

## DESIGN PHASE FOR GAINESWOOD RESTORATION WORK BEGINS

Friends of Gaineswood members and Alabama Historical Commission staff met with architects from Lord Aeck Sargent Architecture on February 6 to discuss the design work and objectives for the upcoming \$520,000 restoration of Gaineswood.

"The primary goal of the project is simple—keep moisture out of the house," said Mae Washington, an architect with the Alabama Historical Commission. Located in Demopolis, Gaineswood is a historic site of the Historical Commission. A National Historic Landmark, the structure is considered one of America's finest examples of the Greek Revival style of architecture.

Representing the Friends of Gaineswood at the meeting were board members Tarlee Brown, Laura Foster, and John Northcutt. Architects Susan Turner and Rob Yallop spoke on behalf of Lord Aeck Sargent.

The principal architect is Susan Turner, who performed an architectural assessment of Gaineswood four years ago for the Conservation Assessment Program. Joining the Lord Aeck Sargent team is Selma architect Richard B. "Dick" Hudgens who will serve as a consultant.

"Dick is a Marengo County native and has led many Auburn University Rural Studio students through Gaineswood and knows quite a bit about the mansion," said Gaineswood Site Director Matt Hartzell.

In 2005, the Friends of Gaineswood and the Alabama Historical Commission won a Save America's Treasures matching grant in the amount of \$260,000. The Historical Commission, the Friends of Gaineswood, the Alabama Bureau of Tourism and Travel, and the City of Demopolis have committed matching funds to the



Rob Yallop stands beside the "window lantern" on the parlor roof to document sizes and composition of the window frames and casements above the roof surfaces at Gaineswood.

grant provided by the National Park Service.

"The February 6 meeting marks the beginning of the initial design phase for the restoration work," said Hartzell. The work will address structural elements including the roof, the exterior wood siding, and foundation drainage. "During the meeting we discussed which materials will be used to repair the roof, siding, and drainage, and which portions of these areas need repairs," said Hartzell.

During the next few months, more extensive inspections of the roof, exterior, and foundation are to be undertaken. Detailed drawings that specify how the repairs will be done and which materials will be used will be produced. These specifications must be considered and approved by the State Building Commission.

"After the specifications are approved, the project must be bid," said Hartzell. The bid process involves writing the restoration work contract, site visits and meetings at Gaineswood with prospective bidders, and a period for receiving and evaluating bids. Finally, there is the awarding of the bid. "According to the most recent projections, the actual work should begin by January 2008," said Hartzell.

## ADAMS ELECTED CHAIR



At the annual meeting held Feb. 7 in the Alabama State Capitol, the Alabama Historical Commission elected Dr. James P. "Ike" Adams of Tuscaloosa as chair. Adams, who previously served as vice chair, is a professor of social work and dean of the University of Alabama School of Social Work. Other officers include Daniel Bennett, vice chair; Jeff Jakeman, secretary; and Lee Sentell, treasurer. Shown above are Adams (left) and previous Alabama Historical Commission Chair Bill Drinkard.

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## TIFFANY TOLBERT--

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**Tiffany Tolbert**, an intern with the Alabama Historical Commission from 2001 to 2003 while she was attending Huntingdon College, is now the director of the Calumet Regional Office for the Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana (HLFI).

After graduating from Huntingdon in 2004 with a degree in political science and history, Tolbert received a master's in historic preservation from Georgia State University. While in graduate school, Tolbert interned with the Georgia African American Historic Preservation Network, a program of the Historic Preservation Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. Tolbert served as the African American Programs Assistant.

The Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana's Calumet regional office covers Lake and Porter County, Indiana, which are located in Northwest Indiana. "As regional director by job duties include working with local governments and communities and helping them to establish historic preservation commissions, as well as working with established commissions and assisting them with establishing local historic districts," said Tolbert.

"I provide technical assistance to ongoing preservation projects in the region, including properties listed on HLFI's ten most endangered list. I also oversee a grant program which funds consultants for National Register nominations," said Tolbert.

"I am excited about this opportunity and my new position. My internship at the Alabama Historical Commission and with the Black Heritage Council was the first exposure I had to historic preservation as a profession, so I can say that it was that experience that helped me realize by career goals, said Tolbert. "I will always be grateful to the Historical Commission and to the Black Heritage Council for the internship and for the chance to work with them."

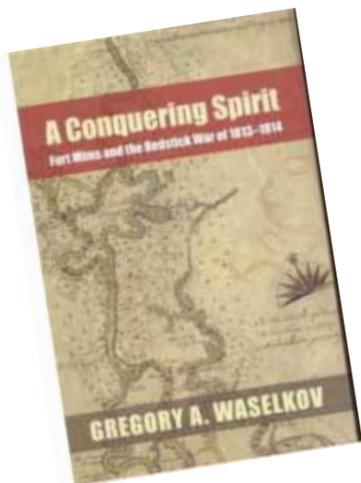
## WASELKOV APPOINTED TO AHC BOARD

Gov. Bob Riley has appointed **Dr. Gregory A. Waselkov** to the Alabama Historical Commission. A professor of anthropology and director of the Center for Archaeological Studies at the University of South Alabama, Waselkov represents the university on the board.



He has written, edited, and contributed to several books, including *Old Mobile Archaeology*. His latest work, *A Conquering Spirit: Fort Mims and the Redstick War of 1813-1814*, looks at how the Fort Mims massacre changed the course of American history—how this unprecedented Indian victory helped ensure the rise of Andrew Jackson to the national stage.

