

Classical American Homes Preservation Trust and The Richard Hampton Jenrette Foundation



Newsletter - Summer 2019

Sponsored by Wells Fargo

Summer: Explore our gardens, trails, and historic houses!

Ayr Mount is a great place to be outdoors - explore our scenic trails!





Take a stroll on [Ayr Mount's Poet's Walk](#) and pack a lunch to enjoy at our shaded picnic tables. Visit [Ayr Mount's Little Free Library](#) and pick a book to enjoy on the great lawn.

Or put on your walking shoes and head over to the Historic Occoneechee Speedway Trail (HOST) - one of the last remaining dirt racetracks from NASCAR's inaugural season, built along the banks of the Eno River. Walk the track and see the ruins of the original grandstand and outbuildings. Ayr Mount and HOST were recently featured in *Visit Hillsborough's "Awesome August"* newsletter, as well as in *Due South Magazine*, in Debbie Burdick's article "*What Does Hiking And NASCAR Have In Common? The Occoneechee Speedway Trail*". [READ MORE.](#)

Thank you to Instagram user [@kikinakita](#) for this beautiful photograph of the grounds!



[Millford's Gardens & Grounds](#)

Explore the gardens, walk the grounds among the Spanish moss, and tour this historic house with its many original portraits and objects, as well as its commissioned suite of Duncan Phyfe furniture. Millford was recently featured in *Columbia Metropolitan Magazine* in Deena C. Bouknight's article, "*Remote Splendor - Millford Plantation retains its grandeur*", covering the history of the home and its owners and featuring elegant photography by John Teague.. [READ MORE.](#)

Millford is open the first Saturday of each month for tours -- reservations are required. Private tours and events are available by request. [READ MORE.](#)

[Edgewater's Gardens & Grounds](#)



The approach to Edgewater offers both inviting and remarkable views - a lush green canopy above with the Hudson River on one side and a colorful, flowering English border on the other. [Click here to access a photo gallery of Edgewater.](#)

Edgewater is available to tour by appointment only. Contact us for more information about booking a tour or event with us. [READ MORE.](#)



Only the Best: Two Recent Acquisitions for Millford by Paul Storr & Duncan Phyfe

Read the latest article in our [Classica Americana](#) series by Peter Kenny:

From its very inception, everything that went into the fabrication of Millford was the best that money could buy, a standard that speaks volumes about the taste and ambition of its youthful builders, John Laurence (1816-1889) and Susan Hampton Manning (1816-1845) as well as their fabulous wealth, which was derived from an extensive Louisiana sugar plantation inherited by Susan from her father, Wade Hampton I. Excellence was built in literally from the ground up. The original 1839 specifications for the construction of the mansion, written

by master builder Nathaniel F. Potter, are littered with the superlative - “best white lead and oils” for the interior woodwork; “best Redford [New York] Crown Glass” for the window sash; and “Day, Newell & Day’s best mortice locks with all the trimmings plated.” So, it is hardly surprising that when it came to outfitting their magnificent Greek Revival mansion with furniture and household silver the Manning’s sought out the work of two of the finest artisans of their day, **London silversmith Paul Storr and America’s most renowned cabinetmaker, Duncan Phyfe of New York.**

This past winter, Classical American Homes Preservation Trust was fortunate to acquire at a single auction two works by these legendary craftsmen, a beautifully chased and engraved covered **silver ewer (pictured)** and an elegant, walnut **Grecian couch or récamier**. And as is the case with so many original works of art and furnishings that have found their way back to Dick Jenrette’s classical American homes, there is a back story that animates these objects and makes the past more vivid. [READ MORE.](#)



