



# Oak Leaves

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## PRESERVATION AWARDS & MEET THE NEW BOARD

Over 140 members and guests gathered at the 2011 Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner to review 2010's preservation efforts, applaud the 2010 Preservation Honor Awards winners, and recognize the dedicated community members who have given their time, as well as those who have committed to serving on the Board of Directors.

The slate of directors was elected as follows: **Radford Thomas**, Class of 2012; **Matt Shiner**, Class of 2013; Class of 2014 - **Margaret Sanders**, **Margret Brinson**, **MaryGrace Murphy**, **Janet Liles**, **Charlie Whitney**, and **Kathy Vignos Folsom**. The following were elected to serve as officers for 2011: Continuing his 2-year term as **President - Ben McCollum**; **VP, Membership - Tom Harrison**; **VP, Programs - Kathy Vignos Folsom**; **Treasurer - Clay Campbell**; **Corresponding Secretary - Janet Liles**. Thank you to everyone who has committed their time to serving our organization in the upcoming year(s)! You can see pictures from the Annual Meeting on our Web site [www.ThomasvilleLandmarks.org](http://www.ThomasvilleLandmarks.org) [search *Annual Meeting*].

A record 35 nominations were submitted for the Preservation Honor Awards which celebrated the best in historic preservation for 2010. The following winners were recognized for their hard work and dedication in encouraging the perpetuation of the cultural, historical and picturesque charm of our community:

For maintenance and protection of an important historic or cultural resource, **Awards of Stewardship** were presented to **Liberty Baptist Church of Grooverville**, **R.C. Balfour, III Chapel** at Thomas University and **Ochlocknee Missionary Baptist Church**.



Receiving the Award for the Thomas University Chapel: Suzanne and Raymond Finger, Gary Edward Cooper, Dr. Gary Bonvillian with Brent Runyon

The **Award of Merit**, given for the improvement of historic cultural resources that are important to the community, was presented to: **Barbara Kearney** for 421 East Calhoun Street; **Allen, Mooney & Barnes, LLC** for 110 East Jackson Street; **Rob and Carolina Johnson** for 106 North Main Street, Boston; **Lincoln and Maxwell Investments** for 131 South Love Street; **William and Elizabeth Drake** for 404 South Hansell Street; **Glenn and Julia Morrell** for 201 South Love Street and 523 North Crawford Street; and **Richard & Jane Delarber** for 340 East Jefferson Street.

**Awards of Outstanding Achievement**, Landmarks' highest honor, were presented to **Seminole Plantation**; **The Rosemary Condominiums**; and the old **Commercial Bank of Metcalfe** (*shown below*).

The **Presidential Award** was presented to **Richard and Darlone Kaley, and John Bailey** for their impact on the continued revitalization of the South Love Street-Warren Avenue Historic District.



Also honored was **Mrs. Nancy McCollum** (*below, with son, Ben McCollum*) for her many years of service and dedication to Landmarks, as well as her extraordinary fundraising efforts on behalf of Preservation Field Services.



Pictures of our award winners were featured in the January 30, 2011 Life section of the Thomasville Times Enterprise and can be seen on our Web site [search *Awards*].

## HOPKINS HOUSE UPDATE!

We've got good news about the Judge Henry William Hopkins House at 229 Remington Avenue. After years of advocacy and marketing on behalf of the historic house, a local couple purchased the house late in 2010 and plan to renovate it for use as offices. With our assistance, they plan to utilize federal and state tax incentives for historic preservation which will allow them to recoup 45% of their qualified rehabilitation expenses. Additionally, we have nominated the house to the National Register of Historic Places and it has been declared eligible. Once the renovation is completed, it will be formally listed on the National Register of Historic Places by the National Park Service. Watch for significant activity there starting in March!



Decorative "H" from the Hopkins House's Main Entry

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"The rehabilitation of Georgia's historic buildings isn't just about preserving yesterday's history; it is about building Georgia jobs, Georgia incomes, and the Georgia economy today and tomorrow." – *Good News in Tough Times: Historic Preservation and the Georgia Economy*.

As we saw at our Preservation Honor Awards program last month, the business of rehabilitation (a more formal way of saying "renovation") was alive and well in Thomas County over the last few years. Landmarks handed out more awards than usual. What it shows is that, especially in economic downturns, it is more feasible to re-use an existing building than to build from the ground up. Does it take more specialized knowledge? Yes. More time? Often. More money? Depends. But aren't we fortunate that we have the skilled professionals in our area who can help preserve buildings that make our community unique!

