



HISTORIC SAVANNAH FOUNDATION'S 13TH COLONY TO CONCLUDE PRESERVATION MONTH CELEBRATION WITH KESSLER PLANT RIVERSIDE DISTRICT TOUR

SAVANNAH, GA – May 3, 2019 – Historic Savannah Foundation (HSF) will observe Preservation Month during May with four unique events that celebrate the art of preservation and exhibit its significant impact on the past, present, and future of Savannah. HSF's 13th Colony (young professionals') group will conclude Preservation Month with a "Hard Hat Tour" of the Kessler Plant Riverside District from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 18. Event check-in will begin at 10:40 a.m. at the Kessler Plant Riverside District Construction Office, 3 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. in downtown Savannah.

This behind-the-scenes tour of the largest redevelopment project in the history of Savannah's National Historic Landmark District, guided by Sottile & Sottile Architect Anthony Cissell, will accentuate the 13th Colony's mission to promote greater awareness and understanding of historic preservation to local young professionals.

As the city's original freight port and site of its large, coal fired power plant, built in 1912, Plant Riverside District's history is still very much present. The Plant Riverside District represents the beauty of progress – connecting history to the present, Savannah's legendary river with its storied community, and all who visit, to the generations of our future. The Kessler Plant Riverside District, spanning 4.5 acres across a quarter mile of the new river walk, is slated to open in late Fall 2019 and will offer luxury hotel rooms, three rooftop bars, more than a dozen dining options, wine tastings, specialty retail shops, kids splash pads, science exhibits, and much more.

"During our March 13th Colony Architectural Pub Crawl, many attendees expressed interest in the Kessler Plant Riverside District and its history, so we decided a 'Hard Hat Tour' would be a perfect opportunity for our young professionals' group to recognize Preservation Month," said HSF Membership and Volunteer Coordinator Chassidy Malloy. "We are grateful to Project

Architect Anthony Cissell for facilitating and hosting this exciting tour and providing 13th Colony members with a unique opportunity to get a behind-the-scenes look at the project.”

HSF is cultivating the next generation of preservation-minded community leaders through its 13th Colony supporters. The mission of the 13th Colony is to promote greater understanding and awareness of historic preservation and the goals of HSF to a younger audience, while also engaging their participation in HSF programs and building future HSF leadership.

The “Hard Hat Tour” is free to attend for active 13th Colony members, and guests are invited to join with a \$5 donation to HSF. This tour will be capped at 30 guests, so interested individuals are encouraged to RSVP to attend this event by contacting Chassidy Malloy at cmalloy@myHSE.org or 912-233-7787 ext. 106.

All attendees must wear closed-toe shoes and long pants and are encouraged to arrive 15-20 minutes prior to the start of the tour for the check-in process. Interested individuals are invited to join other tour participants for an informal gathering at Service Brewing Co. at the conclusion of the “Hard Hat Tour.”

For more information about HSF’s 13th Colony or Preservation Month, please visit www.myHSE.org.

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