georgia Trust since the 1980s. They carefully moved and restored an early 1800s home belonging to Teri's family in Union Point, Georgia to Highlands, North Carolina. Teri and Mose are Georgia natives and longtime residents of Atlanta's historic Ansley Park neighborhood. Mose has served on the Board for numerous years and received the Camille Yow Volunteer of the Year Award in 1995 and again in 2009. The couple are regulars at Georgia Trust events and are both known for their wit, elegant dress, and love of a good party.

### Carey and Bill Peard (Atlanta)

Carey and Bill Peard are long time, active supporters of The Georgia Trust, avid Ramblers and chaired the 2014 Preservation Gala. Bill first joined the Board of Trustees in 2012. He has served as Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee, and then as Vice



Honorees (l to r): Bill and Carey Peard, Georgia Schley Ritchie and Diff Ritchie, Teri and Mose Bond

Chair before being elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees in 2015, where he served in that role until 2017. He received a Preservation Award in 2018 and was elected an Emeritus Trustee in 2019. Bill returned to the Board in 2020 and is currently serving as Treasurer. Carey and Bill have always had interest in historic preservation and have restored five homes in Georgia, including their current residence, a 1920s Mediterranean-style house in Buckhead.

### Georgia Schley Ritchie and Diff Ritchie (Atlanta)

Georgia Schley Ritchie and husband, Diff have been involved with the Georgia Trust since 2004 and are familiar faces at Georgia Trust events. Georgia has chaired the Preservation Gala, served on numerous committees, served as Chair of the Board of Trustees and is currently Immediate Past Chair. The couple restored a Victorian house in London and are now residents of the historic Ansley Park neighborhood where they live in one of the original Ansley Park homes. Georgia practiced law in Atlanta and London for 22 years before embarking on a second career in travel, as a Travel Advisor with Travel Edge. Diff is Vice President at Wilmington Trust, a generous sponsor of this year's Preservation Gala. 🏡





# Thank You!

## SHOWING APPRECIATION FOR PRESERVATION SUPPORTERS AROUND THE STATE

On March 13, 2020, Georgia Trust Staff and Trustees faced a difficult decision. The Trust's annual Preservation Gala was going to be held on Saturday the 14th, and the tents, dance floor, tables and chairs were all set up and flowers had been arranged. Meanwhile, the nation was watching television for news about something being called the Coronavirus.

After much discussion and consultation, The Georgia Trust Board of Trustees officially postponed the well-planned and much anticipated Gala, the organization's largest fundraising

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ABOVE: Ramblers enjoy a tour of the historic DeSoto Theatre in Rome during a modified, one-day Fall Ramble in 2020.

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event. The next day, the day of the Gala, Governor Brian Kemp issued an Executive Order declaring a Public Health State of Emergency in Georgia. Little did anyone know in March of 2020 that we would all still be enduring the death tolls, illnesses and economic consequences of this dreadful pandemic. As vaccines become more available, we





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can all take stock of the past twelve months and reflect upon the institutions and people who have sustained historic preservation efforts and our organizations.

The 2020 Georgia Trust Gala was saved from financial ruin by the patrons and sponsors of the event. Georgia Trust staff immediately communicated with these companies and individuals and offered refunds of their donations. The overwhelming majority of these donors magnanimously advised the Trust to retain the donations. These incredibly generous donors set the stage for what has been a year of grace in the midst of hardship for the Trust.

Preservation advocates in America have timelessly stated that preservation is not really about buildings, it is about people and their relationship with our built environment. The people of Georgia's response to COVID-19 has proven the truth of this belief system unequivocally.

Former Trustee Stephen Yarbrough of Truist Bank and Georgia Trust Treasurer Tom Wight walked Trust staff through the PPP loan/grant process. Laura McCarty of Georgia Humanities contacted the Trust about a Care grant and we were awarded a \$15,000 grant. Dana Ponder, Georgia Trust Director of Finance, worked diligently with our insurance carrier to receive an insurance settlement for lost income at Hay House and Rhodes Hall. At this point, the Georgia Trust Board and staff begin to believe we were going to not just survive but to thrive.

