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HANDS ON PRESERVATION!



We are gearing up for our most popular volunteer project, which is now in its fourteenth year! Operation C.A.R.E. is a community-driven program that assists owners of historic homes with necessary maintenance and repairs. Over the last thirteen years, we have renovated 35 homes for low-income, elderly and disabled residents, and one small church in the Stevens Street Historic District.

Last year, over 100 volunteers worked for three days to paint the home at 1001 Magnolia Street



This house at 1004 Lester Street is one of the 2010 Operation C.A.R.E. Houses that need your help!

for a single mother of two. Thanks to generous community donors, including Culpepper Construction, we were able to replace the roof, repair siding, reinforce the bathroom floor, and paint the entire house.

This year, we need volunteers to paint the exterior of two houses. Workdays will take place on two Saturdays: **October 16 and October 23**. October 23 is also Hands on Thomas County Day from 9am-Noon.

Volunteer groups are welcome! If you have a church group, workplace or club that needs to do some team-building, this is a great project. Groups can even request their own home and particular dates to accommodate their schedules. All materials are provided.

TO DONATE OR VOLUNTEER, GO TO WWW.THOMASVILLELANDMARKS.ORG

HELP "GREEN LIGHT" HOMES ON 10-10-10

The National Trust for Historic Preservation is a leading advocate for sustainability. After all, saving old buildings is the ultimate form of re-use! On the PreservationNation.org website, they state that "Historic preservation can – and should – be an important component of any effort to promote sustainable development. The conservation and improvement of our existing built resources, including re-use of historic and older buildings, greening the existing building stock, and reinvestment in older and historic communities, is crucial to combating climate change." So although Landmarks alone cannot preserve every old building, there are some things we can do to help owners of those homes make their own positive impact on the environment.

This year, we are supporting a local environmental activity to help homeowners reduce both their electric bills and their carbon emissions, while educating them on energy efficiency.

The inspiration for the local project comes from Green Light New Orleans (GreenLightNewOrleans.org), a group that has installed over 200,000 compact fluorescent lightbulbs (CFLs) in homes, churches and businesses, to help fight climate change while rebuilding New Orleans. The Thomasville project will take place on October 10, 2010 (10-10-10) and volunteers are needed to replace bulbs and educate homeowners about energy efficiency. To volunteer, contact Candee Henderson at 228-7616.

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Landmarks has always been an organization with one eye on the past and the other on the future. Throughout the last forty-odd years, we've worked to preserve places with architectural merit and other tangible reminders of our community's past. At the same time, we are actively involved in planning initiatives, whether it be the manner in which a new downtown drugstore is situated to preserve large trees, the design of a four-lane state highway or where a new multi-use recreational trail will be built.

In this issue of *Oak Leaves* (and on www.ThomasvilleLandmarks.org), we present four very different projects for the month of October alone: Operation C.A.R.E., a new green lighting project, the APA's National Community Planning Month, and Georgia Archives Month.

It is an exciting time to be involved with Landmarks. With the Partners in the Field grant from the National Trust, we have been more actively involved with helping preserve important landmarks (like Springhill Church) and in planning for small town redevelopment (as in Metcalfe). This three year grant program is going to elevate our presence in the community, helping extend our existing programs into new communities.

While much of our time is spent on projects you can read about here, there are other issues on which we spend a great deal of time; yet, because of the sensitivity of their nature, are not publicly discussed, such as the future of the Lapham-Patterson House. (It will be operated by the Thomas County Historical Society and should re-open soon!) Soon, you will learn about whether we will have a new Revolving Fund project in the Victoria Place neighborhood. There are several unknowns at the moment, so stay tuned.

On a final note, I wanted to share this. Someone recently asked me why they should join Landmarks. I answered, "Do you like the way Thomasville looks?" Well, do you?

LANDMARKS MEMORIAL FORM

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&
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If you would like to make a donation in honor or memory of a friend, family member or loved one, please fill out and return the Landmarks Memorial Form



Preservation field services provided by Thomasville Landmarks, Inc. are assisted by a Partners in the Field challenge grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation.



YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED FOR MATCHING GRANT!!

We are working with groups far and wide to enhance preservation activities in the Thomas County area, while remaining focused on Thomasville’s historic resources.

To do this, we applied for a 3-year grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation. It is a matching grant and we must RAISE \$84,000 in order to GET \$84,000. The grant allows us to increase our capacity for services, including printed documents, equipment, tele- and electronic-communications services, and workshops.

To date, we have received grants and pledges totaling \$55,000. That means we need to raise an additional \$29,000 to reach the goal and receive the grant money.

We are seeking 2-3 new pledges of at least \$10,000 - which can be payable over 3 years. The minimum was established by the National Trust. *Can you help us meet this goal?* Contact Brent Runyon for more information.

This grant is supporting planning and preservation work in many ways, including the following:

Meigs

On July 31, a hearing was held in Meigs to present a pedestrian master plan for Meigs. The plan includes such elements as pedestrian walkways, parks, multi-modal transportation and streetscape improvements. As stated in the document, “the pedestrian master plan will be a key resource for the city in securing grants for the development of the pedestrian infrastructure.” See the full report at www.ThomasvilleLandmarks.org (search "meigs"). At the same meeting, Brent Runyon presented the idea of a Dixie Highway Heritage Corridor historic district. The Dixie Highway is one of Meigs’ biggest assets and if promoted could bring heritage tourists to the community.

Quitman/Brooks County

Following development of a Heritage Tourism Resource Team Report, a new organization has formed in Brooks County to promote tourism there. Destination Brooks is busy coordinating many efforts that would normally be handled by such entities as a preservation society, the downtown development and tourism agencies and Main Street.

Currently, our main focus is helping them establish a local historic district and to become a Certified Local Government in order to secure grants for planning purposes and to preserve their historic architecture.

Springhill Church

The oldest church in Thomas County (ca. 1833) is being restored. We are supporting this effort by assisting with fundraising. Donations are needed to assist with the \$50,000 project that will restore both the building and the cemetery. Visit www.ThomasvilleLandmarks.org (search "springhill") for more information.



Metcalfe

Landmarks is supporting two groups that have Metcalfe’s interest at heart: the Metcalfe Community Association (for current residents) and the Metcalfe Heritage Society (for anyone). They have done a great job at increasing awareness of the need for volunteer firefighters and are working to plan a public park.

The MHS has recently worked with downtown property owners on building assessments. The next phase is to secure quotes on the work required and to seek grants and other financial assistance to get the buildings restored. The MHS is hosting a lecture and exhibit at the Thomas County Museum of History (226-7664) on November 14 at 3pm. The exhibit will be in the historic Metcalfe courthouse on the Museum’s grounds. Free!

LECTURE & DISCUSSION

Each year the American Planning Association (APA) sponsors National Community Planning Month to raise the visibility of the important role of planners and planning in communities across the U.S. (www.planning.org/ncpm). To highlight the importance of community planning, Landmarks and The Bookshelf & Gallery in downtown Thomasville are partnering on this event.

On Friday, October 8, 6:30pm, join us to watch two on-line lectures by prominent thinkers at The Bookshelf & Gallery's TEDx event. The first lecture features James H. Kunstler,



best known for his book *Geography of Nowhere*. His topic is dissecting suburbia; he focuses on how the design of buildings, roads and parking lots affects our lives. The second lecture is by Majora Carter, a visionary voice in city planning who views urban renewal through an environmental lens. The South Bronx native draws a direct connection between ecological, economic and social degradation. Hence her motto: "Green the ghetto!"

Bring an open mind and be dazzled by the power of ideas. \$15/person includes dinner. Registration required. (228-7767)

Upcoming Events

September 30, 2010, 5 pm - 7 pm
Old Courthouse Open House
Reception at Hardy Bryan House

October 7, 2010, 6 pm - 9 pm
Annual Membership Picnic
437 Remington Avenue

October 8, 2010, 6:30 pm - 8 pm
TEDx Lecture & Dinner
The Bookshelf & Gallery

October 10, 2010, 1 pm - 5 pm
Green Lighting Project

October 16 & 23, 2010
Operation C.A.R.E.

