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From the Editor:

A Preservation Sampler

Preservation finds friends of many persuasions. This *Quarterly* celebrates individuals and groups who have cared enough about historical preservation to make their unique contributions. Wonderful individuals like W. W. Varnedoe, Jr. with his fire wagon and the Ron Barnett's with their Keller automobile and antique fire engine, have devoted hours to meticulous restoration. Then there are groups, spearheaded of course, by individuals, whose purpose has been to preserve historical settings. The Monte Sano Historical Association under the leadership of Jane Barr has succeeded in securing recognition and a historical marker for Viduta on the mountain. The Gladstone Place Association under the leadership of Jim Hayes is acting to preserve the natural setting and stonework that remains of the Chapman dairy, the home of Huntsville's famous cow, Lily Flagg. Writers Walter Terry and Dorothy Scott Johnson preserve the flavor and the record of these places. Gary Griner is a preservationist turned historian, a not uncommon outcome. His research into G. A. Plummer, a local builder in the early 1900's, broadens our knowledge and appreciation of the man, the times, and the dwellings he built.

Are **you** restoring an old piece of furniture, holding on for dear life to a family heirloom or painting? Perhaps you are one of the millions who collect, anything and everything, from matchbook covers to Madonnas (my passion). Or you may be one who records life in writing, photo, picture, sculpture, quilting and myriad of other forms. The acts of restoration, collection, recollection and recording are all parts of historical preservation. *The Historic Huntsville Quarterly of Local Architecture and Preservation* is your mouthpiece, your vehicle of public expression. This *Quarterly* brings individuals together from many walks of life to share the souvenirs of our journey and preserve them for posterity.

Won't you join the pursuit? Let me hear from you.