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2010 Home Tour

April 10th & 11th

During the Azalea Festival Historic Wilmington Foundation will showcase 160 Years of Architecture in 9 Extraordinary Homes. From 1-6 pm Saturday and 1-5 pm Sunday you can explore some of our city's historic beautiful, historic homes and neighborhoods. You can view this year's tour homes at www.historicwilmington.org and, for a limited time, we have an

online special price of \$22. Tickets are also available at the HWF office, 516 N. Fourth St., all local Harris Teeter stores (\$2 off with VIC card!), The Ivy Cottage, A Proper Garden, The Transplanted Garden, & the Azalea Festival Office, 5725 Oleander Drive. Current HWF members can get a \$15 ticket until April 9th - only at our office.



“Old is the New Green” is 2010'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. We invite you to get involved! Preservation is a more sustainable future because Old is the New Green!

May 4, 8 and 11: Understanding Community: Civil War Redux – Two lectures and a guided tour by noted local Civil War author and UNCW professor Chris Fonvielle. Fonvielle will examine Wilmington in the days leading up to the Civil War and then explore the social, economic and political aspects of the City after the war. Professor Fonvielle's tour on Saturday the 8th will help you envision the City at the height of the conflict. The lectures take place at the Cape Fear Museum, 814 Market Street. The tour will depart from the Bellamy Mansion and there will be two options: 9:00am and 11:30am. All three May Preservation Month events with Chris Fonvielle: \$25, individual event: \$10.

May 15: 10a.m.-12p.m. **Historic Window Workshop-Care/Repair of Wood Windows** at the Historic Tileston School. More details soon.

May 20: 6:30p.m. **Preservation Awards Ceremony** at the Historic NHC Courthouse

May 26: Release of the **2010 Most Threatened Historic Places List** announced by Dr. Jeffrey Crow, State Historic Preservation Officer.

May 34: Shrimparoo at Elijah's.

Visit our website for updates on Preservation Month, such as the site for the award of the **James and Rosalie Carr Memorial Plaque**-you're going to like it!



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2010 AZALEA FESTIVAL

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Home Tour Special



Visit nine magnificent homes this spring, including the Williams House (where the ribbon cutting occurs), and many other inviting historic homes. The tour focuses on the downtown historic district - and those houses are all within walking distance.

Tickets available now at a special members-only rate of \$15.

Tickets will be limited to one ticket per member.

Business members may purchase two tickets.

This special membership advantage will expire on April 9th.

Ask us about membership specials during the ticket sales period.

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Azalea Festival Ticket Office 5725 Oleander Drive 910.794.4650

ribbon cutting

Williams House

10 South 5th Avenue

Saturday, April 10th, 12:30pm

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

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1 Sebrell House

214 S. 2ND STREET

GARY & JENNIFER SOLOMON

Built in 1900, this Queen Anne style house was designed by widely renowned Wilmington architect Henry Bonitz and built for music teacher Lucy Waldo Sebrell. It was later acquired by her daughter Ethel Pierce Sebrell and husband James M. "Doc" Hall. He was a pharmacist and owner of Hall's Drug Store. In 2007 the current owners won a HWF preservation award for their extensive rehabilitation that restored floors, windows and molding and saved the house from condemnation.



2 Wright-Murphy House

212 S. 2ND STREET

CURT & SHARON STILES

This Greek Revival style house was built in 1830 for William A. Wright, attorney. In 1846 it was purchased by Miss Mary Ann Murphy and it remained in her family until 1913. The house was purchased and preserved by the Historic Wilmington Foundation in 1966. Recent renovations were all done within the original footprint of the home while being able to save, restore, and re-use much of the original trim, doors, and flooring.



3 Tuscany

120 S. 5TH AVENUE

CHRIS & KATHY WILSON

This Italianate style house with Greek Revival and Rococo Revival elements was built in 1854 for Jacob Wessell, a native of Germany. He was partner in a commission merchant business with his neighbor H. B. Eilers. He was a captain in the German Volunteers, a local militia unit that fought for the South during the Civil War. James F. Post, architect of City Hall-Thalian Hall and the Bellamy Mansion, was hired to complete the residence. The finely proportioned double parlor with Ionic screen is among the very best of antebellum Wilmington architecture. Many of the original interior and exterior elements were imported from New York City. The additions on the rear of the structure were designed by architects Charles H. Boney in 1959 and Paul F. Stephens in 2007. The current owners have done a wonderful restoration of the home.



4 Williams House

10 S. 5TH AVENUE

TOM & LUCIA HUGHES **Ribbon Cutting House**

This Italianate style house built in 1868 for merchant George Washington Williams. The Queen Anne East Lake parlor was built in 1886 for his daughter's wedding reception. The house remained in the family for three generations. The current owners totally restored the 8,000 square foot home and returned it from multiple apartments to single family. While under renovation it was featured on two previous HWF Home Tours – we are thrilled for you to see it in a completed state. **Enjoy free ice cream from Dairy Queen during the ribbon-cutting.**



6 Jacob Weil House

21 S. 6TH STREET

MARK & ANGELA KENNEDY

Henry E. Bonitz, architect for the Lumina Pavilion and Carolina Apartments, designed this Queen Anne style house for dry goods merchant Jacob Weil in 1896. A native of Germany and a Confederate veteran, Weil came to Wilmington in 1874.



7 Henry Clay Bear House

614 MARKET STREET

DAVID & LAURA LISLE

This Neoclassical Revival style house was built about 1914 for Henry Clay Bear, dry goods merchant, realtor and secretary-treasurer of The Independent Ice Company. This house was recently rehabilitated for use as professional offices for Lisle Architecture & Design.



8 Kirby Smith House

111 N. 15TH STREET

JEFFREY & NATALIE LITZINGER

This Colonial Revival style house was built for Kirby Smith in 1921. It was one of the first houses built in Winoca Terrace, an early suburb. Winoca is short for Wilmington, North Carolina. After leaving Wilmington Kirby became a Rear Admiral serving in both World War I and World War II.



9 Butler House

1808 MARKET STREET

GREG CHANDLER & BILL ROBERTSON



This Colonial Revival style house was built about 1915. It was purchased in 1918 by the Charles M. Butler family. He was a fuel agent for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad and vice-president of Carolina Building and Loan Association. The current owners have recently renovated the entire structure.

5 William H. Alderman House

521 DOCK STREET

WILLIAM & MINDY HEU

This Queen Anne style house was built in 1901 for William H. Alderman, bookkeeper, and his wife, Alice Guess Larkins. The property remained in the family until 1950. The current owners recently finished significant interior work and upgrades.



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NEW LEADERSHIP FOR FOUNDATION

New Board Members pictured at the Annual Board Retreat (left to right): **Diana Page, Michael Murchison, Executive Committee; Laura Trivett and Don Britt.** Not pictured **David Lisle and Hope Sloan.**

Historic Wilmington Foundation held its 44th Annual Meeting this January. In addition to electing the new officers pictured above, HWF welcomed back the following board members: **Lawrence S. Craige, President; Susi Hamilton, Vice President; Mary Eggleston; Secretary, Ginger Longino; Executive Committee, Stephanie Adams, Charles H. Boney, Marietta Gwathmey, Tor Ljung, William Moore, Anne Murchison, Kevin O'Grady, Matt Scharf, Jim Snow and Veda Wilson.**

Please excuse our Goof

In the Winter 2010 Edition of the The News, we incorrectly printed the name and contact info for the following Presentation Resource Network members.

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The email address for J.L. Powell & Company
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