The mission of Historic Augusta, Inc., is to preserve historically or architecturally significant structures and sites in Augusta & Richmond County, Georgia.
May is National Preservation Month where historic preservation organizations across the country host activities which celebrate our shared history and historic resources. Historic Augusta has two annual events planned which embody this year’s preservation month theme of See! Save! Celebrate! - The Downtown Loft Tour and the Cotton Ball.

The Downtown Loft Tour will be held on First Friday, May 3 from 6-9 pm and on Saturday, May 4 from noon-4 pm. The self-guided tour of eleven buildings begins with a stop by our Tour Headquarters booth located outside 1002 Broad Street where you can purchase a ticket and pick up a map of sites. Tickets to the Loft Tour are $15 in advance or $20 during the tour. Advance tickets can be purchased at any branch of First Bank of Georgia, Eros Bistro, The Indian Queen, Mellow Mushroom in Evans and downtown, Historic Augusta’s offices, online at www.historicaugusta.org, or by calling 706-724-0436. The tickets are valid during both days of the tour and you can visit as many or few of the sites as you wish. Make an evening or afternoon of it by taking the tour, enjoying a meal at one of our many fine downtown restaurants, and patronizing our downtown businesses.

The Cotton Ball will take place in the gardens surrounding the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond John Doumar at 2644 Henry Street on Thursday, May 16 from 6:30-9:30 pm. Join us (literally! Memberships start at just $50 for individuals and $85 for family/double) for an evening filled with delicious food, a cash bar, lively entertainment, and an opportunity to hang out in a lovely historic setting. Admission to the Cotton Ball is by current, new or renewing membership in Historic Augusta. Encourage your friends and neighbors to join Historic Augusta so they can attend with you. Dinner is provided by Outback Steakhouse, mint juleps by Sand Hills Properties, and entertainment by The Unmentionables. A raffle will be held for a three-night stay at a private vacation home. Raffle tickets can be purchased in advance or during the Cotton Ball for $10 or three for $25. Join, renew or check up on the status of your membership by calling 706-724-0436. You can also join, renew your membership, or purchase a raffle ticket online at www.historicaugusta.org.

We look forward to seeing you in May as we celebrate all of the priceless historic buildings that have been saved by preservation-minded folks like you in our community! JJ

We hope that everyone will make plans to attend Perfectly Aged: Historic Augusta’s Benefit Auction on September 19, 2013 at 6:30 pm. The event will take place at Saint Paul’s River Room at 605 Reynolds Street. The evening will feature hors d’oeuvres, an open bar, raffle, and silent auction of unique experiences, antiques, and wine. Tickets are $100 per person or $50 per person age 35 and under. We are currently seeking donations of fine wines, period antiques, and unique experiences such as vacation opportunities, tickets to concerts and sporting events, and special dinners and parties in private homes. For tickets and information, to sponsor this event, or to make a donation to the raffle or silent auction, contact Historic Augusta at 706.724.0436. JJ
REAL ESTATE PROGRAM KICKS OFF SECOND YEAR WITH NEW PROPERTIES FOR SALE

After a very successful first year and the sale of three properties including 920 Greene Street, 586 Broad Street, and 307 James Brown Boulevard, the Real Estate Committee has two new properties available for purchase. 1225 Greene Street is located in the Augusta Downtown Historic District and is listed for $59,000. This two-and-a-half story Queen Anne style house was built in 1890, is currently zoned commercial and features an elegant turret. 1229 Troupe Street is located in the Summerville Historic District and is listed for $59,000. This two-story late Queen Anne style house was constructed in 1906 and sits on a large lot at the corner of Troupe Street and Richmond Avenue. The home features a large picturesque staircase, hardwood floors, and fireplace mantles. This property also includes a cottage at the rear of the home which could be renovated for a rental property. For more information or to schedule a viewing, you may visit Historic Augusta’s website or call Robyn Anderson at 706-724-0436.

