

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Brent Walker, Parks and Recreation Director

Date: February 13, 2023

Re: Dunwoody Preservation Trust Presentation

**Summary**

The City values the on-going partnerships with our non-profits partners. Noelle Ross will be presenting current and future initiatives by the Dunwoody Preservation Trust.



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# DUNWOODY PRESERVATION TRUST

# DUNWOODY PRESERVATION TRUST'S ORIGINS



# CHEEK-SPRUILL HOUSE

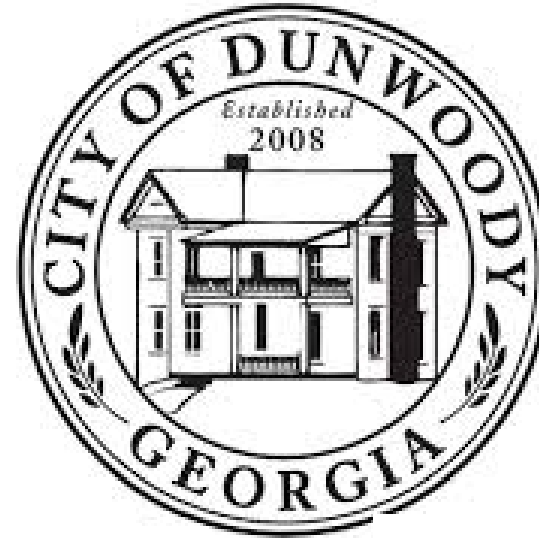
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REFERRED  
TO AS THE  
DUNWOODY  
FARMHOUSE



# CHEEK-SPRUILL HOUSE (THE DUNWOODY FARMHOL



A History Room with tea service is located inside the Cheek-Spruill House and open to the public

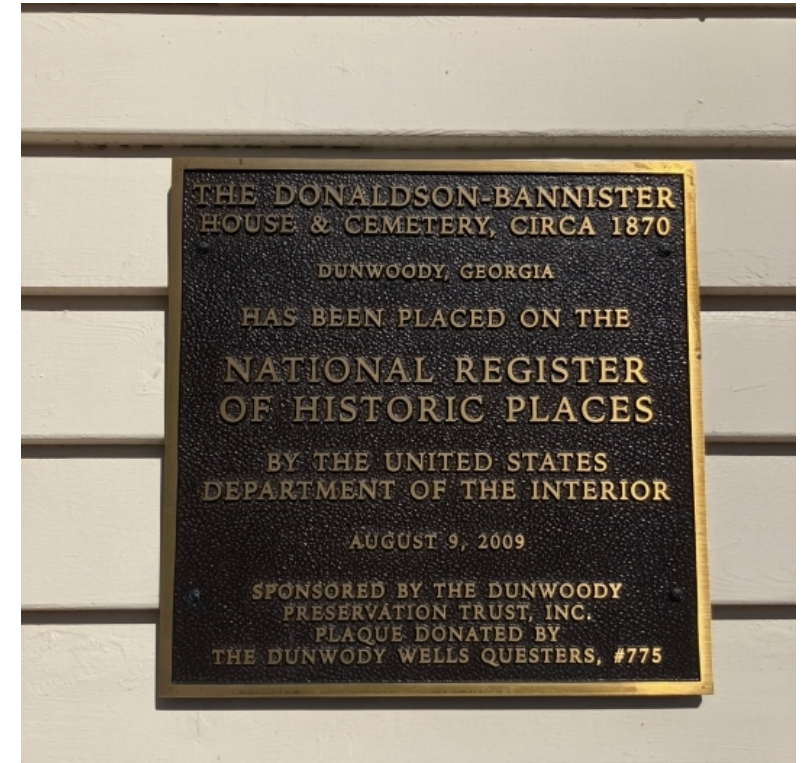


City's Seal  
And  
DPT's Logo



# ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DUNWOODY COMMUNITY 1995 - 2022:

- Georgia AND National Register of Historic Places- Cheek-Spruill House and the Donaldson-Bannister Farm.
- Maintaining the historic New Hope, Stephen Martin, and Woodall cemeteries.
- Partnering with the City of Dunwoody to rehabilitate the circa 1870 Donaldson-Bannister Farm.
- Lemonade Days.
- Educational and community events for all ages.





## THE DONALDSON-BANNISTER FARM

- A City of Dunwoody Park lovingly restored via a partnership between the City of Dunwoody and Dunwoody Preservation Trust.
- Dunwoody Preservation Trust has spent over \$1M of its own money over the years to help rehabilitate the property.



## DPT COMMUNITY EVENTS AT THE DONALDSON-BANNISTER FARM

Since the property opened in May 2018, we have:

- Camp Flashback
- History Alive
- Farm to Table Dinner
- Apple Cider Days
- Classes
- Community Events and Collaboration



