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Historic Augusta's 16th Annual Downtown (Virtual) Loft Tour begins Friday, October 2nd

Historic Augusta's Downtown Loft Tour has an exciting line-up of Augusta's most recently rehabilitated properties which will be presented virtually this year. Chris Walker, owner of Asterick Imaging has created nine informative videos that tell the stories of these historic buildings and the people who live, work, and entertain there while supporting downtown restaurants and businesses. The first video will be released at 12pm on Friday, October 2nd with subsequent ones to follow through October 10th. The Downtown Loft Tour videos may be found on our website at <http://www.historicaugusta.org/> and our YouTube Channel.

The Downtown Loft Tour seeks to encourage interest in the preservation and use of historic buildings in the Augusta Downtown Historic District by providing the public with an intimate look at their interiors. The virtual tour will include buildings of various sizes and styles, each with distinctive architectural features and design.

This virtual event is free but viewers are encouraged to make a donation of \$20 or more to help us continue our mission of saving historic sites and structures through advocacy, education, protection, and preservation!

Proceeds benefit the programs and projects of Historic Augusta, Inc., a nonprofit membership-based organization. The mission of Historic Augusta, Inc. is to preserve historically or architecturally significant structures and sites in Augusta and Richmond County. For additional information about this or our other upcoming October events, please contact Historic Augusta, Inc. by telephone at 706-724-0436 or visit <http://www.historicaugusta.org/>

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Lofts featured on this year's tour include:

- 1002 Broad Street- Claussen Building
- 920 Broad Street – Henry Cohen House
- 239 Greene Street – C.G. Lamback House
- 1106 Broad Street - Emporium
- 972 Broad Street – Bee Hive / Loop Recruiting
- 670 Broad Street – Commerce Building
- 912 Ellis Street – Lowrey Wagon Works
- 1001 Greene Street – Cobb House
- 510 Greene Street – Perkins Cullen House