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## **From the Chairman**

We at the Foundation would all like to give a hearty welcome aboard to Margaret J. Vann, our new *Quarterly* editor. She comes highly recommended and immensely qualified for the position. This comes as no surprise to me as I have known Margaret since we were together at Huntsville High School. I won't mention the year. It is reassuring to know that our *Quarterly* will continue in a very professional form.

I thank Sarah Lauren Kattos for her efforts in making this year's *Moveable Feast* the best ever. I also extend my thanks to all those who participated in the event. I know much hard work went into making it spectacular. These *hard won* funds will be used with great care in the restorations of our new home, the Hundley Building.

Speaking of the Hundley Building, we are progressing in our renovation efforts to put the Building into full service, although not at a pace we all desire. Our Task Force committee is meeting regularly and has evolved, what I think is, the best plan for using the Building. The first step will involve some major demolition in the interior, specifically removing the 1960s bank vault. After consideration, this removal appears to be the best approach to realize fully the original nature of the Building. The demolition will take time; however, I think we will be best served if we move forward methodically and deliberately in each step. As many know, we have already put the Building to good use on several occasions, including activities during Preservation Week. Our Board of Directors is holding meetings in the Building, and we plan to have our office relocated on the second floor soon.

A wonderful attribute of preservation, as applied to buildings and places, is the great variety of subjects it encompasses. Log houses are an area we tend to overlook, and we assume them to be extinct. It is surprising to learn how many log structures are still around if you know where to look. I hope this *Quarterly* will stimulate your interest in looking beneath the layers of siding concealing many of these historic structures in our area. The potentially new areas of activity for the Foundation may be in finding and preserving these structures .

**Ben Walker**