

Telling Our Story

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE MEMBERS 2006

ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2006



Annual Meeting speakers, Marjorie White and BBG Director Fred Spicer shared the theory and practice of Olmstedian principles.

- Continued to grow our Endowment to \$625,000 to perpetuate the Society
- Published and sold copies of *The Olmsted Vision-Parks for Birmingham*
- Celebrated the Olmsted Vision, holding our Annual Meeting at the Botanical Gardens and circulating our exhibit to the Gardens, Regional Planning Headquarters and the Birmingham Public Library.
- Conducted Downtown Discovery Tours for area school children
- Organized a 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights and presented historic markers to 60 ACMHR Mass Meeting Churches
- Hosted the annual Heritage Society party at a distinguished residence
- Organized and mounted *Unseen . . . Unforgotten*, an exhibit of the civil rights photographs of *The Birmingham News* at the Birmingham Public Library Gallery
- Completed National Register of Historic Places nominations for the Birmingham Civil Rights District (listed 10/19/06), Graymont School and the Center Street District.
- Supported, together with alumni and community groups, the preservation of Phillips High School
- Cosponsored the Alabama Preservation Conference in Birmingham.

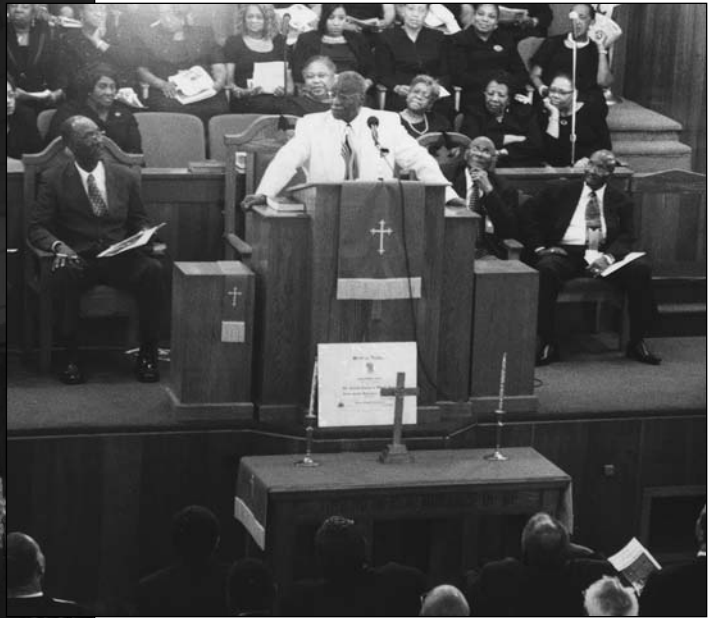


Left: Veteran *Birmingham News* photographer Bob Adams shares his remarkable photographs with his family at the exhibit of the *News*' civil rights photographs at the Public Library.

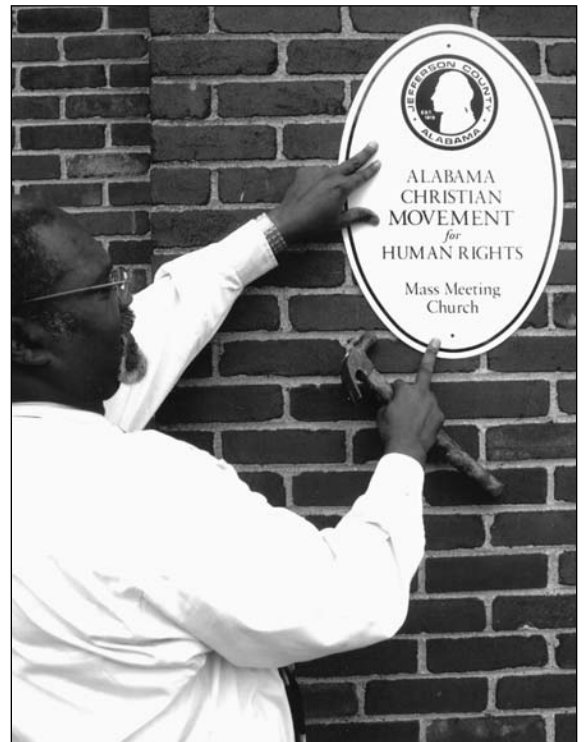
Below, left: BHS President Lillie Fincher and Trustee Kaydee Breman greet guests at the exhibit.

Below, right: For historian Linda Nelson, "One look is worth a thousand words."





Reverend Shuttlesworth, June 5, 1956, *left*, and 2006, *above*, organizing and remembering the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights at Old Sardis Baptist Church in Enon Ridge. *Below*, Victor Blackledge demonstrates proper installation of the historic markers designed to honor the 60 ACMHR churches that hosted mass meetings during the civil rights struggle. *Below left*, Atlanta residents, Mrs. A. D. King and her grandchildren, attended the June 5 mass meeting.



It all began with 15 loads of dirt from the City of Birmingham chipper and lots of good will from Matt Landers, Sloss Furnaces Superintendent. Alabama Power Company donated power poles and Wade Sand and

Gravel crushed stone. Auburn Extension agent Sallie Lee, *above left*, and Lawson State student Cindy Roadhouse provided technical know-how and heirloom plantings.



Left: Reverend Shuttleworth and his daughter Ricky hold a press conference at Phillips to urge respectful preservation of the landmark they sought to integrate in September 1957.



Reverend Shuttsworth also made a personal plea to then Superintendent Waymon Shiver.



The Heritage Society gathered with Edna Bushnell, Glenn and Bill Ireland, *top and bottom right*, and Harold Blach, *top left*, to enjoy the house "that Birmingham slag built" and provide significant financial support for Society programs.



Hands On Birmingham volunteers disappeared brush and rocks from the site.



And voilà the Sloss Quarters Gardens grew. The goal is to garden as folks did when they were living here and growing their own food and flowers. Think Victory Garden, Grandmother's garden.