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THANK YOU to each of you, YOU – our 110 CHARTER MEMBERS – of West Gadsden Historical Society, Inc. (WGHS). It has been only 18 months since our formation. We are very appreciative to all of our members and the many others who have helped us accomplish so much. These charter members are special in that they were with the Society in its beginning. There is so much yet to be done, but working together we can accomplish much more in 2006 and the coming years.

The Society's Board members for 2004-2006 are: Lynne L. Poucher, Pres.; William K. "Buddy" Pitts, V-P; Patricia "Trish" F. Vice, V-P; Rosalyn F. Fenn; Treas.; Linda C. Smith, Sec.; John Canetta and Russell Smith, Directors. Ellen S. Clark has recently agreed to serve on the Board of Directors. The Society can always use more *active* volunteers. If you share an interest with us in the rich history of western Gadsden County and wish to contribute time to this organization, please contact us.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

It is time to pay your Annual 2006 Membership Dues. Regular dues are \$25.00 per individual, or a special price of \$35 per couple. Remember, Charter Members may become Lifetime Members for \$250.00 which may be made in several payments, the final one due by April 16th. All dues may be sent to the above address. The Society needs your annual support and thanks each of you for your participation.

ASSISTANCE FROM PROFESSORS AT UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

The Society is very fortunate to have the assistance of Richard Pohlman, Professor Emeritus, University of Florida, School of Architecture, and his friend Peter Prugh, Director and Associate Professor of Architecture at UF. Peter also teaches historic preservation at the Preservation Institute in Nantucket, Mass. each summer. These two gentlemen are quite interested in the restoration of the Dezell House and have offered their time and talents to WGHS. During the past six months, they have made several trips to Greensboro and have made detailed surveys of the house as well as architectural drawings. Richard has developed the museum plan for the Dezell House. This is certainly invaluable to our organization, having a plan written in black and white. Their work has saved the Society thousands of dollars. We look forward to our continued association with Richard and Peter as work progresses on the Dezell House Restoration.

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES APPLICATION

Richard Pohlman was the push behind the Society's application for having the Dezell House listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This application cleared several levels of review before final submission in November. It will be reviewed by the Florida National Register Review Board on February 17th in Tallahassee. This is a very important step for the Society to be eligible for various grant funds beyond those available from the State of Florida. The Dezell House is being listed because of its unusual architecture which has been determined by state architectural historians to be Prairie Style with an Arts and Crafts influence. Bob Jones, who is in charge of all applications for this region, stated that "a Prairie Style house in Greensboro is even more distinctive than a Bungalow". When the Society purchased the house in the fall of 2004, the members thought it would be great if the house was of a Frank Lloyd Wright design. Maybe "the old green house" on the main street through Greensboro will one day be a significant historical landmark.

RAISING \$\$\$\$ TO ACCOMPLISH OUR GOALS

A grant application was submitted to the Florida Department of State in December. If our request for \$50,000 is approved, the Society will begin restoration of the Dezell House. The asphalt shingles will be removed and replaced with metal shingles, along with structural corrections to the dormers.

We must have \$50,000 in matching funds or in-kind services to be eligible to apply for a special category grant (no limit of funds requested) with the Florida Department of State. This application would be due in May and, if granted, much could be accomplished. The Dezell House restoration would be completed much sooner.

The 1st Annual Dezell House Open House was held simultaneously with the Greensboro Kiwanis Club's 4th of July Celebration which began with a walk/run through the town of Greensboro and outlying community. Fun and games were held for children of all ages at the Town Hall park area. Following several hours of rest during the heat of the afternoon, events get underway again at West Gadsden High School football stadium, culminating with a fireworks display after dark. The Society held a bake sale and was well pleased with the results of the event. The route of the race took the participants by the Dezell House. Many returned to tour the house, enjoy some baked goods as well as our hot boiled peanuts and cold drinks. We look forward to another successful Open House this year and invite each of you to come join us.

We held a "made to order" bake sale this fall. Patricia Fletcher Vice, chairperson of this event, took orders and found talented "bakers" within the circle of our Society and friends. This was a huge success and we look forward to it becoming an annual event.

Also, this past fall, the Society initiated its first Capital Campaign Fund Drive. Letters were mailed to persons believed to share our interest in western Gadsden County. Your generous response has been overwhelming. For this support from so many individuals and businesses, we are grateful!

