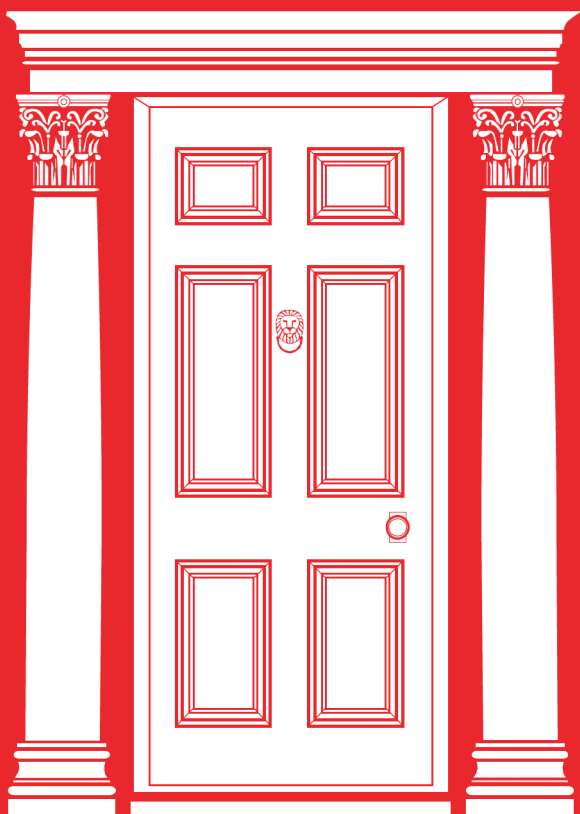


The 77<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**SAVANNAH**  
TOUR of HOMES  
AND GARDENS



*Opening doors since 1935*

**MARCH 22-25, 2012**

Presented by The Women of Christ Church  
and Historic Savannah Foundation

## INTRODUCTION

### **Join the Annual Savannah Tour of Homes and Gardens in Celebrating 77 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 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 2012 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-two oak-canopied squares surrounded by lovely homes, businesses and churches give Downtown Savannah a character of its own.

Ardsley Park, Savannah's first planned suburban area, recently celebrated its 100th anniversary. Featured on our Sunday Tour, Ardsley's creative concept of variable lot sizes yields an infinite variety of large homes, gardens, cottages and bungalows. Today, the tree-lined streets of Ardsley 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 may 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. Regrettably, pets and service animals will not be allowed. 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. Tickets go on sale December 1, 2011.**

## THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2012



### 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 \$45

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

## THURSDAY SEMINARS

### Secrets of Preserving a City

The Kennedy Pharmacy, 323 East Broughton Street

9:00 AM to 10:30 AM Tickets \$35

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 this 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 North Jefferson Street (just north of Bay Street)

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.

### The Gardener's Walking Tour

Departs from Calhoun Square (Abercorn Street and East Taylor Street)

3:45 PM to 5:15 PM Tickets \$30

Local garden enthusiasts and downtown residents take 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 landscape design, story-telling and natural beauty. Comfortable walking attire.

## THURSDAY EVENTS

### Sapelo Island and Sweet Grass Baskets

Kennedy Pharmacy, 323 East Broughton St.

11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Born storyteller Cornelia Walker Bailey, a self-described "Geechee", tells about how Sapelo Island's West African traditions are alive today. She will transport you to this enchanted land of miracles and magic. She will talk about the history of the island and the small community that still exists.

Yvonne J. Grovner will weave her traditional Sea Island sweet grass baskets and tell of the art that is passed down through generations.

Grovner was taught by Master basket maker Allen Green of Sapelo Island. Watch firsthand how she weaves her baskets. Sapelo is a barrier island off the Georgia coast and is accessible only by ferry.

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## THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2012

### 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 banquet 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

Independent Presbyterian Church, 207 Bull Street

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. Join us for homemade goodies and fellowship to kick off the 77th Annual Tour of Homes & Gardens. You will have ample time after the 6:15 service to reach your dinner destination. Casual attire.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2012



### 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 \$45

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

### Fine Furniture: Creating and Restoring

Studio of Guenther Wood Group, 409 East York Street

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

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's Antiques Roadshow, The New Yankee Workshop and HGTV's Modern Masters. He and conservator Roger White will conduct this unique seminar in their studio for an insider's view of timeless art. ([www.guentherwoodgroup.com](http://www.guentherwoodgroup.com))

### Sampling Savannah's Favorites

First Baptist Church, 223 Bull Street

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.

