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## **The Cotton Ball to be held in Forest Hills Thursday, May 26, 2011**

Historic Augusta's Cotton Ball, a tradition in Augusta since 1988, will be held this year on Thursday, May 26 from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. The casual affair will take place in the gardens surrounding the home of Dr. and Mrs. Greg Gay, located at 1316 Comfort Road. Join us for dinner provided by Outback Steakhouse, dessert provided by Very Vera and Neapolitan Cupcake and Gift Shoppe, a cash bar, mint juleps provided by Sand Hills Properties, music performed by The Unmentionables, and an opportunity to mingle in a historic setting. A raffle will be held for a five night stay at a three bedroom, two and a half bath mountain home in Highlands, North Carolina.

Admission to the Cotton Ball is by current, new or renewing membership in Historic Augusta, Inc., which is open to all who are interested in preserving our city's historic places. Memberships start at just \$50 for individuals and \$75 for couples. Advanced reservations are encouraged.

The Gay Home was built for Walter Rockefeller Comfort, for whom Comfort Road was named, as a winter residence in 1927-28. The home was designed by Willis Irvin and landscaped by Louis Berckmans. Subsequent owners include Mr. and Mrs. Clayton P. Boardman, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. James B. Kay, prior to being purchased by Dr. and Mrs. Gay as their home in 1996.

The Cotton Ball is sponsored in part by The Augusta Chronicle, First Bank of Georgia, Allgood Professional Services, Charleston Street Home, Fine Flowers and Events, Dillard's, Flywheel, Neapolitan Cupcake and Gift Shoppe, Outback Steakhouse, Phoenix Printing, Summerville Neighborhood Association, Very Vera, WAGT 26 News, WBBQ, Wells Fargo, and The White Horse Wine and Spirits.

Proceeds benefit the projects and programs of Historic Augusta, Inc. For more information, call Historic Augusta at (706) 724-0436 or visit [www.historicaugusta.org](http://www.historicaugusta.org).