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Below Left: 1229 Troupe St. Interior
Below: 1225 Greene St. Interior
Historic Augusta is seeking nominations for properties to be listed to the 2014 Endangered Properties List. The list, like those compiled by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and other statewide and local preservation organizations, attracts the attention of investors, politicians and other interested groups who might not otherwise be aware of the historic gems in the community. The list also helps to focus the organization’s and the community’s energy on historic buildings with the greatest need or those which represent a particular type which also have a chance of being preserved through solution-oriented grass roots efforts. Criteria for listing includes but is not limited to demolition by neglect, threat of demolition or insensitive alteration. The building should also be eligible for listing to the National Register of Historic Places and be 50 years old or older.

Driving by the Goodale House at 745 Sand Bar Ferry Road, the situation remains dire with the continued deterioration of the western wall and roof. The structural assessment completed by Cranston Engineering Group of Augusta and paid for by a National Trust for Historic Preservation’s Intervention Fund Grant did however show that the overall stability of the building was good but time is of the essence. Historic Augusta remains in communication with the owner and is encouraging him to quickly stabilize the building and begin a reconstruction effort on the wall to secure the historic home.

Make sure you attend Historic Augusta’s 2013 Downtown Loft Tour and have the opportunity to visit the historic Jacob Phinizy House now occupied by 2KM Architects. Located at 529 Greene Street, it was listed on the Historic Augusta’s Endangered Properties List for 2010. The property has been undergoing rehabilitation and is one of the most recent preservation success stories!

Also included on the 2013 Downtown Loft Tour, this historic building at the corner of Ellis and James Brown Boulevard is currently listed for sale. Included in the Augusta Downtown Historic District, this property may be eligible for certified rehabilitation tax credits.
The Annual Meeting of Historic Augusta, Inc. was held on Thursday, November 15, 2012 at the Augusta Country Club. Paul G. King, President of the Board of Trustees, presided, with reports by the Treasurer, Libby Macuch and the Executive Director, Erick Montgomery. Awards were presented by First Vice President Cameron Nixon with assistance by Robyn Anderson, Preservation Services Director. (See related story on pages 6-7).

Robert C. Osborne, Immediate Past President, chaired the Nominating Committee, assisted by Martha Robertson, Becky Smith and Paul King. Elected to serve a second four-year term on the Board of Trustees beginning January 1, 2013 were Mr. Richard Fletcher and Mrs. Bowdre P. Mays, Jr. (Lynn). Elected to serve a four-year term on the Board of Trustees were Mr. Frank Anderson, Mr. Robert L. “Lyn” Allgood, Mrs. William L. Bennett, Jr. (Carol), the Honorable Daniel J. Craig, and Lauren Robbins. Ann B. Boardman was elected as an Honorary Trustee after serving many years on the board.

Officers elected to fill a one-year term beginning January 1, 2013 included the following: Paul G. King, President; Mrs. Randolph R. Smith (Becky), First Vice President; Mr. W. Cameron Nixon, Second Vice President; Mrs. W. L. M. Knox, Jr. (Paula), Secretary; and Mrs. William L. Macuch (Libby), Treasurer.

Mr. Osborne thanked the following Trustees for serving on the Board of Trustees, whose terms had expired: Mr. C. G. "Pete" Caye, Jr., Mr. Joseph L. Hadden, Mrs. William C. Hopkins (Liz), Mrs. Rebecca B. Rogers, Mrs. Clay Ward (Emmie), and Mrs. Stephanie Carr Woodward. EM

Historic Augusta News

Historic Augusta is grateful for funding received in the form of grants. The organization wishes to acknowledge and thank the following for their recent support: Augusta Convention and Visitors Bureau Tourism Grant, for marketing the Boyhood Home of President Woodrow Wilson to tourists and out-of-town visitors; Creel-Harison Foundation, for exterior repairs and repainting the Wilson House; the 1772 Foundation, for augmenting Historic Augusta’s Revolving Fund in order to put buildings in the hands of preservation-minded buyers; and the African American Fund of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, for This Place Matters: Preserving Augusta’s African-American Communities. JJ

