

The Heritage Gazette



Preserve the Past, Honor the Present, Shape the Future

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Message from the President . . .



Heritage is that which descends to an heir, that is transmitted by or acquired from a predecessor

1. *1:* property that descends to an heir
2. *2a:* something transmitted by or acquired from a predecessor

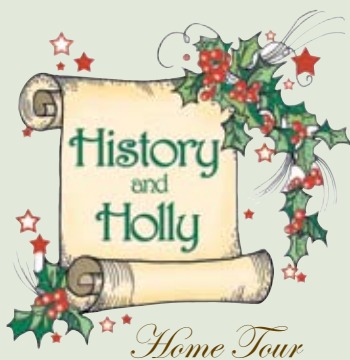
Here in Covington, we are fortunate to have inherited from our forefathers a city rich in history and architecture with beautiful trees, quaint side streets and generations of entrepreneurs, all snuggled in the confluence of the Bogue Falaya and Tchefuncte rivers. This Fall, the sights and sounds of high school football will re-emerge, our chefs and restaurateurs will delight our palates, and music will fill the air of our venues, Trailhead and Columbia Street Landing on the river. Service clubs and organizations will host a plethora of galas benefiting our community in so many ways. Performing artists will dot our stages and visual artists will light up our imaginations at our festivals and in our galleries. It is truly a great time to be alive and to be part of our city.

I hope you take the time this Fall to enjoy a wee bit of what the streets, business folk and artists, and cultural events of our city have to offer. Buy the ticket, attend the event and support the cause. Eat the food, drink the drinks and dance the dance. We are so fortunate to have such a rich heritage to enjoy here in Covington.

—Mark Johnson

History and Holly Home Tour

—Contributed by Alice Couvillon



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

What? Well, we might be a bit early to wish you a Merry Christmas, but that's because we're so excited about our History and Holly tour on December 10th from 2:30-5:30 PM. This year, we will showcase several elegant homes in the historic old Jahncke neighborhood. They'll be all dressed in their finest holiday bows, garlands and twinkling lights. So come stroll with us through the beautiful oak lined and candlelit streets of old Covington. There will be wine and carols along the way which will definitely get you in the holiday spirit.

Tickets will be limited, so please purchase your tickets early. Tour price is \$20.00 and will be available online at the website CovingtonHeritageFoundation.com. Online tickets will be exchanged for entrance bands at the tour headquarters which will soon be arranged. Tickets with entrance bands will also be sold at Braswell Drugs, the Jefferson House and the Southern Hotel. An email coming soon will announce the start date of ticket sales.



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Grayhawk Tells of Native American History



Grayhawk at the CHF event.

At an open meeting hosted by the Covington Heritage Foundation, local Native American historian Grayhawk Perkins told about his efforts over the past 40 years to preserve the history of the area's original inhabitants through his teaching, his music, and story-telling. The event took place at the Fuhrmann Auditorium in Covington on June 7, 2017. Mark Johnson, president of the Covington Heritage Foundation, introduced Grayhawk to the audience of approximately 150.

—Contributed by Ron Barthet

History in the Cemetery

When – Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Time – 6:00 PM

Place – Covington Cemetery #1, Columbia Street



Remember the excitement of field trips when you were in school? You won't need a permission slip for this one with CHF! On Tuesday, October 24th at 6:00 PM, we will visit the Covington Cemetery #1 to experience a whole new way of learning about Covington's unique and historical significance. Jane Maher, a beloved Covington Social Studies teacher, will share her lesson on the cemetery which hundreds of her students enjoyed during her years at St. Peter's School. The assignment will be hands-on and will include team information gathering, investigation of local funeral customs, and construction of a family tree. We'll create gravestone rubbings and end the lesson with some wine and some Halloween treats. Go to Online Registration: "Field Trip to the Cemetery" at Eventbrite. This is a limited event of only sixty people, so make sure you RSVP early if you'd like to attend.

—Contributed by Alice Couvillon



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Another exciting addition this year will be the sale of Covington ornaments by local artist Jax Frey. For \$10.00, you will be able to purchase a lasting memory of the tour. This is a new tradition and every year, we will have a special ornament for your tree.



Image of CHF's first Christmas ornament

Who is the Covington Heritage Foundation?

