



NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2011

2011-2012 Board of Trustees

Rob White, President
Ben Greenbaum, Vice President
William Irvin, Treasurer
D. Eugene Atkinson, Chair, History
David Primeaux, Chair, Real Estate
Peggy E.C. Lee, Chair, Membership
Joseph Battiston
David Cardona
Charles Cuthbert, Jr.
JoAnn DuBois
Martha Griswold
Dave McCormack
Ann Morriss
Patty Pritchett
Pamela Roberts
John Rooney, Jr.
Larry Tucker
Dulaney Ward, Jr.

Shirley VanLandingham
*Lifetime Trustee

Staff: Pam Covil

Telephone: 804.732.2096

www.historicpetersburg.org

*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 most pleased to advise that we are proactively joining in partnership with The Battersea Foundation to explore every opportunity to support each other in our respective mission's and to share risks and rewards in selective fundraisers of mutual interest. I am confident that this partnership will strengthen our commitment to the important work that needs to be accomplished at the Battersea estate and further our own Mission: **to lead the preservation and restoration of Petersburg's historic architecture and neighborhoods, and to tell their story.**



Clearly supporting the restoration of the iconic Battersea estate is an imperative that is consistent with our mission. I for one believe it is incumbent upon HPF to support this important undertaking where we are able to do so and I encourage our membership to do like wise. To that end please consider joining the Battersea Foundation as a supporting volunteer or member and or making a financial contribution to their essential restoration work.

As I write this we are waiting for a Cameron Foundation decision with regard to a grant proposal requesting assistance in furthering the potential role of the Peter Jones Trading Station as an educational venue. With their support we hope to "Tell The Story" of the trading station and the critical role that regional geology played in creating an early trading place at the fall line of the Appomattox River.

As most members know, that early settlement evolved into the City of Petersburg and established the city as a regional transportation and manufacturing center over time. This is an important story that is essential to understanding the history of Petersburg and one that needs to be shared. We hope to have that opportunity and welcome your interest and contribution to that effort.

Please know that your Board of Trustees has renewed its committed to restoring financial stability to the organization especially in these turbulent and challenging financial times. We intend to initiate a focused financial development effort to increase funding beyond our traditional base of support. Thank you for your continued support as we strive to grow the organization's resources to that end.

Robert C. White
President

Bus Trip to Smithfield

We hope you are proud to be a member of HPF and that you share in the accomplishments, both past and present, to preserve Petersburg's historic architecture and promote its history. **Your membership support makes it all possible.**

Now, it is time to enjoy more than a sense of satisfaction in helping with these efforts. We invite you to accept a benefit of being a member of Historic Petersburg Foundation.

Come be a tourist for the day and **visit Smithfield's historic landmarks** on the 4th Annual **Members Only Bus Trip on Saturday, September 24th.**

Tour St. Luke's Church, Bacon's Castle, Smith's Fort Plantation, the Isle of Wight Museum, the old Courthouse of 1750 and have lunch at the beautifully renovated Smithfield Inn. There will also be time for sightseeing and shopping downtown on your own.

The bus will leave at 9 am and return to Petersburg around 5:40 pm. Previous tours were free to HPF members, but this year, the price for the trip is \$10 per person. Still a great deal! Members pay for their own lunch and will choose from a special lunch menu.

Send in your payment today and join the fun!



Calendar of Events

HPF Events:

The Christmas Homes Tour committee is busy making plans for this annual fundraiser, which will be held on Sunday, December 11th. The event is a holiday favorite in our community and a wonderful opportunity for HPF to highlight Petersburg's distinctive architecture and historic neighborhoods. Tickets will go on sale in November.

On Thursday, January 12, 2012 the History Committee will present a program on music.

The Ninth Annual Ball in the 'Burg will be held Saturday, February 25, 2012 at the Country Club of Petersburg. We hope to see you there in classic black tie attire or a Wild Wild West costume.

Events Around Town:

There will be a church tour and cemetery walk to "Remember The Glorious Dead: The Anniversary of the Battle of the Crater" at Blandford Cemetery, 7 pm on Thursday, September 15.

Tempy Barbru will perform at the PAAL Art Park from 5-7 pm on Sunday, September 25 for the Petersburg Area Art League's concert series.

Festival of Grapes & Hops—enjoy Virginia wines and beers in Old Towne at this tasting festival 11 am –5 pm on Saturday, October 1

Each Wednesday night in October, St. Paul's Episcopal Church will host speakers from the Museum of the Confederacy to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War. 7 pm
 October 5: Catherine Wright will present Oddities & Curiosities. October 12: Sam Craghead will present Infernal Machines. October 19: First Ladies of the Civil War: Varina Davis & Mary Todd Lincoln, October 26: Sam Craghead's program on blockade runners, "Why Rhett wasn't with Scarlet when Atlanta was burning."

October 14th—Friday for the Arts! in Old Towne, begins at 6 pm, enjoy art exhibits, concerts, dining and special events.

Antiques & Appraisal Fair— at Battersea on Saturday & Sunday, October 15 & 16.

Petersburg Farmers Market—every Saturday through October 29 under the MLK Jr. bridge on River Street in Old Towne. 7 am—noon.



Board members, Pam Roberts and Peggy E.C. Lee welcome residents of Fort Lee to HPF's table during the Life at Lee Community Awareness Event held July 16th.