ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2019

• Queried members for their thoughts on the Society’s mission and performance, receiving a 33% written response with many helpful suggestions
• Worked to develop a strategic plan to help guide the Society in future years
• Continued to build our Endowed Trust to ensure the continuity of the institution, and inaugurated an Annual Fund for the Endowment to which a third of the members responded
• Set up a new website (birminghamhistoricalsociety.com), Facebook page, and Instagram accounts, adding online purchasing of Society books and memberships
• Conducted the Annual Meeting with talks and book signing for our Shades Creek: Flowing Through Time. And savored members Heirloom Cakes
• Mounted two exhibits of photographs and drawings at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens Library Gallery
• Hosted the annual Heritage Society Gathering at the Jemison-Lathrop/Crittenden House
• Researched historical happenings in the 25 George Ward scrapbooks for our forthcoming 2021 volume on George Ward’s Birmingham: A City Beautiful, commissioned by the Sterne Agee Foundation in honor of their founder
• Almost completed Historic American Engineering Record documentation (large-format photographs, measured drawings and a footnoted history) of the Ross Creek Culvert, built late 1863
• Conducted eight Second Saturday presentations featuring the culinary traditions our historic immigrant groups brought to our Birmingham Foodways
• Continued to build our digital collection at http://digital.archives.alabama.gov.cdm/landingpage/collection/hgpub
• Wrote, illustrated and published an herbal featuring medicinal plants grown in our garden

EVENTS COMING IN 2020

• Sunday, April 5, 2 pm Palm Sunday Church Tour to Avondale
• Saturday, May 2, 9-4 pm, Alabama Plein Air Artists paint at Grandmother’s Garden
• Sunday, May 17, Noon, Heritage Society Gathering, Bush-Hill-Cooley House, Redmont Road (Heritage Society Membership required)
• Second Saturdays at Sloss-Walks and Talks in Grandmother’s Garden, TBA, 10:30-11:30 am
• Saturday, Sept. 26, 10 am Shades Creek Talk at the Homewood Historical Society, Homewood Library

Left to right, Tom Carruthers declaring the Shades Creek book “a masterwork”; Rotoract group, enjoying Grandmother’s Garden; Grace White and Karyn Uptain serving the prize-winning cake; Pretty Pois authors and illustrators: Marjorie White, Ellen Edtreich, Sumter Coleman, Antonia Viteri, Gail Cosby, Louise McPhillips, and Jane Reed Ross.
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