**HSF E-News**

February - March 2011

**Preserving and protecting Savannah’s heritage through advocacy, education, and community involvement.**

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**SAVE THE DATE**
Seacrest Race for Preservation ~ February 26th ~ Forsyth Park
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**Seacrest Race for Preservation 10K/5K**
Register Now!

The 5th Annual Seacrest Race for Preservation is just around the corner, scheduled for Saturday, February 26th at 8:00 am. The race begins and ends in Forsyth Park and runners will race through multiple historic districts. We are grateful for Pat Monahan’s (Race Chair) excellent leadership this year!

You can register today at www.active.com or on our website: www.myHSF.org

Sponsorship and volunteer opportunities are still available. Please contact Kimberly Waid at 233.7787 or kwaid@myHSF.org for more details.

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**Preservation Lecture Series**

Last year HSF revived its Preservation Lecture Series to much success and this year we would like to keep that success going.

HSF will be kicking off our 2011 Preservation Lecture Series on February 24th with a book release and lecture by the authors of the Civil War Savannah Series. The lecture will be preceeded by a small reception with light refreshments and exhibit of photography from the book, and will be followed by a book signing.
New HSF Staff Member

Mrs. Stephanie Stroud

Stephanie Stroud has recently joined the HSF team as Administrative Assistant. She is a proud third generation Savannahian and an active community contributor. Raised and educated in Savannah, Stephanie attended Blessed Sacrament Church and School, Saint Vincent's Academy, and Armstrong Atlantic State University. Working in her small family owned business for several years, 37th@Abercorn Antiques, she learned the importance of supporting charitable organizations and locally owned businesses. Along with her husband, Matthew Stroud, and son, Harrison Stroud, they live in her childhood neighborhood, historic Ardsley Park Chatham Crescent. Stephanie is looking forward to helping HSF thrive in 2011 and beyond.

MEETING OF

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Show your support for the vintage orange Bus Stop Signs! Pick up a "Save the Bus Stops" button (pictured below) at HSF Offices, 321 E. York Street.

BUS STOP
Save!

Meeting Date and Time
February 11, 2011
9:30 AM
Old Courthouse
124 Bull Street, Second Floor

In March HSF will host James Cothran, author and landscape architect from Atlanta, to talk about historic gardens of the South. This lecture will also be preceded by a reception with light refreshments.

The details for these lectures are listed below and HSF will host two more lectures, in April and May, to round out the series. For more information on these please check the Lectures and Workshops page of our website as information is updated.

All lectures are free and open to the public and a broad span of interesting topics will be covered, so we strongly encourage everyone to come out!

February 24
"Civil War Savannah Series: Savannah Immortal City" Barry Sheehy, Cindy Wallace and Vaughnette Goode-Walker 7:00 p.m. Lecture, 6:30 p.m. Reception Book signing to follow Second African Baptist Church 123 Houston Street, Savannah, GA 31401

March 10
"Gardens and Historic Plants of the Antebellum South" James R. Cothran 7:00 p.m. Lecture, 6:30 p.m. Reception Kennedy Pharmacy 323 East Broghton Street, Savannah, GA 31401

2011 Preservation Awards

Call for Nominations now open!

Each year, Historic Savannah Foundation (HSF) celebrates the best of preservation by presenting Preservation Awards to individuals and organizations whose contributions demonstrate outstanding excellence in historic preservation.

The 2011 Preservation Awards presentations will take place in the form of a luncheon on May 5, 2011 at the Olde Pink House restaurant. Tickets will be available for sale in April 2011 on our website.

HSF invites you to participate by nominating individuals and organizations you believe are most deserving of these honors. The Nomination Form is available in PDF form below as well as on the Awards page of our website.
Please mail all Awards entries and nominations to:

Historic Savannah Foundation
Attn: Awards
P.O. Box 1733
Savannah GA 31402

Or hand-deliver to HSF Offices:
321 E. York Street
Savannah, GA 31401

The deadline for nominations is March 4, 2011.

Annual Savannah Garden Exposition
New Theme!

We are so excited to announce a new theme for the 2011 Garden Exposition, History Blooms in Savannah --showcasing the stories and anecdotes about Savannah's own historic colors. This coming Expo will be held April 15-16; with the Preview Party Silent Auction on April 14th. The event will also be held at a new venue, The Trustee’s Garden at 10 East Broad Street. The Trustee’s Garden rests on the highest bluff in Savannah offering storied views of the river and many historic buildings.

