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*Our mission is
"to lead the preservation
and restoration of Petersburg's
historic architecture, and
neighborhoods and to tell
their story."*

President's Message

July 2014

So, how's your summah? This was the standard greeting in "Old" West End Richmond each year we lived there, as the gentility overcame any global problems of the day.

Just like Old Richmond, we are working hard to bring a better way of life in my hometown of Petersburg, as shown by our newly recruited Board Members starting out with a passion for preservation, financial stability, public involvement, and practical real estate management. Mr. Dean McCray, Ms. Anne Thomas, Ms. Kay Freeman, and Ms. RoxzAnne Meisner are welcome additions to the HPF Board of Trustees and VP Cleve Wright and I are busy recruiting additional community leaders for upcoming slots on this dynamic group of activists.

The **Petersburg Historic Preservation** grant has been approved by the Cameron Foundation, so work will soon begin on Liberty Street and Sycamore Street with Mr. Bobby Lynch appointed as the Clerk of the Works for this stabilization project.

I have also tapped Ms. RoxzAnne Meisner and Ms. Bobbi Kennedy to be Co-Chairmen of the **Historic Petersburg Christmas Tour** which will be a weekend affair in December to include churches, commercial buildings, art leagues, condos, and beautiful homes. Please contact these ladies to volunteer your assistance on this audacious showcase.

Mr. Joe Battiston and Mr. Bobby Lynch have been named Co-Chairmen of the fund raising committee with Miss Ruth's Kindergarden as the the iconic structure focus of their plan.

A special "fun-raising" committee will be led by Mr. Dean McCray and Mr. Dave Alexander with the goal of attracting young members and all citizens by hosting events and activities of a very unusual nature!

Our own Ms. Kay Freeman and Judge Garland Bigley will explore our participation in Historic Garden week with State Chairman Ms. Alice Martin, a shy and bashful lady who is to be congratulated for this prestigious position of leadership in the Commonwealth. I have told these ladies that HPF will assist in any way possible in April when Petersburg shows everybody what a true Virginia City should look like!

A few weeks ago I was invited by Mayor Brian A. Moore to brief the City Council in a closed executive session on our plan to obtain by gift a 50 by 200 foot lot next to 318-320 E. Washington Street, in order that the "White House" could be more marketable by virtue of having sufficient parking and access for a taxpaying business to move in and complete restoration. Professional firms, agencies, and restaurants were said to be interested, if better parking was available. Again, many thanks to Mr. Charlie Cuthbert for his assistance on this initiative.

Meanwhile, the Peter Jones Trading Station website continues to grow exponentially, with all Bob Kennedy's wonderful broadcast stories now linked for folks coming to Petersburg.

Obviously, this paradigm shift to full-bore action by HPF is bearing fruit, as many more folks are stepping forward to assist us in various ways. Our History Camp last month proved that kids and parents want to learn more about Petersburg, so won't you join a committee today to help us?

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Upcoming Events

**Tuesday, August 26, 2014 –
Renovation Financing &
Homebuyer Workshop.**

See inside for details.

**Saturday,
September 20, 2014 –
Bus Trip to Amelia County.**

See inside for details.



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John Hager and Wayne Crocker

On Saturday, April 26, 2014, HPF held its 47th Annual Membership Meeting at the new Petersburg Public Library.

Our guest speaker was the Honorable John H. Hager, former Lieutenant Governor of Virginia. Mr. Hager retired from the American Tobacco Company in 1994 as Senior Vice President of the Leaf and Specialty Products Division. Mr. Hager spoke about “Tobacco in Petersburg” and on this opening day of the new Petersburg library, he presented a copy of “Lucky Strike” to Wayne Crocker, Director of the Petersburg Public Library, for the library’s collection.

At the meeting, Vice President, Cleve Wright welcomed **new trustees, Kay Freeman, Dean McCray, RoxzAnne Meisner and Anne Thomas**, who all started their three year terms in May.

David Cardona, Ann Morriss, Patty Pritchett and Larry Tucker are returning to the Board of Trustees for an additional three year term.

Trustees completing six years of service are Joe Battiston, Charles Cuthbert, Jr. and Ben Greenbaum, who were thanked for their time and dedication to HPF.

These achievements in historic preservation were recognized during the Annual Membership Meeting.

- E. Isaac Ward – Preservationist of the Year Award
- Charles Cuthbert, Jr., - Preservation Volunteer Award
- Steven Hicks – Governmental – Public Servant Award
- Judd Rietdorf & Lisa Wiggins – Craftsman-Artisan Award
- Joe Battiston – Petersburg Heritage Award
- Joan Gardiner & Kevin Mullis – Architectural Preservation & Restoration Award
- Todd & Tina Graham – Architectural Preservation & Restoration Award



Anne Thomas, Dean McCray, RoxzAnne Meisner



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D. Eugene Atkinson and Charles Cuthbert, Jr.



Joan Gardiner and Kevin Mullis



Steven Hicks



Joe Battiston and D. Eugene Atkinson

Photographs by HPF Board Member, John A. Rooney, Jr.

BUS TRIP TO AMELIA COUNTY SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2014



Be a tourist for the day! The first stop will be at **Namozine Church** on the way to Amelia. Next we will visit **Sailor's Creek Battlefield State Park** where Park Manager, Chris Calkins will give us a special tour and then we'll visit **Haw Branch Plantation**, to tour the home of HPF Board member, David Cardona. The group will enjoy box lunches on the grounds of Haw Branch. This day trip is open to everyone. Cost: \$35 for current members of HPF and \$40 for non-members. Get your tickets soon!

Petersburg's Role in Early History



The Peter Jones Trading Station Story Team, a sub-committee of the History Committee of HPF, showed the campers what transpired in very early Petersburg. They learned how the Indian tribes conducted business with Mr. Peter Jones at his trading station down by the river. We also presented information on the U.S. Constitution and how Petersburg played a major role in forming our Commonwealth and our Country. There were 14 children, and HPF gave each camper one of the white HPF t-shirts as a thank you for participating.

Renovation Financing & Homebuyers Workshop

Sponsored in Part by The Better Housing Coalition, City of Petersburg, The Historic Petersburg Foundation and George Mason Mortgage, LLC

Tuesday, August 26th at 6:30 p.m.
103 River Street, Petersburg, Virginia 23803

Owner occupants and investors are welcome to attend. Other topics include Tax Credits, Tax Abatements, Market Analysis, Energy Efficiency Mortgages, and much more!

Property Sold!

We are pleased to announce that we have sold yet another property, this one the vacant lot at 822 West High Street.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Board Meetings
Every fourth Monday at the new Petersburg
Public Library

Social Media Campaign

Historic Petersburg Foundation, Inc. has begun
a social media campaign for Preservation Petersburg, Inc.

The website URL is www.preservationpetersburg.org
and the Facebook page URL is
www.facebook.com/preservationpetersburg

Have You Renewed Your Membership Yet?

May was membership renewal month. If you haven't renewed
yet, please send in your check or renew online soon!

Members receive quarterly newsletters, annual reports, invitations
to educational and social events and opportunities to volunteer
for a worthwhile cause. As a member, you will be helping us
accomplish our mission by ensuring that future generations can
see, touch and experience Petersburg's history first hand.

Membership Categories:

- \$250 Patron / Corporate
- \$500 Benefactor
- \$100 Sponsor
- \$50 Regular
- \$35 Active Military

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