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Historic Augusta, Inc. Awarded $75,000 Grant from The 1772 Foundation

In February, Historic Augusta, Inc. received a $75,000 grant from the 1772 Foundation, a national leader in the field of historic properties redevelopment. This grant will be used specifically to enhance our Revolving Fund, an aspect of the Real Estate Program, which acquires options to buy significant buildings and then sells the properties to preservation-minded buyers subject to historic preservation easements. Originally, the Henry-Cohen House at 920 Greene Street was revolved using a prior 1772 Foundation Grant in the amount of $25,000 and because of the success of that property, Historic Augusta was able to apply for another grant to continue supporting the program. We are eager to have additional preservation success stories because of partners like the 1772 Foundation. Keep informed with our ongoing efforts through joining our monthly e-newsletter. You can sign up on www.historicaugusta.org if you would like to be added to the e-news distribution list.
**The Red Star Building**, 531 James Brown Boulevard, built c. 1921, owned by Red Star LLC features four residential apartments in the rear of the building and available commercial space. The building was saved from near collapse through this significant rehabilitation.

**1429 Monte Sano Avenue**, built 1901, owned by David Dunagan, this quaint cottage is the office for his business. Prior to the rehab, the house was hidden behind thick bushes and was in a state of disrepair. The project was certified for the historic rehabilitation tax credit programs.

**Wier/Stewart**, 982 Broad Street, owned by Alex Wier and Daniel Stewart, built 1916 as one of six identical buildings developed by the J. B. White estate. The space now occupied by the graphic design and web development firm features an original pressed metal ceiling.

**Robertson Restoration**, a business owned by Heard and Martha Robertson of Augusta has successfully rehabilitated three houses while implementing national preservation standards. The homes include 1312 Milledge Road, 1219 Meigs Street, and 1202 Hickman Road.

**Henry-Cohen House**, 920 Greene Street. Purchased by Mark Donahue of Peach Contractors, this c. 1853 Italianate house is a certified historic rehabilitation with six apartments. When it was purchased in early 2012, the house was condemned and facing a bleak future, but now has been gracefully restored to its original appearance.

**Historic Augusta, Inc.** announced the recipients of eight Preservation Awards given at the Annual Meeting held on November 15, 2012. Historic Augusta recognizes outstanding historic preservation projects each year throughout the city.
Dunbar-Howard House, 314 Greene Street, owned by Rex Property and Land. Constructed c. 1900, this large Victorian house with Queen Anne elements was certified for rehabilitation tax credits. The former bed and breakfast has become residential apartments.

Olde Town Health Center at the Widow’s Home, 124 Greene Street. Built in 1887, Christ Community Health Services began rehabilitation of this historic building in 2007 and the rededication was held in July of 2011. The original building remains intact while a sensitive modern addition was added to the southern façade in an effort to increase the capacity of the organization to serve the surrounding community. Accepted by Jeff Drake, Executive Director.

Cottage Cemetery, located in South Augusta. This 200 year old cemetery was threatened with severe vandalism and lack of maintenance. Efforts began in early 2000 to restore the broken headstones and document the graves throughout the cemetery of some of Augusta’s most prominent citizens. Today the cemetery is once again a respectful resting place for those buried there. Accepted by Anne Carmichael Sherman, Chairwoman.

Bush Award
Historic Augusta also announced the establishment of a new award in honor of Historic Augusta’s founders William Glascock Bush & Marie Battey Bush and their dedication to historic preservation in Augusta. The award was given posthumously to them and was received by their son, Whatley Bush and his wife, Shannon Weston Bush.
One of the most successful preservation projects completed in Augusta recently has been the rehabilitation of the Henry-Cohen House at 920 Greene Street by Mr. Mark Donahue of Peach Contractors. The house had sat vacant and neglected for a number of years, but was largely intact and an architectural treasure in the Augusta Downtown Historic District. After naming it to Historic Augusta’s Endangered Properties list, the Italianate style house was purchased by Historic Augusta Trustees Tennent Houston and Paul King, who did initial stabilization work. Historic Augusta placed it in its Real Estate program, and sold it to Mr. Donahue, who proceeded to complete a certified rehabilitation, converting it into upscale apartments. In April, Mr. Donahue received an award from the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation for Excellence in Rehabilitation. Congratulations to Mr. Donahue, and to all who had a part in saving the building! EM

