

The 75th Annual
SAVANNAH
TOUR of HOMES
AND GARDENS



Opening doors since 1935

MARCH 25-28, 2010

Presented by The Women of Christ Church
and Historic Savannah Foundation

INTRODUCTION

Join the Annual Savannah Tour of Homes and Gardens in Celebrating 75 Years of Hospitality, Preservation and Community Giving

The Tour offers a rare opportunity to enter some of Savannah's finest private homes and experience the furnishings, architecture and collections that have been treasured by families for generations but seldom seen by the public. In addition to walking tours, you will enjoy seminars, special evening events and some of the best food and hospitality the South has to offer.

Savannah was founded in 1733 by General James Edward Oglethorpe whose colonial plan was based on a grid incorporating residences, primary thoroughfares and spacious public squares. The 2010 Tour features homes in two of Savannah's National Register Historic Districts. Downtown is home to the largest urban Historic Landmark District in the United States. In this 2.5 square mile area, you will find a genteel city encompassing the beauty, architecture and history of the old South. Twenty-one oak-canopied squares surrounded by lovely homes, businesses and churches give Downtown Savannah a character of its own.

Ardley Park, Savannah's first planned suburban area, celebrates its 100th birthday this year. Featured on our Sunday Tour, Ardley's creative concept of variable lot sizes yielded an infinite variety of large homes, gardens, cottages and bungalows. Today, the tree lined streets of Ardley Park intersect circles and parks offering a very livable as well as walkable neighborhood.

Home and Garden Tours are self-guided with a different group of six to nine sites featured each of the four days. You will visit these selected sites in any order during a three hour period at your own pace. The homes vary in age, size and style; they may have high-stoop entries with steep steps to climb most are NOT handicapped accessible. Please wear appropriate walking shoes for your comfort and safety and to protect the integrity of the homes.

**Tours, Seminars and Events fill quickly. Limited tickets.
Please reserve early.**

THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 2010



Home and Garden Walking Tour

Northeast Historic Landmark District

10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Noon to 3:00 PM, 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Tickets \$40

Lovely squares and friendly neighborhoods define this area which features some of the District's earliest homes. Charming woodframe and brick houses dating from 1789.

THURSDAY SEMINARS

Secrets of Preserving a City

The Kennedy Pharmacy

323 East Broughton Street

9:30 AM to 11:00 AM Tickets \$30

Learn the secret of how Savannah has become famous for preserving the largest urban historic district in the United States. Daniel Carey, noted preservationist and President of Historic Savannah Foundation, will explain how it is being done using the concept of a revolving fund. Savannah was one of the earliest communities to employ this strategy to save and restore buildings. The 30-minute talk will be followed by a one-hour trolley tour of these "success stories".

Antique Furniture 101- The Basics

Jere's Antiques

9 N. Jefferson Street (just north of Bay St.)

2:00 PM to 3:30 PM Tickets \$25

In this lively and entertaining seminar, you will learn how to recognize various styles of period furniture in Jere Myers' own workshop. Jere will demonstrate construction techniques, materials and finishes to equip you with the knowledge you need to appreciate and wisely purchase a variety of antiques. Limited to 30 participants.

THURSDAY EVENTS

Lunch at The Lady and Sons Restaurant

102 West Congress Street

Seatings at 11:00 AM and 1:30 PM Tickets: \$35

What's cooking, y'all? Enjoy Paula Deen's world famous food in the comfort of a private dining room for Tour guests. Come hungry for this delectable buffet and savor the legendary Southern cuisine made famous by Paula on her television program. Cookbooks will be available.

Welcome Reception and Worship Service

Johnson Square, across from Christ Church

5:30 PM Complimentary Event, No tickets required

The Women of Christ Church, the Mother Church of Georgia (1733), invite you to share a Savannah tradition of gathering in the squares. It was in Johnson Square that the Declaration of Independence was first publicly read to the colony of Georgia. Join us for homemade goodies and fellowship to kick off the 75th Annual Tour of Homes & Gardens. You will have ample time after the 6:15 service to reach your dinner destination. Casual attire.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2010



Home and Garden Walking Tour

Southeast Historic Landmark District

10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Noon to 3:00 PM, 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Tickets \$40

Stroll back 200 years through Calhoun, Lafayette and Troup Squares to view restored 19th century homes (c. 1825) featuring wrought iron, unusual architectural detailing and charming front stoops. This neighborhood blends historic buildings with new construction.