2006 \$\$\$\$ MAKING PROJECTS UNDERWAY

Pen and Ink Drawings Yield Note Cards for Purchase

The Society thanks Mary Barber Cox, an artist from Bainbridge, Georgia, for volunteering her time to render pen and ink drawings of historical sites in the western Gadsden County area. Already completed is her drawing of the Dezell House. This first of the series is available in note cards at the following locations: Shear Attitudes, Havana; Gadsden Arts Center, The Mane Attraction, Padgett Jewelers and Ivy Shop, all in Quincy; Cosmo Corner and Phyllis's Restaurant in Greensboro. We want to hear your suggestions for future drawings. Please e-mail lbs@tds.net or drop us a note.

Cookbook Project

WGHS is planning to have a cookbook published this year. Please submit your recipes along with any from your relatives, friends, and neighbors as soon as possible. In addition to recipes, the cookbook will feature "historical" pictures and information covering western Gadsden County.

Your Suggestions are Welcome

Please send us your ideas for projects you would like to see the Society undertake in the near future or include in our long range plans. These should be related to the history of the western area of Gadsden County. For example they could be church & cemetery surveys, transcriptions of old census records, collection of old photographs, etc. Now, what would you like to see accomplished?

MEMORIALS AND HONORIAMENTS

When you wish to remember a loved one with a memorial contribution or honor a loved one in a like manner, remember that such gifts may be made to the Society. West Gadsden Historical Society, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c) (3) charitable organization. All such gifts are acknowledged to the proper family as well as receipts are sent to the donors.

GREENSBORO RAILROAD DEPOT

The Society has been in discussions with Progress Energy regarding the saving from demolition and relocation of the only surviving Apalachicola Northern Railroad depot. St. Joe Land Company has offered a site adjacent to the railroad tracks at the corner of Selman Avenue and Duffle Street in Greensboro. The A&N RR train left River Junction, Gadsden Co., Florida, on April 30, 1907 on its initial trip to Apalachicola, Franklin Co., Florida, a trip of approximately 100 miles. In addition to the depot at River Junction which served several train lines, western Gadsden County had three additional A&N RR depots; i.e., Hardaway, Greensboro, and Juniper. The appearance of the Greensboro depot has changed drastically being moved about one block from its original location years ago. Its loading platform was removed and brick veneer was applied to the exterior walls, thus becoming the home of the local barber shop and the United Methodist Church Thrift Shop. Hopefully these discussions will lead to the saving of this historic building for future restoration.

2005 FEATURED SPEAKERS

Several individuals from our area have presented programs at the monthly meetings. James "Jim" Campbell, Quincy, shared his collection of photographs and memories about the years his father was the superintendent of the Hardaway Farms. Buddy Pitts, Greensboro, presented his collection of Greensboro photographs, including many of the old houses and buildings lost by fire. Grady Turnage, Chattahoochee, shared historical facts as well as his many photographs. Willard Rudd, Providence, spoke about collecting family histories and gave ideas to get a person started in this research. Byron Clark, Tallahassee, shared a brief history and employee photographs of Talquin Electric Cooperative, Inc.

"MEMBERSHIP"

Author Unknown

Some members keep their clubs strong
While others join and just belong.
Some dig right in and serve with pride
Others go along just for the ride.
Some volunteer to do their share,
While some sit back and just don't care.
Some always pay their dues ahead,
Some get behind for months instead.
Some lag behind or let things go,
Some never help their clubs to grow,
Some drag, some pull, some don't, some do . . .
Which type of Club Member are YOU?

(Copied from the TWIN CITY NEWS, January 5, 2006, page 9)

YOU are the most important person in West Gadsden Historical Society. The strength of our organization comes from each of us. The charter members have worked hard in the past eighteen months and look forward to the rewarding outcome when the restoration of the Dezell House is complete. Other historical projects will follow in the years ahead.

WEST GADSDEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

We are deeply appreciative of your commitment to the preservation of the history of western Gadsden County, Florida and would like to emphasize that the West Gadsden Historical Society, Inc. is a non-profit corporation. WGHS relies on a strong membership program to fulfill its mission of service to the community. Thanks to all new and renewing members for your support.

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More people are giving stock to charity in lieu of cash. Here's what to consider:

- Rising markets have pushed up the value of many securities.
- Stock gifts net a tax deduction and spare you paying capital-gains tax.
- For the best tax result, donate shares owned for more than a year.

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