Happy Birthday Millford!

One of the finest examples of Greek Revival architecture in America celebrates its 175th anniversary.

This past weekend we celebrated Millford’s 175th Anniversary in grand style, capping a very important year for this magnificent Greek Revival mansion, one of the jewels in the crown of Classical American Homes Preservation Trust. It was a spectacular fall day with family and friends who came to mark this important milestone for Millford.

There was something for the nearly 140 guests at Millford’s 175th birthday -- a delicious picnic of Low Country cuisine, tours of the house and grounds, a benefit lecture, and festive music from Seán Heely, U.S. National Scottish Fiddle Champion, who accompanied Dick Jenrette and guests in singing Happy Birthday to Millford. ... READ MORE.

Click here for photos from the 175th Anniversary event.
The Fifth Music at Millford, held on Sunday, September 18, was a wonderful celebration of classical music and classical architecture with a fun and engaging group of friends and enthusiasts. Robert deMaine, as Artistic Director, worked tirelessly with us over the course of the year to organize a special program to honor Millford in its 175th year. Robert dazzled us with his talents for the third year in a row, along with Nathan Cole and Ben Ullery who were marvelous in their first concert in the double parlor. The program was made even more special as the string trio opened with an original composition by deMaine, Fanfare for Millford, which included an excerpt from Happy Birthday - what a fun surprise! ... READ MORE.

Click on the links for video clips of the trio's performances: Fanfare for Millford, composed by Robert deMaine for Millford's 175th Anniversary, and Schubert's String Trio in B-flat Major, D. 471.

See our Facebook Page for more photos from the Fifth Music at Millford.
Piedmont Living History Day was celebrated across Hillsborough, North Carolina on Saturday, September 10th. Visitors were encouraged to explore more than 250 years of Piedmont, NC history during this event. Private and public sites around Hillsborough were open with activities such as candle making, butter churning, quilt making and more. Period games, demonstrations and walking tours were offered at many of the historic sites in town including Ayr Mount.

The history of 19th century childrens' entertainment was present in games like Battledore and Shuttlecock, Marbles, Go To Bed and Sack Races. For those wishing to experience hands-on activities similar to those experienced at Ayr Mount in the early 19th century, visitors were able to write with a quill pen and ink, do some embroidery, color paper dolls with period clothes, and make a cowrie shell necklace.

Everyone who came out said it was lots of fun and one child exclaimed, "I bet I learned 50 things today!"

Make a declaration....

Or make something with embroidery.

Launch of the Classicist
Roper House and Baker Houses
Charleston, SC & New York, NY
October and November 2016

Classical American Homes Preservation
Trust and the Institute of Classical Architecture & Art (ICAA) were delighted to launch the latest issue of the ICAA’s annual journal, *Classicist*, at receptions held at the Roper House in Charleston, SC, and the George F. Baker Houses in New York City.

Click here for photos from the event.

Read the article about this launch in the *Post & Courier*.

The current issue, No. 13, is dedicated to The American South, and features an article by Margize Howell and Peter M. Kenny, Co-Presidents at Classical American Homes Preservation Trust, entitled "Architecture on the North-South Axis". In their essay, Howell and Kenny explore the "ideas, tastes, and architectural innovations [that] moved freely back and forth between the North and South." Edgewater and Millford are featured in this essay as examples of this interesting reciprocity along with archival documents and color photography.

Order a copy of the *Classicist* from the ICAA website.

UPCOMING

Yuletide at Millford
Saturday, December 3 & Sunday, December 4, 2016

Join us at Millford on the first weekend of December to experience this extraordinary Greek Revival mansion in Yuletide splendor!

Come enjoy the festive seasonal decorations, graciously provided by The Azalea Garden Club of Manning, SC, to celebrate Millford’s 175th Anniversary. In addition to docent-led tours, there will be refreshments of apple cider, cookies and live music!

**Saturday, Dec. 3:** Grounds are open 9:30 AM - 3 PM / **House** is open 10 AM - 2 PM

**Sunday, Dec. 4:** Grounds are open 12 Noon - 4 PM / **House** is open 12 Noon - 3 PM
Latest research will be presented by emerging scholars from around the country. Admissions $15. Reservations required, please call (803) 452-6194.

Save-the-Date
Emerging Scholars Colloquium
Sunday, January 22, 2017
George F. Baker Houses
New York, NY

Classical American Homes Preservation Trust, in conjunction with the Decorative Arts Trust, is pleased to offer an inaugural Colloquium for students and young professionals in the decorative arts field. The speakers will give short lectures describing an exciting range of new discoveries. This event is sponsored in part by the Wunsch Americana Foundation and is a benefit for the Decorative Arts Trust’s Emerging Scholars Program.

To register and see details of the schedule for this special program, click here.

Friends and Visitors
September - December 2016
New York to South Carolina

As we transition into the last quarter of our 2016 tour season, each of the houses remain busy with tours and special events. Since Labor Day, we have had the pleasure of the following groups to Edgewater: The Clark Art Institute, the Rockford Art Museum, Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Historic New England, The Metropolitan Museum of Art and Collectors from Laguna Beach, California.

At the Baker House, there was also a presentation and cocktail reception for the Friends of Boscobel House and Gardens, a restored Federal-period house on the Hudson River built between 1804-1808, and a great time was had by all who attended.

Peter Kenny with Diana Smith and Paulette Cushman, Friends of Boscobel House and Gardens.
Not having the draw of the northern fall foliage that brings visitors to the Hudson River Valley, the Roper House was nonetheless not to be out-done and welcomed students from Clemson University, donors of Chamber Music Charleston for a cocktail reception celebrating their 10th Anniversary, The Institute of Classical Architecture & Art, The Guggenheim Museum, participants of the Preservation Society of Charleston’s 40th Annual Fall Tours, and guests from Virtuoso Voyager Club Cruises. ... READ MORE.

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