HISTORIC AUGUSTA ENDOWMENT TRUST

The Historic Augusta, Inc. Endowment Trust was established in 1986 as a way to ensure the long-term financial health of Historic Augusta, Inc. by providing funds to support its operations and special projects when needed. Over the years, the fund has grown from the original $25,000 corpus to almost $400,000. The Endowment Trust is actually a separate non-profit entity under IRS rules, and has its own Board of Trustees. Currently serving on that board are William J. Badger, chairman, along with Remer Y. Brinson III, Samuel E. Tyson Jr., Clayton P. Boardman III, Bennett P. R. Bowers and William F. Badger. Funds are invested with the Community Foundation of the CSRA. Contributions to the Endowment Fund can be made by sending a check, or transferring stock or bonds to the Historic Augusta, Inc. Endowment Trust, directed to the attention of Erick Montgomery, Executive Director, Historic Augusta, Inc. Planned giving by providing a bequest in your will, or as a beneficiary in your insurance policies are also excellent ways of ensuring that Historic Augusta, Inc. will continue to serve the community by preserving historic buildings into the foreseeable future. EM

WELCOME MOLLY MONTGOMERY

Historic Augusta is pleased to welcome Molly Montgomery as an intern this Spring. Molly graduated from Georgia Southern University with a B.A. in Art History in the Fall of 2012. In addition to assistance in the office, with registrar duties, and with research, her major project with Historic Augusta has been to oversee the safe packing, moving and cleaning of objects in the Boyhood Home of President Woodrow Wilson while the home undergoes plaster repair and painting. When not interning for Historic Augusta, Molly serves as Administrator of the Augusta Richmond County Historical Society. JJ
Since I was in college taking my introductory class in historic preservation, I have kept a long list of online bookmarks; anytime I came across a page that was informational or simply interesting it was added to the list with a simple click. So much easier than having dozens of bookshelves in the house or the office although I am a fan of the original printed book (what is it these days with the ebooks?). In answering the technical assistance questions that come across my desk, I find myself relaying several sites over and over again. Here is a sampling that you can add to your own bookmark list. If you have trouble reading the included website links, you can also Google the organization as keywords and the webpage should be one of the top search results. Or, if you’ve got your smartphone at hand, try scanning the QR codes below. RA


Historic Preservation Division, Georgia Department of Natural Resources: This is the organization which oversees the state certified rehabilitation tax credit program and also has great information about statewide historic resources. Additional areas of exploration include archaeology and the Georgia Register of Historic Places. georgiashpo.org

National Park Service Preservation Briefs: Over 40 online files that provide guidance on preserving, rehabilitating, and restoring historic buildings. Look up anything from masonry repair to repair of historic windows. www.nps.gov/tps/how-to-preserve/briefs.htm

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps: Document the changing face of towns and cities, providing highly detailed information for each neighborhood and block. The Library of Congress website refers to them as “probably the single most important record of urban growth and development in the United States during the past one hundred years.” dlg.galileo.usg.edu/sanborn/?Welcome&Welcome

