Save the Date
Annual Meeting : October 11th
20th Annual Gala : October 22nd

HSF Annual Meeting

Date: Tuesday, October 11th
Time: 6:30pm
Location: Trinity United Methodist Church on Telfair Square

Keynote

Speaker: W. Todd Groce, Ph.D., President & CEO Georgia Historical Society

Topic: "General Sherman: Savannah's First Preservationist?"

A reception, which is made possible by the Edward F. Downing Fund will be hosted by HSF's Past President’s Council and will immediately follow the meeting at 7:30pm at the Telfair Academy, Rotunda/Sculpture Gallery.

Historic Savannah Foundation had a successful summer, planning for many exciting events in the
coming months and also conducting the annual Hands on History Camp, a wonderful learning opportunity for students who are interested in preservation. Thank you to all the staff and volunteers who provide this learning experience for our community’s young adults each year.

Although HSF did not place within the top three (money winning) spots, we did finish in sixth place out of a hundred in the entire nation regarding the This Place Matters Community Challenge with the National Trust for Historic Preservation. That’s nearly 5000 votes that we received to save the W.W. Law House. We are now shifting our focus locally and using all the support that we’ve gained in an effort to get the necessary funding to save this home that is so important to our community.

I look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming Annual Meeting on October 11th. This event is imperative to our membership as it is an opportunity for everyone to hear about the achievements of the past year for HSF and also plan for the future of our organization. We look forward to hearing from Dr. W. Todd Groce, President & CEO of the Georgia Historical Society, as he discusses the unusual tie between General Sherman and preservation.

I am also honored to pass the gavel to Bill Lovett as Chair of the Board for Historic Savannah Foundation. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in this position and appreciate

### 20th Anniversary Gala

Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 22nd for what will be one of the most elegant evenings in Gala history. Set in historic Warren Square, past Gala chairs are collaborating to embellish this lovely tree canopied park and produce an elegant sit down dining experience. Live music will be provided by Nickelbag of Funk. Tickets are $200 for members and are available at www.myHSF.org.

### After Party

HSF's 13th Colony Society would like to invite you to the first ever Gala After Party co-sponsored by Southern Motors Acura. The after party will be held in the recently renovated showroom of Southern Motors Acura, featuring The Royal Noise Band, open bar and a coffee and dessert station. Tickets are available only to Gala attendees and active 13th Colony Society Members; $15.00 per individual and $25.00 per couple. Tickets are available on our website at www.myHSF.org. For more information contact our Development Director, Terri O'Neil, at 912-233-7787 or 13th Colony Society President, Kelly York, at 912-433-3633.

### Hands on History Camp Recap

This past June, HSF opened its doors extra early to seventeen bright-eyed and bushy-tailed campers for a week's worth
the support and dedication of our staff, membership, and community.

With kindest regards,
JTT

-J.T. Turner, Jr.
HSF Board Chairman

New HSF Staff Member!

Frances Colón
Administrative Assistant

Frances Colón has recently joined the HSF team as Administrative Assistant. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology and Psychology at the University of West Georgia in 2008. While pursuing her degree, Frances participated in a Student Research Assistant program at the Antonio J. Waring, Jr., Archaeological Laboratory where she gained an appreciation for history, culture, and the importance of educating our youth about preservation. Prior to joining HSF, she served as the Academy Residential Coordinator for the Advanced Academy of Georgia, a residential high school gifted program located on the University of West Georgia campus. Upon moving to Savannah, Frances began
volunteering at the Davenport House Museum. The experience not only furthered her appreciation for cultural and historic preservation, but it enabled her to better understand the importance of Historic Savannah Foundation’s role within the Savannah community. Frances is looking forward to supporting HSF in 2011 and beyond.

Available Properties
Revolving Fund

209 West 33rd Street
$75,000

1402 Barnard Street
$75,000

205 West 41st Street

activities. The majority of campers were rising 9th graders preparing to enter the Historic Preservation program at Early College Savannah.

We were privileged to revisit several great organizations that generously open up their doors to us every year...and add some new ones! From the Massie School on Calhoun Square to the Coastal Heritage Society's Roundhouse Railroad Museum, and from Tybee Light Station to Fort Pulaski and more, students learned all about Savannah's architecture viewed in-progress and completed rehabilitation projects, learned about historic lime mortar, and even re-pointed some brick walls. Our students were also presented with the formidable task of white-washing the base of the smoke stack at the Roundhouse. Of course, with all their newfound knowledge and training, they performed brilliantly!