Graduate Students Complete Historic Structure Report at Roper House

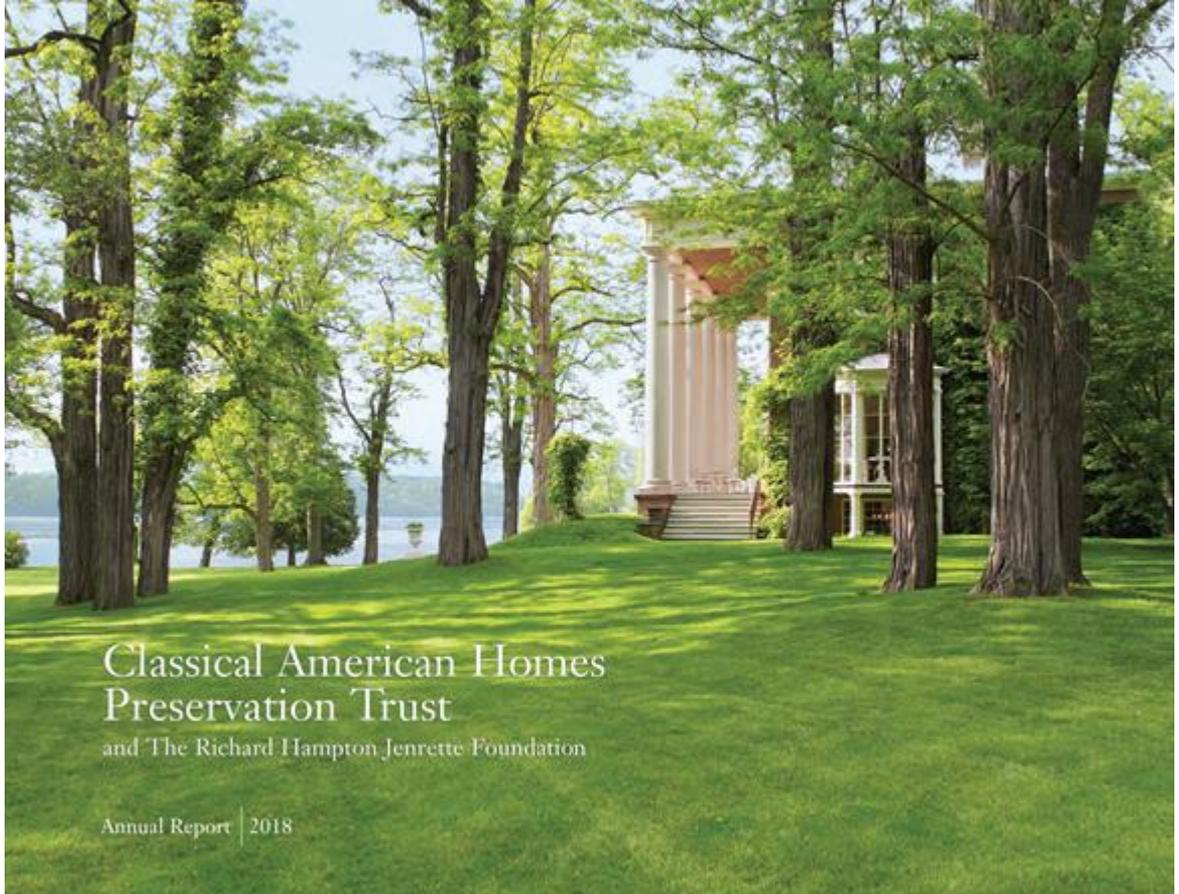
Graduate students in the **Historic Preservation Program at Clemson University / College of Charleston** recently spent several months studying and researching at the Roper House to produce a *Historic Structure Report* complete with history of the home, identification of historically significant features, and recommendations for maintenance and future use.

Of note in the report was the threat of sea level rise (SLR) to Roper House, noting the sea level in Charleston Harbor has risen about one foot since 1921. They show predictions for further SLR over the next 50 years and

how the Roper House would be affected based on one, two, and three feet SLR. Their recommendations include potential interventions such as elevating the building, adding floodgates or pumps in the house's crawlspace, and flood-proofing the collections and finishes on the lower levels. They also highlight the need to improve the city's infrastructure, which would be beneficial to Roper House and other homes in the neighborhood. Pictured above, Roper House is marked with a yellow dot on the map showing it at three feet SLR, with the house inundated by water and threatened by draining water from surrounding properties. For the full report...[READ MORE](#).

A special thank you to the students, as well as professors, Amalia Leifeste, Assistant Professor, and Laurel Bartlett, Teaching Assistant and Research Assistant, who were instrumental in initiating and completing this project. Much appreciation to Moby Marks and Carter Hudgins, as well.

Historic Charleston Foundation (HCF) recently participated in the **Dutch Dialogues Colloquium and Workshop**, a gathering of international and local experts concerned with identifying flood and storm water issues and solutions in coastal Charleston, SC. [Listen to HCF President Winslow Hastie](#) discuss the event, [watch highlights from the Colloquium](#), and attend the final presentation of their findings on September 26 at the Gaillard Center.



2018 Annual Report Released

We are pleased to announce the release of our 2018 Annual Report! Mailing list subscribers - your copy is in the mail. Please email [Julie Smith](mailto:julie.smith@cahpt.org) to subscribe to our mailing list or request a printed copy. [READ MORE](#)

Thank you to Pieter Estersohn for the beautiful photos that are featured on the annual report covers and throughout the report. Edgewater is featured in Pieter's recent book, [*Life Along the Hudson: The Historic Country Estates of the Livingston Family*](#), which he both wrote and photographed!

