



HISTORIC SAVANNAH FOUNDATION HOSTS 64TH ANNUAL MEETING AND LECTURE PRESENTED BY HISTORIC BOSTON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SAVANNAH, GA – October 31, 2019 – The Historic Savannah Foundation (HSF) is slated to host its 64th annual meeting from 5:45-8 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 7, 2019, at the house that started it all--the Davenport House Museum's garden and Kennedy Pharmacy, 323 E. Broughton Street.

The meeting will be held from 6-7 p.m. in the Kennedy Pharmacy and include the annual election of officers and trustees, organizational updates, and plans for future initiatives. The keynote speaker for this year's lecture is Kathy Kottaridis, Executive Director of Historic Boston Inc. (HBI), who will speak on preservation's impact on our community. A reception, made possible by the Edward F. Downing Fund, will follow at 7 p.m. where guests will have the opportunity to enjoy a selection of beverages, delicious hors d'oeuvres and desserts. Junior interpreters will also be giving optional free tours of the Davenport House Museum after the meeting's close.

"We look forward to sharing this evening with our supporters and the community, as we welcome guest speaker Kathy Kottaridis- a devoted advocate for preservation and neighborhood revitalization," said HSF Interim Executive Director Sue Adler.

Kathy Kottaridis serves as the head of HBI, a nonprofit investor dedicated to preserving and revitalizing at-risk historic buildings in order to help Boston's neighborhoods thrive. Before joining HBI in 2007, she was Associate Director of Public Affairs at Northeastern University, responsible for shaping and implementing the university's strategic effort to support neighborhood revitalization. Kathy has also served as director of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of Small Business and Entrepreneurship, Director of Economic Development at the Boston Redevelopment Authority, Director of the City of Boston's Office of Business Development and founding director of Boston Main Streets.

HSF originated with the catalyst of the impending destruction of the Isaiah Davenport House, an 1820s brick home on Columbia Square, in 1955. Through the tenacity of seven ladies, an unlikely band of activists, the house was saved, and the organization founded. Since that time, HSF has achieved an international reputation for historic preservation and works everyday to save buildings, places, and stories that define Savannah's past, present, and future. Following its formation in 1955, HSF started a Revolving Fund to save endangered historic properties. To date, HSF has saved and protected over 400 buildings throughout Savannah's historic districts. HSF demonstrates the cultural, social, and economic benefits of preservation as good public policy by proving that preservation and progress go hand-in-hand.

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