



NEXT SESSION OF HSF’S “PEOPLE, PLACES AND STORIES” LECTURE SERIES FOCUSES ON REPURPOSING HISTORIC MATERIALS

SAVANNAH, GA – MAY 9, 2022 – Historic Savannah Foundation will host Mae Bowley, Executive Director of Re:Purpose Savannah, as the next presenter in the “People, Places and Stories that Define Savannah” lecture series. The presentation, titled “Deconstruction & Preservation: Reclaiming History One Board at a Time,” is set for Thursday, May 19, 2022. Bowley will talk about how the inherent value in a historic structure goes beyond the object itself. There is great value in the history of a structure, in the stories of the lives that passed through its walls, and in the heritage materials from which it was built. She will also share with attendees how the Re:Purpose Savannah team provides conscientious treatments for historic buildings at the end of their life cycle.

Bowley earned two Bachelor of Art degrees in graphic design and classical archaeology from Florida State University. She earned a Master of Art in art education from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. She is currently working on a certificate in historic preservation from Savannah Technical College. Her professional background includes creative director for a manufacturing firm, market manager for an urban farm, and principal in her own marketing consultancy for creative startups, Bowley Creative.

“Mae's work positively impacts our local and global environments by reducing the harmful effects of demolition on the health of our neighborhoods. She and her team divert large quantities of waste from landfills and transform it into community resources,” HSF Education and Research Associate Kimberly Newbold said. “It'll be fascinating to hear about how Re:Purpose Savannah pays special attention to historic materials, particularly 'old-growth' lumber that can be found in historic structures like the ones we often work to save.”

Bowley’s lecture, held at the Murray C. Perlman and Wayne Spear Preservation Center at 323 E. Broughton St., is free for HSF members and \$10 for non-members. The lecture will begin at 6 p.m. with

a pre-lecture gathering at 5:30 p.m. to socialize and enjoy a glass of wine. Members may RSVP for the May 19th lecture by emailing Kimberly Newbold at knewbold@myhsf.org. The \$10 nonmember registration fee can be paid by visiting HSF's website, www.myhsf.org.

For more information on the "People, Places and Stories that Define Savannah" lecture series, contact Newbold at 912-483-7294. For information about other HSF events, please visit myhsf.org or call 912-233-7787, and follow HSF on their social media, including Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Historic Savannah Foundation, a leading nonprofit preservation and cultural institution, saves buildings, places, and stories that define Savannah's past, present, and future. Following its formation in 1955, the organization started a Revolving Fund to save endangered historic properties, now totaling nearly 410 buildings throughout several of Savannah's historic districts. HSF continues to build capacity within its operations, secure new financial resources, improve its image and visibility, and increase public policy efforts to protect Savannah's historic districts. For more information about the work of the Historic Savannah Foundation, visit www.myhsf.org.

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