

"THE CANNONBLAST"



Winter

NEWS FROM THE CANNONBALL HOUSE

2012

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Built 1853

Mansion of the Old South
Macon, Georgia

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Our Annual Membership Meeting

The Friends of the Cannonball House, Inc. annual membership meeting will be held at the Cannonball House on January 24, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. We would invite all our members to come out and bring a friend and/or potential member to hear Dr. Todd Groce of the Georgia Historical Society speak. Dr. Groce will present us with our certificate of affiliation with the GHS that evening and speak on the archeological dig at Camp Lawton.

Sweetheart's Valentine Tea

You are cordially invited to attend an afternoon English Tea to benefit the Historic Cannonball House. The tea will be held at The Cannonball House, 856 Mulberry Street, Macon, Ga. on 11th February 2012. Two seating's of twelve people will be offered with the first seating at 2:30p.m. and the second seating at 5:00 p.m. The cost will be twenty-five dollars per seat and will offer a special entertainment program for each group as they enjoy their afternoon. The 1853 Greek revival home and gardens will be open to our guest to tour. Seating will be limited so make your reservations in advance.



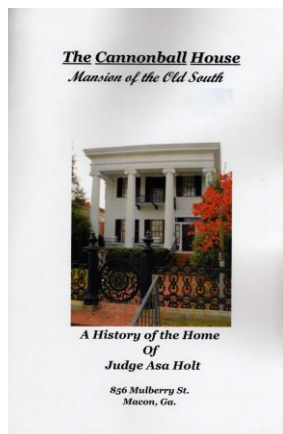
Behind the Holt's House



During the month of February the Cannonball House will offer special interest tours that will be focused on the lives of both slaves and servants who served the Holt/Canning/Martin families at 856 Mulberry Street. The tours will discuss the life styles and work practices of these people from the period of slavery thru the early 20th Century. Many of these servants shared heart felt affections with the families. Learn how they lived, the challenges they endured and the obstacles they overcame. Visit one of the few remaining servant's quarters in the State and get a better understanding of what this era was like for those who served.

Recent Events and Updates

With the end of 2011 well in sight we, at The Cannonball House, are very thankful for the year we have had. We have seen so many things accomplished and are so appreciative of all who have helped us achieve these goals. I am happy to announce that due to the extended efforts of our House staff, our book, *The Cannonball House, A History of the Home of Judge Asa Holt*, has been completed. With financial support from the Elam Alexander Trust we have had the booklet published in a quantity that will supply our needs for some time to come. These fifty-six page history books are available in our gift shop for \$12 and will make a wonderful gift idea for any occasion.



The iron fence work and seating surrounding our House and gardens has been revitalized with a fresh coat of paint due to the diligent efforts of Mr. Wayne Dobson. The front porch has also been repainted with an anti skid treatment which will aid in making it more slip resistant.

A new sign brightens the front side walk with additional directional signage around the House. All of these hand painted signs were graciously furnished by the talented local artist, Mrs. Val Elliott and her husband Ed.

The Brown Hotel was located on what was then 4th Street in downtown Macon. Directly across 4th Street was the Union Depot. Last year we were fortunate to see the balcony railing, which had been donated by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Adams, installed around the sunken garden. This year Ms. Sally Heard made it possible for us to include the door crest of the Brown Hotel, in our garden. As it would have been in 1862 they now reside in our garden facing each other. The Brown Hotel was one of many Macon buildings used as a Confederate Hospital during the war.

After receiving the funding from the Watson Brown Junior Board in July the windows for the brick kitchen were ordered. Mr. John Willingham, owner of Willingham Sash and Door Company, and a member of his staff took measurements and built the windows to a precision fit. We have installed the windows and

begun caulking and painting them. They fit much better than the existing windows that were deteriorated to the point they were about to fall out. There is no doubt that these windows will save us a great deal on energy cost in the coming years.

Through out the year we have held fund raising events on a regular basis. A number of these events were most productive and will be continued. On a number of occasions we have drawn the interest of the news media adding publicity to our efforts. Our genealogy class was one such event that was well attended and supported by the local public. We are working with other partners to continue this program.



The Autumn Arts Festival was another very successful event and was well attended. Local artists came out on a beautiful October day and displayed

beautiful works of art for a vast amount of attendees to purchase and speculate over. Our candlelight tour of the House offered insight into the family members who have lived in the House. We had an overwhelming turnout for that event with many requesting us to offer it again in the coming year.

With the efforts of Mrs. Brenda Dobson we have expanded our educational classes and have a large number of home school attendees anxious to sign up for the programs we've posted. We have had signs of public school interest in our programs recently and are working to expand that field as well. We currently have four classes of middle and high school age classes filled and have had to begin an additional class. It is our hope that these offerings will help sustain us during the mid winter/summer months when tourism is slow.

The House has continued to receive items from various donors over the past months. The Macon Volunteer Alumni Association has had a heart pine cabinet constructed and installed to hold its collection of military artifacts. We currently have photos, sheet music, weapons and service pins on display within this cabinet. It makes a very fine addition to the museum. In addition we have received a splendid Citadel great coat from Mr. and Mrs. Mark Baxter. Complete with the original Citadel buttons the coat is a perfect example of a coat of the war period.

Within the past few weeks we have received a double knap sack which was made in New York during the war. The knap sack was donated by Mr. Steven Jarrell. Mrs. Elaine Jones generously donated several oil lamps that work well with the time period of the House. Mrs. Cheryl Mason Mercer has donated innumerable clothing items that have been used by staff and others in programs that we've held at the house.

Our largest single support group has to be that of the Sidney Lanier Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy. They monthly offer a raffle to raise funds for the house. The ladies have graciously made period toys for the Christmas tree. Father Christmas hands out these toys to those who attend making Christmas at the Cannonball House special for all the children.



During this season of giving and sharing we once again thank each of you for your devotion and support of The Cannonball House. It is only with your support that we are able to provide this wonderful experience to our guests. We wish you and your families the Happiest of Holidays and a healthy and bright New Year.

Welcome New Members

Mr. and Mrs. Shawn McMenamé
Mrs. Brenda Wimberly
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stevens

Special Contributors

The Macon Volunteers Alumni Association
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Honorariums

Mr. Robert F. Hatcher
from Ms. Sally Heard

Memorials

Mr. Clarence Henry Clay, Jr.
from Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Ballou
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from Mr. and Mrs. D. Mark Baxter
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from Ken Ward Travel, Inc.
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Eleanor Hurley, Mrs. Margaret Smith and Mrs.
Mary Brown Coffee
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Are you 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 as well as a tax deduction letter back to you as the donor.

The Staff of the Cannonball House would like to thank you for your continued support throughout the year and we'd like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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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