## Board of Trustees and Members

The Trust is grateful for the support of its many members around the state. We were concerned that membership would decline due to the pandemic, but quite the opposite effect has happened. Our Summer Membership Drive attracted more than 100 new members along with 50 upgrades. Long-time member and Emeritus Trustee Susan Starr made a three-year pledge for \$30,000 through the foundation set up by her and her late husband and Emeritus Trustee, Mike Starr. Trustee Chris Lambert made a \$20,000 gift to her endowment fund that was established to ensure financial stability for the Trust for years to come. The DuBose family also increased their support by providing matching gifts through their foundation.

Donors were able to increase their support on Giving Tuesday with a special match made by Facebook and the Trust Year-End Appeal doubled its financial goals. The continued support of our members, Trustees and volunteers has ensured that the Trust will continue to be financially stable in a time of such uncertainty. Please flip to the last pages of the Rambler to view the detailed list of the generosity of our members.

## Preserving Hope

With the suggestion from Historic Columbus' executive director, Elizabeth Walden, The Georgia Trust and a network of Georgia non-profit historic preservation organizations launched Preserving Hope, a social media campaign that





LEFT: Ramblers enjoy an outdoor closing reception at Lyons Bridge Farm during the Fall Ramble in Rome.

RIGHT: The Trust provided drive-through packet pick-up to ensure social distancing at the Fall Ramble.

raised awareness of historic buildings and sites that had been places of relief efforts, essential services, and refuge during times of war, pandemics, civil unrest, natural disasters, and other uncertain times in our country's history. People all over Georgia participated in shining a spotlight on historic places that have played a critical role in telling the story of how Americans—past and present—have responded to critical situations.

## Special Events

Although the Trust had to postpone or cancel many fundraising events, we were able to coordinate a modified one-day Fall Ramble in Rome in October. Thanks to the work and planning of Board members like Ira Levy, the local Ramble committee and generous homeowners, such as Wes Walraven who hosted a socially-distant closing reception, the Trust was able to pull off a safe and successful event that was enjoyed by all. The *Rhodes Race at the Haunted Castle 5K* was held virtually, allowing runners from all over the state to participate, and thanks to the commitment of Santa and our photographer Ron Jones, the Trust's *Santa at Rhodes Hall* event was adapted, allowing us to continue this ever-popular tradition for the 23rd year.

## Revolving Fund

Fortunately, the Revolving Fund program has remained very active during the pandemic under the guidance of the Revolving Fund committee; six properties have been sold since last March. Through our partnership with the Atlanta Land Trust, Southface and our expert contractor, Joe Thomas with Elemental Green, the Trust sold the first two properties in our West Atlanta Preservation Initiative. We were also fortunate to receive the donation of the Weaver-Dallas House in Thomaston by Dr. Mary Williams. And thanks to the assistance of individuals like Dr. Marc Hansen, the Trust was finally able to sell Cherry Cottage in Washington, after 14 years in the Revolving Fund. Dr. Hansen organized the execution of numerous quit claim deeds from the family giving authority to the Trust to grant the house to Cherie Vaughn with a reserved conservation easement attached to the deed. Efforts such as these have conserved the organization's financial resources and bolstered the Revolving Fund.

## Places in Peril

Our *Places in Peril* program, which relies upon the publicity and awareness raised by the media and our announcement event, was also revised thanks to many friends and supporters who stepped up in a time of need. Through the efforts of the *Places in Peril* site representatives, our volunteer photographer Halston Pitman, videographer Jesse Grainger, and donated sound recording from Constellations thanks to Gene Kansas, we were able to produce a 15-minute video to unveil the 2021 *Places in Peril* list which received over 2,000 views.

## Virtual Education

Thanks to the partnership of the Georgia Historic Preservation Division, the Georgia Alliance of Preservation Commissions and speakers—many from Georgia's local historic preservation organizations—the Trust was able to present the annual Statewide Historic Preservation Conference virtually with great success, reaching more participants than ever before. The Trust's Historic Preservation Institute has also adapted to offer virtual classes and trainings during this time, including a webinar on how to nominate a *Place in Peril* site, our Preserving African American Resources workshop, and our annual three-part Historic Preservation Leadership Course.