National Park Service Rehabilitation Standards and Guidelines: Offer guidance on “recommended” rehabilitation treatments and “not recommended” treatments, which could negatively impact a building’s historic character. www.nps.gov/tps/standards/rehabilitation.htm
You may have heard that The Boyhood Home of President Woodrow Wilson was closed from the beginning of February through most of April of this year and maybe you were wondering exactly what was going on. The Boyhood Home of President Woodrow Wilson, a National Historic Landmark, is stable and for all intents and purposes well cared for and maintained. However, maintenance and preservation of any historic structure takes on-going commitment and resources. While Historic Augusta is able to attend to the daily maintenance of the house museum, certain issues arise from time-to-time for which major outside funding must be sought. In addition to water damage from a prior chimney leak, certain areas of the home are experiencing plaster delamination, whereby the top coat of plaster is cracking and separating from the plaster underneath. With funds provided by the Watson-Brown Foundation Junior Board, Historic Augusta was able to engage the services of Dillon Construction Services from Irmo, South Carolina to repair plaster on the walls and ceilings on the first and third floors of the main house and on the second floor of the service building. After the plaster repairs were completed, the interior walls, ceilings and windows in these areas were repainted by Scoggins Painting, LLC in order to cover the scars.

In the coming months you may witness repairs and painting to features on the outside of the Wilson House and outbuildings, and the fencing, but hopefully we will be able to remain open during this phase of restoration. Recent grants provided by the Creel-Harrison Foundation and the Garden Club of Georgia have enabled Historic Augusta to engage the services of Capers and Associates and Scoggins Painting, LLC to tackle these tasks.

Further funds are still needed to complete plaster repairs to the walls and ceilings on the second floor and to crown molding on the first floor, as well as to complete all of the exterior repairs and repainting that are needed. If anyone wishes to contribute to this restoration project, we invite you to contact Historic Augusta at 706-724-0436. A more watchful eye will be placed on all sites associated with the life of our 28th president during these presidential centennial anniversary years and Augusta, Georgia certainly wants to be prepared to show the world our Wilson site of which we are already proud. JJ
March 4, 2013 marked the 100th anniversary of the inauguration of Woodrow Wilson as the 28th President of the United States of America.

Augusta and the Civil War in 1863 Symposium: Family, Medicine and The Home Front, November 8 & 9, 2013

Everyone is invited to attend the third in a series of five scholarly symposiums which observe the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War on Friday, November 8 and Saturday, November 9. The symposium will begin with the annual Dr. Edward J. Cashin Memorial Woodrow Wilson Lecture at 6:30 pm on Friday evening at First Presbyterian Church. The speaker, Stephen Berry, PhD, the Amanda and Greg Gregory Professor of the Civil War Era at the University of Georgia, will present “House of Abraham: the Lincolns and the Todds: A Family Divided by War.” A reception will follow. The symposium will continue the following morning at a location to be determined with additional lectures and a readers theater performance. A flyer will be mailed to Historic Augusta members in October with final details and registration information. JJ

Save the Date!

New Hours for the Wilson House

Thursday, Friday & Saturday: 10:00am-5:00pm. Tours at top of the hour. Last tour at 4:00pm. Groups by appointment any day.

Dr. Lee Ann Caldwell Presented with Award

On January 25, 2013, Dr. Lee Ann Caldwell was presented with the Museum Volunteer Award by the Georgia Association of Museums and Galleries at their annual awards luncheon in Athens, Georgia. Dr. Caldwell was nominated for the award by Historic Augusta for her service to the Boyhood Home of President Woodrow Wilson. She is the director of the Center for the Study of Georgia History at Georgia Regents University and serves on Historic Augusta’s Board of Trustees as the Wilson House Committee Chair. She has provided invaluable service to the Boyhood Home of President Woodrow Wilson through her expertise, time, contacts, advocacy, and encouragement of others. Her many contributions include the interpretation of the museum, lectures, and text for an introductory video. She is an outstanding volunteer who has raised the profile, awareness, professionalism, and appreciation of the museum by local citizens, tourists, and a national scholarly community. JJ

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First Lady Ellen Axson Wilson and Her Circle, An Exhibition at the Morris Museum through May 5, 2013

