

# Telling Our Story

## ANNUAL REPORT TO THE MEMBERS 2008

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2008

- Prepared *D. O. Whilldin-Alabama Architect, 1904-1962* by Thomas Mark Shelby for publication
- Organized the exhibition: *Architecture As Art-Architectural Drawings from the D. O. Whilldin Collection at Birmingham Public Library Archives*, November 4-December 28.
- Released and celebrated the publication of *Hand Down Unharmed-Olmsted Files on Birmingham Parks, 1920-1925*
- Completed a mapping and photographic study of the original (1929) roads and bridges of Mountain Brook
- Developed a Preliminary Plan for the nomination of Bethel Baptist Church and 16th Street Baptist Church as internationally significant World Heritage Sites
- Documented Birmingham schools slated for closing
- Developed future driving and walking tours to Birmingham Civil Rights sites including the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute and city center churches and march routes, Bethel Baptist Church and Collegeville, Dynamite Hill and Graymont School, and the Birmingham Jail.
- Conducted Downtown Discovery Tours for school children
- Hosted the annual Heritage Society party at a distinguished residence
- Continued to grow our kitchen, medicinal herb and vegetable gardens at Sloss Quarters



ABOVE: Hosts for the annual Heritage Society gathering, Vonnie and John Coleman

RIGHT: Carol Slaughter and Kaydee Erdreich-Breman dispensing the membership publication: *Hand Down Unharmed*; Marjorie White and Katie Tipton, Olmsted correspondence editors with "their hero," M. P. Phillips, the man who brought Olmsted Brothers to Birmingham (in 1924)

BELOW: Thomas Mark Shelby, author of the Society's forthcoming volume *D. O. Whilldin-Alabama Architect* at the Library Exhibition of Whilldin drawings; herb and perennial gardens at Duncan House; Bill Cabamiss sharing a portrait of the builder of the Coleman's home, his grandfather Harold Sanson



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