

Historic Natchez Foundation
P. O. Box 1761
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Annual Meeting

Thursday, January 23, 2014
5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Cocktail Reception
celebrating

40 Years of Historic Preservation

Natchez Institute
108 South Commerce Street

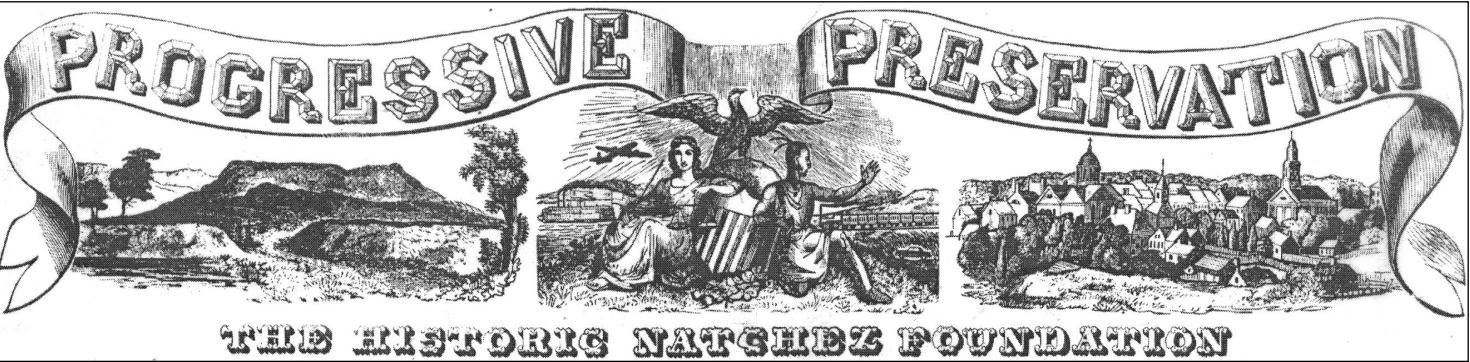
The public is invited. Bring a friend.

Upcoming Events

Berkeley Young Tourism Presentation
5:30 p.m., January 16, 2014

Historic Natchez Foundation Tour
Brandywine River Valley
May 13-18, 2014

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HNF hosts birthday party on January 23



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Cocktail Reception and Birthday Celebration

Photo Essay: 40 Years of Historic Preservation

Tour: The Archival Catacombs of the Institute

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108 South Commerce Street**

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5:30 p.m.**

**Business
6:30 p.m.**

The Historic Natchez Foundation turns 40 in 2014 and will host a birthday celebration at its annual meeting on Thursday, January 23. The public is invited to attend.

The foundation evolved in 1974 from meetings of a committee of the Natchez Historical Society. In January, Dr. Thomas H. Gandy appointed a committee to study the establishment of a revolving fund for historic preservation.

At the February 19th meeting of the society, the revolving fund committee offered a resolution approved by the membership: “Be it resolved that a non-profit corporation be established to be known as the Historic Natchez Foundation for the purpose of preserving buildings in the public interest.”

The society’s committee members became the founding members of the Historic Natchez Foundation: Grace MacNeil (chairman), Peggy Peabody (co-chairman), Brent Forman, Joan Gandy, Tom Gandy, Ron Miller, Howard Peabody, and Everette Truly.

The foundation soon received its state charter and held its first organizational meeting on May 28 at Magnolia Vale, then the home of Howard and Peggy Peabody.

The Natchez Democrat recognized the event on June 9 with an article headlined “Historic Natchez Foundation is official” and a lead sentence that read, “A significant event took place in Natchez last week.”



Brent Forman, founding member of the Foundation, served as president from 1974 to 1979. The photograph of Brent and wife Roane dates to 1982 and the grand reopening of the Eola Hotel, which the Germany family allowed the Foundation to host as a fundraiser.



The Foundation hired its first staff and opened an office in March 1979. Ron Miller resigned from the Department of Archives and History to serve as executive director.

Ron is pictured in the first office upstairs at 423 Main Street, the donation of Bazile and Anne Lanneau. Miller retired in 2008 and returned to Archives and History as Director of the Gulf Coast Office established in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.



**Historic Natchez Foundation
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George and Ethel Kelly Restoration Award

The Jackson House
606 North Union Street
Dan and Jan Shiells

Pritchardt House
203 Clifton Avenue
Dr. William and Gay Austin

Mary Postlethwaite History Award
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**Berkeley Young to speak
at HNF on January 16**

Berkeley Young of Young Strategies will be in Natchez in January to share the results of his team’s market research and development of a strategic plan for the Natchez Convention and Visitors Bureau (NCVB). The public will have two chances to hear Young’s presentation and to ask questions.



The NCVB will partner with the Historic Natchez Foundation for an evening presentation on Thursday, January 16, at the Natchez Institute at 108 South Commerce Street. The 6:00 p.m. presentation will be preceded by cocktails and refreshments from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m.

On Friday morning at 10:00, Young will make a second presentation at the Council Chambers building at 115 South Pearl Street, across from Natchez City Hall.



Pictured above are newly elected 1980 officers (left to right) Charles Catchings, Sherry Jones, Lillian McLaurin, and Charles Petkovsek. All but Lillian served terms as HNF president. The photograph was taken in front of 409 Main Street, a Foundation storefront restoration project in the early 1980s.

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HNF members tour Hudson River Valley



Historic Natchez Foundation members pose for a group photo in front of Edgewater, the home of Richard Jenrette.



Former HNF president Peter Burns and wife Diane stand on the grounds at West Point, the United States Military Academy, whose campus features spectacular views of the Hudson River Valley.

Forty members of the Historic Natchez Foundation explored the Hudson River Valley in late October.

The group toured twelve historic sites, the United States Military Academy, and the Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center at Vassar College. The group also viewed the Hudson River from the world’s longest elevated pedestrian bridge, dined at the Culinary Institute of America, and visited Sleepy Hollow and the Great Jack O’Lantern Blaze on the weekend before Halloween.

Tour leaders were Jeff Mansell, historian of the Natchez National Historical Park, and HNF staff members Mimi Miller and Trevor Brown.

Brochures promoting the tour were first available at last year’s annual membership meeting and the tour filled immediately—negating the



New York restoration architect Joseph Pell Lombardi invited the Natchez group to tour his private home, the octagonal Armour-Stiner House in Irvington, New York—an architectural cousin of Longwood in Natchez.

planned mailing of printed brochures to the membership mailing list.

HNF is now making plans for an upcoming tour to the Brandywine River Valley May 13-18. The detailed itinerary will be available by the Annual Meeting. Contact HNF for more information.

Archives & History awards grant to HNF

The Mississippi Dept. of Archives & History recently announced grant awards of \$3 million for 26 projects through its Community Heritage Grant Program. The foundation received a grant of \$134,000 toward installation

of a fire suppression system for the Natchez Institute. The foundation continues to work toward its goal of a climate-controlled and fire-protected archival and museum storage facility in its headquarters at the Institute.



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