

DAVENPORT HOUSE MUSEUM ANNOUNCES IMPRESSIVE SLATE OF SPRINGTIME EVENTS

SAVANNAH, GA — MARCH 4, 2021 — The Davenport House Museum, located at 324 E. State Street, is planning four exciting spring programs slated to begin in March and run through May, which is National Preservation Month. Events: **Tea at the Davenports** in March and May, **Potable Gold: Savannah's Madeira Tradition** in April, the **Discovering 1820s Savannah Walking Tour** in April, and the **Early Bird's Preservation Walking Tour** in May.

Springtime Tea at the Davenports will run Wednesdays and Thursdays, March 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, and 25, and again Wednesdays, Thursdays and some Fridays, May 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 21, 27 and 28. Guests will learn about tea traditions and experience an early 19th century tea in the historic atmosphere of the Davenport House Museum. Weather permitting, tea will be served in the museum's garden at the end of the program. On inclement weather dates, tea will be taken inside the house museum in a delightful fashion. Costumed interpreters will join guests for refreshment and conversation. The program begins at 5 p.m. and lasts 60 to 75 minutes. Admission is \$18 for adults and \$14 for children, plus tax. Reservations are recommended as, due to COVID-19 safety protocols, attendance is limited to 10 participants each day.

The **Discovering 1820s Savannah Walking Tour** will be offered Saturday, April 3, 10, 17 and 24, starting at 8 a.m. and lasts about 120 minutes. See what survives of the 1820s Savannah that master builder Isaiah Davenport knew. Throughout the 2.5-mile walk, which begins at the Davenport House Museum, participants will see some of the finest examples of preservation in the city and learn about what no longer remains. Coffee and treats in the Davenport House garden will follow the tour. Admission is \$21 plus tax and, while walk-ins are welcome, reservations are appreciated. Please call 912-236-8097 to inquire about group rates for 10+ people.

Potable Gold: Savannah's Madeira Tradition will be performed April 1, 2, 16, 22 and 30th at 5:30 p.m. and will last 75 minutes. Guests will experience the historic atmosphere of the

Davenport House in a socially distanced format while learning about and tasting a unique and flavorful wine. Patrons are oriented to the long and rich tradition of Madeira as it relates to the history of Savannah and will participate in a Madeira party. During the experience, they will sample two types of Madeira and see the historic house at dusk. The performance requires that guests be able to walk up and down stairs and maneuver in the candlelit rooms. Admission is \$22 and guests must be 21 years or older. Reservations are recommended as attendance is limited to 10 participants per performance due to COVID-19 safety protocols.

The **Early Bird's Preservation Walking Tour of the Landmark Historic District's East Side** will be offered Saturday, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, starting at 8 a.m. and lasts about 100 minutes. Enjoy a 2.3-mile early morning walk through one of the oldest and most varied neighborhoods to learn how historic preservation has revitalized downtown Savannah. Tours led by Davenport House Director Jamie Credle will introduce the personalities, structures and issues that have enthralled Savannah's preservation movement. Coffee and treats in the Davenport House garden will follow. Admission is \$21, plus tax. While walk-ins are welcome, reservations are recommended. Please call 912-236-8097 to inquire about group rates for 10+ people.

The mission of the Davenport House Museum is to preserve and interpret the American Federal-style house and the artifacts within, built by master builder Isaiah Davenport for his household, with an emphasis on the years 1820-27. The DH seeks to educate, enrich, and inspire our visitors and the community, as well as recognize the historical role of the house in the founding of Historic Savannah Foundation. Situated on Columbia Square at the corner of State and Habersham Streets in historic downtown Savannah, it is one of the oldest brick structures in the city and sees approximately 40,000 visitors annually, through its guided tours and education programs. For more information, please visit <http://www.davenportmuseum.org/programs/> or call 912-236-8097.

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