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Janice Persons Biggers Revolving-Redevelopment Fund



As we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Historic Columbus, we also celebrate someone who has been the voice and the

image of Historic Columbus from the beginning – Janice Persons Biggers. Her energy, vision, and personality have molded the organization into what it is today.

She quickly established herself and Historic Columbus as a permanent player in issues dealing with the built environment and community beautification. Her leadership style won respect and cooperation from local leaders and businessmen.

Her successors have built on that foundation and have maintained the influence of Historic Columbus since her retirement in 1989. We have also been very fortunate that Janice has retained an active role in guiding this organization and its leadership. She is important to us all.

In the process of planning this great year, the Executive Committee received a wonderful suggestion of how to permanently honor this incredible woman. In 1968, Historic Columbus was one of the first organizations in the region to create a Revolving-Redevelopment Fund. The purpose of that fund was to enable HCF to accept endangered properties, restore them to a certain level, and then sell them to sympathetic buyers. The proceeds would then come back into the fund to allow that same process to happen over and over. Since 1968, Historic Columbus – thanks to Janice's vision and perseverance – has saved over 80 properties and returned over \$14 million back to the Muscogee County Tax Roles.

To honor all that Janice Biggers has meant to this organization, it is my pleasure to announce the new name of the fund that embodies how Historic Columbus does good in this community - the Janice P. Biggers Revolving-Redevelopment Fund.

Remarks by George G. Flowers,
 Chairman of the Board, at the Golden Jubilee

Special Dedication for This Place Matters: Columbus Georgia

This Place Matters is a love letter to historic Columbus. We recognize the struggles we've had, but we rejoice in the good and look forward to tomorrow's new adventures. It also stands as a reminder of what all we've accomplished and how far Columbus has come as a community.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors wanted to honor its third Executive Director and co-author of the book with a surprise special dedication. The dedication was made not only for her continued leadership and unwavering commitment, but more importantly for her servant's heart.

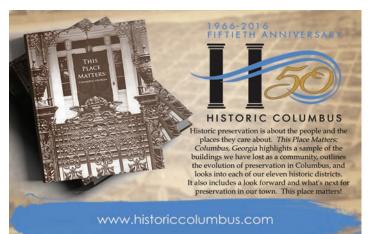
Dedicated to the founders of Historic Columbus and those who continue to work on behalf of historic preservation with a special dedication to Virginia Tucker Peebles.

It's hard to pull one over on Virginia

Peebles, but we did it! With her family in secret

attendance, the dedication of the book to her was announced at the December Board Meeting.

Virginia is one of the "hearts" of Historic Columbus. Our organization and our community would not be what it is today without her passion and drive to make Columbus better. Historic Columbus owes her a huge debt of thanks. This dedication is a mere token.





1966-2016 FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

50th Anniversary YEAR IN REVIEW

Our 50th Anniversary Celebration co-chairmen, Janice Biggers and Virginia Peebles, masterfully led what would become four committees to put together the anniversary year. The 50th Anniversary Steering Committee kicked it all off two years ago and made the biggest decision, who would be our featured speaker at the Golden Jubilee. They also put together the framework for the year to include other

Lunch and Lecture Series

















events and that Historic Columbus needed to think big for our future.

Then, three large committees were then created to take action: the Program Committee; the Capital Campaign Committee; and the Golden Jubilee Committee.

The Program Committee led by Sally Walden took a very visible lead for the year. They planned and decorated six lunch and lectures, a Founders Day event in May at the Springer, and the 50th Annual Meeting and Preservation Awards. These gifts to the community were attended by over 1,000 people throughout the year.

The public is interested in its history and wants to engage, to learn, and to help continue the development of new programs. As you will see in the 2017 Calendar of Events, we have planned a new lunch and lecture series.

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Founders Day





River Raffle







Box City







50th Anniversary GOLDEN JUBILEE

On Tuesday, November 15, 2016, Historic Columbus ended its 50th Anniversary in style at the Golden Jubilee. Dexter Jordan and Mint Flowers, along with a twenty-four person committee, created an unforgettable evening at the historic Iron Works. Tom Brokaw delivered a thought provoking history lesson on current events, as well as moving stories from The Greatest Generation.

