

# The News

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE HISTORIC WILMINGTON FOUNDATION

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## New Office

*In* February, Historic Wilmington Foundation relocated its headquarters to the Superintendent's Lodge in the Wilmington National Cemetery. The Cemetery dates back to 1867 and was recognized on the National Register of Historic Places in 1997. The two-story lodge was constructed in 1934 to house the superintendent. The new location is also surrounded by four National Register Districts-Carolina Heights, Carolina Place, Westbrook-Ardmore and the Mansion District. The Foundation looks forward to the New Year in a new, but historic location. Our contact information remains the same, but our mailing address has changed:

2011 Market Street, Wilmington, NC 28403  
*Please come and visit us in our new location!*



*Fanning House  
Ribbon Cutting*

## azalea festival Home Tour April 9th & 10th

During the Azalea Festival Historic Wilmington Foundation will showcase 150 Years of architecture in 9 extraordinary homes and one church.

From 1-6 pm Saturday and 1-5 pm Sunday you can explore some of our city's beautiful, historic homes and buildings. You can view this year's tour homes at [www.historicwilmington.org](http://www.historicwilmington.org) and, for a limited time, we have an online special price of \$23. Tickets are also available at the HWF office, 2011 Market St., all local Harris Teeter stores (\$2 off with VIC card!),

The Fisherman's Wife, The Ivy Cottage, The Sterling House, The Transplanted Garden, & the Azalea Festival Office, 5725 Oleander

Drive. Current HWF members can get a \$15 ticket until April 7th - only at our office. Tickets will be available for \$30 the day of the tour.

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# New Leaders for the Foundation



Left to right: Sworn in for first term Worth Merritt, realtor; newly installed members Nicholas Balding, construction; Colleen Rozier, land development and planner; Deborah Butler, attorney and realtor; Charles W. Riesz Jr., former editorial page editor. Two other members will begin their first full term, Cynthia Brown, education administration and Kent Stephens, attorney.



HWF board members take a break from the annual retreat: David Lisle, Charles Boney, Don Britt, Colleen Rozier, Nick Balding, Charles W. Riesz Jr., Marietta Gwathmey, Jim Snow, Laura Trivett, Veda Wilson, Deborah Butler, Michael Murchison, Diana Page, Tor Ljung, Kent Stephens. Not pictured: Lawrence S. Craig, Stephanie Adams, Cynthia Brown, Susi Hamilton, Worth Merritt, Will Moore, Kevin O'Grady.

**Interns provide** invaluable assistance to the Foundation. We are grateful to these students who are working with us this year:

**Charlotte Egerton** is from Wilmington, NC and a 2010 graduate from UNC-Chapel Hill. She is currently in the Masters in Public History program at UNC-Wilmington. She is interning with the Foundation for the spring.

**Shelby Richmond** is a junior History major at UNC Wilmington. She is originally from Chester County, PA and will intern throughout the spring 2011 season for HWF.

**Katie Nowack** is in the Masters in Public History program at UNC-Wilmington. Originally from Ohio, Katie has interned with the foundation since summer 2010 and is continuing through the spring.

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Foundation is to protect and preserve  
the irreplaceable historic resources of  
Wilmington and the Lower Cape Fear Region.*

The opinions expressed in The News  
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## 2010 Preservation Award Winners Old is the New Green

The Historic Wilmington Foundation Preservation Awards recognize restoration, rehabilitation, compatible new development, as well as preservation leadership and individual contributions to the field. In 2010, the Foundation also presented three of its highest awards at the ceremony; The Thomas H. Wright, Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award, given to Matt Scharf for a career of service and leadership to the Foundation; The Katherine Howell Award given to Bruce Bowman for invaluable service and leadership to Historic Wilmington Foundation and the community; and The David Brinkley Preservationist of the Year Award, given to the Board of Trustees of the Thalian Hall Performing Arts Inc. for extraordinary rehabilitation work that benefits the Lower Cape Fear region. Also given this year was a Special Recognition Award in Architecture, to Charles H. Boney for a career of achievement in architecture in the Lower Cape Fear region.

