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Spring Facelift

After twenty-five years with the same format, the award-winning Historic Huntsville Quarterly is sporting a new look. We hope you like it as much as we do.

With the objectives of a more attractive and inviting cover, better photograph reproduction, creative layout and enhanced readability, the editorial committee challenged Bruce Hiles of Designwise to come up with a conceptual design that reflected the scholarly nature of the Quarterly but also brought it into the 21st century. The Foundation board was delighted with the result of his work and has contracted with him to design and lay out the 2003 issues.

To ensure that the cost of this new professional design will not exceed the amount budgeted for Quarterly expenses Mr. Hiles agreed to a reduction in his hourly rate as a contribution to the Foundation. This generous contribution, plus the genuine interest he has shown in helping us improve the Quarterly, is deeply appreciated.

Preservation Primer a Special Issue

As noted by director Lynne Lowery, this is a special issue of the Quarterly in another way. It's a preservation primer designed not just for our members' information and enjoyment but also as a guide for anyone who is planning to restore, renovate or add on to an historic property, especially if the property is in an historic district, where such changes are governed by preservation guidelines. (Prospective buyers, for example, need to know before they purchase a property in a Huntsville or Madison historic district that guidelines must be followed and all exterior changes must be approved by these cities' local preservation commissions.) We hope that architects, builders, craftsmen, real estate agents and homeowners find the information in this primer helpful whenever questions arise about the preservation of historic properties in historic districts and elsewhere.

Contributors

While the contributors to this issue are acknowledged where their articles appear in the publication, the editorial committee would especially like to recognize Donna Castellano for guiding and pulling this important issue together from its inception and for her excellent editorial work on all the articles.

The editorial committee for this issue of the Quarterly was Diane Ellis, Lynn Jones and Patricia Ryan.

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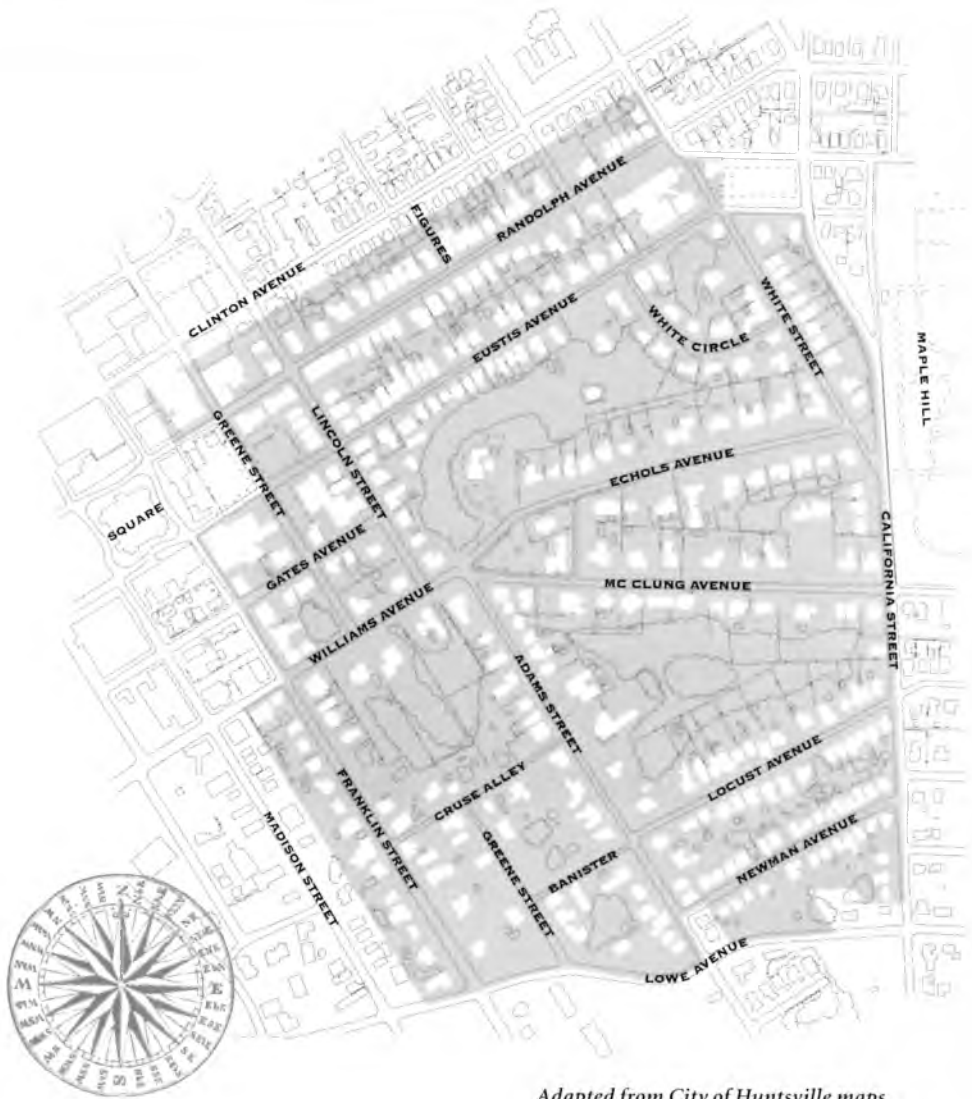
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Twickenham Historic District



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