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### Exploring the Architecture of Savannah

Scottish Rite Temple, 341 Bull Street  
3:30 PM to 5:00 PM Tickets \$30

During the 19th Century, a number of famous architects including Cluskey, Jay, Lenea, Norris, Preston, and Whitcover designed Savannah homes and public buildings for prosperous businessmen trading cotton and other commodities with Europe. During this seminar, we will explore the works of one of these notable architects – their style, building materials, symbolism, relationship to the period and adaptation to the Southern climate. This seminar involves walking, please wear appropriate attire.

## FRIDAY EVENTS

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### Tall Tea

Private Club, Fourteenth Floor, DeSoto Hilton  
15 East Liberty Street  
2:30 PM to 4:00 PM Tickets \$48

If you like Savannah at street-level, you will love it from a bird's eye view. The Tall Tea will be held in one of Savannah's finest private clubs atop the DeSoto Hilton Hotel. Your panoramic view from the fourteenth floor includes everything from the Talmadge Bridge and miles of the Savannah River to dozens of church spires and intricate architectural detailing. Photography welcomed. Experience Savannah in a way most tourists do not while you enjoy an array of delicious treats in this relaxing atmosphere. Business casual dress required.

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## FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2012

### Trolley Back in Time

Departing from Tour Headquarters  
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, hors d'oeuvres and drinks. 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, 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.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2012



### 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 \$45

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

### Civil War Savannah

Independent Presbyterian Church Chapel  
207 Bull Street  
9:00 AM to 10:30 AM Tickets \$35

Savannah, a city of tremendous importance during the Civil War, certainly has its share of stories to tell. In fact, co-authors Barry Sheehy and Vaughnette Goode-Walker have completed two wonderful books on this subject. As we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, join the charismatic authors Sheehy and Goode-Walker as they pull from their bevy of priceless historic photography for a slide show shown in Christ Church (established in 1733, Mother Church of Georgia) followed by a one hour trolley ride narrated by the co-authors. Their books will be available.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2012

### Preservation-in-Progress Walking Tours

Departs from Beach Institute, 502 East Harris Street  
9:00 AM to 10:30 AM, 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM,  
2:00 PM to 3:30 PM Tickets \$30

Join architectural historian, Jonathan Stalcup and architect, David Bloomquist for an interactive walking tour featuring 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.

### A Bonaventure Stroll: Guided Tour of Bonaventure Cemetery

Departs from Tour Headquarters  
11:00 AM to 1:00 PM Tickets \$40

Enjoy a walk through the majestic grounds of Bonaventure's famous historic sections. Beautiful wrought iron fencing and imposing statuary embellish the gravesites of many Savannahians, both everyday citizens and notable historic figures. Live oaks draped in Spanish moss shade the avenues of this breath-taking riverside setting. Bonaventure Historical Society guides will be your hosts, introducing you to a few of the fascinating personalities, including Johnny Mercer, who have come to rest in this premier example of a Victorian garden-style cemetery. Space is limited, please reserve early.

## SATURDAY EVENTS

### The Gardener's Walking Tour

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### Lunch at Mrs. Wilkes' Boarding House

107 West Jones Street  
(in the heart of Saturday's Walking Tour Sites)  
Seatings 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! Recent patrons include United States President Barack Obama and Caroline Kennedy. 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 be near 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.

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## SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2012



### Home and Garden Walking Tour

Ardsley Park

Noon to 3:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Tickets \$45

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 (\$6 round trip) will run continuously from Tour Headquarters to Ardsley Park: 11:30 AM to 5:30 PM.**

## SUNDAY SEMINARS

### Historic Trolley Tour of Savannah's Squares

Departs from Tour Headquarters

9:00 AM to 10:30 AM Tickets \$35

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.