October 27-31, 2010
National Preservation Conference
Austin, Texas

GET NETWORKED

We have a new website where the latest updates to issues and events are posted almost daily.

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Browse through the website located at www.ThomasvilleLandmarks.org. Connect to us through other social networking sites, such as Facebook, Twitter and Del.icio.us. If you use Google Reader, bookmark our site to stay up-to-date. It is also easy to subscribe via other sociable sites and to read the newsletter on-line.

Sign up for email updates on the website to be sure you get the latest preservation news and events.

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ARCHIVES MONTH - October: *Travel Back in Time*

The purpose of Georgia Archives Month is to celebrate the value of Georgia's historical records, publicize the many ways historical records enrich our lives, and recognize those who maintain our communities' historical records. This year's theme was designed to encourage Georgia citizens to visit their local and regional archives and explore the state's vast heritage.

Local events are being sponsored by the Jack Hadley Black History Museum in partnership with Thomasville Landmarks, Inc. and CNS Cable.

The "**Travel Back in Time**" **Museum Exhibit** will feature local newspaper articles about how segregation and civil rights in the 1950s and 1960s impacted the local African American community. The Museum will also exhibit for the first time letters of the Thomasville/Thomas County Negro Civic League Organization and the Negro Interdenominational Ministers Alliance from the 1930s. These letters illustrated the economic, social, political, and educational conditions of African Americans in the community. A special Opening Program is on October 3, 3:30 P.M to 5:30 P.M. The community is welcome at no charge.

In October, CNS Television will be airing interviews taped in 1993 by Nancy Tinker, former Executive Director of Landmarks, as part of the African-American Historic Resource Preliminary Survey and Contextual Study, of the historic resources associated with the community's black residents and the Civil Rights Era in Thomas County.

For more information on other events and specific times, contact 229-226-5029 or jackhadleyblackhistorymuseum@rose.net or visit www.jackhadleyblackhistorymuseum.com

IS YOUR MEMBERSHIP UP-TO-DATE?

Please check your newsletter label to see your renewal date and your current membership level. **If your renewal date is 12/31/2009 or earlier, please renew now using the enclosed renewal application envelope** to ensure you continue to receive your membership benefits like the *Oak Leaves* newsletter, invitations to events and email updates.

When you renew, please consider raising your monetary donation – even an additional \$10 beyond your usual donation can go a long way. Or, if you are able, please consider upgrading to the next membership level. **As a member-supported organization, we rely on your support!**

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: JUNE - AUGUST

** New Member*

Personal

Heritage

Mr. Neil & Dr. Stephanie Fennell
Mr. & Mrs. Tom L. Rankin

Restoration

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Singletary

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Mr. & Mrs. W. Walker Alexander III
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WHERE'S MY INVITATION?

The Annual Membership Picnic is for current 2010 members only? If your newsletter label has a renewal date of 12/31/2009 call our office to ensure that you are on the list and to continue supporting Landmarks' mission in the community.

Member

David Corbin
Maria Adams
Felicia Witherspoon
Lauren Brown
Bonnie Bue
Lisa Daniels
Holly Hurst
Tim Pledger
Terry Powell
Cleveland Shy
Beth Sibley
Emily Varnadore
Mary Waddell
Chrissy Wheeler
Deborah Woodfield
Sharon Wooten

Membership Anniversaries

Celebrating 10 years

Ms. Carol M. Biggs
Dr. and Mrs. John Carico
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph B. Gunter
Mr. & Mrs. John Hand
Joanne Hardy
Tom and Holly Harrison
Dr. & Mrs. A. P. Higginbotham
Neal and Stacey Johnson
Ms. Camille Payne
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph V. Shields, Jr.
Jimmy Singletary
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Smith
Dr. & Mrs. Michael W. Wager
Mr. Philip M. Wertz

15 years – Crystal Anniversary

Dr. & Mrs. Robert W. Jackson
Mr. & Mrs. Larry May
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph L. Parker
Mr. & Mrs. John F. Wood

20 years – Platinum Anniversary

Dr. & Mrs. Gerald N. Kadis

25 years – Silver Anniversary

Ms. Anne Walton

30 years – Diamond Anniversary

Caldwell & Langford Insurance
Mr. Patrick Fenlon
Mrs. Diane Williams Parker
Dr. G. Thomas Reynolds
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Mr. & Mrs. C. Martin Wood, III

Did you know that by renewing on-line, you get the National Trust's *Preservation* magazine as an additional benefit? Visit www.ThomasvilleLandmarks.org and click the Membership link.

