Save the Date

The 2019 fall fundraising dinner is on the move down Dawson Street to the Lapham-Patterson House. Join us as we Peer Into the Possibilities of what the future holds for the Lapham-Patterson House and the Thomasville History Center.

Long recognized as a jewel in Thomasville’s historic preservation crown, the home will provide a stunning backdrop for this year’s event. Enjoy a delicious meal, explore the Lapham-Patterson House, and sip a specialty cocktail from the bar in the newly restored greenhouse.

Reservations will be available for the event starting August 30 and will be $75 per person. If you would like to play an important role in this event as a sponsor, please contact us today.

Sponsorships are available at a variety of levels and each level includes recognition in all print and digital materials prior to the event. Additional sponsorship benefits can be found at thomasvillehistory.org/fundraisers. To appear in the printed invitation, pledges must be received by August 26.

ABOUT THE HOUSE
Since 2010, the Lapham-Patterson House has been under the care and management of the History Center and has welcomed thousands of visitors.

In 2019, the History Center and the Department of Natural Resources agreed to an extension of this agreement for another five years. In addition, the History Center continues to pursue the National Treasures designation on behalf of the Lapham-Patterson House.

Peering Into the Possibilities: An Illuminating Evening at the Lapham-Patterson House Saturday, October 19, 2019 6pm Cocktails, 7:30pm Dinner 626 N. Dawson St.

Get Involved
Pets are part of your family so we think they should be part of our family as well. Consider signing your furry (or scaly) friend up as a History Center member under one of our new membership categories. These funds will help support our operations to digitize and protect our fantastic collections. Your “Furry Friend” membership can be purchased online.

Trusty Sidekicks, $10
Invitation for up to 3 transportable pets to a special pet-friendly event in 2020
Pets’ names listed in Annual Report & fall Hourglass Membership List Gift Item

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Upcoming Events

August 2019 | #Dogust, follow on Facebook & Instagram

The time is nearly here for the 3rd annual #Dogust celebration on the History Center’s social media pages. In honor of the dog days of summer and our love for man’s best friend, we continue to scour our collections for images that contain dogs so we can feature them on social media. Don’t worry! We won’t be ignoring the felines; Saturdays will become #Caturdays and posts will be dedicated accordingly. Watch out for pet adoption features throughout the month from the Humane Society.

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August 10, September 14, October 12 & November 9: Handcrafted Drop-In, 10am-Noon, free & open to all. RSVP’s appreciated

August 27: Do You Remember? The 1993 High School State Football Championship, THS vs. TCCHS, Panelists needed! Contact Amelia@thomacountyhistory.org 7:30pm, Free & open to all.

September 7: Caring for Your Keepsakes, 10am-1pm, Lecture: Free; Consultations:$15 Members, $20 Public

September 10: “Sweet as Sin: The Unwrapped History of American Candy,” by Susan Benjamin, candy historian. 7:30pm, Registration, $5

October 19: Peering into the Possibilities: An Illuminating Evening at the Lapham-Patterson House, annual fall fundraising dinner, 6pm, Reservations: $75 each

September 21: Smithsonian Magazine Museum Day, free admission with registration: smithsonianmagazine.com/museumday

September 24: Winemaking in Georgia, Lecture & Tasting by Wayne Crawford, $15, Members, $20 Non-Members. Attendees must be aged 21+

November 5: 27th Annual Chicken Pilau Dinner, 4:30pm-7pm, $8, thomasvillehistory.org

On the cover: Campers learn about the workings of the Jones Tenant Farm with a Tall Timbers Research Station volunteer.
Landscape Updates & Improvements
Over the last year, thanks to the generous support of the George E. Crouch Foundation, we’ve been able to make improvements to the landscaping and grounds that have helped to boost the Lapham-Patterson House’s curb appeal. In addition to the removal of several trees on the right of way, additional trees were removed from the backyard. The historic fountain saw a new water feature installed just in time for the Georgia Trust’s Ramble in April. The large concrete enclosure over the old cistern was replaced with a new, lower profile base and covered with a metal lid for safety.