FRIDAY SEMINARS

Southern Girls Love Their Pearls

The Marshall House, 123 East Broughton Street

Light breakfast is included.

9:30 AM to 10:30 AM Tickets \$25

Is there any piece of jewelry more classic than a strand of pearls? In this hands-on presentation, experts from Savannah's best loved downtown jeweler, Levy Jewelers, will share their knowledge of the quality of fine pearls, different sources of pearls, shapes and shades and how to care properly for your pearls. A free gift will be available to all attending.

Sampling Savannah's Favorites

The Undercroft of Christ Church

28 Bull Street (enter at street level on E. Julian St.)

11:00 AM to 12:30 PM Tickets \$30

Enjoy uptown and down-home cooking in this culinary experience of Southern hospitality. Sample Savannah's favorite recipes from the award-winning cookbook, *First Come, First Served in Savannah*, produced by St. Andrew's School PTO. Cookbooks and cooking tips will be available so you can enjoy these recipes at home.

Exploring the Architecture of John S. Norris

Check Website or Call the Ticket Office for Time and Location
Tickets \$25

Architect John S. Norris designed some of Savannah's most significant residential and commercial buildings in the mid-19th century. In this seminar conducted by a notable architecture historian, participants will learn about the features that make John Norris' buildings some of the city's best.

Fine Furniture: Creating and Restoring

Studio of Guenther Wood Group, 409 East York Street

1:30 PM to 3:00 PM Tickets \$25

Master furniture Conservator Gregory Guenther opens his exclusive studio for our seminar. Guenther creates exquisite furniture and restores priceless antique furniture to its original grandeur. This award-winning artisan has been featured in PBS Antique Roadshow, The New Yankee Workshop and HGTV's Modern Masters. (www.guentherwoodgroup.com)

FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2010

The Gardener's Walking Tour

Departs from Reynolds Square (Abercorn at E. Bryan)
2:00 PM to 3:30 PM Tickets \$25

Georgia Certified Plant Professional Roy Heizer takes you on a stroll through Savannah's squares sharing history, folklore and fun facts about the natural landscape of the Historic District. Savannah is world renowned for its blooming azaleas under a canopy of massive live oaks. Come experience a unique blend of science, story-telling and natural beauty. His book, *Savannah Gardens*, will be available.

"Wow" Photography

1 PM to 2 PM Tickets \$25

In this educational seminar not only will you be learning from Tim Coy, accomplished Savannah photographer, but you will also be amid some of the finest architectural elements in the city at the Green-Meldrim House. Take with you what you learn here to create your own beautiful images in Savannah and beyond.

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Tea in the Treetops with Mercer Melodies

The First City Club, 32 Bull Street

3:30 PM to 5:00 PM Tickets \$45

Take time out of your busy Tour schedule for afternoon tea while you enjoy the melodies of Johnny Mercer. Relax with the beautiful view of moss-laden live oaks as you savor the specially prepared sweet treats, elegant tea sandwiches and array of gourmet teas. Pianist/Vocalist Eddie Wilson will take you on a musical tour of Johnny Mercer in his hometown.

Trolley Back in Time

Departing from Tour Headquarters, 18 Abercorn Street

5:30 PM to 9:00 PM Tickets \$85 Must be 21 or older to participate.

This evening, step back into 19th century Savannah. Three museums will feature costumed interpreters, food and drink. At the 1820 Isaiah

Davenport House visitors will sample and learn the social graces and importance of Madeira wine tradition. The rescue of this house in 1955 from demolition was the catalyst for the formation of Historic Savannah Foundation. At the Birthplace of Juliette Gordon Low, founder of the Girl Scouts of America, a light supper will be served. Here, guests will experience activities that Juliette's family would have enjoyed during the Victorian era in Savannah. The Andrew Low House, designed by famous architect John Norris, has welcomed such historic figures as General Robert E. Lee. Period characters will welcome and treat you to one of America's finest examples of Regency style domestic architecture.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2010



Home and Garden Walking Tour

Southwest Historic Landmark District

10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Noon to 3:00 PM, 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Tickets \$40

Built during the height of the cotton era, these homes (c. 1825) feature many Romantic revival architectural elements. Stroll through Madison, Pulaski and Chatham Squares and visit magnificent Forsyth Park. Visit shops in the Design District on Whitaker and Jones during this tour.

SATURDAY SEMINARS

Preservation-in-Progress Walking Tours

Departs from Beach Institute- 502 E. Harris St.