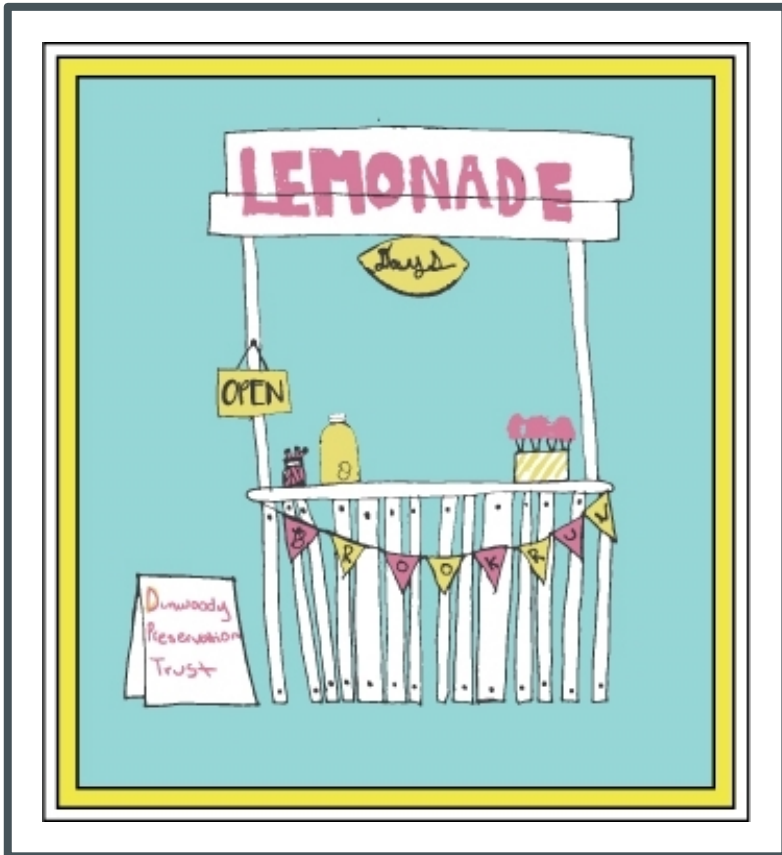


## 2022 CHALLENGES



- Inflation and supply chain issues
- Water management challenges
  - Impedes restoration of the blacksmith's shop, the commissary, and the washhouse.
  - Eroding the driveway
- Limited camp numbers because of building capacity
- Name Recognition

## 2022 POSITIVE OUTCOMES



Due to 5 incredibly beautiful days in April, Lemonade Days had fabulous attendance, making it a terrific fundraiser.

## 2022 POSITIVE OUTCOMES

People are resuming life, so we were able to book 44 private events, by far exceeding all previous years. With all of the growing demand, we are able to raise our rental rates.



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## 2022 POSITIVE OUTCOMES

We hosted two nights of Farm to Table, and for the first time since COVID-19, we got to have the long farm table again.



# The Donaldson-Bannister Farm



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# HISTORY ALIVE

## 2022 POSITIVE OUTCOMES

WE HAVE CONTINUED HOSTING 6 HISTORY ALIVE LECTURES EACH YEAR AT THE DB FARM.



## 2022 POSITIVE OUTCOMES



We hosted 5 full weeks of  
Camp Flashback – 180  
campers!

# 2022 POSITIVE OUTCOMES

We hosted our annual Apple Cider Days Festival with a modified format – 3 sessions limited to 150 attendees each spread across the 2.89 acres.



# 2022 POSITIVE OUTCOMES

Because of our partnership with the City of Dunwoody, we were able to start hosting a Board Game Night at the City Annex building once a month. This brings community gathering, programming, and reaching new people together.

# Join Us For

# GAME NIGHT

## Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday 5:00 – 10:00PM



Packet page:...





## 2022 POSITIVE OUTCOMES

At New Hope Cemetery, we completed Phase I (of three) of our restoration plan, which addressed the most hazardous monuments, those which had fallen over or disassembled.



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## 2022 POSITIVE OUTCOMES

Afternoon Tea at the Farm was a tremendous success, selling out and being published online in two website/magazines.

# 2022 POSITIVE OUTCOMES

The Dunwoody Diorama is well underway and will be unveiled in 2023. The sculpture is stunning and will create so many opportunities for community interaction and engagement.



# PLANS FOR 2023

## CURRENTLY SCHEDULED COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Camp Flashback 2023 - 5-weeks – SOLD OUT!
- History Alive programs scheduled with exciting speakers for 6 Saturday mornings
- Game Nights hosted at the Annex, every month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday
- Evening Education Series, January 28 – Wine Tasting and Cheese Making (Annex)
- Lemonade Days April 19-23, Brook Run Park
- Annual Tea at the Farm May 7
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade 2023
- September 29/30 – Annual Farm to Table Dinner
- Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> - Apple Cider Days
- Plan to host an Open House at the Cheek-Spruill Farmhouse
- Light Up Dunwoody 2023



## PLANS FOR 2023 NEW PROGRAMMING!

- Curator/Director of Education
- *Adult Evening Series* classes
- Field Trips
- Traveling Trunk
- Dunwoody Diorama

# DUNWOODY PRESERVATION TRUST STAFF

**Noelle Ross**  
Executive Director  
(full time)

**Sam McEntyre**  
Property Manager  
(part time)

**Danesha Johnson**  
Executive Administrator  
(part time)

**Dolores Lauderdale**  
Director of Private and Special Events (part time)

**Vanessa Blanks**  
Curator and Director of Education. (part time)

**Hope Follmer**  
Director of Community Events  
(part time)





## DUNWOODY PRESERVATION TRUST VOLUNTEERS

- Board alone volunteered **1888 hours** in 2022.
- All logged 2022 volunteer hours for the organization totals **84,235 hours!!**
- Student/Scout service hours
- DPT Volunteer database
- Dunwoody Ambassadors program



## Mission Statement

Dunwoody Preservation Trust (DPT) is dedicated to preserving the history and heritage of Dunwoody. DPT will encourage and inspire the exploration of Dunwoody's history through educational programs, publications, collections and research. Our programs will celebrate the past, honor the present and build for the future to give Dunwoody a strong sense of historical place.





Dunwoody Preservation Trust appreciates our partnership with the City of Dunwoody.

Together we have accomplished much, and we look forward to many more years of working together.