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2012 TOUR OF HOMES

"IN AND AROUND MAIN"

The Preservation Committee is pleased to announce the 2012 Tour of Homes will be on November 3rd and 4th this fall. Five home owners have graciously agreed to participate in this fund raising event for EVHS. Tickets may be purchased at the 1903 Gold-domed Courthouse on the days of the Tour. Van transportation from the parking lot is included in the price of the ticket, which is fifteen (\$15 00) dollars. The Tour will be from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Saturday and 12 noon until 4:00 PM on Sunday. EVHS is honored to have as Corporate Sponsors: Phoenix Air; Cole Law, Attorney and Mediator; Shaw Hankins Insurance Services; New Riverside Ochre; and Century Bank of Georgia. Any EVHS member wishing to volunteer to help with this project should contact Genie Certain at 770-383-3533.



Strickland-Thacker Home (Grand Oaks) circa 1902

The Strickland - Thacker home was built circa 1902. This Neoclassical Revival style house was restored by Ray Thacker in 1984 and serves as his home as well as for special events. Guests will enjoy the many antiques Ray has collected to enhance the beauty of this delightful early home.

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LOCAL ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST TO EVHS MEMBERS

New email address for EVHS
evhscartersville@gmail.com

October is the month that annual dues are collected. Continue to support EVHS with your contributions.

October 5th Dedication of Ohio Monument at Allatoona Pass at 11:00 AM.

October 6th & 7th Anniversary of the Battle of Allatoona Pass. Reinactors, Rangers from Red Top Mountain State Park as well as members of EVHS will be there to show and tell about the Battle. Saturday hours are 9:30 AM to 4 PM., Sunday hours are 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

October 12th EVHS Annual Meeting at Grand Oaks. 6:30 PM Membership Dues will be collected as well as the cost of your supper. Contact EVHS office for reservations by October 10th

October 20th EVHS sponsored Genealogical class. Linda Cochran will be teaching a beginners genealogy class. Contact Linda at the EVHS office for details.

November 3rd Chrysanthemum show at Stilesboro Academy, 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM

November 3rd & 4th Bi-annual Tour of Homes "In and Around Main". The tour is a major source of funds for EVHS. Please support EVHS by volunteering to help and by buying tickets to take the tour. Hours on Saturday are 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM and Sunday hours are 12:00 Noon until 4:00 PM

December 7th EVHS Christmas Party at Roselawn, 6:30 p.m. contact the EVHS office for reservations by December 5th.

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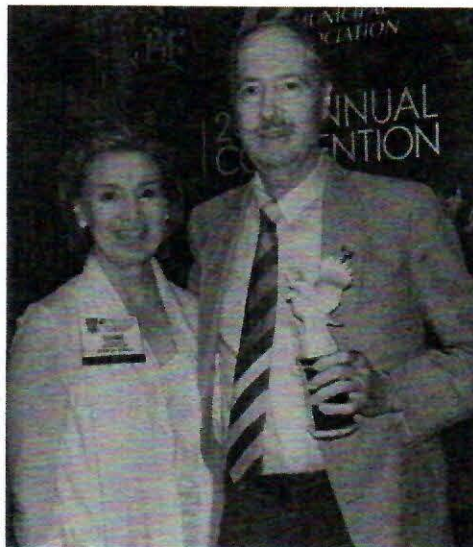
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RENAISSANCE AWARD PRESENTED TO JOHN LEWIS



The Renaissance Award is recognition by the Georgia Cities Foundation which is presented to an individual or organization that has made a significant contribution to the revitalization of downtown areas in Georgia. This year this prestigious award was presented to John Lewis of Cartersville at the Georgia Municipal Association's Annual conference in June in acknowledgment of his restoration of more than 30 offices and buildings in downtown Cartersville.

Mr. Lewis, a developer and retired lawyer, was nominated by the City of Cartersville due to his service as a preservationist for downtown Cartersville for decades. Over the past 10 years, his hard work has revitalized more than 25% of the buildings downtown, creating many new downtown jobs and transforming downtown Cartersville to a shopping, dining and cultural destination.

Dianne Tate, city of Cartersville councilman and member of the Etowah Valley Historical Society, along with Sally Tonsmeire, led the effort to nominate Lewis. The award application included collages of before-and-after pictures showing the transformation. He was praised by the city for his vision, recruiting specific businesses to create a vibrant downtown. It also stated that John Lewis has single-handedly transformed the downtown with quality restaurants, unique gift shops and boutiques, office buildings and services. A special note of his work to bring loft apartments onto downtown Cartersville was also included in the application. Lewis worked with local government to create a loft apartment ordinance to pave the way for residential spaces.

Although Lewis' past accomplishments have changed the face of downtown Cartersville, Lewis has yet to hang up his hat when it comes to revitalizing distressed properties. His most recent acquisition is the Bandy Building, a 47,000 square foot facility that once housed Bartow Textiles, at one time the largest tufted-textile mill in the country. The current vision is to transform the building into a multi-use facility with loft apartments, retail shops, restaurants and commercial outlets.

"IN AND AROUND MAIN"



Calhoun - Cope - White Home - circa 1909

Rosebud and Margaret Rose White have restored the Calhoun - Harris - Cope home with unique ideas and family pieces to welcome guests to the Tour. While retaining the original character of the home a porte-cochere was added in the restoration. This home features many family antique pieces from the White and Cope families- both early families in Bartow County.



