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## HISTORIC AUGUSTA ANNOUNCES 2012 PRESERVATION AWARDS

Historic Augusta, Inc. is pleased to announce the recipients of eight Preservation Awards given at its Annual Meeting held on November 15, 2012 at 5:30 pm at the Augusta Country Club. Historic Augusta recognizes outstanding historic preservation projects each year throughout the city.

The 2012 recipients are as follows:

- **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**, built 1901, owned by David Dunagan, this quaint cottage now provides offices for his business. Prior to the rehab, the house was hidden behind thick bushes and was in a state of disrepair. The project is a certified rehabilitation utilizing state and federal tax credit programs.
- **Wier / Stewart, 982 Broad Street, owned by Alex Wier and Daniel Stewart**, built 1916 as one of six identical buildings constructed by the J. B. White estate. The space now occupied by the graphic design and web development firm features an original pressed metal ceiling.
- **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 been converted to residential apartments.
- **Robertson Restoration**, this 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.
- **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 a ribbon cutting 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.

- **Henry-Cohen House**, 920 Greene Street. Purchased by Mark Donahue of Peach Contractors, this c. 1853 Italianate style 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 it is original appearance.
- **Cottage Cemetery**, located in South Augusta, this 200 year old cemetery was threatened with severe vandalism and lack of maintenance. Efforts began in recent years to restore the broken headstones and document the graves throughout the cemetery, which contains some of Augusta's most prominent citizens. Today the cemetery is once again a dignified resting place for those buried there.
- Historic Augusta also announced the establishment of a new **Friend of Preservation Award** in honor of Historic Augusta's founders, the late **William Glascock Bush and Marie Battey Bush**, recognizing their dedication to historic preservation in Augusta. The award was given posthumously to them and was received by their son, Whatley Bush, his wife Shannon, and their son, Bill Bush.

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