### The list of all the honorees follows

1. First Presbyterian Church for restoration of the bell tower and spire at 125 S. 3rd St.
2. Tom and Lucia Hughes for restoration of the Williams House at 10 S. 5th Ave.
3. Curt and Sharon Stiles for the restoration and rehabilitation of the Wright-Murphy House at 212 S. 2nd St.
4. James and Maxine Adams for the restoration of 517 S. Front St.
5. David and Laura Lisle for the adaptive reuse and rehabilitation of the Henry Clay Bear House at 614 Market St.
6. The Town of Burgaw for the rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of the Historic Burgaw Depot in Burgaw, NC.
7. James and Christine Beck for the preservation of a small cottage on McRae St.
8. Gregory Chandler and Bill Robertson for the rehabilitation of the Woodward-Butler House at 1808 Market St.
9. St. Mary Church and School for the rehabilitation and restoration of the Upper Room 1871 and wooden windows at 412 Ann St.
10. David Spetrino for the compatible new infill construction at 6th and Brunswick Streets.
11. Merit - Oakdale Cemetery for new compatible fencing on N. 15th St.
12. Merit- Wilmington Railroad Museum for adaptive reuse of an 1883 railroad warehouse.
13. Merit- Kevin Pfirman and Todd Piper for rehabilitation of 622 N. 4th St.
14. Merit- Michelle Kaehny for the rehabilitation of 620 N. 4th St.

## Downtown Post Office Receives Carr Memorial Plaque

The 75-year-old US Post Office & Federal Building at 152 N. Front Street was awarded the James D. & Rosalie W. Carr Memorial Plaque in May. Each year, Historic Wilmington Foundation selects one historically significant building to receive the Carr Memorial Plaque. The historic Post Office building was constructed in 1936-1937, and provided employment during the Great Depression. This very special site is the first Federal Building in New Hanover County to receive a Historic Wilmington Foundation plaque. The Post Office's colorful history is augmented by the beautiful works of art commissioned by the US Government. The downtown US Post Office and Federal Building continues to serve our community for its 75th year and holds historic elements invaluable to understanding Wilmington as it is today.



# Wilmington and the Lower Cape Fear Region's 2010 Most Threatened Historic Places



Rosenwald Schools, Pender Co.



Historic Wooden Windows,  
Lower Cape Fear Region



Historic Working Farms,  
throughout the Cape Fear Region



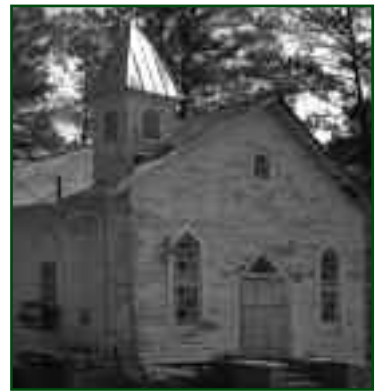
Affordable Historic  
Vernacular Houses,  
Wilmington, NC.



Wooden Markers,  
Cemeteries, Brunswick



Brick and Stone Walls and  
Granite Curbs,  
Downtown Wilmington.



Rural AME Zion  
Churches,  
throughout the Region

## Watch List



Lucile Shuffler  
Building/Sunset Park  
School, Wilmington



Tide Water Power & Light  
Building, 320 Chestnut  
Street, Wilmington, NC.



St. Peter and Paul Russian  
Orthodox Church, St.  
Helena, Pender Co.



Former Topsail High  
School, Rte. 17,  
Hampstead, NC

For the full list and to nominate a place for the 2011 Most Threatened Historic Places List, please visit our website [www.historicwilmington.org](http://www.historicwilmington.org), or stop by our office for an application.

# “Celebrating America’s Treasures”

is 2011’s theme for National

Preservation Month presented each year by Historic Wilmington Foundation and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The annual celebration in May is an opportunity to showcase historic preservation in our region. The events honor the past and help build for the future. We invite you to get involved!

## PLAN ON ATTENDING THESE EVENTS

**May 19th 6:30 pm** Preservation Awards Ceremony at the Historic NHC Courthouse Downtown

**May 23rd 10 am** 2011 Release of the Most Threatened Historic Places List announced by

Dr. Jeffrey Crow, State Historic Preservation Officer

**May 10th, 14th, 17th** Lecture and tour program by Dr. Chris Fonvielle

## Various restoration workshops for historic homeowners

Annual Shrimparoo TBA

Additional dates and details will be posted on our website

## *Award-Winning*

## Tar Heels Educates the Next Generation of Preservationists!

Since fall 2009, Historic Wilmington Foundation has collaborated with the New Hanover County Schools to bring more history, historic preservation, architecture and cultural awareness into the lives of third graders. The Tar Heels Go Walking program earned the Gertrudes Carraway Award of Merit from Preservation North Carolina for our outstanding commitment to promoting historic preservation. Over the past two years, HWF has led more than 100 public school tours and 7 tours for private schools; more than 2300 enthusiastic third graders took the Tar Heels tour last fall, and more than 4700 students total have participated.



