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# Currents



# 51<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL MEETING AND PRESERVATION AWARDS

On Tuesday, October 24, 2017, Historic Columbus held its 51st Annual Meeting in Blanchard Hall at Synovus. This was an incredible night of wonderful announcements and fabulous preservation projects. It began with electing Jack Jenkins as the 2017-2019 President of the Foundation. In addition, Garry Pound became a Director Emeritus, a new Executive Committee was named, and eight new members were elected to the Board, along with a new class of Trustees.

The celebration continued with the presentation of 19 Preservation Awards and the announcement of the recipient of the new Public Participation Grant. Out of a total of 10,268 votes cast, the project with the most votes – 5,742 – and the recipient of \$100,000 was the Springer Opera House.

But, we weren't done. Because they all had such dire needs – the committee strongly felt the remaining two finalists should also receive some portion of their requested funding. The Wynn House received the second most votes and \$40,000 to fund the restoration of the cupola and roof replacement. The Liberty Theatre received the third most votes and \$20,000 to fully fund the roof repair and replacement work on the historic theatre.

We were so thrilled to be able to provide \$160,000 to help save these important places in our community. Thank you to the donors of the capital campaign for enabling Historic Columbus to make these incredible gifts of preservation happen.

The Annual Meeting came to a close with the final announcement of the 2017 Sarah Turner Butler Heritage Award, the Foundation's highest honor. Our 2017 recipient, Sally B. Hatcher, has made outstanding contributions within our community to protect and preserve some of our most treasured places in Columbus.

Whether behind the scenes or actively working hands-on for a project, her spirit of service is not only strong, but also ingrained from a long family tradition of giving back to our city. She exhibits great passion for preservation, her family, and her community. She is an inspiration to us all and undoubtedly, this organization would not be nearly as vibrant today without her commitment and dedication.

Congratulations to Sally and all of the award recipients!



Elizabeth Barker and Garry Pound



Cathy and Chuck Williams

Springer Opera House receiving the Public Participation Grant



Sherry Jenkins and Val Webb



Historic Columbus' wonderful volunteers!



Sally Hatcher and family

# In Memoriam

## PHILIP MONROE ADAMS

(1935 – 2017)

President, 2005 – 2007

Philip Adams was born February 8, 1935 in Columbus, Ga., the son of George Mortimer Adams and Lillie Belle Kimbrough Adams. He attended Nankipoo School, Wynnton Elementary, Columbus High School, and graduated from Auburn University in 1957 with a degree in Agricultural Sciences. Philip served in the US Army after college and shortly thereafter began a 60-year career as a financial advisor.



He served on the Boards of the National Civil War Naval Museum, Historic Linwood Foundation, the Springer Opera House, the Columbus Botanical Garden, the Anne Elizabeth Shepherd Home, and the Chattahoochee Valley Community Foundation. He was a faithful supporter of many other local organizations, including PAWS Humane, the Ronald

McDonald House, St. Luke UMC and Brookstone School.

Philip and his siblings donated their family home, along with two acres, to Historic Columbus in 2000 to begin the process of creating what was to become the Columbus Botanical Garden. Philip strongly believed in Historic Columbus' mission and served on our Board for many years as Treasurer, as well as President from 2005-2007.

Philip Adams not only helped to shape how Historic Columbus

looked at its financial future, but also how the organization would help shape Columbus' future. Philip was always the voice you wanted and needed at the table - he brought a vast knowledge, a sharp vision, and a great wit. We remain heartbroken and he will be deeply missed.

## VIRGINIA ILLGES NORMAN

(1926 - 2017)

2009 Honored Lady

Virginia (Ginna) Norman was born in Columbus on December 19, 1926. She was a fifth generation resident of Columbus and the daughter of Abraham and Virginia Howard Illges. She attended Wynnton School, Columbus High School, and Sweetbriar College in Virginia.



Following her marriage to Francis Norman in 1950, she lived for a short time in San Francisco and Atlanta before returning to settle in Columbus in 1952. She was very involved in a variety of community interests and served as the President of the Junior League of Columbus and the St. Francis Auxiliary, as well as on the Boards of PAWS Humane, Patrons of Music, and the RiverCenter. She was also a member of Historic Columbus, First Presbyterian

Church, Junto Study Club, the Columbus Town Committee of the National Society of Colonial Dames in America, and the Tea Olive Garden Club.

Ginna continued her mother's passion for bringing the arts to Columbus through her support of the RiverCenter for the Performing Arts and she helped begin the Schwob School of Music at Columbus State University. Her love of books and education led to her becoming a founding trustee of Brookstone School, a position she held until her death.

Historic Columbus celebrated Mrs. Norman when she was named the 2009 Honored Lady at HCF's Heritage Ball for her support of her family, church, and community. She will be greatly missed.



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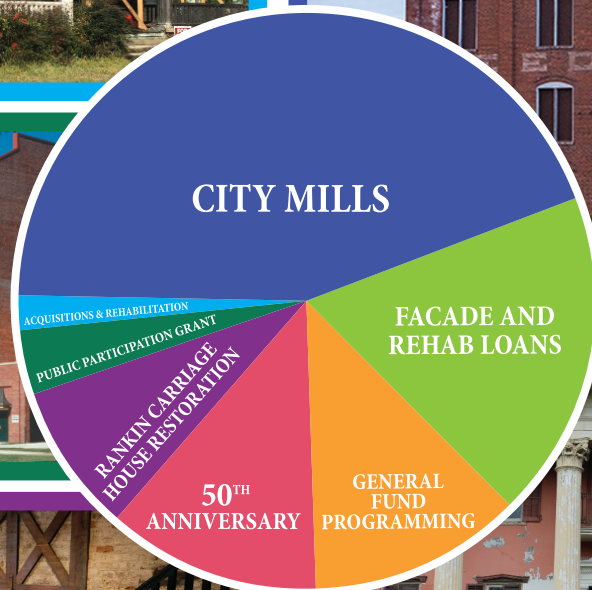
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# Preservation in Action



## SAVE ME A PLACE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

\$2.734 MILLION FUNDS UTILIZED TO DATE (OUR OF \$6 MILLION RECEIVED OR PLEDGED)



**50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
11.96%

To celebrate the organization's 50th Anniversary, Historic Columbus completed a series of seven educational events for the public, a Golden Jubilee, two large community events, and a 50th Anniversary publication during 2016.

**GENERAL FUND PROGRAMMING**  
11.96%

To assist in the organization's heritage education programming, house museum maintenance, Pemberton Exhibit, historic markers, scholarship fund, and advocacy efforts such as the Preservation for Profit Workshop and tax credit assistance.

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