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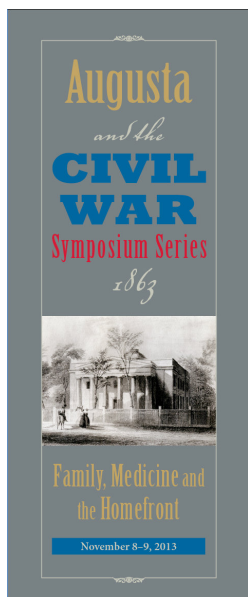
PRESIDENT *Woodrow Wilson*

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Welcome to the October 2013 issue of The Boyhood Home of President Woodrow Wilson e-newsletter, an e-publication of Historic Augusta, Inc. This newsletter contains information about Woodrow Wilson and his family, tours, and special events.

Augusta and the Civil War in 1863 Symposium: November 8 and 9



Mark your calendar for the third in a series of five symposiums to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. The theme of this year's symposium is Medicine, Family, and the Homefront. The event begins on Friday, November 8, 2013 at 6:30 pm at First Presbyterian Church with the Dr. Edward J. Cashin Memorial Woodrow Wilson Lecture. Dr. Stephen Berry will speak on "House of Abraham: Lincoln and the Todds, a Family Divided by War." A reception will follow at the Wilson and Lamar Houses. The event will continue on Saturday, November 9 at 9 am at the Morris Museum of Art with three additional

talks and a reader's theater presentation. One of the talks will be "Another House Divided: The Wilsons and the Woodrows," by Historic Augusta Executive Director Erick Montgomery. Friday night's lecture and reception are free and open to the public. Saturday's events are \$30 per person. To register for either or both days, please call Historic Augusta at 706-724-0436.

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2013 Marks the 100th



Visit Us!

Guided tours: Thursdays-Saturdays, on the hour 10 am-4 pm. Tour last about 45 minutes.

Location: 419 Seventh Street, Augusta, Georgia

Admission: \$5 Adults, \$4 Seniors, \$3 Students K-12

Group Tours

Are you planning upcoming programs and tours for your club, group, or school? Please keep us in mind! Group tours are offered to groups of 10 or more by appointment at a discounted rate per person of \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors, and \$2 for students K-12. Please call 706-722-9828 to schedule your tour.

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Anniversary of Wilson's Presidency



This year marks the 100th anniversary of Woodrow Wilson's Inauguration as the 28th President of the United States. The festivities for the Presidential Inauguration were very different in 1913 than they are today. The festivities formerly took place in March, instead of January as is currently practiced. The usually pleasant weather in March was the main reason for this date being chosen. Security at that time was far less than what is necessary for such an event in modern times. People paraded freely down Pennsylvania Avenue in 1913 and Wilson's transportation to the Capitol was in an open horse-drawn carriage, in which he rode with out-going President Taft. Woodrow Wilson's speech was short, only about 1699 words, compared to 2406 words spoken by President Obama at his 2009 Inauguration. Woodrow Wilson sent a letter to the Inaugural Committee chairman requesting that the Inaugural Ball be suspended. The contents of this letter represented quite a shock since the city of Washington had not missed an Inaugural Ball since 1853. Wilson felt that not only was it an added expense, but it was improper for such a solemn occasion. Wilson instead briefly attended a Princeton alumni dinner that evening, and hosted a dinner in the White House with his immediate family and cousins who had come from around the country to help celebrate the inauguration.

The Gardens

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While visiting the Boyhood Home of President Woodrow Wilson be sure to check out the gardens which are maintained by Augusta area garden club volunteers. The Spade & Trowel Garden Club designed the perennial garden next to the carriage house. All of the plant material chosen would have been available to Mrs. Wilson. It was designed to have color most of the year and appropriate seasonal annuals are planted in the fall and spring. In the spring, you will be treated to beautiful blue Iris, daffodils, pansies and snapdragons (if they survive the winter). Thanks to Nancy Lindroth, Community Services Chair, Spade and Trowel Garden Club, for contributing this article.

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