REVOLVING FUND: HOPKINS HOUSE

The Hopkins House is still for sale (see Spring 2010 *Oak Leaves* for more details). Our option expires September 12, and although there have been many inquiries, no purchaser has stepped forward. We are working to extend the option for a period of time in order to better market the house.

In the last few months, we have made minor repairs to stabilize the building. We cleaned the interior and the yard, repaired the roof over the bay window, and put boards over two broken windows in order to prevent damage from rainwater. Charles Olson of Olson Design-Historic Preservation Consultants, Inc. developed existing and potential new floor plans that can be shared with potential buyers. Those can be viewed on www.1885HopkinsHouseForSale.blogspot.com.

What the plans show is that with minimal changes, the house can accommodate up to nine offices, with four bathrooms, a breakroom and storage. Interested buyers please contact Ben McCollum at the Wright Group (226-2564).



Victoria mantle in the front parlor.

WHAT IS THE DWP FUND?

The Diane W. Parker Revolving Fund was established with a gift from Mr. Thomas L. Williams III to honor his sister, Ms. Parker. His contribution allowed Landmarks to successfully complete the Warren Avenue Restoration Project and to later stabilize the Woodson-Dekle House. Contributions to the Fund are encouraged and will be used to successfully save other endangered properties and neighborhoods.

A donation to the Fund was recently made by the Williams Family Foundation of Georgia, Inc.

SUPPORT THE METCALFE HERITAGE SOCIETY...FOR A \$10 DONATION, GET THIS STURDY REUSABLE TOTE BAG FEATURING DOWNTOWN METCALFE!



AVAILABLE AT LANDMARKS' OFFICE.

MEIGS' CARTER HOUSE

The J.N. Carter House was built in 1901 in a transitional architectural style. It is a massive structure of over 5600 square feet on two floors. The porte cochere is a two-story structure that has access onto the west side of the house. The entry foyer is very large and features a dogleg staircase with elaborate spindles and wainscoting details.

The house has not only wonderful architectural details; it has some nice surprises, too. A really charming feature is difficult to see on the southeast corner of the house. It is a room that appears to have contained a cistern or well, as it has no flooring. The walls are battered, meaning they slope, giving the appearance of a small lighthouse of sorts. South of the house sits the barn, built of wood taken from the original Meigs Baptist Church.

The house and barn sit on approximately 2.75 acres on the south side of Meigs, Georgia. The owner would like to sell the property to someone who will preserve the house. Contact us for more information.



WELCOME TO LATHROP LYBROOK!



Lathrop Lybrook is delighted to be the newest employee at Thomasville Landmarks where she will serve as administrative assistant. A native of Richmond, Virginia, she moved to Thomasville with her family in 1995. Her parents bought the old Friedlander's building on Broad Street, which had been vacant for

many years, and undertook a major renovation. They operated Hollybrook, Inc., a home furnishings store, for more than 10 years. "When my parents began renovating the building, my sister and I discovered so many boxes of women's clothing dating from the 60s and 70s, not to mention dozens of fabulous hats," Lathrop recalls.

In 2003, Lathrop left Thomasville for several years to begin collecting her life experiences. She spent the majority of that time in St. Petersburg, FL, where she worked in coffee shops, a music store and a surf shop. She also bartended, waitressed and worked as a nanny. She returned to Thomasville in 2008 and has been attending Thomas University where she will graduate this year with a degree in psychology.

