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Welcome to the **February 2019** edition issue of The Preservationist, an e-publication of [Historic Augusta, Inc.](#)! This newsletter contains information about upcoming programs and projects of Historic Augusta, Inc. and the Boyhood Home of President Woodrow Wilson.

**Ellen Neal Pruitt to speak on
"Victorian Architecture during the Gilded
Age 1866-1900" Tomorrow, February 5th**



Historic Augusta is pleased to announce the next installment of its architectural history lecture series. **Ellen Neal Pruitt**, local architect and historian, will present **"Victorian Architecture during the Gilded Age 1866-1900"** at **Church of the Good Shepherd**, 2230 Walton Way in Augusta, Georgia on **Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.**

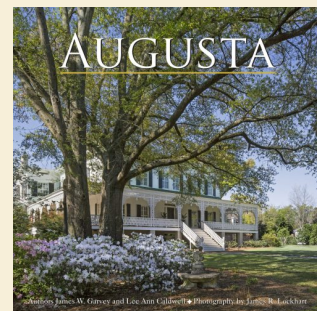
Using regional examples, this presentation will explore how the Industrial Revolution and the reemergence of

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**Augusta is the Perfect
Gift for Masters
Guests!**



Augusta is a 50th anniversary project of Historic Augusta, Inc. written by **Dr. James W. Garvey** and **Dr. Lee Ann Caldwell**, with photography by **James R. Lockhart**. Richly illustrated with archival images and current views professionally photographed,

hope after the Civil War were catalysts for the exuberant architectural styles of the Victorian Era.

Ellen Neal Pruitt is a registered architect and has practiced in the Augusta area for over 30 years. She graduated with a Master of Architecture and a Bachelor of Science in Design from Clemson University where her studies focused on preservation and the evolution of architectural styles. She has taught various courses on the history of American architecture for Augusta University, lectured for civic groups including Historic Augusta, and written articles and conducted research on numerous Augusta buildings, including the Waterworks facilities, Greene Street development, and Augusta churches. She has been blessed to work on many of Augusta's architectural gems during her career, from the Old Government House and the Cotton Exchange to most recently the new offices of the Convention and Visitors Bureau and the restoration of the Jewish Synagogue/Court of the Ordinary. She practices architecture with **Studio 3 Design Group** and enjoys time with her three grown children, her church family, and her own eternal renovation project on the Hill.

This lecture is made possible by funding from **The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America in the State of Georgia, The Augusta Town Committee.**

The event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be provided following the presentation. For more information, please call Historic Augusta, Inc. at 706-724-0436 or email info@historicaugusta.org.

**Investors, Developers, and Businesses
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this beautiful book provides an overview of Augusta's history through its architecture from the eighteenth to the late twentieth centuries.

The book is available for purchase at **Historic Augusta's office**, located at 415 Seventh Street in Downtown Augusta, **Shoes at Surrey, Augusta & Co.**, and online at squareup.com/store/augusta-book

All proceeds support Historic Augusta's mission to preserve and protect architecturally and historically significant sites and structures in Augusta and Richmond County, Georgia.

Preservation Month Sponsorships Now Available!



May is National Historic Preservation Month! To celebrate, Historic Augusta



The former YMCA building at 945 Broad Street, now TaxSlayer, is one of many ongoing projects for state and federal certified rehabilitation tax credits.

Historic Augusta assists owners rehabilitating their properties within **designated historic districts** with applications for state and federal certified rehabilitation tax credits. These credits, in addition to the property tax abatement program, can be a significant **financial incentive** to complete rehabs in accordance with the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation*. Qualified rehabilitation expenses can essentially be reduced by 25% for owner occupied residences and 45% for income producing properties. Historic Augusta has seen a significant rise in applications over that last two years in conjunction with the ongoing investments in the downtown business corridor and arrival of the cyber industry. Staff is currently managing 30 projects in different stages of preliminary development, construction, and final certification. Several of the properties may be part of the **2019 Historic Augusta Downtown Loft Tour (May 3rd & 4th)**, one of our most popular events! [More information can be found on our website by clicking on this hyperlink.](#)

Celebrate Presidents' Day at the Boyhood Home of President Woodrow Wilson on Monday, February 18, 2019

offers two unique events during the month. First, the 15th annual **Downtown Loft Tour** will feature unique loft apartments and businesses in the downtown historic district. This tour offers an intimate look into what it is like to live, work, and play in downtown Augusta!

The second Preservation Month activity is the **Cotton Ball**, our annual membership party. Admission is by current, new, or renewing membership and open to anyone interested in local preservation efforts.

Both events include membership to Historic Augusta, as well as sponsor recognition on the Loft Tour postcards mailed to approximately 900 households, the Loft Tour program, the Cotton Ball invitations mailed to approximately 3,500 households, and on signage at both events.

For more information on event sponsorship, please contact Samantha Hargrove, Programs and Marketing Director at 706-724-0436.



The Boyhood Home of President Woodrow Wilson will be open for tours on **Monday, February 18, 2019** in honor of **Presidents' Day**. Tours will be given on the **hour and half hour** between **10 a.m. and 4 p.m.** Admission on Presidents' Day will be **buy-one, get-one of equal or lesser value for free**. Regular admission prices are \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, \$3 for students K-12, and free for children under age 5.

Children will enjoy fun activities including crossword puzzles and coloring pages. Visitors will also have the opportunity to watch the award-winning video, "A Boy Never Gets Over His Boyhood," and view the museum's permanent exhibit detailing Wilson's life after Augusta.

The Boyhood Home of President Woodrow Wilson is located at **419 Seventh Street** in downtown Augusta. In addition to Presidents' Day, The Boyhood Home of President Woodrow Wilson is open for tours during its regularly scheduled times Thursdays through Saturdays, on the hour from 10 a.m. through 4 p.m. Group tours are offered by appointment.

For more information, call 706-722-9828 or visit www.wilsonboyhoodhome.org.

Upgrade Your Membership to Attend the Heritage Party on Sunday, March 10, 2019

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For more information or to inquire about upcoming deadlines, contact Historic Augusta at 706-724-0436.



Illustration of 2560 Walton Way by [Kat McCall](#)

Each year, Historic Augusta asks one of our community's historic homeowners to host a cocktail party in honor of our principal supporters. This year the **Heritage Party** will be held on **Sunday, March 10, 2019** from **6:00-8:00 p.m.** at the home of Heather and Jed Howington, 2560 Walton Way. All current, new, or renewing members at the Donor Level (\$350) and above are mailed an invitation to attend. If you would like to check the status of your membership, renew, or join Historic Augusta, please call 706-724-0436. We look forward to seeing you at the Heritage Party!

[Click here](#) to find out more about membership.

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