



# NEWSLETTER

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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*

I am writing this on a beautiful day full of promise for an early Spring, as I enjoy the after glow of what I believe to have been a very rewarding Winter for HPF, thanks to the support and hands on efforts of so many of you.

In particular I would like to recognize the efforts of the new Strategic Fund Raising Committee lead by Trustees Larry Tucker, Patty Pritchett and Ann Morriss. Together they have taken on the leadership of several of our traditionally successful fundraising events and made them even better this year.

The first was the annual Christmas Homes Tour that was a spectacular success! Thanks to a wonderful collection of outstanding historic homes, clustered within an easy walk on a day enhanced by beautiful weather, the event was exceedingly well attended. The public response was almost overwhelming for the many volunteers who made this event such a success. As always we owe so much to the hard work and meticulous preparation by owners who generously opened their homes to the public for our benefit. This year's new "Evergreens & More" shop added a great end to the tour by offering fresh and unique seasonal decorations for sale to all those who were inspired by the tour to decorate their own homes. All in all it was a wonderful afternoon and I would like to thank everyone who was involved.

The Ninth Annual "Ball in the Burg" followed on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Themed as a Wild, Wild, West event, the evening was yet another hands down success. A seasoned team of veteran volunteers, together with some new talent and the Petersburg Country Club staff put on a wonderful event that was enjoyed by all who came out for the camaraderie, great food, drink, music, dancing, auctions, faux gun fight and the opportunity to support HPF. Financially this was the fifth most successful Ball ever, netting a total over \$27,000 in support of our mission. Congratulations to the leadership and hard work of everyone who made this event such a success.

The Real Estate Committee is methodically implementing decisions made by the BOT last year to restructure the way we manage our Real Estate portfolio. A new Non Profit organization is in process of being developed to hold our public access properties such as the Peter Jones Trading Station and the Golden Ball Tavern. A New For Profit, Limited Liability Company (LLC), is in process of being developed to hold properties that are in the process of restoration, thus making State and Federal Tax credits potentially available to reduce the actual cost of restoration to that organization as a commercial entity.

The History Committee continues to provide interesting programs to "tell their story" including a recent "History of Music in Petersburg" that was very well attended. This initial event opens the doors to an entirely different venue for the enjoyment and appreciation of our historic past and its influence on our culture and the environment we currently live in. In addition, this committee set up a special task force that is hard at work completing the research, organizing the story and methods to implement our \$101,000 Cameron Foundation Grant for the Peter Jones Trading Station, including geology and evolving transportation infrastructure that established Petersburg as a significant industrial hub in the region.

As we close this fiscal year, the Board Development Committee is preparing for next year with a proposed slate of potential new Board Members and Officers to be presented at the Annual Meeting. I hope you will come out to listen to our Key Note Speaker Roxane Gilmore and give us an opportunity to gather your thoughts on the current and future direction of Historic Petersburg Foundation.

Robert C. White, President

## Annual Membership Meeting

Mark your calendars and plan to join us **Sunday, April 29** for the Annual Membership Meeting. We will gather at Union Train Station at 4 pm to install new board members and present preservation awards. **Roxane Gatling Gilmore** will be our guest speaker. Mrs. Gilmore's topic is the Governor's Mansion and her book *Restoring the Virginia Governor's House*. Following the meeting, there will be light refreshments, time to visit with each other and if you like, Mrs. Gilmore will sign your copy of her book. Hope to see you there!

## 2012 Preservation Awards

In spite of the current real estate market, there have been restoration projects in Petersburg this past year. We want to recognize these efforts and invite you to nominate a business or individual for a preservation award. The 2012 Awards Committee will accept nominations from HPF members until March 23rd. Awards for each category are not necessarily given out each year. There can be more than one award given per year for architectural restorations. Awards are presented at the Annual Meeting in April. Please email your nominations to Chairman, Ben Greenbaum at [bgreenbaum@collegiate-va.org](mailto:bgreenbaum@collegiate-va.org). The Award Categories are listed below.

**Preservation Volunteer Award**—honors the member of Historic Petersburg Foundation, Inc. who has devoted great time and energy to the mission, goals and activities of HPF.

**Governmental/Public Servant Award**—recognizes the public official or employee of the city, state, or federal government who has been involved in their official capacity in the field of historic preservation in Petersburg.

**Craftsman/Artisan Award**—honors the architects, contractors and craftsmen who demonstrate exceptional skill and dedication to the preservation and restoration of historic properties.

**Architectural Preservation & Restoration Award**—honors the preservation of a commercial or residential structure in the city of Petersburg. This project should have been undertaken or completed within the last year.

**Petersburg Heritage Award**—honors the individual who has made important contributions to the understanding of Petersburg's history and heritage through research, publication by any means, and/or organization of research and/or publication.

**Preservationist of the Year Award**—honors the member of HPF who has made significant accomplishments in historic preservation during the past year.

**Charles J. DuBois Sustaining Preservationist Award**—honors the individual, association, or corporation that has exemplified the ideals of historic preservation in Petersburg through his, her, or its long-standing achievement, commitment, participation, and dedication. Awarded only once to a single individual or entity.

**Deadline: Friday, March 23, 2012**

# *Ninth Annual Ball in the Burg*

Thanks for attending this fundraiser Saturday, February 25, 2012. Congratulations to Costume Contest Winners Mike Thompson and Kitty Gwaltney.



*Photos taken by HPF Board Member, John A. Rooney, Jr.*