Education



Education is one of the core tenets at CAHPT and we have been delighted to host several educational groups recently. Millford hosted the fifth grade students at **Laurence Manning Academy** (Manning, SC) at Millford, who have a tradition of visiting and taking in its history by recording their visit in sketches and journals, a selection of which we have featured on our website. [READ MORE.](#)



A group of high school senior students from the **Chapin School** in NYC visited the George F. Baker Houses in a study of the architecture of **Delano & Aldrich**, who also designed their alma mater on the Upper East Side. Two Chapin alums, Lucinda May (pictured at far right), from Peter Pennoyer Architects, and Anne Walker (pictured at far left), co-author of [*The Architecture of Delano & Aldrich*](#), were their guides on a tour to several of Delano & Aldrich's buildings in NYC.



Students from **The Archaeology Program at the University of North Carolina** (Chapel Hill, NC) returned to Ayr Mount and the Oxbow archeological site, making interesting new discoveries of a palisaded village during the Contact Period c. 1650 -1710. [READ MORE.](#)

Graduate students from **Clemson/College of Charleston**, previously mentioned, completed the Historic Structure Report on Roper House culminating in a presentation on April 30 and a published report.

[A recent review from Google Maps on Ayr Mount...](#)

"A local favorite. We treat it like a secret. It is beautiful and tranquil. Respect it and keep it that way."

Tours & Events Galore!



With the warmer weather for the last several months, visits to our houses have been in full swing. Along with the regular schedule of tours at Millford and Ayr Mount, we also enjoyed visits from many groups -- book clubs, garden clubs, church groups, hikers -- as well as individuals. Highlights from the Summer tours and events are as follows: At Millford the [Parker Quartet](#) performed a special concert for the **University of South Carolina Chamber Music Circle**, pictured above.

At Edgewater, there were groups

from the **Acorn Club**, **Free Library of Philadelphia**, and **The Orange and Dutchess County Garden Club**. At the George F. Baker House, **The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America** had a reception at for its members. The carriage house was used for the **HBO series *The Undoing*** starring Nicole Kidman, Hugh Grant and Donald Sutherland.

At the Roper House, visitors included the **Metropolitan Museum**, **Historic Charleston Foundation**, **Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh**, **Huntsville Museum of Art** and the **Young Presidents Organization**. Ayr Mount was busy with their regular schedule of tours as well as their dedicated walkers on the Poet's Walk and other trails. New events at Ayr Mount included **a tour of the gardens with our staff gardener, Dana**, and a night-time visit from a group of **Star Gazers**. And at HOST there were two pop-up dinners, a torch run for the **Special Olympics**, and a training session for the **Hillsborough Garden Club**. Pictured above, a couple enjoys strolling the grounds at Ayr Mount on a sunny afternoon (Thank you [@wimberley.creative](https://www.instagram.com/wimberley.creative) for the photo.)



The fall will be here soon -- another great season to visit our houses! Please [let us know](#) if you are interesting a tour, event, or photography location.



Photograph by Marina Schinzel

We are saddened by the death of John M. Hall earlier this year, who was a friend and talented photographer. John worked with us for many years and was the principal photographer for [Adventures With Old Houses](#) and [More Adventures with Old Houses](#), and has work featured in many articles, annual reports, throughout our website and social media, and more.

[Read John's obituary.](#)

[Visit John's website](#) to see more of his work.

Have your next event at one of our houses!



George F. Baker Houses & Carriage House
67-69 East 93rd Street, NYC

These two properties present unique spaces for a multitude of events -- cocktail parties, meetings, staging areas, lectures -- the sky...er..the carriage house ceiling is the limit!

The properties are available individually or together for a multi-faceted event.



Millford Plantation
Pinewood, South Carolina

Millford's piazza and gardens make the perfect backdrop for engagement and wedding photos. Interested in a private event? Plan a afternoon tour and box lunch or a sunset tour with cocktails! Millford is remote, but offers diverse options and we look forward to hosting you for your next event!

Thank you for your interest in Classical American Homes!
Please visit us soon and consider supporting us with a donation.



Give a Gift to CAHPT



Visit CAHPT on
Facebook



Follow CAHPT on
Instagram

WELLS
FARGO



[Privacy Policy](#) | [Unsubscribe](#)

[Classical American Homes Preservation Trust](#)

69 East 93rd Street, New York, NY 10128