9:00 AM to 10:30 AM, 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM
2:00 PM to 3:30 PM Tickets \$25

Join Dirk Hardison, Architect and Design Consultant, for an interactive walking tour through two homes: one is a complete restoration and the other is a work in progress. This seminar involves walking to different sites, one of which will be in a state of active restoration. Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear.

The Good, The Bad and The Famous: Guided tour of Bonaventure Cemetery

Departs from Tour of Homes Headquarters, 18 Abercorn Street
10:30 AM to 12:30 pm Tickets \$40

Enjoy a walk through the majestic grounds of Bonaventure Cemetery and see the sites made famous in "the book", *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*. Beautiful wrought iron fencing and imposing statuary embellish the gravesites of many Savannahians, both everyday citizens and notable historic figures such as songwriter Johnny Mercer. Live oaks shade the avenues of this river setting where you will be hosted by docents of the Bonaventure Historical Society who will recreate some of the personalities buried here. Space is limited so reserve early.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2010

Creative Ironwork in Savannah

Check Website or Call the Ticket Office for Time and Location
4:00 PM to 5:30 PM
Tickets \$25

Join Savannah's most well-known blacksmith, Ivan Bailey, on a presentation of his magnificent ironwork. If you've ever been to Savannah, you've certainly noticed his scenes crafted and sculpted on gates, lanterns, railings and more. Join us for this highly anticipated seminar.

SATURDAY EVENTS

Lunch at Mrs. Wilkes' Boarding House

107 West Jones Street (in the heart of Saturday's Walking Tour Sites)
Seating every 30 minutes from 11:00 AM to 2:30 PM
Tickets \$35

Lunch at Mrs. Wilkes' Boarding House, a truly local institution, is an absolute must when visiting Savannah! The menu is traditional Southern fare and is served boarding-house style. Tickets for this event are exclusive because Mrs. Wilkes' is only open this day by special arrangement with the Tour. Conveniently, the Saturday Tour will pass right by Mrs. Wilkes' front door so you'll want to stop in for a lunch and a sweet tea. Space is very limited, so please indicate your first and second choice for seating times when ordering tickets. Cookbooks will be available.

SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2010



Home and Garden Walking Tour

Ardsley Park
Noon to 3:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Tickets \$40

Ardsley Park-Chatham Crescent is a large residential area developed (c. 1910) as two adjacent planned subdivisions. The plan of Ardsley Park is a grid with landscaped squares, a 20th century variant of Oglethorpe's original city plan.

Chatham Crescent is a rare example in Georgia because of its Beaux Arts influence; its 'City Beautiful' plan with a grand mall, crescent shaped avenues, and small circular parks incorporated into a basic grid pattern. The architectural styles in the district include revival and eclectic styles popular in the early 20th century. They are predominantly one to two-story single family homes with free standing garages in the rear.

A trolley shuttle (\$5 round trip) will run continuously from Tour Headquarters to Ardsley Park.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2010

SUNDAY SEMINARS

Historic Trolley Tour of Savannah's Squares

Departs from Tour Headquarters, 18 Abercorn Street

9:00 AM to 10:30 AM Tickets \$30

Sit back and enjoy the ride through sweet Savannah breezes while noted preservationists from Historic Savannah Foundation narrate this seminar focusing on the beauty and history of Savannah's unique squares and parks. Included in the event will be information on the cultural and artistic significance of Savannah's monuments and public art. This 90-minute tour will include some walking. This event has limited tickets and sells out annually.

SUNDAY EVENTS

Brunch at Elizabeth on 37th

10:00 AM to 11:30 AM Tickets \$35

Reserve your seat for a very special Tour of Homes Brunch at one of Savannah's finest and highly acclaimed restaurants. This landmark venue is housed in a stunning 20th century mansion in the Historic Thomas Square Streetcar District adjacent to Ardsley Park (Sunday's Tour). The mansion was built for a successful cotton broker and is highly decorated. Enter the home through a lovely garden of fresh flowers and fragrant herbs used in the sumptuous meals served. Comfortable attire welcome.

Container Gardening

12:30 PM to 1:30 PM Tickets \$25

Flower designer, Holley Jaakkola will share with you her knowledge of arranging colorful works of art. She has had flowers at The Cloister on Sea Island and works out of her backyard greenhouse. This is a very limited offering and you will have time for questions.