Studies show time and again that rehabilitation of existing buildings pumps more money into the local economy than building new. (Because rehab uses more labor than materials, relative to the total cost, that money stays in the community.) So it is with welcome arms that we have a new booklet showing the economic power of historic preservation. Besides building rehab, the booklet also talks about heritage tourism and downtown revitalization. Those of you involved in Landmarks' work for many years already know these things, as you may recall the reasons we undertook such projects as saving the Lapham-Patterson House and advocating for a Main Street program. Download the booklet thru [ThomasvilleLandmarks.org](http://ThomasvilleLandmarks.org) [search *Booklet*].

We are also fortunate to live in a community that has a true spirit of philanthropy for Places That Matter. Through the Preservation Field Services program, new and existing donors have given generously, even in the down economy, to Springhill Church and the community of Metcalfe. 2010 was a big year for "friendraising" as you will see in the many lists of donors. We will strive to continue to provide a high level of service to you, our community, and the places you consider important.

- Brent

## PICNICKING FOR A CAUSE

With gorgeous weather and a fabulous setting, the 2010 Annual Membership Picnic rose to new heights! The lovely and historic home of Founding Member Dr. H. Ben Grace was the site of the event. He opened his home to visitors, all of whom enjoyed seeing the Burbank Cottage and relaxing on the splendid grounds. There are many photos at our website [search *Picnic*].

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of a large check, with funds raised in honor of Dr. Grace for the purpose of Preservation Field Services, a program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The goal was to raise \$10,000; we raised \$22,000 in three weeks. Added to prior donations, we exceeded the \$84,000 challenge grant from the National Trust! The funds will be used to enhance preservation services throughout the Thomas County area (see *page 3 for examples of this work*).

### **Thank you donors to the Preservation Field Services program!**

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Preservation Field Services are funded by a matching grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation with a goal of providing vastly improved preservation services to Thomasville and the Thomas County area.

## DONATIONS EXCEED EXPECTATIONS FOR SPRINGHILL CHURCH

Preservation Field Services has been a boon for Thomas County's historic places. One place that has benefited from this expanded program is Springhill Church. Guided by the Trustees and the church family, fundraising AND restoration commenced in 2010. Landmarks assisted them in their fundraising efforts and restoration plans. With your donations, enough funds were raised to allow them to complete all major work on the church building itself.



*Roof Work Completed  
January 2011*

We want to recognize the following donors who made contributions through Landmarks.

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### Newsflash!

Thomas University's Anthropology Field School, under the guidance of Professor Misty Penton, will be doing preliminary research and a proposal for restoration of the Springhill Church Cemetery.



## METCALFE HERITAGE SOCIETY'S ENERGETIC SUPPORTERS

The Metcalfe Heritage Society was formed in 2010 to support the Metcalfe Community Association in their efforts to revitalize the historic Metcalfe community. With an initial outreach to persons with known family roots, the Society got off to a great start with over 80 members. Several events were held, two newsletters were sent and funds were expended to support grant applications. We are ecstatic to have the support and involvement of present and former residents of this community.

The MHS sponsored the first annual Stroll 'n' Roll on February 20, 2011. The event drew around 100 people and included a ribbon cutting for Metcalfe's newest business: Decorative Fabrics. Visitors also took the opportunity to see inside the historic Depot, Rushin House, and other community landmarks. A Metcalfe touring brochure, published with a grant from the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation, was handed out. And Friendship Cemetery was open for viewing, having just been cleaned up by the Key Club at Thomas County Central. For more information on the MHS and how Landmarks is working with Metcalfe, visit our website [search *Metcalfe*].

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*At Right: Old Metcalfe  
School (lost)*



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+Upgrade

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# KICK IT DERBY STYLE

Spit-shine your boots and dust off your derby finest... Derby Days are here again! Join us for a true southern tradition at **Thomasville Landmarks Annual Kentucky Derby Party and Fundraiser on Saturday, May**

**7 at 4:30 pm.** Think roses, seersucker, fabulous hats, thoroughbreds, exciting race wagering, jockey silks and mint juleps all in the magnificent location of the Uno Hill Barn at Pebble Hill...and all to benefit Thomasville Landmarks' preservation programs.

