

"THE CANNONBLAST"



Fall

NEWS FROM THE CANNONBALL HOUSE

2011

The mission of the Friends of the Cannonball House, Inc. is to educate, promote, and develop public interest in the cultural, architectural, and historical heritage of the community and to preserve and maintain the property of historical significance in the community known as the Cannonball House.

The Cannonball House



Built 1853

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Macon, Georgia

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The Cannonball House Presents

Our 1st Annual Autumn Arts Festival

On October 22nd the Cannonball House will host its first annual Autumn Arts Festival in the back yard garden. The event will run from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and host both folk art and fine art for sale. Come out and bring your family for a day of fun and see these artisans at work.



Candle Light Apparitions From The Cannonball House

Bring your group and be guided by nothing but candle light through one of Macon's most historic attractions, The Cannonball House. Be a silent witness as past House residents and other popular Macon figures discuss the events of their lives during the 19th Century. The event will take place on the afternoon of November 12th, 2011 beginning at 5:00 p.m. with tours running on the hour. See this beautiful 1853 Greek revival home illuminated as you've never seen it before while enjoying a chance to step back in time. Call now to make reservations for your group.



Christmas in Dixie

On December 10th starting at 6:00 p.m. we will hold our annual Christmas celebration. This years theme will be Macon 1861 "Christmas in Dixie". Join us as we entertain the children and adults with our festive celebration of the Holidays. Hot apple cider, crafts for the children, caroling and dancing will all be part of an afternoon suited for the entire family, so don't miss the chance to be a part of the celebration.



The History of the Cannonball House Excerpt

In April 1864, Union General William T. Sherman set out on a campaign to pierce the heart of the South by capturing Atlanta, first, then tearing the region asunder. Atlanta, he estimated, would be *"too strong to assault and too extensive to invest,"* but by July of 1864 he had it almost surrounded. Yet, supplies were still reaching the besieged city by the rail lines running south. To cut this final link with the outside world, Sherman dispatched Generals George Stoneman, Kenner Garrard and Edward McCook and their 9,000 troopers to demolish all supply lines between Atlanta and Macon.



General Kenner Garrard



General George Stoneman



General Edward McCook

General Sherman would later write that *"almost at the moment of starting (this raid) General Stoneman addressed me a letter asking permission, after fulfilling his orders and breaking the road, to be allowed, with his command proper, to proceed to Macon and Andersonville and release our prisoners of war confined at those points."* Sherman's reply to Stoneman supposed *"if you can bring back to the army any or all of those prisoners of war, it will be an achievement that will entitle you, and your command, to the love and admiration of the whole country."*

(we hope to have the book ready to send to press by mid October)

Recent Events and Updates

We have enjoyed a very busy summer here at the Cannonball House and cooler weather indicates that business is beginning to pick up even more. Our summer events have been well attended and we have received a considerable amount of publicity. Our genealogy workshop, sponsored by the Purchase of Arts Services Grant, was a success with us being able to develop a partnership with other venues in order to continue the program in the future.

In July, we received a grant from the Watson Brown Jr. Board which will allow us to replace the windows in the kitchen building. We also received a grant from the Windover Foundation and Mr. Robert Fuller which we are planning on using to install a wheel chair lift that will enable us to provide ADA access to the ground floor of the House.

We have recently received, on long term loan, a wonderful collection of documents and letters which belonged to Captain George S. Jones. Several of these letters still show the bullet hole where he was shot and were credited by the Captain for saving his life. General Carlisle and the Macon Volunteer Alumni have also funded the construction of a fine heart pine display which will hold the Macon Volunteer collection of war related artifacts.

Memberships have been coming in however we still have some that we are expecting. As memberships carry a great deal of our operational cost we are really dependant on these dues. If you

may know of someone who may be a candidate for membership, please forward me their information and I will see that they get an application.

We currently have our children's display up which features the rarely seen clothing collection which the House owns. What would a display about children be without toys? We have a broad collection of antique toys on loan from Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hendrix which are a must see for anyone who enjoys toys of the past.

We continue to have items donated that have fit in well with the different collections which the house holds, with the addition of each of these fine pieces we have something new to add to the complete story of the history of the era. With the efforts of the House Family we have also added much information to the existing artifacts.

If you should have items of the period that you would like to share with others for years to come we ask that you consider making them a part of The Cannonball House collection. Either through estate planning or a tax deductible donation you can assure that your items will be appreciated by thousands annually. For information on this please give me a call.

Much has changed both inside and out at The Cannonball House over the past few months and we encourage you to come by and let us show you these changes first hand. We are grateful for the opportunity that you have entrusted us with and are always available to help you with any questions.

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It's Once Again Time for Our Annual Patron's Party

Once again it is time for our annual Patron's party. This year the party will be hosted by Carey Pickard and Chris Howard at their beautiful home, located at 1066 Magnolia Street, just two doors down from Washington Park. We encourage all Patron and above members to join us for a wonderful evening full of excitement and wonderful food.

Easy parking will be available just across the street in the lot at the corner of Magnolia and Orange Streets. The event will be October 13th so come and enjoy the fun and social atmosphere that we have all grown to love at these parties. More details to follow in your invitations.



The Cannonball House is a non-profit organization which receives no public funding. Therefore, it depends on private gifts to maintain the operations of the house, as well as to fund various preservation and educational efforts. Your tax-deductible gift provides a significant portion of our general operating income. All members receive free admission and a 10% gift shop discount. (There are additional benefits for those at higher membership levels.) Please encourage your friends to become new members.

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