Thank you to our volunteers, donors, and all of the over 600 people who attended the Jubilee!



Golden Jubilee Co-chairs

Dexter Jordan and Mint Flowers

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Sam and Sara Dismuke, Martha Hatcher, and Courtney and Alfred Blackmar



Stephen and Sue Howard, Spencer Garrard, and Ann Howard



Troy Mann and Tom Bowden



Front Row (I-r) - Jack Key, Tom Brokaw, Libbie Key, and Jackie Flakes Back Row (I-r) - Will and Beth Burgin, Elizabeth Barker, and Rev. Johnny Flakes



Tom Brokaw, Sally Hatcher, and Jack Jenkins



Chris Woodruff, Ashley McArthur, Tom Brokaw, Frank and Leah Foley



Leila Carr, Rem Houser, Marie Moshell, and Helen Neal



Will and Beth Burgin



Pete and Claire Berry



Allison Gardner, Catherine Trotter, Janice Biggers, Perrin Trotter, and Rick Spitzmiller

Celebrating 50 years of revitalizing our community...and having fun along the way!





HISTORIC COLUMBUS' 50TH ANNUAL MEETING AND PRESERVATION AWARDS

On Tuesday, October 11, 2016, Historic Columbus held its 50th Annual Meeting and Preservation Awards at the RiverCenter for the Performing Arts. We are extremely thankful to the RiverCenter for allowing us to utilize their facility and for the incredible opening by composer and Columbus State University Organist, Joseph Golden, called Fanfare for the City of Columbus and Columbus State University.

This year has been incredible thanks to the tireless efforts of numerous Board members, Trustees, past Historic Columbus Presidents, and our members. Without their time, creativity, leadership, and attendance this year would not have happened.

Historic Columbus exists to ensure that our sense of place, what makes Columbus special, isn't lost. We are also very fortunate as a community to have such great private investment as shown in this year's Preservation Awards.

2016 PRESERVATION AWARDS COLUMBUS HISTORIC DISTRICT:

Teymur Etemadi for the rehabilitation of 313 7th Street.



Kristin Bourgeois and Teymur Etemadi

UPTOWN COLUMBUS:

Jimmy Brooks, Reggie Luther, and John Teeples for the renovation of 111 12th Street.



John Teeples, Elizabeth Barker, Jimmy Brooks, and Reggie Luther

Mr. and Mrs. Marc Olivie, Michael McFalls, and Nick Norwood for the poem, *Powerhouse*.



Nick Norwood, Michael McFalls, Marleen and Marc Olivie

Christopher S. Woodruff for the restoration and adaptive re-use of 1230 and 1232 Broadway.



Mr. Chris Woodruff, Elizabeth Barker, and Will Barnes

DR. AND MRS. LLOYD B. SAMPSON 2016 SARAH TURNER BUTLER HERITAGE AWARD RECIPIENT



Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd B. Sampson

The Sarah Turner Butler Award is the Historic Columbus' highest honor, awarded annually since 1984 to an individual or organization for outstanding contributions to historic preservation in our city and region through demonstrated leadership and commitment to the mission of Historic Columbus.

This year's recipients, Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd B. Sampson, have made outstanding contributions to numerous properties within our community in an effort to protect and preserve some of our city's most architecturally significant houses located in Columbus' High Uptown Historic District.

The High Uptown Historic District contains examples of Columbus' most elaborate and high style residential structures dating from the 1830s to the mid-1900s. It was the second residential neighborhood to be developed, just after the Columbus Historic District.

In 1972, while Lloyd was stationed at Ft.
Benning as a young dermatologist, Gloria explored
Columbus' neighborhoods and was enamored with
the beautifully ornate Victorian houses found in the
High Uptown Historic District.

She took a special liking to the Bullard home located at 1408 Third Avenue and decided to sketch it one day. Coincidentally, Mr. Hart, the current owner of the home noticed her drawing the house and asked if she would like to see the inside.

