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National Register news

The Lawton Place, located in Mount Airy, Habersham County, was listed in the National Register on January 8, 2009. During Reconstruction in the 1870s, railroad companies began speculating in real estate as a way to raise revenue for the railroads. A consortium of Northern railroad investors who envisioned “a delightful summer resort” established Mount Airy in northeast Georgia along the Atlanta and Richmond Railroad line in 1872. General Alexander Robert Lawton of Savannah was an early investor in Mount Airy. The Railroad Avenue lot where Lawton built his home was one of numerous parcels he purchased there. Following Lawton’s death in 1896, the house passed to a succession of owners. By 1925 it served as rental property. Its most famous tenant was baseball legend Ty Cobb who rented the house in the late 1950s when his own house was under construction. The house is a variant of the Georgian-plan house type adapted for use in a north Georgia resort community. Georgian-plan houses were built throughout the state from the 18th century to the early 20th century.

The Demorest Woman’s Club, located in Demorest, Habersham County, was listed in the National Register on December 30, 2008. The Demorest Woman’s Club was founded in 1934 by a group of eleven women who first met in members’ homes. Later that year the club was officially federated and 51 additional members joined. In 1954 the club purchased the Demorest Methodist Church building from its trustees for one dollar, and immediately began renovations to the building. The Men’s Civic Club had previously refused to accept the building, because they thought it was too dilapidated, but the women persevered and managed to adapt the building to their needs. Constructed in 1902 for the Methodist Episcopal Church, the building was significantly altered after acquisition by the Demorest Woman’s Club in 1954, and therefore the significance of the property relates to its later use.

The Kidd-Robertson House, located in Troup County, was listed in the National Register on December 30, 2008. George Kidd (1796-1871), a prosperous farmer and large landowner in Troup County constructed the Kidd-Robertson House circa 1843. The 1840 U.S. Census indicates that George Kidd, his wife Elizabeth

Todd Kidd, their eight children, Elizabeth's brother John Todd and 20 slaves lived on the property. By 1860, George Kidd owned 1,700 acres of land and 42 slaves. In addition to his farmland, he owned the Kidd Cotton Gin Factory and a grocery and mercantile business. After his death in 1871, his daughter, America Kidd Robertson, inherited the house. The house was sold out of the family in 1911. The Kidd-Robertson House is significant in the area of architecture as a good example of a 1840s Greek Revival-style Georgian cottage.

Read the complete press releases and see maps and photos on our Web site at <http://www.gashpo.org/content/displaycontent.asp?txtDocument=375>

2010 World Monuments Watch nominations are now being accepted.

The World Monuments Watch calls international attention to cultural heritage around the world that is threatened by the forces of nature and society. From archaeological sites to iconic architecture, cultural landscapes to historic city centers, the Watch identifies places of significance in need of timely action. Every two years, World Monuments Fund (WMF) accepts new nominations to the Watch, from which 100 are selected for listing. Watch listing provides an opportunity for sites and their nominators to raise public awareness, foster local participation, advance innovation and collaboration, and demonstrate effective solutions. The Watch nomination process also serves as a vehicle for requesting WMF assistance for select projects. More than 500 sites from over 110 countries have benefited from the seven cycles of the Watch; nearly half of these have received WMF grants, totaling \$50 million. Deadline for nominations is March 15, 2009. Additional information about the 2010 World Monuments Watch and downloadable PDFs of the Guidelines and Nomination Forms are available at <http://www.wmf.org/watch.html>. Questions or concerns about the nomination or electronic submission process should be directed to watch@wmf.org.

Georgia Trust is accepting scholarship applications

The Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation is now accepting entries for the J. Neel Reid Prize; B. Phinizy Spalding and Hubert B. Owens Scholarships; & the National Society of The Colonial Dames of America in the State of Georgia Scholarships. The application postmark deadline is February 13. For more information, visit http://www.georgiitrust.org/preservation_resources/opportunities.htm or contact Kate Ryan at kryan@georgiitrust.org or 404-885-7817.

Preservation events calendar

Check the Events Calendar at www.gashpo.org for complete listings by date.

Please note that items on the "Preservation Events Calendar" are events and meetings of interest to preservationists. It is not to be used for the detailed scheduling of meetings with HPD staff without contacting those individuals.

Submit your listings to: helen.talley-mcrae@dnr.state.ga.us.