Another addition to our agenda this year, was a visit to the Jepson Center for the Arts where the students got a chance to see a display of the Box City project. This exhibit was created by current Early College students with the help of HSF, and the campers were able to see the end result of a project that they would get to do themselves once in the program. The week was rounded out with a trip to SCAD's Clarence Thomas Center for Historic Preservation, where the students were introduced to computer design programs, and then toured the Davenport House. Afterward, the campers were awarded certificates of completion and celebrated with pizza and ice cream!
$39,000

1004 East Park Avenue
$95,000

802 West 42nd Street
$9,500

For more information on HSF's Revolving Fund properties, please contact Dicky Mopper with Mopper-Stapen Realtors at 912.238.0874.

Giving Opportunities

HSF has been the beneficiary of several planned gifts. These gifts have greatly increased our financial security and have helped us respond to preservation challenges more effectively. We would like to remind you of a few of the planned giving options.

Bequests: You can leave a portion of your estate to HSF by a simple designation in your will. Bequests can be made

We're very thankful to all of our summer interns, Emily Polgardi, Yaires Oliveras, Jo Stevenson and David Larsen, who filled in as camp counselors to make it all happen. As well we thank Brent Armstrong, HP Professor at Early College, for his help. We can't wait until next year!

HSF Website & E-Newsletter
New Additions!

We are adding several new enhancements to our e-Newsletter and our website. First, we will feature an HSF Wish List sharing with our readers and supporters, items which we need in the office. This tool will benefit both HSF and the donor. All donations are tax deductible and all "items in need" will be greatly appreciated. To view HSF's Wish List click here.

Second, we will be introducing a Did You Know? feature in our e-Newsletter and on our website, spotlighting historic products and services provided by our corporate members. If you are a corporate member of HSF and would like information on how to participate, please contact Terri O'Neil at 912-233-7787 or terri@myHSF.org.

Share your HSF Story

Third, we will be spotlighting our participating members in the "What is Your HSF Story?" banner on our website's homepage. This issue features the Wade Family Story and how they became involved with HSF. Most of us have an HSF story, whether it's membership involvement, Revolving Fund acquisitions, education and consulting or involvement with the Isaiah Davenport House. We want to spotlight your story! Go to www.myHSF.org to view the Wade Family's story or click here to share your own. Share a photo!

Be sure to visit our website for all of our exciting new enhancements!
through monies, securities or property.

**Endowment:** Contributing to the HSF endowment ensures the long-term viability of HSF in fulfilling its mission, goals, and related programs.

**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 principal 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 Terri O’Neil, HSF Development Director, at 912.233.7787 or by email at terri@myHSF.org.

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**13th Colony Society**

**Upcoming Event**

HSF’s 13th Colony Society is hosting a “Get to know HSF” wine party on September 8th in the Isaiah Davenport House Garden. The event is free and open to all 13th Colony Society Members and guests. If you’re interested in attending or learning more about our 13th Colony Society (young professionals), please RSVP or contact Terri O’Neil at terri@myHSF.org.

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**Mayoral Candidate Forum**

**Mark your calendar**

HSF is partnering with the Downtown Neighborhood Association (DNA) to host a Savannah Mayoral Candidates Forum on Tuesday, September 20th at The Savannah History Museum. Reception begins at 5 pm and the Forum starts at 6 pm. Look out for more information in the coming weeks.

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**Easement & Protective Covenant Holders**

**A Few Things You Should Know**

If you are the owner of a property with an easement or protective covenant held by HSF, here are a few things you should know:

1. An easement or protective covenant covers ALL exterior sides of a property, not just the front or primary facade.

2. HSF is required by the GA Department of Natural Resources to regularly survey all properties on which we hold easements and protective covenants. Per our obligation, we evaluate the exterior condition of each building and notify the owner of areas of concern.

3. Before undertaking any work to the exterior of
your property, a request for alterations must be submitted to and approved by HSF. This is separate and/or in addition to a request for a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Metropolitan Planning Commission. A form to request alterations can be found on the Property Owner Information page of our website or by clicking here. Routine maintenance that will not
result in any change of appearance to the exterior of the property does not require HSF’s consent.

NOTE: the federal government (IRS) has and continues to closely scrutinize tax deductions tied to historic preservation easement programs; this is in response to abuses discovered in other cities. HSF is committed to managing a clean program and honor our obligations to the State of Georgia under the Conservation Tax Credit Act. We strive to keep property owners informed so our program remains in compliance and continues to run smoothly.

