



Welcome to the **March 2020** 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.

Coronavirus Causes Postponements, Cancellations



The unprecedented National Emergency caused by the threat of the Coronavirus, COVID-19, has effected all of Historic Augusta's 2020 events scheduled for this Spring.

With every other Spring event in Augusta also being cancelled or postponed, rescheduling remains a challenge in order to avoid conflicts. Further complicating rescheduling is the unknown factor of when the Masters Tournament may be planned. Here is a breakdown of Historic Augusta's events, and what has been decided so far.

- Historic Augusta's Annual **Heritage Party**, which had been planned for Thursday, March 26 at the home of **Julie and Billy Badger** has been postponed. This is for principal supporters of Historic Augusta who give \$350 or more annually. The Heritage Party will be rescheduled after the crisis has passed on a date convenient to our hosts.
- The **Georgia Trust's Spring Ramble**, scheduled for April 17-19 in Augusta and Thomson, and locally hosted by Historic Augusta, has been cancelled for 2020. We have agreed to host it again in 2021. The exact dates remain to be determined, but it will likely be in April after the Masters Tournament.
- Historic Augusta's Annual **Downtown Loft Tour**, scheduled for May 1-2, has been postponed until

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The Historic Augusta Partners in Preservation program invites you to **support historic preservation** in Augusta and Richmond County, Georgia, while **gaining valuable exposure for your company**. Annual packages begin at **\$2500** and increase to **\$5000** and **\$10,000**. Custom packages can be negotiated. Annual sponsors of Historic Augusta, Inc. receive the greatest level of exposure to our audience through exclusive print and digital advertising, as well as **group admission to our top events, with a 10-20% cost savings!** If you would like to join us as a Partner, please contact Robyn Anderson at robyn@historicaugusta.org or 706-724-0436.

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sometime later in the year. Dates are yet to be determined.

- Historic Augusta's Annual **Cotton Ball**, our signature membership party, which was being planned for the Bourne-Giles House at 602 Milledge Road, has been postponed until sometime in the fall. In the meantime, please continue to renew your memberships, and you will be welcomed whenever the Cotton Ball is held.

At this writing, Historic Augusta's annual fall events continue to be planned for their original dates. **Perfectly Aged: Historic Augusta's Benefit Auction** is scheduled for September 10, and **Walk With the Spirits** is being planned for the two Summerville Cemeteries for October 24-25.

We have closed the **Boyhood Home of President Woodrow Wilson** for the time being. Historic Augusta's staff continues to work both from the office and from home as their circumstances dictate, but all staff remain available via email. Some committee meetings have been cancelled, others have been held through conference calls or by using meeting software.

For updates on events, closings, and other information, check our websites:

Historic Augusta, Inc. – www.historicaugusta.org
Boyhood Home of President Woodrow Wilson – www.wilsonboyhoodhome.org

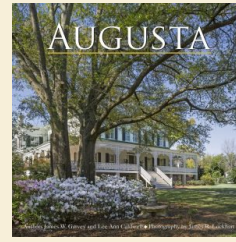
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Augusta Jewish Museum Moves Ahead with Phase 1



Augusta's Architectural History



Historic Augusta's 50th anniversary book, **Augusta**, provides an overview of the Garden City's history from the eighteenth to the twentieth centuries, with photographs both archived and current in full color. **\$54.**

[Click here to order.](#)

The book is also available for purchase at **Historic Augusta, Augusta & Co., Cadence Bank** (Wheeler Road, Medical Center, and Daniel Village locations), **Queensborough Bank** (all Augusta and Evans branches), **Shoes at Surrey, Crowne Jewelers, Design Images and Gifts, Surrey Center Pharmacy, Morris Museum of Art, Charleston Street, Windsor Jewelers, Southern Lighting Gallery, Boardroom Clothing Co., Capsule, York Cottage Antiques, Low Country Clothier, Sacred Heart Cultural Center, Pecan Row, Weinberger's Furniture, Curtain Call, Persnickety Interiors, Book Tavern, and Wesley Cadle, Inc.**

All proceeds support Historic Augusta's mission and programs.



We are pleased to report that the **Augusta Jewish Museum** is moving ahead with its plans for Phase I of the project, which will convert the Court of Ordinary building on Telfair Street into its initial museum space. The Greek Revival structure, built in 1860, was originally used as the fire-proof records facility for Richmond County, housing deeds, mortgages, plats, wills, estate records, and other permanent legal material. In accordance with the lease and agreement between the city and Historic Augusta, Inc., the museum must be in operation by July 2021.

Architectural planning has been completed by **Ellen Neal Pruitt** and **Studio 3 Design** of Augusta. **Duckworth Development** was the successful bidder to complete the construction work. The initial rehab will not be to the highest historic preservation standards, but is designed to get the museum into operation by the deadline. Phase II will focus on restoring the **Temple**, built in 1869 for the Congregation Children of Israel. It is the oldest standing building constructed as a synagogue in the State of Georgia. For information on the Augusta Jewish Museum, and to contribute to its needs, go to its website at www.augustajewishmuseum.org.

Historic Augusta's Revolving Fund Project Rev. C. T. Walker House Available for Purchase



Last month, we celebrated the dedication of the new Georgia Historical Society marker honoring Rev. C. T. Walker. Historic Augusta is proud of the amount of work we have accomplished with limited financial resources to ensure that this significant historic structure is stabilized. The final steps the organization is taking to complete the exterior rehabilitation includes temporarily finishing the front porch ceiling and a brand new coat of paint! You can own a piece of history; the C. T. Walker House is currently listed for sale thru [Real McCoy Brokerage Company](#). We are looking for a preservation minded buyer who will complete the interior rehabilitation once a final use is determined

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