Sponsorship, Patron, and Volunteer Opportunities are available at http://www.myhsf.org/special-events/savannah-garden-expo/.

In addition, you may visit www.myhsf.org for the latest information on the competitions, lecture series, and general ticket sales.

We are thrilled to have Paula Deitz joining us this year as a featured speaker for the Carolyn Ross McDonald Lecture Series. Some of you may have seen the film Greenfingers which was adapted from Deitz’s New York Times coverage of the award-winning prisoners of HMP Leyhill, a minimum-security prison in Cotswolds, England known for its gardens tended by prisoners. Deitz is the Editor of the Hudson Review and a frequent contributor to the New York Times, the Architectural Review, and Gardens Illustrated.

Open call for Historic Photographs!

We are seeking historic photographs of Savannah to use in our 2011 Expo. They will be delicately copied and returned. If you have any photographs of

EPA Lead Renovation,
Repair and Painting
Training Program

RRP Certification Course
Presented by Savannah State
University

Date & Time:
March 12th, May14th, or July 16th
8am to 5pm

Course Location:
Savannah State University
(Enter campus via La Roche Ave. Gate)
Hubert A, Room 111
3219 College Street
Savannah, GA 31404

Registration:
Call: (912) 358-3220
Email: rrcourse@yahoo.com
Fee: $250.00

Upon successful completion of the course, workers will be certified to conduct renovations where lead based paint is present. RRP worker certification requirement is in accordance with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Final Rule (40 CFR 745).

All meetings are open to the public. The agenda for the meeting is available for pickup on Wednesday before the Friday meeting. In addition, agendas and minutes may be accessed online.
interest, you can email scanned images to kwaid@myhsf.org or mail them to:

Attn: Kimberly Waid
Savannah Garden Expo
321 E. York St.
Savannah, GA 31401

Savannah Scarf
Makes a great Valentine’s gift!

The Savannah Scarf was designed as a tribute to the City of Savannah by April Flory of Victoria Ward Collection. Images were selected with expert counsel from Historic Savannah Foundation.

The scarf features distinctive and memorable motifs of the City: from General Oglethorpe and Tomochichi to the modern day Bird Girl statue. Architectural elements from some of Savannah’s famous buildings including the Isaiah Davenport, Owens-Thomas and Mercer-Williams Houses, to cultural images and statues of notable men such as Casimir Pulaski, grace the scarf and symbolize our city’s history and charm. Moss-laden oaks and Georgia’s Cherokee Rose also interweave and flow like the waters of the Forsyth Park fountain.

The perfect gift, this elegant keepsake captures the spirit of Savannah, and will continue to evoke memories of this beautiful and historic American City. Made in

13th Colony Society
A Look at HSF’s young professionals

13th Colony Society is a group of young professionals who support HSF’s educational programs such as Box City and Hands-on-History Camp. 13th Colony members enjoy exclusive historic and architectural-related social activities and opportunities to network. Quarterly events are scheduled throughout the year including private tours of historic buildings, sacred places, museums, and galleries. We go where others aren’t allowed!

Why are we called the 13th Colony Society? Because Georgia (“Empire State of the South”) was America’s 13th colony.

About Us:
President - Kelly York
Vice President - Ryan Sewell
Treasurer - Stephen Greene
Events Chair - Allison Willis
Communications Chair - Summer Ivie

Visit 13th Colony Society on Facebook to see if you’ve been snapped at one our recent events, the Fall Kick-Off or the Architectural Pub Crawl!

Want to join or be in the loop about our next event? Email Kimberly at kwaid@myhsf.org.

Revolving Fund Property In Progress
1505 Habersham Street

An interview with owner Greg Jacobs
What first got you interested in preservation and rehabs?
I’ve always been fascinated with old buildings, especially ones in need of attention. It is one thing to see a historic building with beautiful architectural detail but it is something else to see a building that needs to be restored. I find it provocative to think about what could be and the impact the finished building could have on the block and the neighborhood.

What was the first rehab project on which you worked?
My first project was a duplex at 117 W. Waldsburg Street that I lovingly refer to as my graduate degree. I was still in school when I purchased the building. It had termite damage, water damage, fire damage, and everything of value had been pilfered. The General Contractor I hired for the project swindled me out of about $20k. I then hired a project manager who worked out fine but one day he needed to go out of town and asked for a cash advance—I never saw him again; after that I did the work myself.