CHF evolved from the committees that arranged the celebration of Covington in 2013, the 200th anniversary of the city's founding by John Wharton Collins. Urged to continue the focus on Covington's rich history, several members created the CHF and elected Sharon Nunez as President. This year, the Board continues exciting and relevant programs to highlight our unique heritage.



Culture, Character, Community



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

For the Holiday tour of homes, we will need volunteers to stuff envelopes with the entrance bands, greet tour visitors in the perspective homes, serve wine and water along the route, sell "day of" tickets at the tour headquarters, light luminaries, put out cardboard trash pails and maybe even sing! If you'd like to participate, please email CovingtonHeritageFoundation.com and tell us what you'd like to do!

"The Foot Paths of the Future are guided by the Footprints of the Past."

❖ Patricia Fuhrmann Clanton ❖

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Christmas Gala

When – Tuesday, December 5, 2017
Time – 6:00 PM
Place – Southern Hotel

Ho, Ho, Ho, It's Been Hot, Hot, Hot, but at CHF, we're already planning our Annual Christmas Gala. Once again, the stunning Southern Hotel will be the place, and December 5th is the date and 6:00 PM is the time. This year, we promise to have PLENTY of food and wine and another memorable and humorous Covington history lesson from our president, Mark Johnson. Remember, the party is for MEMBERS ONLY, so renew your yearly membership dues of \$25.00 for individuals and \$40.00 for couples online at www.covingtonheritagefoundation.com before the gala. Don't be naughty! Pay your dues early, and come celebrate the season and Covington's heritage with us.

–Contributed by Alice Couvillon

Oxen Attic a Smash Hit at Antiques and Uniques Festival

SAVE THE DATE APRIL 21 & 22, 2018



A new consignment booth called the Oxen Attic was a breakout hit at the Covington Antiques and Uniques Festival last spring. Sixteen vendors participated, stocking the tent at the Covington Trailhead with more than 130 antiques and vintage collectible items ranging from furniture and artwork to household gifts such as glassware, fine ceramics, textiles and more.

The consignment booth was the brainchild of City of Covington's Cultural Arts and Events Director Aimée Faucheux and Grant Administrator Kelli Moore. When promoting the festival last year, they encountered many vendors who said they wanted to participate but couldn't commit to the entire weekend. Consignees



A few of our Oxen Attic volunteers -
Bonnie Champagne, JoAnn Rucker
and Gina Hayes



Some of the many consignment items
from the Oxen Attic

of The Oxen Attic were mostly local merchants and members of the CHF who were looking to find new homes for their old treasures.

“The Oxen Attic is a way for people to sell items without investing the time and energy that a booth requires,” said Faucheux. “There are no booth fees, and 20% of sales are donated to the Covington Heritage Foundation.”

The CHF will host the Oxen Attic once again at the fourth annual Antiques and Uniques Festival on April 21st and 22nd. Just like the past three festivals, the 2018 event will feature an assortment of juried booths brimming with antiques, vintage furnishings and collectibles, fine arts and crafts, and more. In response to survey feedback, changes next year will include eliminating the live auction, expanding the appraisal fair, increasing live music offerings, and creating indoor booth space at the Trailhead Museum. CHF members are urged to mark their calendars for this fun-filled weekend and lend their support, whether bargain shopping or volunteering. For more information call Aimée at (985) 892-1873.

–Contributed by Kelli Moore

CHF Being Interviewed RE: The Old Courthouse

In case you missed it, this was a segment of a story that aired on WDSU-Channel 6 on June 12th regarding what to do with the old courthouse once the Emergency Operation Center vacates. CHF President Mark Johnson offered, “First and foremost, we preserve the live oaks and the WWI Memorial. Secondly, the building is functionally obsolete. We (the community) would like to see it replaced with something more architecturally compatible with the historic downtown . . . the Southern Hotel, the Frederick Building and the Lyon Building. And finally, if possible we would like a use that helps support our downtown businesses . . . like a venue to augment Covington's many cultural events.” We were thrilled that they reached out to the CHF and hope that at least some of our president's suggestions come to pass.



CHIEF

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24
History in the Cemetery
Covington Cemetery #1 • 6 pm

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5
Christmas Gala
Southern Hotel Ballroom • 6 pm

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10
History & Holly Holiday Home Tour
2:30 pm to 5:30 pm

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SATURDAY/SUNDAY, APRIL 21 & 22
Covington Antiques & Uniques Festival
Covington Trailhead
10 am to 5 pm Both Days