Unknown to her at the time, it was that first visit that would have a lasting impact on her and her husband's life for the next 40+ years.

In exchange for a painting and serving as caretakers, Mr. Hart allowed Gloria and Lloyd to live in the house for 18 months while Dr. Sampson was stationed at Ft. Benning. During that time they fell further in love with the house and the surrounding High Uptown neighborhood. Then, they returned to California for Lloyd to finish his residency at Stanford.

In 1978, the Sampson's received a phone call from Mr. Hart who told them his mother had passed away and he needed to sell the home. He gave them three days to respond.

The Sampson's agreed to purchase the home, packed up their belongings, travelled to Columbus, and began a painstakingly detailed restoration of the home that continues to this day. Thirteen fireplaces, eleven arches, oak and pecan parquet flooring, and a 30-foot-tall entry hall are just some of the original details still remaining in the house they call home. The Bullard-Hart-Sampson house remains one of the best examples in the state of Second Empire architecture.

Over time, the Sampson's purchased the adjacent properties and homes in order to protect their investment from commercial development, which means they now lovingly own and maintain three other High Uptown homes in addition to the Bullard-Hart-Sampson House.

The Sampson's have served as an anchor to help stabilize High Uptown. Without their investment, the neighborhood would have been completely lost. This couple has exhibited a passion for historic properties in Columbus that has undoubtedly been the saving grace for High Uptown. The Sampson's commitment to their home and the surrounding houses is one Historic Columbus greatly appreciates and admires. And, the Columbus community has benefitted from their tireless efforts to maintain their properties to the highest standards.

Congratulations, Gloria and Lloyd, and thank you for all you have done and continue to do for preservation in our community!

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Save Me A Place

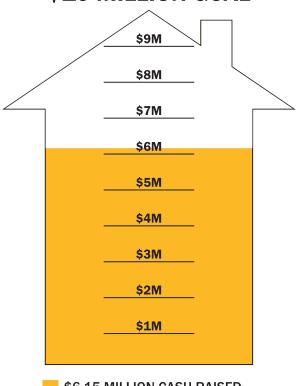
In addition to great events, Historic Columbus also embarked on its first ever capital campaign led by Ed Sprouse, former Chairman of the Board and Director Emeritus, along with a 14 member committee of past Historic Columbus presidents and leaders.

This campaign is focused on Historic Columbus' next chapter. It is about growing low interest loan programs for neighborhood revitalization; completing the stabilization of City Mills, the last endangered National Historic Landmark; and providing significant grants for bricks and mortar projects in desperate need of help.

Historic Columbus has protected 2,500 structures in 11 historic districts, saved over 80 properties from demolition, and provided approximately \$950,000 in loan funds since 1997 – and we need to do more.

We have raised \$6.15 Million of the campaign so far thanks to new funding through a Program

\$10 MILLION GOAL



\$6.15 MILLION CASH RAISED
AS OF DECEMBER, 2016

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Related Investment (PRI) with the Bradley-Turner Foundation. Two loan programs will officially kick-off in January! The **Façade Loan Program** and the new **Rehab Loan Program** will allow Historic Columbus to make a larger difference for families in older homes by being able to provide loans up to \$15,000 for façade improvements and up to \$100,000 for more intensive rehabilitation work. These loans can help paint a house, install a new roof, repair windows, stabilize a foundation, or provide a complete restoration to give new life back to a property in danger of demolition.

The Public Participation Grant is also a new program you will be hearing much more about in the near future. There are so many larger buildings in need of help – for example, our historic churches; community buildings like the Porter Auditorium, the marble façade YMCA, and the House of Mercy; theatres like the Liberty; and schools such as Claflin, Bibb, and Rosehill. This grant will encourage applicants to promote their projects and create enthusiasm about preservation efforts. The grant will have a maximum award amount of \$100,000.

Please visit www.historiccolumbus.com for updates and applications for these great programs!







