



## HISTORIC SAVANNAH FOUNDATION AND THE GEORGIA TRUST PRESENT 2017 FALL RAMBLE

**SAVANNAH, GA – September 29, 2017** – The Georgia Trust and Historic Savannah Foundation invite locals and visitors to “ramble” through the Hostess City with the 2017 Georgia Trust Fall Ramble on Friday, Oct. 6-Sunday, Oct. 8. With stops in Midtown, historic Downtown, and the Moon River district, the ramble offers participants the opportunity to discover Savannah and see some of the best preservation projects – old and new – in Georgia’s first city. Tours will include private homes, recently renovated commercial projects, and behind-the-scenes access to projects in progress.

**Friday, Oct. 6: Midtown** The Fall Ramble will kick off with registration at First Presbyterian Church, 520 Washington Ave., in Ardsley Park at 10 a.m. From 11 a.m.-5 p.m., participants will traverse Savannah’s earliest automobile suburbs filled with Colonial Revival and Craftsman homes before visiting the palmetto-lined pedestrian mall at the center of Chatham Crescent and the hidden mid-century gems of Kensington Park and Magnolia Park. Guests will then enjoy dinner and cocktails from 6-8 p.m. at the Charles H. Morris Center, 10 E. Broad St. Home of the original Trustees’ Garden, the Charles H. Morris Center is associated with the city’s founders and provides a unique backdrop to a site layered with history as old as the city itself.

**Saturday, Oct. 7: Downtown** Saturday’s festivities begin with breakfast and orientation from 9 to 11 a.m. at the historic Lucas Theatre, 32 Abercorn Street. Saturday’s Ramble will be held from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. During this time, participants will explore Savannah’s world-renowned National Historic Landmark District, including private homes and recently completed preservation projects. Registration continues from 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Kennedy Pharmacy, 323 E. Broughton St. and Saturday evening will feature dinner and cocktails from 6-8 p.m. under the live oaks at Three Rivers, 3 Rivers Bend Court.

**Sunday, Oct. 8: Moon River District** From 9 a.m.-11 a.m. guests will enjoy brunch along the banks of Shipyard Creek and explore the grounds of the original Bethesda Orphan House and Academy, 9520 Ferguson Ave. Founded in 1740, Bethesda includes a historic schoolhouse-turned-museum, an early

twentieth century chapel erected by The National Society of The Colonial Dames in the State of Georgia, and an extensive tree lined alley planted in the late eighteenth century. The 2017 Georgia Trust Fall Ramble will conclude with the Moon River District Ramble, which will be held from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Participants will get the Lowcountry experience as they tour sites in the district, just 20 minutes from downtown. This Savannah neighborhood is home to salt marshes, a Gullah Geechee oystering community, and picturesque Wormsloe Historic Site, where the opportunity to explore several buildings on the Wormsloe family property, including the 1906 library, will be provided. Discover Savannah's waterfront plantation houses on Isle of Hope, highlighted by an 1864 Victorian home on Bluff Drive overlooking the Skidaway River. Finally, head over to Pin Point to see the historic Gullah Geechee community in a historic oyster factory-turned-museum to wrap up the Ramble.

"Our organization looks forward to being involved with the Georgia Trust Fall Ramble and the opportunity it provides to discover all of the beautiful architecture our city has to offer," said Historic Savannah Foundation Director of Development Meghan Lowe. "We enjoy being able to interact and get to know individuals from around Georgia who are interested in the preservation of our city and who appreciate everything we have to offer.

Registration for the full ramble costs \$260 for Georgia Trust members and \$290 for non-members. For a full breakdown of costs and tickets available, please visit [www.georgiitrust.org/historic\\_sites/rambles/fallregistration.php](http://www.georgiitrust.org/historic_sites/rambles/fallregistration.php). For more information about the 2017 Fall Ramble, please visit [www.georgiitrust.org/historic-sites/rambles/fallramble.php](http://www.georgiitrust.org/historic-sites/rambles/fallramble.php). To learn more about Historic Savannah Foundation, please visit [www.myHSF.org](http://www.myHSF.org).

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