## OTHER PRESERVATION ORGANIZATIONS

### Historic Athens

In November of 2020, the Athens-Clarke County Mayor & Commission created the West Downtown Historic District, recognizing and protecting an area long associated with the industrial, African-American, and musical history of the city. This new district was an enormous preservation victory for both the city of Athens and the state of Georgia and was put into law despite determined opposition and an anti-preservation misinformation campaign. The district is one of the first—and most significant—new local historic districts to be established in Georgia in a number of years.

Historic Athens Executive Director Tommy Valentine wishes to thank the Mayor and Commissioners, property owners, 1,186 petition-signers, Historic Athens Trustees and membership, UGA College of Environment & Design, and a host of West Downtown advocates. He also expressed his gratitude to Georgia Trust President Mark C. McDonald for his advice and for the Trust's letter of support.

### Historic Atlanta

Towards the end of 2019, Historic Atlanta embarked on a monumental effort to identify and recognize historic LGBTQ spaces in Atlanta. These spaces, which have often been obscured to their uses as safe spaces for the LGBTQ community, are being lost at an alarming rate. The scope of this work has included historic markers, developing a citywide historic context statement, and designating a significant historic resource under Atlanta's historic preservation ordinance. Despite the pandemic, Historic Atlanta has made groundbreaking progress in this effort and hopefully will be soon celebrating the first designated historic landmark associated with the LGBTQ community in the state, and maybe even in the Southeast.

This effort was made possible by Historic Atlanta Board member Charlie Paine, who has tirelessly assembled stakeholders, raised funds, and navigated



ABOVE: This past year's Flea Market sales are on track to be Historic Macon's most profitable since they began more than 40 years ago, thanks to nearly 70 volunteers contributing more than 2,000 hours.

through the complexities of these tasks, which contributed to his award of the Elizabeth Lyon Fellowship by The Georgia Trust this year.

"Historic Atlanta continues to look for opportunities in these challenging times to recognize and honor underrepresented spaces, and we believe that preservation is one tool in the fight to advance social justice and community resilience. We are seeing the effects of the pandemic on small businesses and with the help of our amazing board of directors, are working on several new and innovative programs to recognize and support these legacy historic businesses. As always, the committed support of our community continues to sustain these efforts."

### Historic Augusta, Inc.

Two former *Places in Peril* sites in Augusta—the Children of Israel Synagogue and the Court of Ordinary—are being rehabilitated into the new Augusta Jewish Museum, slated to open this summer. In 2015, the city was preparing to tear down the historic buildings, both built in the 1860s, to add parking spaces and green space for the adjacent Augusta Municipal Building. Today the buildings are getting a new lease on life thanks to Historic Augusta, Inc., Jack Weinstein, Nathan Jolles and countless others in the community.

### Historic Columbus Foundation

The Historic Columbus Foundation has seen its support from its members and patrons increase dramatically during 2020, in spite of the fact that special events have been deferred. Historic Columbus' Preservation Committee has been extremely active in both acquisition and sale of properties, according to Justin Krieg, Director of Planning and Programs. Krieg credits Board President Bob Kidd and the Executive Committee for their exceptional leadership during this uncertain time.

### Historic Macon Foundation

Historic Macon was gearing up for its first Flea Market of 2020—its biggest fundraiser—when Georgia's COVID-19 restrictions were announced. The Flea Market is a huge undertaking for the nonprofit, and it relies on a group of devoted volunteers, several of whom have been helping for decades, to pull it off. Volunteers do everything from picking up furniture and other donations to sorting, cleaning and pricing the contributions. It takes a lot of time and energy.

The Flea Market is traditionally held on two weekends a year and draws thousands of shoppers. Gatherings that large were not possible under the state's public health orders, so Historic Macon set up appointments on a dozen different shopping days spread over five months, and shoppers—wearing masks—responded. That also meant, of course,



that they would need volunteers on hand to answer shoppers' questions, help them check out and load up their purchases, among other duties.

In all, nearly 70 of their Flea Market volunteers contributed more than 2,000 hours to Historic Macon during 2020. They wore masks while picking up heavy furniture donations as well as during sweltering summer work days. Without their dedication—and the money they helped raise for preservation projects—2020's turn of events could have had dire consequences for Historic Macon. But their volunteers would not let that happen. In fact, the past year's Flea Market sales are on track to be Historic Macon's most profitable since they began more than 40 years ago.