## SUNDAY EVENTS

### Riverboat Gospel Brunch

Departs from 9 East River Street

(Across from River Street Sweets)

9:30 AM to 11:00 AM Tickets \$50

Boarding begins at 8:45 AM

All aboard the River Queen, a triple-decked private steam boat housed on River Street. Enjoy sweet sounds of southern gospel music while savoring a deliciously-prepared brunch buffet. Enjoy the views through the windows as the boat cruises down the Savannah River, under the Talmadge Bridge, past the Port and east by Old Fort Jackson.

All guests must be aboard by 9:15AM.

## COMPLIMENTARY EVENTS

### Historic Preservation Slide Show

Historic Savannah Foundation, 321 East York Street  
Each half hour between 9:00 AM and 11:00 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.

### Twenty Years of Tour of Homes & Gardens Artwork

Historic Savannah Foundation, 321 East York Street  
1:30 PM to 2:30 PM, Thursday and Friday

In 1992, watercolor artist Wray Williamson unveiled her very first piece of Tour art. Now, twenty years later, Mrs. Williamson has completed another masterpiece for the 2012 Tour. Never before offered, you are invited to attend this complimentary event with Mrs. Williamson, view original pieces of her Tour art, view slides of featured houses, learn about her scouting process, have your personal posters dedicated and signed and celebrate her twenty years of contribution to the Tour.

## LODGING INFORMATION

### Abercorn Town Homes, Suites, and Condominiums

101 East Gaston Street  
866-690-2074  
[www.savannahgetaways.net](http://www.savannahgetaways.net)

### The Ballastone Inn

14 East Oglethorpe Avenue  
800-822-4553  
[www.ballastone.com](http://www.ballastone.com)

### Hilton Savannah DeSoto Hotel

15 East Liberty Street  
912-232-9000  
[www.desotohilton.com](http://www.desotohilton.com)

### Inn at Ellis Square, Historic District

201 West Bay Street  
877-542-7666  
[www.innatellissquare.com](http://www.innatellissquare.com)

### Mansion on Forsyth Park

700 Drayton Street  
912-238-5158  
[www.mansiononforythpark.com](http://www.mansiononforythpark.com)

### Marriott Riverfront

100 General McIntosh Blvd.  
800-285-0398  
[www.marriott.com/savrf](http://www.marriott.com/savrf)

### Planters Inn on Reynolds Square

29 Abercorn Street  
800-554-1187  
[www.plantersinnsavannah.com](http://www.plantersinnsavannah.com)

### Presidents' Quarters

225 East President Street  
800-233-1776  
[www.presidentsquarters.com](http://www.presidentsquarters.com)

### Savannah Lodging

201 East Bay Street  
912-231-9000  
[www.savannahlodging.com](http://www.savannahlodging.com)

For more information on  
The Savannah Tour of Homes & Gardens  
Walking Tours, Seminars and Events or to Order Tickets online  
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## GENERAL INFORMATION

**TOUR HEADQUARTERS** will be open March 20-25, 2012 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM for ticket sales and pick up. Located at 105 East Bay Street, Savannah, GA 31401.

**PAYMENT FOR TICKETS** may be made by cash, check, Master Card or Visa. Tickets may be purchased through our website. Email confirmation will be sent for orders placed online. **If you do not receive confirmation, please call the Tour Office immediately.** No unpaid reservation is accepted. All sales are final; no refunds. Events are held rain or shine and are subject to change.

**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 1-877-728-2662 or by visiting [www.savannahvisit.com](http://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 Headquarters 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 22 - April 7, 2012

912-234-3378

[www.savannahmusicfestival.org](http://www.savannahmusicfestival.org)

### The Garden Club of Savannah

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

April 20 - April 21, 2012

912-961-4805

[www.gcofsavnogstour.org](http://www.gcofsavnogstour.org)

### Historic Savannah Foundation Preservation Fest Launch Party

May 3, 2012

912-233-7787

[www.myHSF.org](http://www.myHSF.org)

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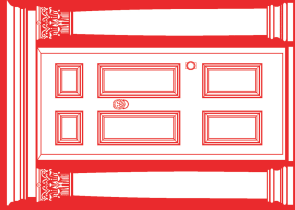
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