

# NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2011

## *A Letter From The President*

Once Again our first quarter has been a very productive and promising beginning to the new fiscal year. Your Trustees attended the first meeting of the year to review our Strategic Plan and they moved quickly to establish Objectives and Initiatives for the year. We obtained commitment and ownership of the primary initiatives from the responsible committee Chairs who are organizing to complete those initiatives by year-end. The Board Development Committee conducted the first new "Trustee Training" session that was attended by the five new BOT members. By all accounts the training session was well received by the new members and considered a beneficial introduction to their duties and responsibilities on the Board.

As previously announced the BOT will only meet every other month or 6 times during the year as an experiment in organizational efficiency. The intent is to drive most of the work and time required to accomplish our many initiatives to the committee level where the tasks benefit from the specific skills and interest of committee members. We hope this initiative provides more time for the members to spend doing focused committee work and free up limited available volunteer time for fund raising.

We are introducing a new Strategic Fund Raising Committee chaired by Larry Tucker. This new committee will play a critical role in a concerted effort to reduce the negative cash flow we have experienced over the last two years. Success in this endeavor is essential to the long-term financial sustainability of HPF. Please consider volunteering to join this committee and or renewing your financial support for HPF at a higher level.

I am most pleased to advise that we have completed the stabilization of the Peter Jones Trading Station as a ruin and potential tourist attraction. The grand opening of Phase I was held on May 13<sup>th</sup> with a very well attended reception inside the stabilized ruin in an area that was previously inaccessible. We are currently preparing a grant application requesting funds to "Tell the Story" of the trading station with illuminated permanent graphic and artifact displays in and around the ruin. We hope that the effort will make a positive contribution to enhanced interest in the history of Petersburg and visitation to the Old Towne Historic District. If you have an interest in supporting this effort, your ideas and financial contribution would be most welcome.

The volunteer team that joined together to "Dig History" at the site of the Golden Ball Tavern completed their work last summer. We are now looking into the feasibility of telling that story on the site. If that effort cannot be funded we will be obligated to protect the ruins in place and cover the dig in an appropriate manner. Please let us know what you think we should do to tell that story and if you would be willing to contribute to such an endeavor.

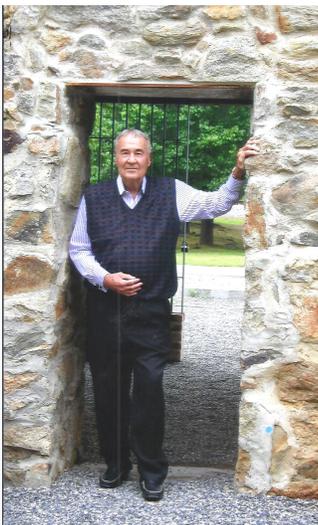
Last year the History Committee put on an outstanding series of educational presentations that was under attended. This year they have assembled an exceptional program of free educational presentations of unique interest and relevance to the history of Petersburg. I sincerely hope you will come out and attend these presentations, as well as make suggestions for future programs that would be of interest to you personally.

Robert C. White  
President

## It's Official!

The Peter Jones Trading Station is ready for visitors! After months of stabilization and improvements, the Petersburg Foundation and Historic Petersburg Foundation dedicated the site on May 13, 2011. We were very happy to see so many HPF members, city officials and friends there to celebrate this accomplishment. Thanks for supporting this project.

We hope to enhance the site in the future, but encourage you to come by and learn another aspect of Petersburg's history.



This project was successful due to the work and cooperation of many people, including Bill Patton and members of The Petersburg Foundation, J.P. Elliott Masonry & Concrete, Mural Artist, Kimberly Carroll, the City of Petersburg, Dr. Jim Ryan, Art & Architecture, Inc., Sheriff Vanessa Crawford and HPF. **Together Everyone Accomplishes More with a TEAM effort.**

# 44th Annual Meeting

At the annual meeting on Sunday, April 10th, new trustees and officers were announced for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. Five people joined the Board of Trustees to serve three year terms. Dr. Martha Griswold and Mr. David Cardona are new to the Board and they join three familiar faces who have served HPF before: Ann Morriss, Patty Pritchett and Larry Tucker. Ben Greenbaum, Joe Battiston and Charlie Cuthbert, Jr. will continue to contribute their time and talents to the Board by serving additional three year terms.



LTC (Ret.) Garland Tompkins, Kitty Gwaltney, Beverly Rivers and Suzanne DuBois Klingenberg completed their terms on the Board. These four hardworking and dedicated trustees will be missed. Thanks for helping to further HPF's mission.

David Primeaux, Chair of the 2011 Preservation Awards Committee, presented Charles H. Cuthbert, Jr. with the Preservation Volunteer Award and D. Eugene Atkinson with the Petersburg Heritage Award. Dr. Lena Whitt and Mrs. Shirley VanLandingham received Charles J. DuBois Sustaining Preservationist Awards.

Architectural Restoration Awards were given to: The Cameron Foundation for restoring 228 S. Sycamore Street, to Sid Scott and Chris Brown for 104 W. Old Street, Bill Patton for 508 McNeil's Alley and two couples who joined forces to restore 12 & 16 W. Bank Street, Jeff Abugel and Bev Rivers and Michel and Carol Lacroix. Well done!



*Charlie Cuthbert, Jr.*



*Jeff Abugel & Bev Rivers, Carol & Michel LaCroix*



*228 S. Sycamore Street - The Cameron Foundation*



*104 W. Old Street*



*Shirley VanLandingham*



*D. Eugene Atkinson*



*Bill Patton*



*Dr. Lena Whitt*

# MEMBERSHIP

May is National Preservation Month and the time of year to renew your annual membership in Historic Petersburg Foundation. Please continue your support in this new fiscal year.

“We are only as strong as our membership and so as a member, I invite you to consider increasing your personal participation in HPF during this important year ahead. Please also consider reaching out to friends and new comers to town with an invitation to join us in support of our Mission: to lead the preservation and restoration of Petersburg’s historic architecture and neighborhoods, and to tell their story. ”

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President, HPF

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