If you have not had the opportunity to view the paintings by Ellen Axson Wilson and her circle of artist friends that are currently on view at the Morris Museum of Art, do stop by to enjoy them while they are in town. The Morris Museum of Art is open Tuesday through Saturday 10 am to 5 pm and on Sunday from noon to 5 pm. For more information, contact the Morris Museum at www.themorris.org or 706-724-7501. Historic Augusta wishes to thank Kevin Grogan for organizing the exhibition and the museum for hosting it and providing a lovely reception and opening lecture on March 28. JJ

Ellen Axson Wilson, Landscape with Pink Blossoms (detail), undated. Oil on canvas. Woodrow Wilson House, a National Trust Site. »

Historic Augusta is pleased to announce that a video has been completed by Mark Albertin of Scrapbook Productions which is being shown in the Wilson House Visitors Center. The twelve minute video provides context about Wilson’s life after Augusta, including his academic and political careers, and his legacy, to people who visit his boyhood home. The script was written by Dr. Lee Ann Caldwell. Funding was provided by generous grants received from the Porter Fleming Foundation and Augusta Town Committee and State Grant Committee of The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America in the State of Georgia. JJ

Wilson House Introductory Video Completed

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For the past several years Historic Augusta has partnered with the Lucy Craft Laney Museum of Black History to present a two-day program which focuses on historic preservation in our traditionally African-American neighborhoods. This year our attention will be concentrated on the Bel Air Hills Estates community which is located near Dyess Parkway. The keynote speaker will be Alex Thomas, Vice Chair of the Advisors of the National Trust and Former Director of the Blues Heritage Trail in Mississippi. This Place Matters will take place sometime this summer. Look out for a flyer which will be mailed to all of our members in May along with updates on our website and Facebook pages. This project has been funded in part by a grant from the African American Fund of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. JJ

Union Baptist Church

Recent projects at the historic Union Baptist Church at 1104 Greene Street have included the replacement of a heating and air conditioning unit that serves the fellowship hall, and repairing the spotlights that illuminate the front of the building at night. The parsonage is occupied, and funds received from its rental are used for routine maintenance of the church. It is expected that painting of the exterior of the church will be completed this spring.

The Union Baptist Church Restoration Committee is the recipient of a generous grant from the Porter Fleming Foundation in the amount of $8,066 to be used to conduct a series of three concerts in the historic sanctuary during 2013 and 2014. Proceeds from ticket sales will be applied to ongoing restoration efforts. Thanks to Karen Gordon for managing the concert series. Details will be forthcoming including dates and artists who will be featured. EM

Thanks to the following generous gifts that have been received between February 2010 and March 31, 2013:

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Historic Augusta kicked off its second Old House Fair Friday February 8th at Sacred Heart Cultural Center. Keynote speaker Pratt Cassity, director of the Center for Community Design, Planning, and Preservation at the University of Georgia, shared stories from the field documenting the importance of historic resources and their context within our communities across the country. Attendees were able to meet with vendors both Friday and Saturday which included contractors, architects, pest control experts, arborists and landscape architects, and many others. Educational speaker sessions were also well attended including best practices for maintaining your historic home as described by historic homeowners, defining architectural styles, and how certified rehabilitation tax credits can be an incentives and can mean substantial savings in rehab costs for property owners of historic properties. A big thank you goes to Laura Irwin, chair of the Old House Fair for the last two years, for bringing together the dynamic committee and launching this program for Historic Augusta to reach out to property owners seeking information about why historic preservation matters!
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Pratt Cassity (left), with Old House Fair Attendees, Chris Blanco & Wright Montgomery.

Erick Montgomery, Jackie Blanchard, & Congressman John Barrow.

Melissa Aitken, Christy Beckham, Whatley Bush, Libby Macuch & Laura Irwin.
Historic Augusta’s Heritage Party, which honors our principal supporters at the Donor level of membership and above, was held on Thursday, March 14, 2013. Heartfelt gratitude is due to our host, Mr. Albert F. Cheatham, who welcomed our guests to his immaculate 1926 Georgian Revival style home located at 808 Milledge Road. Thank you also to our 2013 Heritage Party chair Rebecca Rice and to everyone who donated refreshments and libations. JJ

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