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## From the Chairman

Ginger Fail

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## from the Chairman

About ten months ago, before assuming office, your brand new chairman asked, "Just what ARE all the involvements of the Historic Huntsville Foundation, and what are the Board's concerns?" This lady learned in a hurry, and now I would like to answer that same question which has come to me many times during this year from a number of interested people, including a long-distance inquirer from New York who had purchased one of our Huntsville Entertains cookbooks.

Your Foundation is VERY active and involved in the community. During the summer and fall months the Chairman was extremely busy planning the forthcoming year and getting in order Board placements with committee assignments. In September, Harrison Brothers Hardware Store benefited from a most successful Trade Day on the Square.

At the October Board meeting two of our very industrious and creative members, Dale Rhoades and Lynn Jones, presented plans to produce a Signature Quilt for a fund-raiser, pending Board approval. Having previously seen Dale's personal quilt, dating to 1880, and enjoyed her program at last spring's Annual Picnic-Meeting, the Board members voted full support to this unique project. It has become one of the most exciting endeavors in Foundation history with signatures coming in daily from MANY famous people. You'll hear more about this later, and we WILL have a big party to celebrate the Quilt's "unveiling."

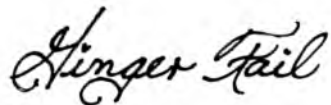
In December we enjoyed the annual Membership Tea at the lovely, warm, and inviting home of gracious Peter and Betsy Lowe. We now boast a membership of almost a thousand individuals. We have recently been stimulated by our own Harvie Jones with his program at the General Membership covered-dish supper in February. A great time of fellowship was enjoyed by all who attended.

Events in the planning stages and just ahead of us include the annual Membership Picnic-Meeting, April 29, on the grounds of the Burritt Museum, the Movable Feast on May 5, in the gardens of several homes in the Twickenham area, "Oak Place Sesquicentennial" in August, and Trade Day on the Square, September 8 - bringing us full circle. Mark your calendars for these special occasions that promise to afford a lot of fun for everyone.

To make it all happen, however, we need LOTS of volunteers, especially for the upcoming "Feast" undertaking. Please call me (539-2817) or drop a note (310 Shady Brook Dr., 35801) to let us know if you would like to be a part of the steering committees/work crews or if you have a desire to participate in Foundation activities in any other capacity. We NEED you.

Yes, the Historic Huntsville Foundation is very much ALIVE and ON THE MOVE!

Have a lovely Springtime in our wonderful old community.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ginger Tail".

Chairman