*If you would like to become a volunteer guide for Tar Heels Go Walking,*  
call us at **910-762-2511** or email [edwards@historicwilmington.org](mailto:edwards@historicwilmington.org).

HISTORIC WILMINGTON FOUNDATION

# Home Tour Special



Visit nine magnificent homes and the historically significant St. Mark's Episcopal Church this spring. Tickets Specials \$15 per member only available at the Historic Wilmington Foundation office. Tickets will be limited to one ticket per member. Business members may purchase two tickets. \$23 online tickets, available at [www.historicwilmington.org](http://www.historicwilmington.org). These special offers will expire on April 7th.

## tickets available

Tickets also available for \$25 at All local Harris Teeter Stores, The Ivy Cottage, The Transplanted Garden, Azalea Festival Ticket Office 5725 Oleander Drive 910.794.4650. Tickets available for \$30 day of the tour.

## ribbon cutting

Fanning House 206 Orange Street  
Saturday, April 9th, 12:30pm  
*Ice Cream Served By Dairy Queen*  
Tour ticket also includes admission to the Preservation Resource Network Trades Fair St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
Saturday April 9th, 1-6 pm

## april

Saturday & Sunday  
9th - 1-6pm  
10th - 1-5pm

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Support Historic Wilmington Foundation's programs by taking advantage of this membership special and order your tickets today.

### HISTORIC WILMINGTON FOUNDATION 2011 HOME TOUR TICKET ORDER

MEMBER PRICE GOOD UNTIL APRIL 7TH - LIMIT ONE TICKET PER MEMBER

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Number of tickets \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Payment  Check Enclosed  Visa  MC Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expires \_\_\_\_\_

*Return this form with your check or credit card information to secure your home tour tickets.*

Checks made payable to: **Historic Wilmington Foundation**, 2011 Market Street, Wilmington NC 28401

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**1 Jarman House  
1910 Princess Street**

John F. and Sallie Ennett Jarman built this Craftsman style house in 1911. A druggist, he owned and operated Jarman's Pharmacy. The current owners are Norm and Betsy Riviere.



**2 Platt-Sutherland House 1710 Chestnut Street**



This Craftsman style bungalow, built in 1923, was designed by architect W.J. Wilkins for Robert C. and Robbie Sutton Platt. He was a clothing merchant and clerk in the city auditor's office. In 1961, the house was purchased by William O. and Mary G. Sutherland. He was the chief clerk for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad. The current owners are Connie and Haskell Rhett, a descendant of the Sutherlands.

**3 Simon House  
203 S. 8th Street**

Featured in this c. 1909 Neoclassical Revival style cottage are pretty ionic columns. By 1910 this house was the residence of George and Emma Simon. A tailor and merchant, he was born in Alsace-Lorraine and she was a native of Germany. The current owner is Greg Wessel.



**4 Burns-Huggins House 224 N. 7th Street**



This Greek Revival style dwelling was built for Owen Burns in 1853. At the time, the house was located in the country two blocks beyond the city limits. It was purchased in 1860 by grocer Luke B. Huggins and wife Phoebe Newbold Huggins. The house remained in their family over 130 years. The current owner is Suzanne Stanley.

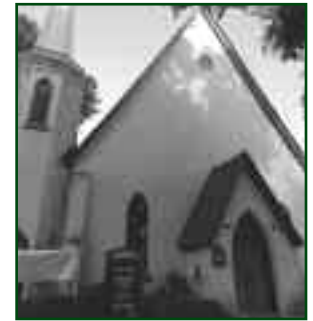
**5 Thomas C. Miller House 309 N. 6th Street**

This Queen Ann style cottage was built in 1896 for African American Thomas C. Miller. He was a successful businessman as well as New Hanover County deputy sheriff during Reconstruction. The house was inherited by his son Thomas Miller, Jr., a railroad porter, and it remained in the family until 1947. The current owner is Linda Heath.



**6 St. Mark's Episcopal Church 600 Grace Street**

This Gothic Revival style Church was built in 1871-1875 for congregation organized in 1869. Designed by Emerson and Fehmer, Boston architects, and constructed by Alfred Howe, congregant and builder, it was the first Episcopal Church in North Carolina consecrated by Bishop Atkinson for African Americans.



**7 Curtis-Foster House 110 N. 6th Street**



Engineer George Curtis and his wife Melvina had this Italianate style house constructed just after the end of the Civil War (c. 1866). It was purchased in 1880 by Flavel Wright Foster, a Union Army veteran, county commissioner and city alderman who owned a planing mill where he made window sash and blinds. The current owner is Tim O Callaghan.

