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Historic Augusta's Downtown Loft Tour, May 7 and 8, 2010

Now in its sixth year, Historic Augusta's Downtown Loft Tour is a fun way for people to experience what makes living and working in downtown Augusta so special. Held during National Preservation Month on First Friday, May 7 and Saturday, May 8, the tour features the architecture and interiors of renovated spaces as well as those which are in progress. Tickets are valid for both tour days, from 6-9 pm on Friday and from noon-5 pm on Saturday. On Friday night each site will contain appetizers or desserts provided by downtown restaurants.

The purpose of the tour is to encourage interest in the preservation and use of historic buildings in the Augusta Downtown Historic District by providing the public with an intimate look at their interiors. The tour includes ten buildings of various sizes and styles, each with distinctive architectural features and design. Highlights of the 2010 tour include: a loft apartment above a tattoo parlor on Broad Street; three loft apartments in Enterprise Mill; the recently restored 1879 Union Baptist Church Parsonage; the Imperial Theater; a three-bedroom apartment in the Stovall-Barnes House; the Robert B. Morris House; a loft in the White's Building; a loft in the Marbury Center; offices which occupy the Slusky Building; and an opportunity to see the lobby of the 1880s Emporium Building along with plans for its renovation.

Tickets for the loft tour can be purchased for \$15 in advance or for \$20 during the tour. Advance tickets are available at: Historic Augusta, Inc., 415 Seventh Street; Mellow Mushroom, 1167 Broad Street and 4348 Washington Road (Evans); New Moon Café, 1002 Broad Street, and Sheehan's Irish Pub, 2571 Central Avenue.

Credit cards are accepted as payment at Historic Augusta, cash and checks only at other locations. During the tour, pick up a tour map and purchase tickets at tour headquarters in front of New Moon Café, 1002 Broad Street. Proceeds benefit the programs and projects of Historic Augusta, Inc., a nonprofit membership based organization. The mission of Historic Augusta, Inc. is to preserve historically or architecturally significant structures and sites in Augusta and Richmond County.

To purchase tickets or for more information about this or our other programs, please contact Historic Augusta, Inc. by telephone at 706-724-0436 or visit www.historicaugusta.org.

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