### Historic Savannah Foundation

Historic Savannah Foundation (HSF), Georgia's oldest non-profit preservation organization, has continued to progress during the COVID pandemic. During this time, HSF proudly unveiled its 2021 Master Plan for the Kennedy Pharmacy addition and the Davenport House Urban Enslaved Exhibit. These projects were

LEFT: Savannah's Brian Felder and his team at Felder & Associates assisted with the design of Historic Savannah Foundation's 2021 Master Plan for the Kennedy Pharmacy addition and the Davenport House Urban Enslaved Exhibit.

RIGHT: Gary Radke, Professor Emeritus at Syracuse University, has been an integral member of HSF's board since 2016.



designed under the guidance of Brian Felder and the Felder & Associates team. Mr. Felder is a practicing architect in Savannah and served as Board Chair of the Foundation from 2017-2020, also chairing the Revolving Fund for the past eight years.

Another preservation hero for HSF has been Dr. Gary Radke. Dr. Radke has served on the Historic Savannah Board of Trustees since 2016 and has been a member of several committees. He is heading up the content committee for HSF's future preservation center and helping to guide the content for the exhibit space for the new Murray C. Perlman & Wayne C. Spear Center. Dr. Radke is also the 2020 recipient of HSF's prestigious Lee and Emma Adler Advocacy Award. Recently he completed the first official audit of HSF's Revolving Fund properties (over 400 properties). Thanks to Dr. Radke's work, HSF now has an account of all the properties that have been purchased and sold through their Revolving Fund since the founding of the organization.

At a time when things seemed uncertain, preservation supporters from all over the state have stepped up and helped. Our work is made possible by board members, staff, sponsors, and supporters like you. *We thank you!* 🏠

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

# 2022 PLACES IN PERIL

Nominations due June 18, 2021

For more information and to download an application, visit [GeorgiaTrust.org](http://GeorgiaTrust.org).

HALSTON PITMAN, NICK WOOLEVER/MOTORSPORTMEDIA



### AROUND THE STATE

Thanks to David Bray for sending in this rehabilitation update from Dublin, Georgia. Jeff Davis, County Commissioner of Laurens County and former Georgia Trust Board member, is currently rehabilitating a historic building in downtown Dublin with plans to transform it into commercial space. In 2013, Davis' rehabilitation of the Old Post Office was the recipient of the Trust's Marguerite Williams Award.





## Georgia Trust Awards \$10,000 to Callahan Incentive Grant Recipients

The Georgia Trust announced the recipients of its 2020 Callahan Incentive Grant, a matching grant given to nonprofit or government organizations undertaking the rehabilitation of a historic building or site in Georgia. Made possible by Barbara and Les Callahan, longtime supporters of The Georgia Trust, a total of \$10,000 was awarded to the Central State Hospital Depot in Milledgeville and the Lexington Beth-Salem Church Building in Lexington.

“The Georgia Trust is grateful to the Callahan family for its generous donation. We believe the grants contributed by them will help our recipients to accomplish their noteworthy preservation goals,” said Mark C. McDonald, president and CEO of the Georgia Trust.

### Central State Hospital Depot, Milledgeville

Georgia’s Old Capital Heritage Center at The Depot, Inc. was awarded \$6,000 to assist with the second phase of rehabilitation of the Central State Hospital Depot. The Victorian styled train depot was constructed in 1891 on the grounds of the Georgia Lunatic Asylum, later Central State Hospital, to provide a central location for rail shipments to Milledgeville and the hospital. In its 129 years, the depot building has served various other functions including housing a pharmacy, a print shop, and a museum of Central State Hospital’s history. It was included as part of the Trust’s 2020 *Places in Peril* listing of Central State Hospital.