Not sure if HSF holds an Easement or Protective Covenant on your property? Click here to see a list.

Davenport House News

In the summer the Davenport House concentrates on building long-term relationships with new members of its community. Over an eight week period teenagers in the Junior Interpreter program are immersed in the museum’s work covering such topics as communication with audiences, customer service, safety, Savannah’s preservation story and the world of the 1820s – all in preparation for giving tours to the public. They also participate in hands-on activities including writing with a quill pen and closing an envelope with a wax seal. They also see behind the scenes areas such as the attic storage. To culminate the summer’s learning, they will give their first tours on Junior Interpreter Day which is Friday, August 5 when they staff the museum house all day.

This year’s JIs are Deanna Clark, a rising sophomore at Savannah Christian Prep, Elizabeth “Betsy” Chapman, rising sophomore at Brenau Academy, and Gabrielle Rashleigh, a rising junior at Savannah Country Day. Each year the museum presents a summer Junior Interpreter
Four adults will complete the Davenport House Docent Training Program in August. As usual it was an accomplished and enthusiastic group who found their way to the museum to become volunteer museum docents. They include a retired casting manager from California, a SCAD Historic Preservation student who formerly served as a New Orleans police officer, a community volunteer and former president of Historic Macon, and an archeology graduate from Florida State working at one of Savannah’s tour companies. Each attended ten hours of training and will audit four tours with experienced tour guides. To complete their training, they will give a complete tour to a staff member before being able to give tours to the public. The museum expects the process to be completed by mid-September. Docent Training is offered at the DH in October, February and July.

Amy Jackson, a history student at Wesleyan College in Macon, indexed Davenport House Volunteer Newsletters for a summer project.

Stephanie Blankshein, a SCAD Historic Preservation student, provided indispensable assistance as a maintenance and collection intern over 11 weeks during the summer. She accompanied staff on the annual house maintenance inspection documenting changes in the house’s preservation. She will identify photos from the inspection and make a report on the findings.
She will also work with staff to inventory the museum’s collection. This annual exercise involves viewing all museum objects, noting their condition, and recording findings in the museum collections management program. In considering an internship at the Davenport House, she said she was impressed with the hands-on opportunities at the DH. 2011 marks the second year the museum has utilized SCAD HP interns over the summer. “We are grateful for the level of commitment and knowledge of the SCAD’s HP students who have interned with the DH over the summer. We plan to continue to offer an internship to an HP student into the future. They have done good work for us,” said Jamie Credle, Director, Davenport House Museum.

**Savannah Chapter of the Victorian Society in America**

The Savannah Chapter of the Victorian Society in America was officially chartered over the summer. In June the first Executive Committee was meeting held in the Kennedy Pharmacy. The chapter’s board is Ron Melander, President, Beth Reiter, Vice President, Shannon Schaefer, Treasurer, Erica Scales, Corresponding Secretary, Susan Myers, Membership Secretary, Maynett Breithaupt, Programs and Publicity as well as Board Directors Jamie Credle, Jim Abraham, and Alvin Neely.

Photo: Shannon Schaefer, Treasurer and Ron Melander, President – Savannah Chapter of the Victorian Society in America

**From the President & CEO**

**What if...?**

I write this column on the heels of a great lunch conversation I had with two HSF members and downtown residents who
really care about Savannah and who are really concerned with the state of the City. For 90 minutes, they peppered me with questions and exhortations about what HSF is doing about everything ranging from cruise ships to mobile food units. On one hand, I was pleased that they were so enthusiastic about so many issues. On the other hand I was concerned that, even as members, they were not informed about what HSF is doing. I thought to myself, if these engaged members want to know what HSF is doing, then there must be that many more out there who are equally in the dark. Well, then, let there be light. Here is what HSF is doing with respect to some current issues...and at least one way we're trying to address them.

Cruise Ships
I've discussed cruise ships in previous E-newsletters, but the enormity and gravity of the issue warrants further attention. HSF is in regular contact with colleagues in Charleston about that city's pursuit of cruise ships and how they are trying to manage their impacts. We know Savannah is also pursuing cruise ships, but we know little about our city's plans—because we have not been included in any of the discussions. We have only the sketchiest information and, at best, there is mere speculation about where they would go, how many would come, how frequently they would arrive, how large the ships would be, etc. In the meantime, Charleston has been placed on the National Trust for Historic Preservation's “Watch List” of America's Most Endangered Historic Places. All I can think is if Charleston is endangered today, what will this mean for Savannah tomorrow? Because, if we pursue cruise ships with as much gusto as shown thus far and we soft pedal enforcement of the tourism ordinance the way this city is known to do, then “we're in for a heap of trouble.” In the meantime, HSF is studying the issue—as best we can with only a modicum of available information—and we're preparing our position as if cruise ships will come to Savannah and what that will mean with respect to impacts—both positive and negative.

