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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

May 2015

Welcome to Memorial Day in Historic Petersburg! This beautiful city has seen much military action in various wars, several iterations of army camps, and a constant display of patriotism from our citizenry! The ceremony at Virginia State University to commission new officers recently featured flag-rank officers who came up through that same ROTC program, showing leadership of our good neighbors "Up on the Hill."

Meanwhile, the hard working members of HPF have established us as the true leaders in the community, with outstanding events like the Historic Petersburg Christmas Tour, the smash-hit AMC TURN wine tasting evening down at the Black Swan, and the highly informative Annual Meeting at the new Library all of which produced photos of laughing, happy people enjoying historic preservation in Petersburg!

I want to extend special thanks to several folks because these volunteers have stepped forward to grab the reins and make us proud! My deepest appreciation is afforded to:

1. Mr. Delmer "Rue" Shumate  
This Colonial Heights businessman has cut grass, planted flowers, worked on several projects down at the Peter Jones Trading Station, and has shown real caring for Old Towne!
2. Mr. Wert Smith, Jr.  
Our dashing young Board Member conducted the highest number of tours on St. Paddy's Day, participated in every recent event, and accepted the largest donations from enthusiastic members! In his spare time, he published all of our great newsletters!
3. Mr. Cleve Wright  
Our immediate past Vice President spent countless hours on organizational and administrative tasks so necessary to smooth operation of this 501(c)3 corporation. We are pleased that he is remaining on the Board for another term. During a recent army medical exam, the doctor asked me, "Do you have any worries in your life?" To which I replied, "No sir, just Cleve Wright."
4. Mr. Dean McCray  
This irrepressible whirlwind has done many things of late to make HPF more inclusive, more open, and more profitable. If you have not attended our FUNd-raising events, you need to "Get on Up" as singer James Brown would say, because Dean will put a smile on your face, as you gleefully hand over large money to HPF!

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## May is National Preservation Month

May is the time of year to renew your membership in your local preservation organization, Historic Petersburg Foundation, Inc. Join or renew online at [www.historicpetersburg.org](http://www.historicpetersburg.org) or mail your check to HPF at P.O. Box 691, Petersburg, VA 23804. Our fiscal year began April 1, so renew now for FY 2015-2016!

Membership Categories:

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



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# TURN Event was a success!

Historic Petersburg Foundation, Inc. kicked off the premier of the second season of the AMC period drama, *TURN: Washington's Spies* on Monday, April 13, 2015 at the Black Swan. This series on America's first spy ring, during the Revolutionary War, was filmed in part in Petersburg. The Petersburg

Area Art League was our Co-Host of this fundraiser. Guests enjoyed heavy hors d'oeuvres by The Brickhouse Run, a chocolate fountain/bar by the Blue Willow Tea Room and a coffee bar by Demolition Coffee and Wine Tastings throughout the evening. The Bowl'd Sojer Band entertained everyone with

live music. Thanks to our generous donors we were able to give away a variety of door prizes and offer some great Silent Auction Items. Over \$5,000 was raised at this event to support our mission and preservation efforts.



Photos courtesy of John A. Rooney, Jr.



# President's Message

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I will name more superstars in the next newsletters. For now, all join hands and celebrate the June 15 closing on the sale of the Baird House! On to 318 E. Washington!

## **D. Eugene Atkinson**

President, Historic Petersburg Foundation, 861-1001

## Week of Wonder

HPF is participating in the "Week of Wonder" History Camp again this summer. The City of Petersburg, Department of Cultural Affairs, Arts and Tourism sponsors this two week long history camp from June 22-26 and June 29-July 2 for rising 5th and 6th graders. HPF's Day is June 25th. Campers will learn about Petersburg's history, culture and architecture from Friends of the Lower Appomattox, City Museums, Historic Petersburg Foundation, Inc., the National Park Service, Fort Lee Museums, Willcox Watershed Conservancy and the Petersburg Public Library. Each organization will have a day with the campers for hands-on workshops and activities and provide lunch. The History Camp cost \$50 and campers receive a t-shirt and a water bottle. Registration Forms are available at the Siege Museum, 15 West Bank Street.



**Ms. Alyssa Irwin, Ms. Tara Anderson and Ms. Martha A. Burton**

Ms. Tara Anderson, Ms. Alyssa Irwin, Mr. Louis Malon are new to the Board and beginning their three (3) year terms in May. Familiar faces returning to the Board of Trustees are Mr. Joe Battiston, Mr. T. Robertson Blount, Jr., Ms. Martha A. Burton, Mrs. Nancy Cox, Mr. Bobby Lynch, Mr. Wert Smith, Jr., LTC (Ret) Garland Tompkins and Cleve Wright, who are also all beginning 3 year terms in May. Welcome everyone!

We would like to thank Ann Morriss, Patty Pritchett, Steve Rumble and Larry Tucker for their service to the Board of Trustees.

## 2015 PRESERVATION AWARDS



### **PRESERVATION VOLUNTEER AWARD**

RoxzAnne Meisner

### **GOVERNMENTAL/PUBLIC SERVANT AWARD**

Wayne Crocker  
Michelle Peters

### **ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION & RESTORATION AWARD**

Tony & Gwen Cooper  
Alain & Aimee Joyaux  
Dave McCormack, Jr.

### **CRAFTSMAN/ARTISAN AWARD**

Sandy Reyes-Moreta and Ronda Moreta

### **PETERSBURG HERITAGE AWARD**

Eddie Woodmancy

### **SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

Anne Rogers Thomas

### **PRESERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Dean McCray

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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

## 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.

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**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 [preservationpetersburg.org](http://preservationpetersburg.org) and the Facebook page URL is [www.facebook.com/preservationpetersburg](http://www.facebook.com/preservationpetersburg)

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