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From the Chairman

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from the Chairman

As we near the end of this year's program and prepare to elect a new slate of officers in May, I think it appropriate that we take stock of our accomplishments.

Last summer the Foundation co-sponsored with the Central City Association a "Summertime Tour for Kids" in downtown Huntsville. During June, July and August, Dorothy Lindberg, an Auburn intern, led a total of 350 children ages six to twelve on tours of historic Huntsville. The large numbers who had to be turned down, plus the happy faces of those lucky kids whose reservations were made early, attest to the success of the program.

The East Huntsville Baptist Church was awarded a matching grant by the Alabama Historical Commission in the amount of \$54,800 to begin restoration of the George Steele house on Maysville Road. Proceeds from the Foundation's George Steele tour on April 1 will be contributed to the restoration fund.

The Historical Commission awarded the City of Huntsville a matching grant in the amount of \$38,385 for restoration of the exterior of the Hundley house. The Foundation assisted the city in obtaining this grant.

Our second annual program series included a slide program on "Victorian Architecture" by Prof. Jeffrey Bayer; a slide presentation by William Allen of Jackson, Mississippi, on "Architecture and Historic Preservation in Mississippi;" an evening of films; and "Guidelines for Decorating, Furnishing and Landscaping a Historical Building," presented by Dr. and Mrs. John Hoar, Harvilee Harbarger, and Madelyn Hereford.

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Our first Calendar of Historic Huntsville, with drawings by Albert Lane, was a sell-out. Proceeds in the amount of approximately \$7,000 have been used to start a Foundation revolving fund.

A new home for our architectural components was found, and additional pieces have been donated to the Foundation this year.

The QUARTERLY has acquired a new editor and a new format, and for the first time copies are available for sale to persons outside our organization.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation has awarded our Foundation a summer intern for 1979 to do drawings for the facade restoration of selected downtown commercial buildings. The drawings will be presented to the building owners along with cost estimates of the proposed restorations.

Awards of Merit were presented by the Alabama Historical Commission in January to Nancy VanValkenburgh, Henry Marks, and the East Huntsville Baptist Church for their contributions to historic preservation.

The architectural and engineering firm of Lockwood Greene in Spartanburg, South Carolina, architects for the Dallas Mill in Huntsville, recently donated to the Foundation copies of 36 of the original architectural drawings of that mill. Copies of the remaining 120 drawings have been ordered. We feel very fortunate to have this valuable resource material.

Membership in the Foundation is now at the 300 mark - and growing.

I believe our presence and work in the community is being felt in a very positive way. Your support, in terms of time, talent, and financial aid, is appreciated - and needed.

Lynn Jones