



# 2012 Annual Report



**Building Supply** for the work done on these houses. More homes are for sale, and if you are interested in purchasing one, just let us know.



Kay Stern has donated a preservation easement on the stunning residence she has called home since 1956. **The Katherine and Sidney Stern House** is an excellent example of Mid-Century Modern architecture, and was designed by Greensboro architect **Edward Loewenstein**. It sports many remarkable characteristics, including a butterfly roofline, wonderful

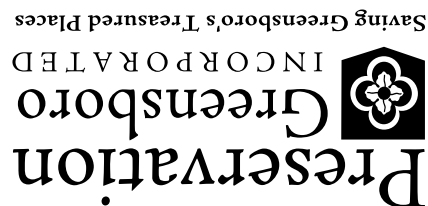
expanses of glass that admit sunlight, and beautiful cypress paneling, brick floors and an open staircase! The easement is a template for future easements on classic Greensboro properties by preserving the general form of the building, contributing architectural details, and key interior materials that make this house so special. Thanks to Kay, and her generosity, we can rest easier knowing that this Greensboro landmark will not fall to bulldozers for redevelopment.

On behalf of the **Preservation Greensboro Incorporated** board and staff, and all of our volunteers, thank you for being a part of a fantastic year for historic preservation in Guilford County! 🌿

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In our 47th year, Preservation Greensboro's members, volunteers, and staff are working together for an exciting future.

At the top of our headlines this year is the fact that we mark the **20th anniversary of Architectural Salvage of Greensboro**, a volunteer based initiative to rescue old house parts. It is recycling at its best.

In the past two decades, ASG is recognized as one of the oldest surviving not for profit salvage operations, as well as a highly innovative way to raise funds in an environment where organizations are struggling. ASG has involved hundreds of volunteers through the years that have served on SWAT Teams (that's Saving Worn-out Architectural Treasures), helped tidy the showroom, explored new marketing plans, and stubbed toes, taken splinters, and pulled their backs for preservation.



Also central to our mission to save Greensboro's architectural and historical treasures is the **Tour of Historic Homes**. We initiated our first tour two years ago, and it is a great success for PGI in terms of fundraising, raising awareness of our community's treasured places and as a way to engage volunteers. We sell hundreds of tickets to participants from across the southeast who walk the shaded streets of our



historic neighborhoods and marvel at their lush plantings, front porches, and the quality of craftsmanship. PGI has enjoyed press coverage with Tom Garcia on News2's Morning Show, newsprint, WFDD and even billboards.



The 2013 Tour will celebrate the history and architecture of **College Hill on May 18-19**. We are changing our name to reflect a new component that will expand our tour to **historic Gardens** of the neighborhood. We are also planning to feature an ASG

IdeaHouse that will showcase creative reuse of materials from ASG, and I know you will be fascinated to learn just how you can reuse materials. Advanced tickets are just \$15 for PGI members, so call our offices to place your order today!

**Patron Passes** are a great way to have more fun and explore two exclusive homes not open to standard ticket-holders. A Tour Gala will kick-off our weekend in a lovely College Hill home on the evening of Thursday, May 16, and an exciting Block Party will be held in another home on Saturday afternoon, May 18th. Both the Gala and the Block Party are open only to Patron Pass holders and our Volunteers. Patron Passes are \$75 single/\$125 per pair.

The **Blandwood Ball** has been a tradition in Greensboro since 1976, and has been the primary fundraising event for our city's only National Historic Landmark house. The Ball has been crucial to the operation and care of Blandwood Mansion and Gardens. Thank you to our



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**Blandwood**, now owned and operated by Preservation Greensboro, remains a flagship initiative of the organization. Over the course of the year, thousands of people from across the world have walked through our doors to learn more about Greensboro history, A. J. Davis, and Governor Morehead. A quick look through our guest register shows people visiting Blandwood from California, Georgia, Illinois, Colorado, Maryland, and even Thailand! Look for more exciting events at Blandwood in 2013 that showcase our National Historic Landmark house, and illustrate to more people the importance of this site to the community.

Thanks to the generosity of the **Marion Stedman Covington Foundation**, the **John and Barbara McLendon Family Foundation**, and the **Weaver Foundation**; 2012 was the year that Blandwood's original A. J. Davis-designed windows were repaired and returned to working order. We are one of the few sites in the country that have original Davis windows, and today they are well-cared for... at least for another 20 years, or so! We so appreciate our partners in preservation.

We are hoping that contributors will step forward to help us restore the historic windows on the south façade of Blandwood in 2013. These are very old windows, some of which date back to the construction of Blandwood in 1795. We are also focusing fundraising efforts on repairing the plaster and repainting the stucco north façade of the house. Both of these efforts have high price tags, the window repair will cost upwards of \$30,000, but we will do our best to gather resources to get that work done.

The **Development Fund** has been active since 1989, and now counts itself among the most industrious revolving funds in the nation. A generous grant last year from the **1772 Foundation** of \$25,000 gave the Fund the boost it needed to continue working in the Glenwood neighborhood. We were one of just 24 organizations to be awarded funding! Several properties that are being added to our stewardship are in Glenwood. Thanks to donations of time and materials by board members and **New Home**

## Member Benefit: Tour College Hill

Explore Greensboro's 19th Century history at the **Tour of Historic Homes** in College Hill on May 18-19! All PGI members pay only \$15 for advanced purchase of tickets. Day-of tickets are \$25 per person. If you would like a bit of luxury on this tour, please consider purchasing a Patron's Pass for \$75/\$125 per couple to attend the fabulous Thursday night Tour Gala in a grand home as well as refreshments at the invitation-only Saturday afternoon Block Party. Of course you may send a check or charge by credit card (Visa, Master Card, Discover, Paypal) through our offices 336-272-5003 x3 at Blandwood Mansion April 20 through May 17. See you on the Tour!

