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The Cotton Ball to be held on Milledge Road Thursday, May 17, 2012

Historic Augusta's Cotton Ball, a tradition in Augusta since 1988, will be held this year on Thursday, May 17 from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. The casual affair will take place in the gardens surrounding the home of Kate and Trav Paine, located at 820 Milledge Road. The Paine's home, "High Gate" was originally a sand hills cottage built as a summer home for the family of Hugh Nesbitt in about 1810. Around 1860, Nesbitt's son-in-law, Judge Ebenezer Starnes engaged the services of Augusta master builder William H. Goodrich to add the Italianate style south-facing facade.

Join us for dinner provided by Outback Steakhouse, dessert provided by 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 three night stay at a three bedroom, three 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 Cotton Ball is sponsored in part by First Bank of Georgia, WAGT 26 News, The JB White's Building, The Augusta Chronicle, Terri and Lyn Allgood, Charleston Street Home, Fine Flowers and Events, Neapolitan Cupcake and Gift Shoppe, Outback Steakhouse, and Phoenix Printing.

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