2019 TOUR OF HOMES
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Message from the President

Fall is here, or at least that is what the calendar says, although I’m not sure Mother Nature is playing by the same rules. With that being said the Board and I are in full swing to wrap up and finish the year strong - Below are a few “Recaps” and a few “Coming Up” agenda items - I hope to see you all there.

♦ Our annual Tour of Homes fundraiser just wrapped up and based on preliminary figures and attendance records, we had the most successful tour to date. A HUGE Thank You to all our homeowners, volunteers and most importantly our TOH committee, we couldn’t have done it without you.

♦ September 5th member meeting with Jerry Hightower - topic of discussion was Allenbrook. Jerry is an amazing story teller and a true treasure to Roswell and the National Park Service. I hope you were able to be there and enjoyed the program.

♦ October 3rd - Membership meeting - Discussion on Georgia POW Camps in WWII

♦ November 7th – Annual Membership Business Meeting & Potluck dinner

Mark your calendars, Saturday November 16th - RHS gives back in our first annual membership picnic at Smith Plantation from 11-2pm. Picnic is open to all active members (think your membership has lapsed or it’s time to renew, we will be happy to take payments the day of the event). A special Thank You to Chuck at Smith Plantation for hosting us and allowing us to utilize the grounds for this special occasion - this event will be a great afternoon of fellowship, great BBQ and a few other surprises. I hope to see you all there.

There are several other special events happening over the next few months by both our Cemetery Chair, Jan Johnson and also our Vice President and Program Chair, Mary Ann Johnson - please see their reports in this edition of the Newsletter for more details - you won’t want to miss it...

As always, RHS exists because of members like you and it has been nice to see both new and familiar faces engaging in our events and programs this year. Want to be more involved, reach out to us via e-mail at SocietyRHS@gmail.com.

Karin Parker
2019 Calendar

Upcoming Events -- Mark Your Calendars!

Not a member? Join us now!

RHS Membership Information

October 3 General Meeting: Jason Wetzel discusses his new book, *Georgia POW Camps in World War II*. 7 PM Roswell Adult Recreation Center*, Multi-Purpose Room; Doors open at 6:30 PM

October 19 Beyond My Stone 5:00PM: Pleasant Hill Cemetery, behind Roswell Town Center, corner of Holcomb Bridge Rd. and Alpharetta Hwy. Join us in hearing her stories and honoring the African-Americans buried at this historic cemetery. See inside for ticket information.

October 24 Pop Tour to MLK Center: 9:00 AM departure. See details in Announcements page

October 26 Cemetery Cleaning Day 10:00 - Noon: Old Roswell Cemetery. Join us to learn the proper cleaning technique for gravestones and see our restorers at work! Chaunce Braun & Ray Bonoan (restorers) and Carl Moore (blacksmith). RSVP to societyrhs@gmail.com. space is limited

November 7 Annual Business Meeting & pot Luck 7:00 PM

November 17 Member Appreciation BBQ Smith Plantation: Details to follow

December 14: Wreaths Across America

Unless noted otherwise, General Meetings are held at The Roswell Adult Recreation Center
830 Grimes Bridge Road, Roswell, GA 30075.

Follow us on Facebook for the latest news and updates!
To The MLK Center
10/24/19  10:00 AM
No Charge

Our next pop-up tour is scheduled for October 24. The plan is to meet at the Cultural Arts Center at 9:00 AM and car pool to the MLK Center for a tour at 10:00 AM.

Anyone interested please e-mail Mary Ann Johnson at mgjohnson41@gmail.com and include a return phone number or you may call her at 770-300-8326 to add your name to the list of attendees.

As in past pop up events, the group will decide on a place to have lunch and then return to the Cultural Arts Center no later than 3:00pm.

Don’t forget to renew your membership!

Click here to renew online or mail your check to PO Box 1636, Roswell, GA 30077. Membership information and levels can be found here.
City of Roswell HPC (Historic Preservation Commission)

The HPC meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month. See the City meeting calendar [here](#). To see what’s on the agenda

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Select RHS as your charitable organization when using your Kroger card. Simply select us by following these instructions.

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1. Go to [Kroger.com](#)
2. You will need to sign in or register (first time users). Have your Kroger card handy...
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You can change your selection at any time. To change your charitable organization.

Please note our new email address is [societyrhs@gmail.com](mailto:societyrhs@gmail.com).
Tour of Homes 2019 – A HUGE Success!

