

# Newsletter

December 2018

## ANNUAL REPORT TO THE MEMBERS 2018

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2018

- Completed the creation of the Birmingham Historical Society Endowment Fund, appointed Investment Trustees, hired Investment Counsel, and transferred \$1.3 million dollars to the fund that will help support the Society's educational programs in future years.
- Continued to build our digital collection of published work with the Alabama Department of Archives and History online Digital Library. The link to the collection online is: <http://digital.archives.alabama.gov/cdm/landingpage/collection/hgpub>
- Celebrated the Alabama Bicentennial at the Annual Meeting with archivist and historian Edwin Bridges speaking on "The Making of An American State" and tasted members' Heirloom Cakes.
- Enjoyed the annual Heritage Society Gathering at the Leo K. Steiner Residence, the home of Mary and David Kimerling.
- Celebrated the Society's new neighbors along 32<sup>nd</sup> Street with Talks, Tours and Tastings at the city's newest event venue *the Theodore* (the former Swann Chemical Co laboratories) and at the *Back 40* brewery and restaurant (the former Sloss Docks).
- Contributed to and spoke at the Birmingham Museum of Art's exhibition of Richard Coe's 1930s engravings of people and places in the Magic City.
- Researched, wrote, illustrated, edited, and raised funds to publish a 216-page history of Shades Creek as our forthcoming 2019 volume *Shades Creek: Flowing Through Time*.
- Released to members the Society's reprint of Warren H. Manning's visionary 1919 *City Plan of Birmingham*.

- Transmitted to the Library of Congress the Civil War-era Ross Creek Culvert large-format photographs and history prepared as Historic American Engineering Record documentation.
- Continued to grow Grandmother's Garden using heirloom plants and practices. The demonstration home garden with medicinal herbs, flowers and vegetables is open to the public year round. Here we welcomed statewide master gardeners, local garden clubs, and Second Saturdays at Sloss Walks and Talks visitors.

### EVENTS COMING IN 2018

- **Tuesday, Jan. 15, 1:15 p.m., Ross Creek Culvert Talk**, Hoover Public Library.
- **Monday, Feb. 25, 7 p.m.** The Annual Meeting; Publication Celebration and Book Signing for the 2019 Member's Publication: *Shades Creek: Flowing Through Time*; and the Heirloom Cake Competition III, Auditorium, Birmingham Botanical Gardens.
- **Sunday, April 14, Noon, Heritage Society Gathering**, Jemison/Crittenden-Lathrop House, Dell Road (Heritage Society Membership required)
- **Second Saturdays at Sloss-Walks and Talks in Grandmother's Garden**, April–October, 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

To receive the 2019 annual publication, 2019 dues must be paid. Members' books will be mailed if the books are not picked up at the February 26 meeting.



Gardeners on break: Sallie Lee, Leta Herring, Kitty Lineberry.



Heirloom Cake Competition Winner: Laura Murphy with her grandmother's cookbooks.



Architect Tom Coker, owner Cindy Rhoden, and preservation consultant Linda Nelson finishing their renovation of the Theodore.



October Walks and Talks participants.



Welcoming visitors to Grandmother's Garden.

# REPORT ON MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

November 1, 2017 to December 1, 2018

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*Gardeners:* Linda Goode, Leta Herring, Kitty

Lineberry, Mary McLaughlin

*Second Saturday Speakers:* Sallie Lee, Antonia Viteri

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