**8 Louis T. Moore House  
121 S. 5th Avenue**

Built in 1910, this Shingle style house was the home of Louis T. and Florence Kidder Moore. While secretary of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce in the 1920s and 1930s he was the city's biggest promoter. A local historian, he was Chairman of the New Hanover County Historical Commission and author of *Stories Old & New* of the Cape Fear Region. The current owner is Roxann Lansdowne.



**9 Fanning House 206 Orange Street**

Builders, J.C. and R.B. Wood constructed this Italianate style house for Phineas W.



Fanning in 1852. Both owner and builders were natives of Nantucket, MA. Fanning was a ship and sign painter as well as a Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina. The Wood brothers came to Wilmington to build St. James Church. The current owners are Dan and Lori Camacho. Enjoy free ice cream from Dairy Queen during the ribbon-cutting.

**10 Weedon House  
119 Church Street**

Architect, Charles McMillen, designed this Queen Anne style house in 1899 for Lindsay and Nellie Weedon. He owned a nearby factory that manufactured shuttle blocks for the textile industry. The house was purchased in 1903 by Edith and James Hopkins, a butcher at the City Market House. The current owners are Peter Kamarainen and Carol Chappell.



# Historic Wilmington Foundation's 2011 Preservation Awards

Each year as part of National Preservation Month, the Historic Wilmington Foundation recognizes outstanding preservation projects by presenting Preservation Awards to individuals whose contributions demonstrate outstanding excellence in historic preservation, rehabilitation, restoration and compatible new infill construction. By identifying these projects, the Foundation strives to educate the community on the importance of preservation and the role historic structures play in building community identity.

The Foundation is also accepting nominations for David Brinkley Preservationist of the Year and for the Thomas H. Wright Lifetime Achievement in Preservation Award. This year's Preservation Awards Ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 19, 2011 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at the New Hanover County Court House in historic downtown Wilmington. The event is co-hosted by New Hanover County, Wilmington Downtown and the Residents of Old Wilmington.

## What type of project will qualify for an award?

- Categories for awards are restoration, rehabilitation, adaptive reuse, and appropriate new construction in a historic district. Eligible projects must be complete by April 2011.
  - Restoration is process of accurately depicting the form, features, and character of a property as it appeared at a particular period of time.
  - Rehabilitation is making a compatible use for a property through repair, alterations, and additions while preserving those portions or features which convey its historical, cultural, or architectural values.
  - Adaptive reuse is a process that adapts buildings for new uses while retaining their historic features.
  - Appropriate new construction is any new addition or structure in an historic area that complement the area and support its overall character; must be a contemporary design with sensitivity to adjacent structures.
- Historic structures must be at least 50 years of age and in the lower Cape Fear region.
- Awards of Merit are given to projects, groups and individuals that promote and advance an understanding of historic preservation. Professional Merit Awards are also presented for workers in the preservation field.
- The David Brinkley Preservationist of the Year is awarded for extraordinary preservation work of large scale, scope and effect.
- The Thomas H. Wright Lifetime Achievement award is presented to a dedicated preservationist who has spent a career saving the region's rich architectural heritage and making a difference in the area's quality of life.

## What are the nomination procedures and requirements?

- Self-nominations are accepted.
- All materials submitted will become the property of the Historic Wilmington Foundation unless the nominator specifically requests that they be returned and provides a self-addressed package with adequate postage for this purpose.
- The Historic Wilmington Foundation is not responsible for any of the material submitted and reserves the right to use all materials for future publicity.
- Each nomination must include a completed nomination form, brief history of the site, description of the project, and (preferably digital) before and after photographs. Incomplete forms may not be considered for nomination.

## Who decides which Preservation Projects will receive the Foundation's Awards?

The Preservation Awards Committee, made up of HWF members, local architects and preservation professionals reviews all nominations received. The following criteria are used by the committee in selecting the Preservation Awards recipients:

- Historical Interest or Architectural Significance
- Quality of Workmanship
- Sensitivity to Architectural Integrity
- Appropriateness of Adaptation to Contemporary Use
- Helps advance the cause of historic preservation

2011 PRESERVATION AWARDS

*Nomination Form*

Suggested Award Category: \_\_\_\_\_

Building or Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Building Style: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Construction: \_\_\_\_\_ Project Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Name & Contact info (if different from nominee): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated By (optional): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief history of the Structure/Site: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Brief history of the Structure/Site: \_\_\_\_\_

List of Known Architects, Contractors, etc that worked on project: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Project (use additional sheets if necessary): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*Please include before and after images of the project digitally formatted on CD.*



Return this completed form to:

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