Architectural Variety in Ardsley Park

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM Tickets \$25

Architect Dirk Hardison will guide you on this Tour of Ardsley Park, Savannah's first planned suburb. See the variety of homes from expansive mansions to flowing bungalows.

COMPLIMENTARY EVENTS

Historic Preservation Slide Show

Tour Headquarters 18 Abercorn Street

Each half hour between 9:00 AM and 11 AM, Thursday through Saturday.

An introductory slide show on Savannah's preservation efforts presented by friends of Historic Savannah Foundation. This is an excellent presentation after which you'll be fully prepared for your Savannah experience.

Historic Tours of Christ Church- 28 Bull Street

Thursday, Friday, Saturday 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Christ Church, the Mother Church of Georgia, was founded in 1733. Church docents will share history of the church and the people who have worshiped there for over 275 years. Tickets are not required.

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LODGING INFORMATION

Abercorn Town Homes
Suites and Condominions
101 East Gaston Street
866-690-2074

www.savannahgetaways.net

Mansion on Forsyth Park
700 Drayton Street
888-711-5114

www.mansiononforythpark.com

The Ballstone Inn
14 E. Oglethorpe Avenue
800-822-4553
www.ballstone.com

Marriott Riverfront
100 General McIntosh Blvd.
912-233-7722
www.marriott.com/savrf

The Bohemian Hotel
102 West Bay Street
877-486-9575

www.bohemianhotelsavannah.com

Mulberry Inn
Hampton Inn
Holiday Inn Express
1-877-468-1200

www.savannahlodging.com

Comfort Suites
Historic District
630 W. Bay Street
912-629-2001
www.comfortsuites.com

Planters Inn
on Reynolds Square
29 Abercorn Street
800-554-1187
www.plantersinnsavannah.com

Hampton Inn & Suites
Historic District
201 Martin Luther King Blvd.
912-721-1600

www.historicsavannahhampton.com

Presidents' Quarters
225 E. President Street
800-233-1776

www.presidentsquarters.com

Hilton Savannah DeSoto Hotel
15 E. Liberty Street
912-232-9000
www.desotohilton.com

Bed and Breakfasts of Savannah
www.bedandbreakfastsofsavannah.com

Kehoe House	800-820-1020
The Marshall House	800-589-6304
Eliza Thompson House	800-348-9378
The Gastonian	800-553-6533
Olde Harbour Inn	800-553-6533
East Bay Inn	800-500-1225

For more information on
The Savannah Tour of Homes & Gardens
Walking Tours, Seminars and Events or to Order Tickets
Online visit: www.savannahtourofhomes.org

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GENERAL INFORMATION

TOUR HEADQUARTERS is located in the Parish House of Christ Church at 18 Abercorn Street and will be open March 22-28 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM for ticket sales and pick up.

PAYMENT FOR TICKETS may be made by cash, check, Master Card or Visa. Tickets may be purchased through our website. No unpaid reservation is accepted. All sales are final; no refunds. Events are held rain or shine.

NO TICKETS WILL BE MAILED. A reservation confirmation will be sent upon receipt of ticket order and payment. Your confirmation will be exchanged for tickets upon your arrival at Tour Headquarters.

VISITOR INFORMATION may be obtained by calling the Savannah Area Convention and Visitors Bureau toll free at (877) 728-2662 or by visiting www.savannahvisit.com.

PARKING information about special parking permits may be obtained by contacting the City of Savannah Parking Services at 912-651-6470.

RESTROOMS are available at Tour Headquarters and other public facilities.

DIRECTIONS to Tour Head Quarters may be obtained on our website or by calling the Tour Office (912) 234-8054.

NET PROCEEDS of the Tour are shared by the Tour Partners: Proceeds for Christ Church are allocated to community charities and proceeds for Historic Savannah Foundation go towards preservation education activities.

RELATED EVENTS

Savannah Music Festival

March 18- April 3, 2010

912- 234-3378

www.savannahmusicfestival.org

Savannah Garden Exposition

April 23- April 24, 2010

912-236-4795

www.savannahgardenexpo.com

The Garden Club of Savannah

N.O.G.S. Tour of Hidden Gardens

April 23- April 24, 2010

912.961-4805

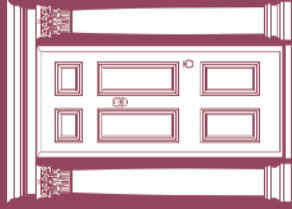
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