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We've taken the most exciting two minutes of racing, and turned it into a week-long extravaganza with true Thomasville flair. Derby Sponsors will receive tickets and/or priority reservations for these **DERBY WEEK EVENTS:**

**FIND YOUR PERFECT FIT AT THE DERBY HAT SHOW.** No true diva would dare come to Derby without a fabulous hat. From the traditional to the sublime, you're sure to pick a winner of a hat that will win, place or show in our Derby Hat Contest. Our hats are hand-crafted by talented local artists, so it's guaranteed that your hat will be just as unique as you are!

**RUN FOR THE ROSÉ!** From wine to beer, join us for tastings and educational classes to hone your skills.

**New for 2011!** After you run for the roses, wind down after the main event, with a **GOURMET SUNDAY BRUNCH** in an exclusive location.

*Individual tickets to Derby Week Events will be sold as available.*



**DERBY 2010**

Derby invitations with individual ticket details will be mailed to current 2011 Members in April – make sure you receive yours by renewing your membership today. But you don't have to wait until then to get Down and Derby! Step up to the gate...fill out and mail in the Derby Sponsorship form on page 7 today.



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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 the Landmarks Memorial Form.*

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# *Thomasville Landmarks* **DERBY PARTY 2011 SPONSORSHIPS**

*ALL SPONSORSHIPS INCLUDE TICKETS, RESERVED SEATING, SPECIAL VIP CHECK-IN, UNLIMITED DRINKS ARMBANDS, SPONSOR RECOGNITION, TICKETS TO DERBY WEEK EVENTS, PLUS OTHER SPECIAL BENEFITS\*\* GET THE FULL DERBY EXPERIENCE!*

\_\_\_\_\_ **TWIN SPIRES - \$200** — 2 tickets, 2 unlimited drinks armbands, 2 raffle tickets, 2 Fifty/Fifty Cash Pot tickets, name listing recognition (in program, member announcements, and at Derby), tickets to the Hat Show, tickets to one Wine/Beer Tasting Class, priority reservations for Sunday Brunch, VIP check-in, and reserved seating.

\_\_\_\_\_ **SILVER CUP - \$400** — 4 tickets, 4 unlimited drinks armbands, 4 raffle tickets, 4 Fifty/Fifty Cash Pot tickets, name listing recognition (in program, member announcements, and at Derby), tickets to the Hat Show, tickets to one Wine/Beer Tasting Class, priority reservations for Sunday Brunch, VIP check-in, and reserved seating.

\_\_\_\_\_ **GOLD CUP - \$600** — 6 tickets, 6 unlimited drinks armbands, 6 raffle tickets, 6 Fifty/Fifty Cash Pot tickets, name listing recognition (in program, member announcements, and at Derby), tickets to the Hat Show, tickets to one Wine/Beer Tasting Class, priority reservations for Sunday Brunch, VIP check-in, and reserved seating.

\_\_\_\_\_ **TRIPLE CROWN - \$1000\*** — 8 tickets, 8 unlimited drinks armbands, 8 raffle tickets, 8 Fifty/Fifty Cash Pot tickets, tickets to the Hat Show, tickets to one Wine/Beer Tasting Class, priority reservations for Sunday Brunch, VIP check-in, and reserved seating, logo recognition in all materials and at event, 1/2 page ad in program & one partner level corporate membership.

\_\_\_\_\_ **WINNER'S CIRCLE - \$1500\*** — Triple Crown benefits for 10 plus 2 tickets to Sunday Brunch, full page ad in program, and special spotlight winner's circle signage at each Derby Week Event and at main event.

\*TO ENSURE FULL BENEFITS, THESE LEVELS MUST BE RESERVED BY MARCH 15TH. PAYMENT MAY BE MADE IN 2 INCREMENTS DUE BY APRIL 30TH. \*\*SPONSORSHIPS AND BENEFITS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

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## Upcoming Events

*March 12, 2011 - 10 am - 1 pm*

Window Repair Workshop

*May 7, 2011 - 4:30 pm - 10:00 pm*

Kentucky Derby Party

Uno Hill Barn at Pebble Hill Plantation

*June, 2011*

Teachers Heritage Education Workshop

Downtown Thomasville

*July 12-14, 2011*

Kids ArchiCamp

Thomasville Community Resource Center

*March 31-April 1, 2011*

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