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Our mission is "to lead the preservation and restoration of Petersburg's historic architecture, and neighborhoods and to tell their story."

A Letter From The President

Our second quarter continues a very productive and promising beginning to the year. Your Board of Trustees is experimenting with bi-monthly meetings together with Executive Committee meetings continuing on a monthly basis and committee meetings scheduled as needed by the activities of a particular committee.

The Board Development Committee that was created last year to supersede the Nominating Committee is now active with a broader base of governance responsibilities. We have also initiated the new Marketing Committee to increase our visibility in the immediate and greater community. Both of these new and important undertakings are up and running under the leadership of our Vice President, Ben Greenbaum. If you are interested in increasing your participation and joining a committee or the Board of Trustees please contact Pam Covil (732-2096).

I am most pleased to advise that on October 20th the Cameron Foundation Board of Directors approved a grant of \$101,000. to the Historic Petersburg Foundation for the development of the Peter Jones Trading Station as an educational venue.

We are most grateful for the generosity and support manifested in the magnitude of this Cameron Foundation grant. With this grant in hand we are now enabled to move ahead in our quest to "Tell The Story" of the trading station and the critical role regional geology played in creating the early trading place that evolved into the City of Petersburg as a significant regional transportation and manufacturing center over time. The History Committee has primary responsibility for implementing this project and has established a special task force to develop and communicate that story. We anticipate that a spectrum of traditional media and new emerging technology will be exploited to make the history of this area accessible to the diverse interests of the public. We welcome your interest and contribution to that effort.

Please know that your Strategic Fund Raising Committee has this year's Christmas Homes Tour and the "Ball in the Burg" events well in hand. We invite you to join us for these critical fund raising events and ask you to encourage your friends to attend as well. In addition I would encourage you to consider making tax-deductible donations of desirable items for the "Ball in the Burg" auction in February. Desirable items can include objects of value, original art, historic artifacts as well as your services or allocated time in a time-share or second home.

Thank you for your continued support as we strive to grow the organization's resources and capacity to accomplish our Mission: **to lead the preservation and restoration of Petersburg's historic architecture, and neighborhoods and to tell their story.**

Robert C. White, President

34th Annual Christmas Homes Tour

Each December, thanks to gracious homeowners, we are able to show the interiors of some of Petersburg's finest private homes and what is possible when historic structures are restored. Six historic homes are featured this year; five are in the Poplar Lawn Historic District, including a Designer House. Then, the rest of the tour is on Cockade Alley in the Old Towne Historic District. New this year ... "Evergreens & More" where you can buy fresh greens, poinsettias and more. We hope to see you on **Sunday, December 11, from 1 pm—5 pm.**

Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased in advance in Petersburg from HPF, Joyner Paint & Frame, Palmore Decorating Center, Petersburg Visitor's Center, Siege Museum and in Colonial Heights at Laine's Paint & Frame. On December 11th, tickets will be sold at each of the houses open for the tour.

Poplar Lawn Historic District:

18 Marshall Street, owned by Ms. Judith Hoyle.

110 Marshall Street, owned by Mr. Sid Scott and Mr. Chris Brown.

214 South Adams Street, owned by Mr. and Mrs. D. Eugene Atkinson.

205 South Sycamore Street, owned by Ms. Claudia Bezaka.

241 South Sycamore Street, *Designer House*, owned by Mr. Rick Strom.



Old Towne Historic District:

425 Cockade Alley, McIlwaine House, owned by Mr. Sandy Graham, Jr.

409 Cockade Alley, The Brickhouse Run where **refreshments** will be served from 3 p.m.—5 p.m.

411 Cockade Alley, "Evergreens & More"



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During the year, HPF holds special events that serve as fundraisers and provide an opportunity to educate the community about preservation. These events are a vital part of our annual budget and we deeply appreciate our members, volunteers and participants for supporting us.

The Ball in the Burg is our biggest fundraiser. Proceeds from these events have enabled HPF to be successful in a variety of ways. For the past eight years, the Ball in the 'Burg has been a popular winter event.

We are preparing for a night of western style fun at the **Ninth Annual Ball in the 'Burg**, which will be held **Saturday, February 25, 2012** at the Country Club of Petersburg.

Sadly, the decision to move from a downtown venue to the Country Club a few years ago was not embraced by everyone. However, the Board of Trustees and the Ball in the 'Burg committee are guided by their responsibility to make sound financial decisions for the nonprofit. The Country Club is a lovely setting and has many benefits as the location for this fundraiser.

If you have not attended a Ball in the 'Burg in recent years, we encourage you to put on your western wear and join the fun. For those who come each year, we look forward to seeing you again in 2012.

Event sponsors and guests can count on great music, delicious food, decorations that will immerse you in the spirit of the theme, creative and sometimes outrageously funny costumes and a variety of auction items to bid on during the evening. It's a fun way to support HPF.

Watch your mailbox in early January for your invitation. This event should be a "Don't Miss" on your 2012 calendar!



HPF Receives \$101,000 Grant!

At the awards ceremony on October 27th, HPF received a grant of \$101,000 from The Cameron Foundation for the development of an education program to accompany the Peter Jones Trading Station. The grant will be made in four payments. Last year, in partnership with The Petersburg Foundation, this structure was stabilized and improved so the public can safely explore the site.



These grant funds will be used for the development of signage and cell phone connectivity for the purpose of providing educational information regarding key elements in Petersburg's history. The project will tell the site's history through various eras.

Signage for the site will include electric lighting so that visitors to the site are able to read the text and see the photographs and other images at night.

Not all information about Petersburg's 17th century history can be held on a stationary sign, so we intend to have a cell phone interface to provide access to additional information. Such information can be accessed at the site or before visiting the site.

We hope this will be a great resource for teachers who want to introduce a specific SOL and can be used to convey important aspects of the history of Petersburg to students and visitors.

We have received a promise for a donation of an 18th century cannon that was likely carried on a cargo vessel during an era of piracy in Virginia's coastal waters. The grant would permit secure installation of the cannon in front of the trading station and signage for its interpretation.

The History Committee will administer the activities funded by this grant.

Pictured at right: Rob White and Handy Lindsey, Jr. on the happy day.



Music Program Scheduled

The History Committee's plans for "Music Through The Years in Petersburg" is well underway for 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, **January 12, 2012** at historic St. Paul's Church. Live performance as well as PowerPoint presentations will provide an overview of talent, culture and entertainment through music festivals and private lessons in our prestigious city over the centuries.

Make plans to attend!

Bus Trip to Smithfield

HPF members enjoyed touring Smithfield on September 24th. We had a full day of sightseeing and enjoyed getting to know new members and visiting with old friends. Thank you for participating in the Fourth Annual Members Only Bus Trip. Your support makes our work possible.



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See inside for details.