"I love being back here. Thomasville is such a special place and I plan on keeping it as my home base forever", she says, adding, "I feel extremely fortunate to be involved with such a worthwhile organization as Landmarks and I hope to make a significant contribution to its goal of historic preservation."

HERITAGE WORKSHOP IN 18TH YEAR!

Thomasville Landmarks hosted its 18th annual Heritage Education Teachers Workshop in June. Each year teachers and paraprofessionals are invited to participate in this workshop. With support from the Thomasville Antiques Show Foundation, Landmarks offers this free workshop to educators for the purpose of familiarizing them with local historic resources. Then, we offer Box City and other programs to schoolchildren during the school year.

Brent Runyon and Sara Beth Stribling facilitated the workshop and partnered with many local organizations to provide a great hands-on experience for 16 participants. The workshop is not a lecture series but an opportunity to network with local historic and preservation professionals while learning activities and local resources that can be incorporated into their existing classroom curriculum.



Educators at Ochlocknee M.B. Church with Richard Hadley in front, and Deacon Willie Mitchell Sr., back row left.

Educators visited such important resources as the Black History Museum, the Ochlocknee Missionary Baptist Church - just listed on the Georgia Register of Historic Places, Tall Timbers Research Station, the Thomas County Museum of History, the Thomasville Genealogical, History and Fine Arts Library, Birdsong, the

One of 4 Box City Streetscapes built in the 2010 Workshop. This shows the street as it looked in 1895, before Steyerman's was built.



1854 Wright House and Downtown Thomasville. At the end of the program, teams built models (Box Cities) of the 100 block of South Broad Street in the years 1895 and 1950. Each team did extensive research to create the most authentic streetscape possible. One of these is currently displayed at the Visitor's Center.

Thomasville Landmarks is proud to offer the workshop each year and will continue to promote the history and heritage of Thomas County and Thomasville through our heritage education programs. Landmarks and the participating speakers and organizations are happy to tailor our programming to meet the needs of any educator's classroom and often bring our programming into the classrooms. For more information about our Heritage Education Programs for teachers, students and civic organizations please contact the office at 229-226-6016.

All of our programs are free-of-charge, thanks to the support of individual donors, the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation and the Thomasville Antiques Show Foundation.

ANNUAL PICNIC CELEBRATES LANDMARKS MEMBERS!

Fall is quickly approaching, bringing cooler weather and lots of social invitations! Start the season off right by attending Landmarks' Annual Membership Picnic. This year's Picnic will be held on October 7 at the beautiful and historic Burbank Cottage on Remington Avenue, the home of Dr. H. Ben Grace. The Burbank Cottage is one of Thomasville's most unusual homes because of its prominent Dutch gambrel roof. The Victorian Gothic cottage was built in 1875 by Mrs. Evelyn S. Burbank of Wisconsin. This is definitely an historic home, and an event, you do not want to miss!

Event: 2010 Membership Picnic
Where: 437 Remington Avenue, Thomasville
When: Thursday, October 7, 6 pm – 9 pm

Individual tickets are \$35 each and include dinner, drinks and entertainment. A Silent Auction will be held again this year to benefit Operation C.A.R.E. and other Landmarks programs. Auction items include a stay at the Jekyll Island Club Hotel, artisan jewelry, a massage/chiropractic visit and much more! If you have an item or service you would like to donate to the Silent Auction, please contact our office.



Burbank Cottage, built ca. 1875

Current 2010 Members will receive an invitation in the mail in September. Please check the label of your newsletter for your membership renewal date. If it reads 12/31/2009, your membership is not current for the year. Your support is very important to this organization and the community. *If you have questions about your membership status, please contact Angela Kiminas at 226-6016.*

We also encourage you to invite your friends, colleagues and neighbors to become a Member and join us at the Picnic – the more the merrier! If you know someone who should be a Landmarks Member, let us know and we will send them a special invitation to the Picnic. We look forward to seeing everyone at this exclusive members-only event!

Thank you to our host, Dr. H. Ben Grace, and our Picnic co-chairs, MaryGrace Murphy and Karen Maxwell. *If you would like to volunteer for the Membership Picnic, please contact Angela Kiminas at 226-6016.*

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