

# 2013 Annual Report



property dates back to 1907, and stands in a prominent location at Spring Garden and Joyner streets. The building suffered a fire in June of 2011, and since that time we have worked on a collaborative plan in partnership with the College Place United Methodist Church, the College Hill Neighborhood Association, and the City of Greensboro to preserve the house. The house is now under option to purchase.

Please remember all this work is facilitated by a great staff. Lisa, Andy, Elyse, and Tricia are our expert Blandwood docents, Mariah is doing a great job as manager of the Carriage House, Cheryl keeps the ASG Showroom

organized and tidy; Judi keeps us all working together, and John keeps us all smiling. I hope you appreciate them all as much as I do. Thanks to our members, partners, and volunteers, this organization is connecting with our community in exciting and innovative ways that broaden our approach to preservation of buildings, to revitalization of neighborhoods and economic development in our city.

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In some ways, **Preservation Greensboro** has remained our familiar old hometown organization where great friends meet in cool places with a glass of wine in their hands and save awesome buildings. In so many other ways, 2013 has broken new ground with initiatives such as the Governor Morehead Forum for Economic Development and the Development Fund that will serve our community well into the future. As our 50th anniversary approaches, Preservation Greensboro's members, volunteers, and staff are working to a better future for Greensboro and all of Guilford County.

We serve the community through programs such as Architectural Salvage of Greensboro (ASG), Blandwood, the Tour of Historic Homes and Gardens and the Development Fund.

**ASG** is a volunteer based initiative to rescue old house parts. Why throw a vintage light fixture, a six-panel wood door, some spare heart pine flooring, or a fantastic old mantel...away if you can recycle it? ASG recorded sales of just over \$64,000 for 2013, their 20th year in operation. Last year ASG leveraged over 800 volunteer hours into salvaging and prepping items for sale. They diverted 10–15 tons of stuff from Greensboro's landfills, and had hundreds of customers whose purchases provided a direct impact on preservation in the Gate City.





Also central to our mission to save Greensboro's architectural and historical treasures is the **Tour of Historic Homes & Gardens**. Each year, the tour raises awareness of our mission and boosts our membership. For some, this is a chance to leave their car behind and soak up the

atmosphere of these classic neighborhoods. College Hill was a fantastic host of the Tour in 2013. Ten historic homes were open, including the Mitchell Queen Anne Cottage (1901), the Klingman Craftsman Bungalow (1916), the Colonial Revival Jobe House (1926), the Greek Revival Bumpass–Troy House (1847), the Shingle–Style Scott House (1903), the Cannaday–Parker Queen Anne Cottage (1896), the Queen Anne—Style Cannaday–Fergusen House (1896), the Queen Anne–Style Boyles Harrison House (1894), the Italianate Walker–Scarborough House (1846), and two units in the Wafco Mill Complex (1893). The Effie Anderson House (1915) was the site of the after–tour Block Party!

Over the course of the past year, we hope you have had a chance to enjoy diverse events that celebrate a sense of place. Whether enjoying ice cream at Blandwood, exploring a curated tour of Philadelphia through Studio Traveler, learning



the ins and outs of historic tax credits, or discovering the nine works of Charles Barton Keen in our city, we hope you have had an opportunity to connect!

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Thanks to the generosity of the Marion Stedman Covington Foundation, the John and Barbara McLendon Family Foundation, and the Weaver Foundation, Blandwood's earliest windows — some dating back to the 1700s, were restored. This much-needed work assured that our original windows will last for years to come.

**Blandwood** has long been recognized for its importance through the lens of architect

Alexander Jackson Davis, but we have not focused as strongly on Governor John Motley Morehead and his legacy. In a state that is covered with streets, structures,

#### This year saw the beginning of our **Governor**

institutions and schools bearing his

name, we own and maintain the site

that has the greatest association with

Governor Morehead. Beginning this

year, we are rebranding Blandwood as

Governor Morehead's Blandwood.

The Morehead name in North Carolina

has strong recognition value compared

to the name Blandwood, but by

strengthened.

co-naming the site, both titles are

Morehead Forum for Economic Development, a stage on which to celebrate the strengths of Greensboro that were cultivated by Gov. Morehead including Transportation, Education, Manufacturing and Design. The Forum brought four living governors of North Carolina together at Blandwood; Governors Hunt, Martin, Perdue, and McCrory, one of the first such receptions in the State as a way to recognize the importance Blandwood has held, and continues to leverage, across North Carolina.



The **Development Fund** has now been active for 25 years and counts itself among the most industrious revolving funds in the nation. In the Glenwood neighborhood, we have three houses available for purchase and restoration on Haywood Street. Last year we completed a beautiful front porch on the Owens-Baker House at 812 Haywood Street courtesy of donations of time and materials by Board members and New Home Building Supplies.



This March saw the restoration of the two-story Jalie Cox House in Glenwood by Lee and Josh Simmons, a young and energetic couple. Their house, built in 1907, is a charming addition to the streetscape of Glenwood.

Another important project has been the preservation of the Angle House at 919 Spring Garden Street in the middle of College Hill. This