Have you rehabbed other HSF Revolving Fund properties?
No. This is the first.

What was the last use of your current project at 1505 Habersham St. and what will the use be when the job is complete?
The last use, according to word on the street, was as a social hall or night club. It will be restored to its original intended use as two family residential building; 1505 and 1507 Habersham Street.

Have you learned any interesting history about the project or found any interesting artifacts since you began working on the project?
We haven’t found any interesting artifacts but I did learn that the structural damage in the southeast corner stemmed from an incident when a gentleman was shot while driving, and plowed into the corner of the building.

You first purchased the building in February of 2009; why the delay in starting work on the project? What allowed work to begin?
The delay was because I had impeccable timing in purchasing the property at almost the exact moment the banks were extremely reluctant to lend; especially on something speculative. Obtaining financing at a time of great uncertainty was a near impossibility for me. Creative problem solving and financing by Jamie Chisolm with Heritage Bank enabled me to proceed. It also helped that HSF was patient and committed additional funds into the project. That raised the comfort level of the bank and allowed the project to begin.
When do you anticipate the project will be complete?
June 2011, weather permitting. Ideally it will be leased by
the beginning of June. Each unit has 2br/1.5ba. The half bath
and kitchen are in the new sympathetic addition. Each unit is
just over 1100 square feet including the addition.

Who is working on the project?
I am working as General Contractor, and work is being done
by Capers Martin and a crew of carpenters. All work is being
performed to the Secretary of Interior Standards and will
include replication of the front stoop detail.

What drew you to this particular building?
In no particular order:
• The building was one of the few pieces priced at a price
point that was affordable and would allow the project to cash
flow.
• The simplicity of the building and the fact that it was in
great need but is surrounded by buildings that are cared for.
My track record has been going into a neighborhood first and
being the first rehabbed building on the block. In this case, it
is interesting to take advantage of the work that has already
been done in the neighborhood.
• The building had been altered and I liked the idea of
bringing it back to the original way it was intended to be.
And, as always it's wonderful to be involved with HSF.

Davenport House News

Oyster Roast: You're invited!
Following the museum's successful Stakeholders Forum
concerning the Kennedy Pharmacy in November, the
Davenport House Committee thought it wise to begin fund
raising and awareness raising of the possibilities afforded us
by this building.

That being said, the Davenport House Committee wants to
continue building a strong, informed community of supporters
with an Oyster Roast at a private home on the marsh in the
Beaulieu area of Chatham County. Formal invitations were
sent to those who may not be as fully aware of what we do as
HSF members. Please consider this as your personal
invitation to the oyster roast (followed by a meal on the
property) on Saturday, February 12 from 12:30 p.m. until.
Tickets are $100 per person, $150 for patrons and $1,500 for
a reserved table of 10 as your statement of support for
Kennedy Pharmacy programming. For information or to
reserve your place, contact the DH by calling 912/236-8097 or
email info@davenporthousemuseum.org. Please express your
interest by February 2. Directions and an acknowledgment
will be sent to all patrons. Y'all come to this cool weather low
country pleasure. Oyster knives will be provided!
Charitable Remainder Trust:
This is a way to transfer money, securities, or property to a trust which will pay income for life or for a number of years to the donor. At termination, the remaining principle goes to HSF. This method can create a tax benefit while providing income for the donor.

For more information or other planned giving options, please contact Andrea Dove, HSF Development Director, at 912.233.7787 or by email at adove@myhsf.org

Upcoming Programs at the Museum

“Potable Gold”: Savannah's Madeira Tradition
Friday and Saturday evenings in February 2011
[Program dates: February 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26]
5:30 p.m.
Length of program: 90 minutes
Admission: $20 (must be 21 years of age)
Reservations recommended. Limited attendance.
Experience the historic atmosphere of the Davenport House while learning about and tasting a unique and flavorful wine. Patrons are oriented to the long and rich tradition of Madeira (wine) as it relates to the history of Savannah and then they will participate in a Madeira party. During the experience they will sample two types of Madeira and see the historic house at dusk including spaces usually off-limits to museum guests.

The performance requires that guests be able to walk up and down stairs and maneuver in the candlelit rooms.

