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### **The Cotton Ball to be held at Twin Gables Thursday, May 19, 2016**

Historic Augusta's Cotton Ball, a tradition in Augusta since 1988, will be held this year on Thursday, May 19 from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. The casual affair will take place in the gardens surrounding Twin Gables, the home of Augusta University's President Brooks A. Keel and First Lady Tammie Schalue, located at 920 Milledge Road.

Designed by architect Henry Ten Eyck Wendell, Twin Gables was built in 1911 as a winter home for Francis A. Hardy and his family. The Dutch Colonial Revival style home, covered in wooden shakes, received its name from the matching gambrel gables that flank the entrances. The Albright and Battey families lived in the home before it was purchased in 1984 as the home for the President of the Medical College of Georgia. Julia Lester Dillon, considered to be the first woman in the South to become a professional landscape architect, designed the gardens surrounding the home. The lush gardens include water pools, fountains, and gazebos.

Join us for dinner provided by Outback Steakhouse, dessert provided by Dippin' Dots, a cash bar, mint juleps, Augusta Lemonade from Fruitland Augusta, live music, and the opportunity to mingle in a historic setting. A raffle will be held for a Flagler Beach, Florida vacation and an iconic Tiffany bracelet. Raffle tickets are \$20 each or 3 for \$50.

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 \$85 for couples. Advanced reservations are requested by May 12th.

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