

Newsletter

December 2016

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE MEMBERS 2016

- Conducted the **Annual Meeting**, a Valentine party at the W. S. Brown House, now the Clubhouse on Highland, to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the reemergence of the Society in 1976 and honored public servants Valerie Abbott, Ben Erdreich, and David Herring for their service to historic preservation and the Society.
- Researched, illustrated, and published the **2016 Members' Book**: *For Science and Humanity: Building Southern Research* and celebrated its release at a "medieval" party at Quinlan Castle on Southern Research's Southside campus.
- Continued researching, mapping, and photographing for the **2018 Members' Book**: *A New Look at an Old Creek—Birmingham's Shades Creek*.
- Hosted the annual **Heritage Society Luncheon** at the Allen Johnson-William and Diana Slaughter House on Cherokee Road.
- Continued to grow **Grandmother's Garden** using early 20th century heirloom plants and practices. This demonstration garden of kitchen and medicinal herbs, perennials, and vegetables is open to the public year round.
- Initiated and conducted eight **Second Saturday at Sloss Walks and Talks** in Grandmother's Garden and attracted a diverse audience from across the community
- Learned how to use our overhead scanner and digitized and made searchable 550 gigabytes of Society information with the goal of preserving our records and contributing the scanned documents for public access through the Alabama Mosaic program at Auburn University.



King Wayne Hester and his court, presiding at the Quinlan Castle: Queen Eva Ludvina; Princesses Margaret Schedeler, Annie Ludvina, Virginia White; Wizzard Robert White.

EVENTS COMING IN 2017

- February 27, 2017, 4 p.m. sharp, **Heirloom Cake Competition**, Hodges Auditorium, Birmingham Botanical Gardens.
- February 27, 2017, 7 p.m. **Publication Celebration** for Frances Robb and her book: *Shot in Alabama—A History of Photography, 1839-1941*, Hodges Auditorium, Birmingham Botanical Gardens.
- Sunday, Noon, September 24, 2017, **Heritage Society Luncheon**, Crawford Johnson-Bernard and Maye Frei House on Cherokee Road.

- Fall TBA, **Publication Celebration for the 2017 Members' Book**: *Warren H. Manning, The Nation's First Environmental Planner* by the American Library of Landscape History, Amherst, MA. Birmingham and Mountain Brook are in the 300-page, full-color volume that chronicles Manning's work across America.
- Sunday, November 5, **Reception commemorating the 75th Anniversary of Birmingham Historical Society**, established November 5, 1942 by John C. Henley II.

To receive the 2017 publication, 2017 dues must be paid. Members' books will be mailed to each member if their book is not picked up at the celebration party.

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November 1, 2015 to December 1, 2016

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Shades Creek Project

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Southern Research Book

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