YMCA LISTED AS A PLACE IN PERIL BY GEORGIA TRUST

The historic marble facade YMCA building located in downtown Columbus (118 11th Street) was recently nominated by Historic Columbus to the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation's 2017 Places in Peril List. The "marble Y" was one of ten sites recognized across Georgia as having significant historic importance and being in a threatened state.

The Places in Peril Program is designed to link local partners and owners of the threatened property with the Georgia Trust along with helping to promote and develop ways to preserve the structures. Other properties in Columbus that have been listed with the GA Trust are City Mills, Bibb Mill, the Secondary Industrial School, and Claflin Elementary School among others.

The "marble Y" was purchased by neighboring First Presbyterian Church in 2008 in an effort to stabilize the building and provide more off street parking for its congregation. Beyond stabilization of the property, future development plans for the building remain unknown. The church has made attempts to market and sell the property, but due to condition and cost of renovations finding a new owner with an appropriate plan of reuse has proven difficult.

Started in 1903 and completed in 1907, the marble covered YMCA was the first permanent home of the YMCA in Columbus and the only marble YMCA in the United States. Funds donated by George Foster Peabody made the construction of the building possible. In a letter dated September 20, 1901, native Columbus philanthropist George Foster Peabody made the following declaration

to then YMCA President J.A. Kirven:"I beg now, upon behalf of my brothers (Roy Confield Peabody and Charles Jones Peabody) and myself to formally confirm our offer to erect a building to cost not less than \$35,000 suitable for occupancy by the YMCA and to be placed upon a lot of ground to be provided and deeded to the association by other friends, free of lien. This offer is conditioned upon the purchase and payment for this land, and upon the raising of as much as \$10,000 in cash to be invested and held by the trustees of the association for an endowment fund."

Columbus' original YMCA is without question a unique landmark structure for our community. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on September 29th, 1982 by Nancy Alexander, Roger Harris, and Janice Biggers. Historic Columbus is hopeful a renewed partnership with First Presbyterian Church and the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation will prove to be a positive step forward in trying to preserve this important building for generations to come.



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In honor of;
Ms. Elizabeth K. Barker

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WITH OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

(August 1, 2016 - November 30, 2016)

Erie Sue Buck August 4, 2016

Lucile Wilson OgieAugust 9, 2016

Dr. George Othell Hand

August 13, 2016

Elinor Jane Brandt Winn

August 15, 2016

Dr. George Baker Hubbard, Jr.October 13, 2016

Bobbie Elders Schladensky
October 15, 2016

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- 1. You transfer property/asset to an irrevocable charitable trust.
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- 3. The trust pays you a defined income stream for life.
- 4. Because you made an irrevocable gift to charity, you are entitled to an income tax deduction in the year you make the donation. The deduction is based on the present value of the future gift to charity.
- 5. After the last income beneficiary's death, any remaining principal is distributed to the charity or charities you selected. You can retain a right to change the charitable beneficiary.
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, January 12, 2017

Dr. Garry Pound, Local Artist Columbus and the Visual Arts Lunch and Lecture, W.C. Bradley Museum

Thursday, February 9, 2017

Panel of Local Historians History of Black Education in Columbus Lunch and Lecture, Mildred L. Terry Library

Thursday, March 9, 2017

David Owings, Columbus State University Archivist Lunch and Lecture Elizabeth Bradley Turner Center

Thursday, April 13, 2017

Glenn Albright, Owner of Albright's Flowers

Lunch and Lecture

Tuesday, May 9, 2017

Joint Meeting of the Historic Columbus Boards of Directors and Trustees

Tuesday, May 23, 2017

Preservation for Profit

June 12-15, 2017

Box City Summer Art Camp Session 1
Wynnton Arts Academy

June 26-29, 2017

Box City Summer Art Camp Session 2 Wynnton Arts Academy

Thursday, August 10, 2017

Fr. Daniel O'Connell, Pastor
Lunch and Lecture
Church of the Holy Family

Thursday, September 14, 2017

River Raffle

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

51st Annual Meeting and Preservation Awards

Sunday, December 3, 2017

Holiday Tour of Homes