Mobile Food Units
I'm almost dumbfounded that this is even a serious consideration, but it is. There is great interest—from a very specialized interest
group—to increase the number and location of mobile food units (aka trailers, food carts, food trucks...) in downtown Savannah. Do we really need more stuff and people loitering in already congested streets and squares? And for what—so late night revelers can consume hot dogs in the aftermath of their bar binging? It seems presumptuous and premature to discuss new licensing rules and regulations before it’s been determined that this is something good for Savannah. So we should pause and ask whether or not this is something Savannah wants and needs. And, we must insist that the question be raised, respected and responded to by the City. Meanwhile, HSF is trying to engage the City’s Tourism Advisory Committee and the Creative Coast to more fully explore all sides of the issue before plowing ahead with what might be a half-baked idea that serves only a few.

I-16 Flyover
HSF recently asked its members to contact Pete Liakakis, Chatham County Commissioner and Chair of the MPO, and encourage him to include funding for the removal of the I-16 flyover on MLK, Jr. Blvd. in the final recommendations for T-SPLOST. After a successful week-long design charrette and clear agreement that the ramp should be removed and the area redeveloped, the MPO failed to put ramp removal in its top priorities for funding. The flyover is a visual blight and physical barrier to MLK’s revitalization. Now is the time to correct a decades-old mistake and spur the beautification and revitalization of MLK. HSF urges its members to contact Pete Liakakis and direct him to include funding for the ramp’s removal.

Lighting in the Squares
On a more positive note, headway is being made with respect to assessing, analyzing and improving the quality and consistency of lighting in and around the Landmark District’s 22 squares. In response to vociferous complaints about unnatural and inconsistent lighting, the City has put together a task force (HSF is a member) of interested parties and we are developing standards and solutions to guide changes. Recommendations range from the elimination of high pressure sodium lights to the reduction of wattage and the introduction of period fixtures and more natural light colors.
More assessing and testing will occur in the coming months, but this is a good model for developing a shared solution.

Finally, HSF is partnering with the Downtown Neighborhood Association to host a political candidates forum on issues affecting preservation and downtown. To be held in September (more details to follow), this forum will ask tough questions of the candidates for Mayor and City Council. You can bet that questions about tourism management, cruise ships, mobile food units, and lighting in the squares—among others—will be featured topics presented to the candidates.

The political forum is part of HSF’s effort to educate our constituents about relevant issues. HSF is a comprehensive preservation organization and “education” is for adults as much as it is for our summer Hands on History Campers. We are reaching out to property owners, businesses and voters who care what will happen to the City they choose to call home. We’re priming our members to ask the question, “What if...” and we’re expecting thoughtful responses from our elected leaders.

- Daniel G. Carey
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### General Meeting Calendar

**July**
- 6th: 9:00 Revolving Fund Committee
- 7th: 11:30 Gala Committee
- 12th: 11:00 ARC
- 12th: 12:00 DH Committee
- 13th: 2:00 HDBR
- 27th: 3:30 Executive Committee
- 27th: 4:30 No Board of Trustees

**August**
- 3rd: 9:00 Revolving Fund Committee
- 4th: Gala Committee
- 9th: 11:00 ARC
- 9th: 12:00 DH Committee
- 10th: 2:00 HDBR
- 10th: 4:30 Finance Committee
- 24th: 3:30 Executive Committee
- 24th: 4:30 Board of Trustees

**September**
- 7th: 9:00 Revolving Fund Committee
- 7th: 12:30 TOH Advisory Board
- 8th: Gala Committee
- 13th: 11:00 ARC
- 13th: 12:00 DH Committee
- 14th: 2:00 HDBR
- 14th: 4:30 Finance Committee
- 21st: 12:30 TOH Committee
- 22nd: Gala Committee as necessary
- 26th: 3:30 Executive Committee
- 26th: 4:30 Board of Trustees

### Special Events Calendar

**September 8th**
- 13th Colony Society Event
- Davenport House Garden, 6:00 PM
Please visit our website at www.myorganization.com.
Donate to our cause at www.myorganization.com/donate.