### Lexington Beth-Salem Church Building, Lexington

The Lexington Historic Preservation Commission (LHPC) was awarded \$4,000 for the repair and preservation of 14 historic wood windows at the Lexington Beth-Salem Church Building. Formerly known as the Lexington Presbyterian Church, the building was completed in 1893 and housed the first Presbyterian congregation in North Georgia, which was established in the late 18th century. Historic resources associated with the church were collectively placed on the Trust’s 2013 *Places in Peril* list. 🏠



HALSTON PITMAN/MOTORSPORTMEDIA

TOP: Central State Hospital Depot, Milledgeville. BOTTOM: Exterior and interior images of Lexington Beth-Salem Church Building, Lexington.





## REVOLVING FUND PROPERTIES *for SALE*

*Own a piece of Georgia history!*

For more information and photos of the Trust's Revolving Fund properties, visit [GeorgiaTrust.org](http://GeorgiaTrust.org) or contact Dennis Lovello, [dlovello@georgiitrust.org](mailto:dlovello@georgiitrust.org), 404-885-7819.

### REDUCED PRICE



#### WEAVER-DALLAS HOUSE, c. 1817

Thomaston, GA. The earliest version of this house dates to the 1820s, as a one-room house and separate doctor shop, making it the oldest house in Thomaston. Last sold in 1840, the property includes two smoke houses that have been converted into guest houses, a garden shed and a 1930s car shed. The main house has fifteen rooms, including four bedrooms and three bathrooms. Original features include built-in bookshelves and fireplaces. Dallas House lends itself to a number of residential uses, including a comfortable family home, a bed and breakfast, rental properties or an Airbnb. \$199,000. Contact Dennis Lovello, [dlovello@georgiitrust.org](mailto:dlovello@georgiitrust.org), 404-885-7819.

### NEW LISTING



BRIAN BROWN/VANISHING GA

#### SPARTA FEMALE DORMITORY, c. 1815

Sparta, GA. This former-dorm-turned-private-residence in Hancock County offers 3,800 square feet of living space on 0.31 acres. Designed in the Federal style, the former Sparta Female Dormitory was one of two dormitories for the Sparta Female Model School, which was established in 1832. The school educated young women from 1831-1895 and offered four levels of education from primary to collegiate. After many years of neglect, the house will require significant rehabilitation. May be eligible for state and federal rehabilitation incentives. \$15,000. Contact Dennis Lovello, [dlovello@georgiitrust.org](mailto:dlovello@georgiitrust.org), 404-885-7819.

## Weaver-Dallas House: A Gift of Architecture



Dr. Mary Williams, the fourth generation of independent female owners, recently donated the Weaver-Dallas House, the oldest house in Thomaston, to the Trust's Revolving Fund. "On behalf of the Georgia Trust Board of Trustees, I express our sincere gratitude to Dr. Mary Williams for the generous gift of the Weaver-Dallas House" said Georgia Trust President and CEO Mark C. McDonald. "This Federal period house is one of the finest and more intact houses the Trust has ever had in our Revolving Fund."

Since 1991, Dr. Mary Williams had been the owner and caretaker of the house, inheriting the property from her aunt. Dr. Williams represents the fourth generation of independent female ownership of the property, a proud lineage that has kept the house in good hands for more than half of its 200 years. During her stewardship of the property, Dr. Williams has painstakingly studied and documented the history of her family, preserving many antiques, artifacts and original features in the house. Modern upgrades have ensured the safety and comfort of the house for years to come, but the dedication of Mary and her family has preserved a wonderful piece of Georgia's history. *See purchase details at top.*

## Need help finding a buyer for your historic property?

The Georgia Trust Revolving Fund program provides effective alternatives to demolition or neglect of architecturally and historically significant properties by connecting owners of endangered historic properties with buyers who agree to rehabilitate appropriately.

Our Revolving Fund program accomplishes this goal by either accepting property donations or by purchasing options on historic properties. The properties are then marketed nationally to locate buyers who agree to preserve and maintain the structures. Protective covenants are attached to the deeds to ensure that the historic integrity of each property is retained, and purchasers are required to sign rehabilitation agreements based on the work to be performed on the structure.

For more information about our Revolving Fund program, visit [GeorgiaTrust.org](http://GeorgiaTrust.org) or contact Dennis Lovello at [dlovello@georgiitrust.org](mailto:dlovello@georgiitrust.org) or 404-885-7819.



# HISTORIC PROPERTIES for SALE

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