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Historic Augusta's Downtown Loft Tour, May 6 and 7, 2011

Now in its seventh year, Historic Augusta's Downtown Loft Tour is a fun way for people to experience what makes living and working in downtown Augusta, Georgia so special. Held during National Preservation Month on First Friday, May 6 and Saturday, May 7, 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 buildings of various sizes and styles, each with distinctive architectural features and design.

Tickets for the loft tour can be purchased for \$15 in advance or for \$20 during the tour. Advance tickets will be available in mid-April at: Historic Augusta, Inc., 415 Seventh Street; First Bank of Georgia, Augusta, Martinez, and Thomson branches; Hill Drug Company, 1432 Monte Sano Avenue; Mellow Mushroom, 1167 Broad Street; and Polka Dot Pig Gastropub, Surrey Center, 399 Highland Avenue. Credit cards are accepted as payment at Historic Augusta, cash and checks are accepted at all ticket 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.

The Downtown Loft Tour is sponsored in part by The Augusta Chronicle, NBC Augusta, and WBBQ. The Downtown Loft Tour is also sponsored by Aficionados, Augusta Sash and Door, The Emporium, First Bank of Georgia, Merry Land Properties, LLC, Red Door Designs, Rex Property and Land, LLC, RW Allen, SchoolHOUSE William Robinson, Strother's Printing, and Summerville Neighborhood Association.