Young - Kennedy - Knight Home - circa 1907

The front porch will welcome you to this Arts and Crafts style home of Mrs. Marty Knight. Built by Mr. Will Young of Young Brothers Pharmacy, this home features heart pine floors with old beams from the Smith Cotton Gin and a wonderful pool and pool house enjoyed for many years by the Kennedy children.

"IN AND AROUND MAIN"



Gilreath - Brosche home circa 1925

This charming home on West Main Street has been restored with original heart-pine floors and beautiful additions to the kitchen and dining room. Rear stairs lead to a spacious upper bed room suite. After adding a detached garage with bonus suite, outstanding landscape made the setting a real addition to our 2012 Tour of Homes. Thanks to David, Sara and Katie Brosche for sharing their historic home with us.



Wofford - Marler - Phillips Home - circa 1925

Leah and Ivan Phillips have filled the brick Wofford - Marler Phillips home with the laughter of children. This early frame home, moved from the corner of Main and Bartow, is filled with history and additions to accommodate this growing family. Tour of Homes guests will marvel at the appropriate restoration, history and good taste of this home on Etowah Drive.



ALLATOONA BATTLEFIELD MEMORIAL SITE

The Allatoona Battlefield Memorial Site was established in 2001 in order to honor both the Union and Confederate troops who fought at the Battle of Allatoona Pass on October 5, 1864. A Confederate division attacked the Union garrison protecting the railroad cut known as Allatoona Pass. Over sixteen hundred men were killed, wounded or missing. The Battle of Allatoona pass is a testament to the tenacity, courage and perseverance of the American fighting man.

The intent is to have monuments for all eleven states that were officially listed in the order of battle. The first monument dedicated was Missouri followed by Texas in 2002, Mississippi in 2007, Illinois and Iowa in 2008, Alabama and Minnesota in 2010 then North Carolina in 2011. The dedication of the Ohio Monument, honoring the men of the Ohio 5th Cavalry, will occur on October 5, 2012 at 11:00 AM. The public is invited to come to the Allatoona Pass Battlefield for the dedication.

BATTLE OF ALLATOONA PASS



In the 1850's, Sherman had been in northern Georgia and recognized the possibilities of the Allatoona Pass area. In May of 1864, the Union and Confederate armies battled across North Georgia. General William T Sherman, Commander of the Union Armies, left an occupying force to protect the Pass while the main body of the Union army headed toward Atlanta.

On October 5, 1864, the Battle of Allatoona Pass, took place when a Confederate Division, led by General Samuel French, attacked the Union garrison. Although the Confederates made repeated attacks against the fortifications and nearly overtook the Star Fort, the Union troops were able to halt the attackers.

Once a much publicized location, the battlefield was long neglected until the Etowah Valley Historical Society approached the Corp of Engineers and asked for permission to renovate the battlefield. The underbrush was cleared, trails were laid out and educational signs placed. The battlefield was maintained by EVHS until 2007 when it was turned over to Red Top Mountain State Park, who has continued to improve the site.

To honor the anniversary of the event, Reinactors will perform demonstrations at the battlefield on October 6-7, 2012 from approximately 9:30 am to 4 pm Saturday and from 10 am to 2pm on Sunday. Attendees are welcome to tour the battlefield. All events are free and open to the public. Visitors are asked to park at the Marina and ride the free shuttle bus due to limited parking spaces at the site.

STILESBORO ACADEMY

Stilesboro Improvement Club Annual Chrysanthemum Show



Held every year for the last 100 years at the Stilesboro Academy, this is the oldest chrysanthemum show in Georgia and among the oldest in the United States. Proceeds from the show this year are to go to the care and restoration of the Academy building.

Stilesboro Academy, built in 1859, is a Greek Revival building perched on a hill eight miles west of Cartersville. It has twenty foot ceilings and twelve foot doors, and is made primarily of heart pine. Local legend says that Sherman himself chose to spare the Academy from the torch when Union forces came through the area in May 1864 because of the inscription painted inside the building - the Latin word "God and Country", which was also the motto for his beloved West Point. There is no documentation that he was there but it is confirmed that he was within a mile of the site. There is tangible evidence that Union troops occupied the building. Benches remain in the Academy today that were used by the army for feed troughs for their horses.

Stilesboro Academy is a great repository of information on the history of this area, including the days when cotton was king, stories of why certain buildings and houses were spared during the Civil War and including the beginnings of the Stilesboro Improvement Club and the "Mum" show. The club started in 1910, when ladies clubs were just beginning to be popular in the South. That year, Miss Campie Hawkins learned the technique of disbudding in growing chrysanthemums and thought a flower show featuring these remarkable blossoms would be a good fund raiser. The club's first show was held in 1912. This lovely southern tradition has continued to make Bartow County bloom each autumn and remains a delight for all who visit.

The show will be November 3, 2012 and will be open 11:00 AM to 8:00 PM. The Tearoom will be serving the best Brunswick stew anywhere, homemade chicken salad and cakes baked by the Club members. The admission is only \$2.00 and the food is also at bargain prices.

In the months to come the Stilesboro Board will have some recommendations for repair of the Stilesboro Academy. EVHS will encourage our members, as well as concerned citizens of Bartow County, to recognize this historic treasure and assist any way we can to make sure that it is preserved for years to come. It is not only a Bartow historic asset but defines early education in the South. The ladies of the Stilesboro Improvement Club will need the help of the members of EVHS and other local historical groups with their projects to repair and restore this unique Bartow County historical landmark. Let's all go to show our support while enjoying the flowers and the good food on November 3, 2012.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

Dues are due by October

Ohio Monument dedication

Allatoona Pass Anniversary

Annual Meeting

Tour of Homes

Christmas Party

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