Our heartfelt thanks and appreciation go to so many who helped deliver our best Tour of Homes to date. Thank you to the homeowners: LuAnn and Mark Brown, Leslie and John Carruth, Joanne and Michael Goodroe, and Debbie and Dale Taysum for opening their homes for the Tour this year. And a special nod to the City of Roswell for allowing a glimpse into Mimosa Hall and Gardens current restoration efforts as part of the Tour. We are so grateful for these beautiful homes and gardens and the excitement they drew!

*NEW* this year - raffle baskets at check-in and in each home. They were a big hit with the attendees and very well received. A big THANK YOU to store owner and RHS Business Member, Vikira Kidd from Steel & Cotton, for donating these lovely raffle baskets. Thank you also to Vinings Gallery for their donation of a fabulous “Wine Tasting for 10” raffle basket at check-in. All the baskets were new to the Tour and brought creativity and excitement from local shopkeepers to ticket holders.

We couldn’t have done the tour without transportation provided by Carl Black Yukons and their drivers, Pegasus Senior Living and their vans and drivers, and Roswell United Methodist Church for the gracious use of their parking lot.

Thank you Valerie Jackson of Ann Jackson Gallery for the use of their facility for our Pre-Event party on Friday, September 13th, for the homeowners, Tour Committee, City Council, Mayor of Roswell and certain level donors.

Hats off to ALL the wonderful volunteers we helped make this day a success. They hosted the homes, helped at check-in, assisted with the raffle baskets at each home, rode the shuttles dressed in costume while telling interesting facts and history about Roswell and we THANK YOU you all for your hard work. Of Special Interest: One family helping the Tour represented 3 generations of volunteering this year!

Last but not least we thank the dedicated Tour of Homes Committee members – Co-chairs Mary Lynch and Traci McGlashan, Jonathon Crooks, Tricia McDaniel, Archie Ricard and Claudia Urech. We also would like to recognize the hard work and passion driven by RHS President, Kevin Bamford, broken foot and all. Thank you, Kevin!

Gross amount from the Tour: $28,024

Please see a list of all of our sponsors and contributors for this year’s event on following page!
The 2019 Tour of Homes was made possible by the generosity of the following Sponsors:

- Juliette Johnson & Nick Crooks
- Bill & Patsy Wolff
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- Chattahoochee Development
Membership Update

Make new friends but keep the old! Our membership directors, Joyce Gibson and Jen Perissi have been hard at work engaging new business partners and we want to encourage our membership to patronize these establishments (and be sure to thank them for supporting RHS when you do!). Can’t remember them all? Visit our Business Partner Page on our website to learn more about them.

Cadmus Construction
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Peachland Homes
Pegasus Senior Living
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Specialized Restoration Services
Steel & Cotton
Synovus
The Vintage Girls+Ashley Glass Estate Sales
Vinings Gallery
Zest

Welcome to Our Newest Members - Summer 2019!

Lanier & Chris Deal
Linda Foley
Louanne Heintz
Jeanne-Marie Roberts
Things are Happening at Hembree Farm

The Hembree Farm Committee has been working with the City of Alpharetta Parks Department and the Alpharetta and Old Milton County Historical Society. Pat Miller, who is president of the Alpharetta and Old Milton County Historical Society and a member of our committee, brought a wonderful idea to the group. The old Log Cabin that was on the grounds of the old Milton High School was moved 500 feet west and across Milton Avenue. It was in need of a small kitchen facility and we had cabinets and the old metal sink unit that was in good shape and needed a new home. They are now installed in the Log Cabin!

Pat and I met with Amanda Musilli, Community Services Manager for the City of Alpharetta Recreation and Parks Department. We discussed with Amanda, as a long-term goal, the creation of a day-camp where youth would have an opportunity to experience different approaches to agriculture over the generations, at three locations: Hembree Farms, the Log Cabin, and Old Rucker Farm. At Hembree Farm, we could cover 1830's farming techniques and teach the kids games, and arts/crafts from that era. At the Log Cabin, we could teach the youth open hearth cooking and washing techniques with the educator from Bulloch Hall. We could also investigate the building materials used to build homes from that era. At Old Rucker Farm we could share modern urban agriculture, discuss soil science and review the impact industrial agriculture has had on the environment. At all three locations, the youth could contribute to preparing their own lunch, using techniques from the era of the farm. We also discussed the possibility of having the youth create a cookbook over the course of the week long camp.

