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RESTORATION OF THE QUARTER

by Lucie Lee Lanoux

When in 1995, Greg McWhorter became the fourth owner of his 1925 house, he embarked on an arduous work in progress. The progress was the kind which empties the wallet but is uninspiring—new roof, heat and air—the boring things old home owners know too well. But in late summer of 2003 neighbors noted the sign of real strides being made. The big yard sales began—several of them—all filled with the sort of bachelor “treasures” someone had convinced Greg to relinquish. A whole lot of letting go was going on—enter Shannon!

By the time Shannon and Greg tied the knot on November 8, 2003, they had sought the sound advice of Scott Torode, an architect with McAlpine Tankersley. Their work in progress was well on the way to becoming the beautiful home they share today.

This 2700-square-foot single-story house sits on a sloping lot and a half. Owned by the Hopkins family from 1925 until 1983, it was later owned by the

Swanson and Hollises from whom Greg purchased the house. The property was originally part of the 16-acre LeGrand tract which was divided into lots in 1923 after the original LeGrand house burned.

The nine-and-a-half foot ceilings, large rooms, and many windows give the McWhorters’ home a spacious ambience. The heart of the house has to be the huge kitchen converted from the original dining room. The dark green cabinets, hardwood floors, and granite countertops complement and balance the living room on the opposite side of the large square entrance hall. The home is enhanced by warm colors and an eclectic blend

of antiques. There is plenty of room to collect more as the house has a full attic and an enviable 20 closets!

Shannon, a sales director, and Greg, a lobbyist who also works for the Pinnacle Group, still have work cut out for them in the coming months. The task at hand is to convert the last of their four bedrooms into a nursery!! ■



Outgoing Mayor's Message

by Doug Speight

It is with extreme and sincere regret that I must resign as mayor of the Old Cloverdale Association. It has been one of the honors of my life, brief though the term was, to serve as OCA Mayor. I have purchased a house on Allendale Road and will no longer live in the district.

The Association, however, will be in extremely good and competent hands as our Vice Mayor Will Jones, takes over.

Mayor's Message

by Will Jones

In the past few months there has been strong interests by investors to build multi-family dwellings in Old Cloverdale. We feel it is very important for OCA members to consider if these proposals are in keeping with the historic character of Old Cloverdale and to make their opinions known. Any comments concerning these proposals are appreciated—please contact me, or Rick Wendling, for more information.

The second annual Old Cloverdale Tour of Homes takes place Saturday, April 16. Last year's inaugural tour was an outstanding success. We thank all those who donated their time and resources. This tour is an excellent opportunity to showcase Old Cloverdale and the superior craftsmanship of its houses. Please do your part by sprucing up your yard and surroundings for this very popular and well-attended event.

Praise for Ann Waldo of Hazel Hedge

(In 2004 Hazel Hedge became part of the Old Cloverdale Association.)

Most of us who live in Old Cloverdale find ourselves, at least daily, at the intersection of College and Carter Hill. There we encounter a beautiful and heart-warming sight.... a picture-perfect garden at the entrance to Hazel Hedge. Thanks to the talent and efforts of

Ann Waldo, everyone who drives along Carter Hill gets to enjoy the wonders of her skills.

Ann and her husband, Rev. Mark Waldo, moved to Hazel Hedge upon his retirement after many years serving as priest at Church of the Ascension. Ann and Mark formerly owned a bed and breakfast in Cottage Hill. There, overlooking the Alabama River, Ann perfected the gardening skills she now shares with Cloverdale and all who pass her garden.

Jo McGowin



OLD CLOVERDALE TOUR OF HOMES

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

Please do your part by sprucing up your yard and surroundings. Tour proceeds fund the continued preservation, restoration, and security of the Old Cloverdale neighborhood.

Visit our website at

<http://www.oldcloverdale.org>



NEIGHBORHOOD & HISTORIC DISTRICT NEWS

by Tara Lanier

HISTORIC SOUTHVIEW representatives presented an overview of the project during the OCA board meeting on February 21. Based on the principles of the Alabama Main Street Program, the goal of the nonprofit group is to refurbish the three commercial corridors in Montgomery's historic south side. Neighborhoods, the general public, local government, and private entities are to become involved. A public forum takes place March 22 at 7 p.m. in Flowers Hall of Huntingdon College. A design charette scheduled for April is to help create a master plan.

AMOTION WAS MADE during the January 21 board meeting to include the streets along Narrow Lane – Crenshaw Place, Midland Court, Blairwood, and Narrow Lane Court – in the Old Cloverdale

Association. The motion passed and the bylaws are amended to include these streets on our eastern border.

HUNTINGDON COLLEGE invites neighbors of Old Cloverdale to take part in its homecoming activities during a street party on April 16 from 5:30 p.m. until midnight. Fairview Avenue, along the business district, is to be closed for the free event. Two bands are to provide musical entertainment—one band featuring music from the '50s, '60's, and '70s; and the band Sold Out playing music from the '80s and '90s. "The idea is to fellowship with friends and neighbors. Cloverdale has been so supportive of Huntingdon College—we want to expand on that atmosphere," said Glenn Stearns, director of alumni advancement.

THE ALABAMA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION holds its annual meeting in Montgomery in April. An April 9 tour for participants includes homes in Old Cloverdale, the First United Methodist Church, and Flowers Hall on the campus of Huntingdon College. OCA Board Member Mary Ann Neeley is a past president of the Alabama Historical Association. ■

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 21
OCA Board Meeting
7 p.m.
Smith Hall,
Huntingdon College

March 22
Historic Southview
Public Forum
7 p.m.
Flowers Hall,
Huntingdon College

April 16
Old Cloverdale
Tour of Homes

April 16
Huntingdon College
Homecoming Street Party
5:30 p.m. - midnight
Fairview Avenue

April 18 – OCA Board
Meets

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