Waselkov tells the story of this fierce battle at the fortified plantation home of Samuel



Mims in the Tensas District of the Mississippi Territory. With valuable maps, tables, and artifact illustrations, he looks closely at the battle to cut through the legends and misinformation that have grown around the event.

**A CONQUERING SPIRIT**  
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**Gail Marchant** receives commendation as Employee of the Quarter from former Chair **Bill Drinkard** during the AHC annual meeting in February.

## EXCEPTIONAL EMPLOYEE NAMED

Upon becoming executive director, John Neubauer established a new program to recognize AHC employees. **Gail Marchant**, nominated as AHC Employee of the Quarter, is the first recipient. An employee of the State of Alabama for 33 years, Marchant has been on staff at the Historical Commission for over nine years.

"Gail was selected as our first employee of the quarter because she goes above and beyond the call of duty to help others," said Neubauer. She is cited for her exceptional levels of work performance for October through December 2006.

"Gail has received certificates of commendation from the Alabama Office of State Auditor for perfect property inventory audits for 2004 and 2006. She always has a positive attitude and is always receptive to helping others," Neubauer said.



**CLARISSA WILLIAMS AND JOSEPH GLAZAR**

## HURRICANE RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM

**Clarissa Williams** and **Joseph Glazar** joined the staff in December to temporarily assist with the Hurricanes Katrina and Rita relief grant program.

Williams recently worked in the archaeology department at Troy University and Glazar was a staff development instructor with the Mississippi Department of Mental Health. They are currently reviewing approximately 30 applications received after the February 1 grant deadline.

Funding is available for rehabilitation of structures or for reimbursement to owners for costs not covered by insurance or the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Congress intended that these funds be awarded with an emphasis on individuals who are committed to rebuilding their communities—helping those families and communities to return to their neighborhoods and homes as a result of this grant assistance. Emphasis is given to owner-occupied properties and priority is given to grantees who have the ability to expend grant funds promptly and efficiently.

For more information on the relief grant program, contact Elizabeth Ann Brown at (334) 230-2642.



## Grant Awards - FY07

# CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Certified Local Governments are eligible to receive Historic Preservation Fund grants. The Alabama Historical Commission annually awards grants for local preservation projects on a competitive basis to local governments certified under the National Park Service National Register programs. Monies for the projects come from Alabama's annual appropriations from the National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

The grants must be matched by the applicant and can be used for surveys of historic resources, nominations to the National Register of Historic Places, local preservation plans, preservation education projects, and predevelopment studies.

For information, contact Mary Shell at 334-230-2691 or [mary.shell@preserveala.org](mailto:mary.shell@preserveala.org).

### City of Birmingham/ Operation New Birmingham \$10,000

*Norwood Boulevard Historic District Expansion*

Survey Norwood neighborhood and nominate area to the National Register of Historic Places

### City of Decatur \$10,000

*Historic Structures Survey of Northwest Decatur*

Survey northwest Decatur neighborhoods and evaluate areas eligible for listing in the National Register

### City of Mobile \$10,000

*Update and revision of Church Street East, DeTonti Square, Ashland Place and Lower Dauphin Street Historic Districts*

Update historical and architectural information within four existing National Register districts for submission to the National Park Service

### City of Birmingham/ Operation New Birmingham \$3,000

*Interactive City Center and Neighborhood Preservation Project*

Encourage reinvestment in the city center with web site, workshops, and publications providing information on available historic buildings, financial incentives, and tools to stimulate redevelopment

### City of Mobile \$2,500

*Historic Properties Website*

Continue development of city web site offering photographs and inventory information on buildings located in the city's National Register districts

### City of Eufaula \$7,500

*Eufaula Historic Preservation Commission Training*

Purchase resource books and materials for commission library, attend state and national training workshops on historic preservation commission issues, and provide local workshop with nationally known speaker

### City of Sheffield \$5,000

*Sheffield Historic Preservation Commission Training*

Provide training to local preservation commission and community members on the process to designate local historic districts and to develop local design guidelines

### City of Monroeville \$10,000

*Develop master plan for downtown*

Develop a master plan for downtown using a series of local meetings facilitated by design and community development experts—final plan to be printed and distributed to community

### City of Selma \$7,500

*Downtown Main Street Program*

Support Main Street program efforts to protect and promote downtown historic district



## SPRING TRIP

### The Guntersville Historical Society's

April 14 spring trip to Dayton, Tennessee, will help renovate the society's Gilbreath House on Blount Avenue.

Participants will travel by motor coach to visit the courthouse where the famous "Scopes Monkey Trial" was held in July 1925. The tour is to be led by Bill Scopes of Guntersville who is the son of John Scopes—the subject of the much publicized trial featuring William Jennings Bryan and Clarence Darrow.

The Dayton courthouse is virtually unchanged since the trial was held. The basement houses a small museum of artifacts and information associated with the trial. Dr. R. M. Cornelius, an authority on the Scopes trial and professor emeritus at Bryan College, will also talk to the tour group.

Registration is \$95 per person and seating on the bus is limited to 38. All funds raised from the tour are earmarked for renovation of the Gilbreath House. Several thousand dollars have been raised so far.

Contact the Guntersville Historical Society at P. O. Box 236, Guntersville, AL 35976.

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