Another idea was to create a community garden area at Hembree which would be a way to have an income flow as we finish working on restoring the house. Thanks to Pat, Bill Lusk, president of the Milton Historical Society, is working on duplicating the original railing on the front porch! We also have the former Fire Chief for the City of Roswell keeping our grounds mowed and looking great. Our biggest obstacle to moving ahead has been getting our new curb cut and driveway installed. Ty White of Peachland Homes informed me that they have begun work on the driveway, but discovered they needed another permit to proceed. They have been going through that process and should continue the work in a few weeks.

Things are happening at Hembree Farm! Planning will begin for a Spring/Early Summer Fundraiser and you will be hearing more about that in the next Newsletter. Have a wonderful Fall and enjoy the cooler weather!
Monument restoration update:
Total number of monuments restored: 199! Our restorers have been busy this summer, restoring 35 more monuments, urns, walls, and copings. Thanks to those RHS members who donate. You are our Cemetery Angels. Mason Chipper Gillen has joined our restoration team. He has restored the Jones plot brick columns and the McWhorter masonry wall.

Descendants’ Newsletter:
Pat Tatum Miller and I wrote a newsletter specifically for those who have family buried at Old Roswell Cemetery. We gave lots of information to descendants about the cemetery and our restoration efforts. In return, we’re hearing back from a number of families. We’ve encouraged descendants to share their family pictures, letters, etc. by visiting the Archives and having them digitally scanned.

Cemetery Improvement Fund Update

Safe Tree Program:
Bartlett’s Tree Experts will be assessing trees that need to be pruned this fall. Sadly, we have lost the large red oak at the crest of the north side hill near the Proudfoot plot. Thankfully, our oldest legible marker, Rebecca Catherine Proudfoot 1846, was undamaged.

Water access lines and spigots will be installed this fall on the north side of the cemetery.

The wall project along Highway 9 is being redesigned, due to the need to replace the concrete wall at the corner of Woodstock and Highway 9.

National Register:
Methodist, Cemetery, Roswell has been approved for the National Register of Historic Places. This is the historic name of Old Roswell Cemetery. I’d like to thank RHS members Bob Jackels, Juliette Johnson, Gary Johnson, and Elaine DeNiro for all their help with this long process. Our efforts have paid off!
Cemetery Project Update


Children participated in grounds cleanup while learning about the history of their church’s beginnings. Popsicles were the highlight of the event!

Upcoming Events

Beyond My Stone: Saturday, October 19 at 5:00 PM at Pleasant Hill Historic Cemetery.

We’re excited to share the stories of the African American community at rest at this historic cemetery. Don’t miss your chance to join us. Tickets are $10 will be available online at [www.roswellhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.roswellhistoricalsociety.org). Proceeds will be used to purchase markers for Warren Johnson, namesake of the Johnson-Bailey High School and Laura Knuckles who lived to be 108 years old. Bessie Brownlee’s broken monument will also be repaired.

Fall Cleaning Event and Monument Restoration Demonstrations: Saturday, October 26 10:00 AM to noon.

We’re having a combined cleaning event and celebration of restoration of our 200th monument. Several of our restorers will be on hand to demonstrate. You’ll have an opportunity to look at and help sponsor upcoming restoration projects. RSVP to societyrhs@gmail.com

Wreaths Across America, Saturday, December 14, 2019 at Old Roswell Cemetery, 100 Woodstock St. Wreath laying at 10:30 AM, Ceremony noon sharp.

Please join us as we honor the veterans at rest in our Roswell cemeteries. Each veteran will be honored with a fresh evergreen wreath. Wreaths cost $15 each. To donate wreaths go to [https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/pages/18145/Overview?relatedIds=15663](https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/pages/18145/Overview?relatedIds=15663) or send a check payable to Roswell Historical Society and indicate “WAA” in the memo line.
The Roswell Historical Society/City of Roswell Research Library and Archives has extensive collections of photographs of the Roswell area and its residents. The images date from the 1840s to present-day and are available online. New images are added each month.

Maps and books are also available to browse online.

Visit the Online Collections at https://roswellhistoricalsociety.pastperfectonline.com/

Open to the public:
Monday and Thursday, 1:00-4:00
Wednesday, 10:00-12:00
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