



Newsletter

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ANNUAL REPORT TO THE MEMBERS 2011

ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2011

- Prepared and celebrated the publication of *The Jemison Magazine & The Selling of Birmingham, 1910-1914* at the Jemison House, the residence of Tom & Wyona Hamby in Forest Park
- Researched and organized the exhibition: *The Birmingham Scene-Unseen Artwork from the 1930s & 1940s*, November 6-December 30 at the Birmingham Public Library Gallery, with Dr. Graham Boettcher of the Birmingham Museum of Art and Karen Utz of Sloss Furnaces providing contextual lectures, the latter filmed by C-SPAN
- Conducted the Annual Meeting with architectural Professor Michael Fazio analyzing the physical development of the region
- Hosted the annual Heritage Society Party at the Residence of Mrs. David Roberts, the home of Brenda and Morris Hackney
- Conducted interviews with current and former residents of Dynamite Hill, for a future book
- Developed a photographic inventory of a rare collection of bottles and jugs, for a future exhibit and publication
- Finalized documentation of the original (1929) Mountain Brook plan and its integrity for the Historic American Landscape Survey (HALS) of the National Park Service
- Continued to grow our kitchen and medicinal herb, flower, and vegetable gardens behind our offices in the Duncan House, and developed rain catchment systems to water them
- Organized and conducted Second Saturdays with volunteers working to restore Duncan House
- Provided resources to the Pratt City Regional & Urban Design Assistance Team (RUDAT), save Old Parker High School efforts, The Friends of Shades Mountain, Gardendale Historical Society, Bethel Baptist Church,

several Shuttlesworth memorial projects, and the Birmingham Schools' Teaching American History program

EVENTS COMING IN 2012

- Annual Meeting at the Steiner House, the Argyle Rd. residence of Mary and David Kimerling, with architect Jeremy Erdreich discussing the mountain top villa tradition, Feb. 12, 3-5 p.m.
- Spring Solstice Plowing Party at Duncan House Gardens, TBA
- Annual Heritage Society Gathering at the Swann House, the Redmont Rd. residence of Brooke and Daniel Coleman, April 22, Noon
- Publication and celebration of *The Jemison Magazine II, 1926-1930: Redmont and Mountain Brook*, anticipated late spring.
- History of Ice in Alabama, a talk by the former director of the Huntsville Museum of Art, David Robb at the Avondale Brewery, July 15, 2 p.m.
- Presentation of the HALS project on Mountain Brook, TBA
- *The Arthur Shores Scrapbook*-An Exhibition at the Birmingham Public Library Gallery, Nov. 4-Dec. 28
- Preservation Awards at the Iron City Live Music Hall, September
- Opportunities every Second Saturday to join in the fun to help fix up Duncan House

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Join as a member for 2012.
- Join us for educational events and workdays.

To receive the 2012 annual publication, 2012 dues must be paid. Books will be mailed to paid members if the books are not picked up at the publication celebration.

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