Valentine’s Day Weddings in the Davenport House Garden
Monday, February 14, 2011
5 to 7 p.m.
Get married in the museum’s beautiful courtyard garden and make it a Valentine’s Day to remember! Ceremonies will be offered every 10 minutes. A local judge will officiate. $100 donation to the museum. Call 912/236-8097 for additional information.

Tea at Mrs. Davenport’s
Thursdays and Fridays (and two Wednesday) in March 2011
(3, 4, 10, 11, 16, 18, 23, 24, 31)
5 p.m.
Length of program: 75 minutes
Admission: $18
Reservations recommended. Limited attendance.
Learn about tea traditions and experience an early 19th century tea in the historic atmosphere of the Isaiah Davenport House Museum. Patrons will tour areas of the historic home where tea service took place and will participate in an afternoon tea with costumed interpreters.
Our Old House: Director’s Preservation Tour of the Davenport House
Tuesday and Saturdays in March 2011
[Tour dates: March 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26 and 29]
4:30 p.m.
Length of program: 75 minutes
Admission: $18
Acquaint yourself with the preservation and care of the Isaiah Davenport House, recipient of the Preserve America Presidential Award. The museum’s director will lead a tour in and around the home discussing the recent restoration, maintenance issues and techniques for preserving the site for the long term. The tour is limited to twelve people. Patrons will visit areas not normally on tour. The experience will end in the garden with light refreshments.
The program requires that guests be able to walk up and down stairs.

Annual Savannah Tour of Homes and Gardens

Buy your tickets now!

The 76th Annual Savannah Tour of Homes and Gardens will be held March 24 - 27, 2011. The 2011 Tour offers a rare opportunity to appreciate the beautiful architecture, interiors and gardens of Savannah’s Historic Landmark District and Historic Ardsley Park. Visit private homes not usually open to the public and walk down mossy oak-covered streets during colorful springtime in Savannah.

A detailed listing of the walking tours of private homes and gardens, special events and informative lectures is available in our brochure. Tickets are on sale now and expected to go fast, with limited availability to special events.

For further information, tickets, brochures, or to volunteer please contact the Tour of Homes and Gardens office at P.O. Box 14204, Savannah, Georgia, 31416, (912)-234-8054 or visit our website at: www.savannahotourofhomes.org.
As many of you may know, our beloved Development Director, Andrea Dove, recently resigned her post of the last six years in favor of a new development position with Bethesda Home for Boys. What is a great loss for HSF is a great gain for Bethesda, and we wish her all the best. This new job allows Andrea to get back to her roots in raising money for human services (she was with United Way before coming to HSF in 2005), and we know she will succeed with this venerable Institution. HSF was fortunate to have her loyal and dedicated services for as long as we did.

Andrea left a very positive mark on Historic Savannah Foundation. She solidified key events like the Gala and Garden Expo, and she introduced the Race for Preservation as a creative way to ‘exercise’ one’s love for HSF. Andrea created the 13th Colony Society of young professionals which supports our operations and has proven to be a pool of leadership talent for our Board of Trustees. She produced the Green Pages, helped in the re-design of HSF’s new website, and worked to expand HSF’s presence beyond the Landmark District. In particular, she enjoyed working with the Board and hundreds of volunteers who so generously commit themselves to HSF. She will be missed, but we are already in the process of identifying candidates to succeed her as Development Director. In the meantime, Kimberly Faith-Waid, Membership and Special Events Assistant, is holding things together for us so if you are involved in one of our upcoming events (Race for Preservation or Garden Expo), then please lend your help to ensuring the success of these important fundraisers for HSF.

Change is a constant, and so is HSF. We are a resilient organization, and we will continue to achieve our mission and thrive in the community. Thank you for your continued support as we do so.

-J.T. Turner
Chairman, Board of Trustees

-Daniel G. Carey
President & CEO
Special Events Calendar

- **2011**
  - **JANUARY**
    - 12:30pm, February 12, 2011
  - **FEBRUARY**
    - 6:30pm, Reception; 7:00pm, Lecture
  - **MARCH**

General Meeting Calendar

- **January**
  - 1st: New Year's Day, Office Closed
  - 5th: Revolving Fund
  - 12th: TOH Advisory Board
  - 15th: Revolving Fund
  - 18th: MLK Day, Office Closed
  - 22nd: TOH Committee

- **February**
  - 2nd: Revolving Fund
  - 24th: Executive Committee

- **March**
  - 2nd: Revolving Fund
  - 10th: Executive Committee