This week's new listings -

February 7 - Spotlight on Linwood Cemetery event - Georgia Trust - Macon - contact Jordan Poole at 706-506-9864 or jpoole@georgiatrust.org - http://www.georgiatrust.org/preservation_resources/partners_in_the_field.htm

February 8 - 2009 Places in Peril Spotlight on Campbell Chapel AME - Georgia Trust - Americus - contact Jordan Poole at 706-506-9864 or jpoole@georgiatrust.org - http://www.georgiatrust.org/preservation_resources/partners_in_the_field.htm

February 23 - Talking Walls: Heritage Education Program information seminar - Georgia Trust - Atlanta - RSVP to Kate Ryan at kryan@georgiatrust.org by Monday, Feb. 16. - http://www.georgiatrust.org/whatwedo/talking_walls.htm

February 26 - Dr. Edward J. Cashin Memorial Woodrow Wilson Lecture: Presidents and Their First Ladies, dramatically speaking: Edith, Woodrow and Ellen Wilson - Historic Augusta - 706-724-0436 or visit www.wilsonboyhoodhome.org

March 14 – Celebrating the Irish heritage of Margaret Mitchell – The Holliday-Dorsey-Fife House Museum in Fayetteville – contact John Lynch – 770-716-5332 or jlynch@fayetteville-ga.gov

March 14 - 2009 Places in Peril Spotlight Event: Preservation Workday at Mary Ray Memorial School - Georgia Trust – Newnan - contact Jordan Poole at 706-506-9864 or jpoole@georgiatrust.org - http://www.georgiatrust.org/preservation_resources/partners_in_the_field.htm

National and state conferences and meetings (listed in previous newsletters)-

February 3-14 - Georgia Days in commemoration of the 276th anniversary of the founding of the Georgia colony - Georgia Historical Society - statewide events - <http://georgiahistory.com/stories/79>

February 19-20 – Southern Garden Heritage Conference – Athens – contact 706-542-1244 or garden@uga.edu

February 19-21- 6th biennial Savannah Symposium: World Heritage and National Registers in Perspective - Savannah College of Art and Design - Savannah - <http://www.scad.edu/architectural-history/dept/events/symposiums.cfm>

March 1-4 – National Main Streets Conference – Chicago – www.mainstreet.org

March 8-11 - 2009 NCSHPO Annual Meeting and Historic Preservation Advocacy Day - Washington DC - <http://www.ncshpo.org> - or contact Giselle Rahn at 202-588-6167

March 11-15 – National Housing and Rehabilitation Association Affordable Housing Developers Conference and Annual Meeting – Key Largo, FL – www.housingonline.com/events.aspx

March 11-15 – 12th US/ICOMOS International Symposium: Preservation in Peril – New Orleans – www.usicomos.org

March 12 - Georgia Women of Achievement Annual Induction Ceremony with guest speaker author Mary Kay Andrews - Wesleyan College, Macon - www.georgiawomen.org

March 12-14 – Traditional Building Exhibition and Conference – Boston – www.traditional-building.com

March 14 - Georgia Chapter of the Trail of Tears Association meeting - lecture by Chris Haveman, Creek Indian specialist - contact Leslie Thomas at 706-635-3864 or aeriehollow@ellijay.com or visit www.gatrailoftears.org

March 19-21 – 6th National Forum on Historic Preservation Practice: A Critical Look at Sustainability and Historic Preservation – Baltimore, MD – www.goucher.edu/forum2009

March 26-27 - 2009 Landmark and Preservation Conference - South Carolina SHPO - Columbia - <http://shpo.sc.gov/conf>

March 26-29 – Conference of the Organization of American Historians – Seattle – www.oah.org/meetings/2009/

April 8-11 - The Popular Culture Association and American Culture Association annual conference - New Orleans - contact - <http://www.pcaaca.org/conference/national.php>

April 17 – The 25th Anniversary Preservation Ball – Georgia Trust - Atlanta - 404-

885-7812 - www.georgiitrust.org/whatsnew/calendarevents.htm

April 22 -26 - Society for American Archaeology (SAA) 74th Annual Meeting - Atlanta - www.saa.org

May 5 – Preservation 101: A Georgia Orientation – Historic Preservation Division – Atlanta or Decatur - <http://www.gashpo.org/content/displaycontent.asp?txtDocument=414>

May 7 – 24th Governor’s Awards in the Humanities – Georgia Humanities Council – Atlanta – <http://www.georgiahumanities.org/programs/gov/index.html>

May 15-17 - Georgia Trust Annual Meeting and Spring Ramble - Augusta - 404-885-7812 - www.georgiitrust.org/whatsnew/calendarevents.htm

May 29-June 7 – Victorian Society in America’s 29th annual American Summer School – Newport, RI – www.victoriansociety.org

June 10-13 - Vernacular Architecture Forum Annual Meeting - Butte, Montana - www.vafweb.org

August 23-26 - National Scenic Byways 2009 conference: Elevate Your Expertise - Denver, CO - www.bywaysresourcecenter.org or center@byways.org

August 26-29 - 2009 AASLH (American Association for State and Local History) Annual Meeting - Indianapolis, IN - <http://www.aaslh.org/2009-annual-meeting.htm>

October 13-17 - 2009 National Preservation Conference - Nashville, TN - <http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/training/npc/>

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