The expansive backyard will allow for more events and outdoor programming. In early summer, attention turned to the former greenhouse. The brick walls were repaired and strengthened and a brick floor re-laid with the goal of making the space functional for rentals and public programs. Canvas umbrellas offered a bit of shade to the concrete picnic tables during summer camp and will be a welcome rest stop for future visitors.

Guests at the History Center’s fall fundraising dinner on October 19 will get their first glimpse at the improvements across the property while they enjoy a specialty cocktail from the newly designed bar in the greenhouse which will be constructed by Blackwater Timber. We hope you’ll join us on our exploration of the Lapham-Patterson House’s possibilities in October.

Ramble Attendees Awed
The Georgia Trust’s 2019 Spring Ramble brought more than 600 history and architecture enthusiasts to Thomasville over one weekend in April.

The Lapham-Patterson House and Thomasville History Center welcomed most of those guests during packet pickup, the Trust’s Board Meeting, Inherit GA’s bowling night, and for self-guided tours. Please join us in thanking Landmarks for their hard work coordinating this event and congratulating them on a job well done.

The History Center and Landmarks would also like to thank the more than 90 community volunteers again for their hard work. It would not have been possible without you!

Summer Camps Recap

Camp Dawson
Eighteen curious campers joined us for the 22nd annual history camp June 3-7. With the help of our dedicated youth counselors and adult volunteers, we explored several different eras in our community’s history. The list of activities completed by campers was extensive.

Tall Timbers Research Station opened their doors to us for a special visit which included wagon rides through the Red Hills, a tour of a 1940s tenant house, pea shelling, corn shucking, and a private watercolor lesson with artist Eluster Richardson. Campers enjoyed the chance to see some wildlife in their natural habitats and to get a taste of life on a tenant farm.

Campers explored the community on Friday with a visit to Paradise Park, the Flowers Heritage Center’s “History in the Baking” exhibit, and the Old City Cemetery.

Family and friends were invited to the opening of the campers’ exhibit on Friday, June 7. The campers’ experiences throughout the week inspired the exhibits they created. Using the story arc template they learned from storyteller Saundra Kelly, campers’ exhibit topics included Tall Timbers, instructions on how to churn butter, life on a 19th-century farm, and more.

Please join us in extending a special thank you to Claire Timm who not only volunteered at Camp Dawson, but undertook the role as official camp photographer. We are grateful for her help in documenting the fun! We owe our thanks to the following volunteers and demonstrators for lending their time and talent to Camp Dawson:

- Meme Hand
- Mack Rosenbury
- Tiffany Warfield
- Gaelle Gasque
- Iris Allgrove
- Ashley McKay
- John Hand
- Lois Hand
- Jeremy Petrella
- Leslie Johnson
- Barbara Beliveau
- Lance Farlow
- Juana Whiddon
- Sandra Kelley
- Claire Timm

Camp LPH
Eight enthusiastic campers explored the Lapham-Patterson House from top to bottom during Camp LPH June 18-20. Campers worked their way backwards through time to experience crafts and games from the 1940s through the 1880s. Campers assembled and painted model airplanes, designed fabrics inspired by Great Depression era flour sack cloths, took a ride in the History Center’s 1923 Ford Model T, made marbled paper, designed and painted “stained” glass, tied lavender sachets, assembled Jacob’s ladder toys, and much more. Campers successfully crafted and launched hot air balloons as a finale to their experience.

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Mary Marthalene McRae Davis

The Thomasville History Center extends its condolences to the Davis family on the loss of matriarch, Marthalene Davis. Mrs. Davis was a longtime supporter, board member, past President, and advocate for the Thomas County Historical Society.

The Smith Log House was a particular focus for Mrs. Davis, and she could often be found cleaning and staging the historic house.

As President of the Board of Directors in 1985-1986 and 1990, Mrs. Davis was integral in the operations and management of the Society. The exhibition hall added to the Flowers-Roberts House in 1990 bears the Davis’s name.

The annual matching grant received by the History Center from the Jasper & Marthalene Davis Foundation is a pillar of our operating budget. Both the Davis Wing and the annual grant stand as testaments to their generosity and dedication to the History Center’s mission and future.

In Memoriam

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