



# 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

## MISSION

TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT THE IRREPLACEABLE HISTORIC RESOURCES OF WILMINGTON AND THE LOWER CAPE FEAR REGION

## VISION

A HISTORIC LANDSCAPE THAT IS INCLUSIVE, RESILIENT, AFFORDABLE, AND ACCESSIBLE

## TOP 5 MILESTONES

### 1 GIBLEM LODGE

Wilmington City Council unanimously voted to designate Giblem as a Local Landmark. This designation ensures a 365-day stay of demolition for the Lodge and bolsters the case for support in upcoming grants.

### 2 AZALEA FESTIVAL HOME TOUR

For the first time, HWF moved its annual home tour out of downtown Wilmington into the Sunset Park National Register Historic District where 1,200+ individuals learned about this early 20th century development.



### 3 WHISPER HEADSETS

Thanks to generous funding from the Landfall Foundation, third graders on the Tar Heels Go Walking field trips utilize Bluetooth-enabled headphones that ensure each student hears volunteer guides over the noise of the city, enhancing the educational value of this long-time HWF program.

### 4 WILMINGTON RAIL REALIGNMENT ADVOCACY

The Wilmington Rail Realignment project reached 30% completion of engineering. Thanks to advocacy and mitigation strategies, the project was determined to have no adverse affect to resources listed on (or eligible for) the National Register of Historic Places.

### 5 SOUTHPORT HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

In 2023, the City of Southport's new historic preservation commission established boundaries for the local historic district and draft design guidelines. HWF provided technical support and guidance during this process, further protecting irreplaceable historic resources in Brunswick County.

# PRESERVATION EQUITY FUND

In 2021, HWF established the Preservation Equity Fund to support low-income homeowners in Wilmington's historic districts and preserve naturally-occurring affordable housing. Repairing an old home in a historically-appropriate way simply costs more—and places a burden on our neighbors most in need. To date, two homes have been saved, and this year, **HWF has partnered with Cape Fear Collective to save two more—1006 & 1008 S. 4th Street!**



Each house is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is being rehabilitated according to the Secretary of Interior Standards for Rehabilitation. Eventually, the houses will be sold with protective covenants preserving their historic integrity and ensuring their affordability for years to come!

**GRANT SUPPORT FOR THE PRESERVATION EQUITY FUND** ➤ **1772 Foundation (\$75,000)**  
➤ **New Hanover County Non-County Agency Funding (\$25,950)**



When a historic building is unable to be saved, **LEGACY ARCHITECTURAL SALVAGE** serves as the best-case option in a worst-case scenario. Our team of staff and volunteers deconstruct old buildings, salvaging old-growth wood, doors, windows, and more. These architectural elements are then sold to members of our community, who utilize them in restoration, rehabilitation, and upcycling projects.

**\$166K**  
**GROSS**  
**REVENUE**



## 9 WORKSHOPS

We offer free, craftsman-led workshops to educate our community and encourage responsible stewardship of historic properties.



## 3 DECON MISSIONS

Legacy's dedicated salvage team saved historic architectural materials from the Solomon Building downtown, a bungalow in Westbrook-Ardmore, and mid-century modern house in Porters Neck.

## 11K+ LINEAR FEET

of old-growth wood saved from the landfill, plus...

**214**  
doors



**8 mantels**



**381**  
windows

# GIBLEM LODGE



In August, the fascia and soffit at Giblem Lodge was **rehabilitated**, finalizing efforts to secure the historic structure's roof against weather and pests. This project was made possible thanks to generous gifts in memory of Robert Rosenberg and portions of labor costs donated by Patriot Roofing & Exteriors.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation awarded **\$5,000 to Giblem Lodge** to fund professional counsel in preparation of major capital campaign for the building's rehabilitation.

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695  
MEMBERS



61  
volunteers

\$106K

GRANT FUNDING

4.5K

volunteer hours



## PRESERVATION EDUCATION



### TAR HEELS GO WALKING

- 2,010 students
- 65 tours
- 29 schools

### REALTORS® COURSE

- 133 REALTORS® trained in how to buy/sell properties in historic districts

11 WALKING TOURS  
with 412 ATTENDEES

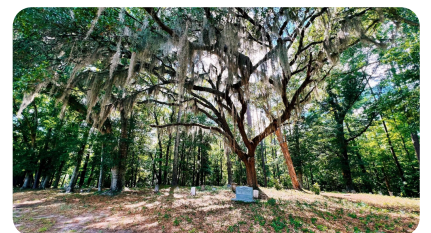
### 11 EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- New Hanover County Public Library
- Del Webb Wilmington at Riverlights
- Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at UNCW
- Preservation North Carolina 2023 Conference
- Residents of Old Wilmington



## MAIDES CEMETERY

In November, an Eagle Scout built and installed four benches to allow for places of rest and reflection. Volunteers committed 204 hours to the cemetery's conservation in 2023.





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