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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

Mansion of the Old South
Macon, Georgia

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The Cannonball House Presents

Born of Georgia Clay

April 23, 2011-10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Join us as well known local potter, Shelby West demonstrates his talent of turning Georgia clay into masterful works of art. This will be a show for the entire family, more than an art exhibit, it is art in action. Talk to the potter and purchase his fabulous works of art as he gives demonstrations of his talents in our back yard garden.



Dark Roses and Black Crepe



May 2011- In recognition of the death of Judge Asa Holt in May of 1872, the Cannonball House will observe the 18th and 19th Century customs of mourning, during the entire month of May. See our house as you've never seen any house before, complete with all the funeral decorations that adorned a home of this period when a family member passed on from this life to the next. Learn the customs of both black and white families and the superstitions that were so much a part of these customs. From face jugs to coffins you can become a spectator to the death experience 138 years removed.

White Lace and Satin



June 2011- During the entire month of June the Cannonball House will have it's wedding gowns on display. Come by and see these beautiful wedding dresses which date back to the 19th Century.

June 25th, 2011 – 1:00 p.m. Celebrate a wedding with the Family of the Cannonball House. Enjoy a re-enactment of a period wedding performed by Judge Asa Holt. Experience the excitement of holy Matrimony as it would have been performed in June of 1861.

**The History of the Cannonball House
Excerpt**

Nora Holt Canning was very involved with charity work. She was a member of the Mulberry Street Methodist Church, joining in 1862. She started teaching Sunday school in 1864 with a group of ten little girls and continued to teach for another 35 years having taught over 300 children. To celebrate her 70th birthday her students gathered she sat and shook hands with over 200 people, offering kind words as they passed.

The Women's Missionary Society was founded in the parlors of the Cannonball House on Oct. 21 1880. Mrs. Nora served as president for over 15 years. She also served as Treasurer and Secretary of the Methodist Orphan's Home, located near Vineville. Mrs. Nora would continue to serve her church and the children of Macon as long as her health allowed. She lived at 856 Mulberry St. until her death on March 19, 1909, at age 77.



Our sincere thanks to Mrs. Maryel Battin for sharing her beautiful home with us for the Patron's party.

Recent Events and Updates

We received a Purchase of Arts Services Grant from the City of Macon in the amount of \$500 on October 20, 2011. This grant will sponsor a genealogical workshop, "Finding Your Roots", on May 21st in collaboration with the Historic Rose Hill Foundation, Historic Riverside Cemetery Conservancy, Middle Georgia Regional Library, Macon Cemetery Preservation, Harts Mortuary and Hutchings Funeral Home.

On December 1, 2010 we received a grant for \$3,000 from the Thad E. Murphy Family Fund, which we have used to purchase a new computer and upgrade our computer system.

On December 29, 2010 we received a grant for \$3,000 from the Elam Alexander Trust to fund the publication of "The History of the Cannonball House."

Citadel Alumni and Cadets at the January Memorial for Major Richard Furman Lawton



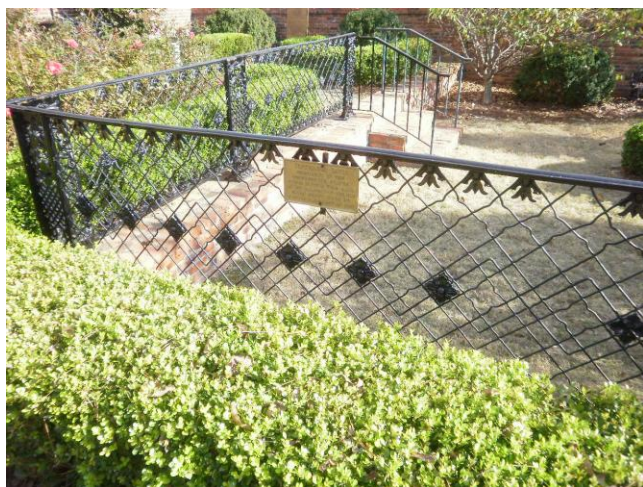
Updates (cont.)

We encourage you to attend our monthly programs such as the January program which was a memorial to Major Richard Furman Lawton. We were honored to have both Citadel Alumni as well as two young Cadets attend the program.

When patronizing the S&S Cafeteria make sure to look at the window that the Smith Family has offered the Cannonball House for display purposes. We have changed the display out twice since the first of the year and have had many favorable comments on its appearance. The S&S along with the Macon Arts Alliance co-sponsored the quilt exhibit in March, making the cards that you received possible.

We are in the process of acquiring, on long term loan, a collection of military artifacts which belong to the Macon Volunteers. It will add a significant attraction to our Museum especially during the Sesquicentennial of the War Between the States.

The restoration of the Davis railing has been completed and it has been installed in the garden. The railing fit perfectly along the wall of the sunken area. Our thanks go to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Adams for their kind donation of this beautiful fence.



On January 25th The Cannonball House hosted its Annual Membership Meeting which was well attended. The program featured speaker Scott Walker who gave a presentation on his book, *Hell's Broke Loose in Georgia*, a story of the 57th Georgia Infantry of which his great grandfather was a member.

In collaboration with the Hay House and the Sidney Lanier Cottage we now offer Macon's Historic Homes Tour tickets for Macon visitors.

These tickets allow a discounted admission for all three houses.

We have recently received some very fine gifts to The Cannonball House and encourage you, when considering your long range planning, to also remember the Cannonball House. If you possibly have an item that you would like to see placed where it can be appreciated by thousands of others we encourage you to make a tax deductible contribution of the item or items to The Cannonball House.

Each day The Cannonball House Family (staff and friends) strives to be faithful stewards of your generosity. It is our objective to keep our *Mansion of the Old South* a must see attraction on anyone's travel schedule. We welcome you to drop by and visit with us as often as you can.

Welcome New Members

Mrs. Patricia Welch
Mr. Al Lees

Special Thanks to the Following:

Special Contributor

Mrs. Jo Fabian

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Mrs. Dorothy Cook Ms. Beverly Knight Olson
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Memorials

Mr. Paul Wilbermuth by Ken Ward Travel
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If you're looking for a way to honor or memorialize a friend or business client? Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution in support of the Cannonball House. We will send an acknowledgement.



Cascaded in pink lights, the Cannonball House celebrated Macon's 29th Annual Cherry Blossom Festival. During the month of March the House was decorated with antique quilts which were highlighted on Channel 24 News. Clark Powell and his blacksmithing partners entertained visitors on the first Saturday of the event with their metal forging talents. A new group of musicians, known as Blue Jeans and Box Guitars, played music to the delight of young and old alike on the second Saturday of the event. We want to thank all our volunteers who helped make this event a success.

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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