

Dunwoody Preservation Trust's Annual Report to the City Council of Dunwoody

2024

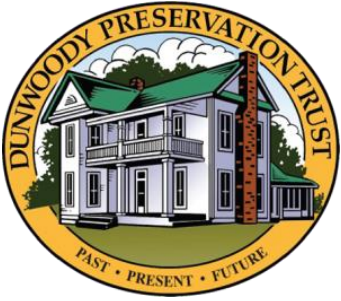
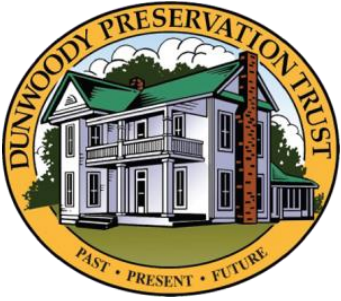


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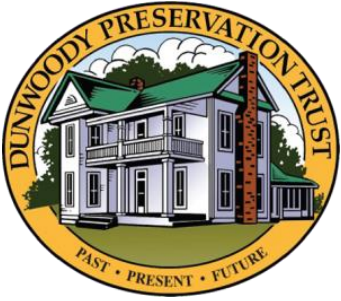
- Major Programming Activities
- Community Engagement
- Opportunities for Further Support/Partnership
From the City of Dunwoody



Mission Statement

Dunwoody Preservation Trust (DPT) is dedicated to preserving the history and heritage of Dunwoody. DPT encourages and inspires the exploration of Dunwoody's history through educational programs, publications, collections and research.

Our programs celebrate the past, honor the present and build for the future to give Dunwoody a strong sense of historical place.



Major Programming Activities

- Camp Flashback
- Camp Flashback Thanksgiving Edition
- History Alive
- 12-Stop Audio Tour
- History Museum
- Oral Histories and Drop-in Tours
- Historic Preservation
 - Donaldson-Bannister Farm
 - Cheek-Spruill House
 - New Hope Cemetery
 - Stephen Martin Cemetery
 - Woodall Cemetery



Camp Flashback

- Dunwoody's Only Authentic History Camp
- No Technology
- 7th Year of Summer Day Camp
 - Kids ages 7-12
- 1st Year of Camp Flashback Thanksgiving Edition
 - Kids ages 6-12
- 220 Children Over Six Weeks/summer camp
- New Camp Director
- Five Camp Counselors
- 10 Counselors in Training





History Alive

- 11th Year of 1.5 Hour Adult Learning Program on a Variety of History Topics
- External Speaker
- Held Bi-monthly on the Third Saturday
- Starbucks Georgetown is a Sponsor
- 15-20 Attendees
- Dunwoody VIP Helps Host

2024 Dates

January 20

Speaker – Paige Watts

Subject – “What’s with Atlanta? The hidden history of Atlanta.”

March 16

Speaker – Traci Rylands

Subject – “Cemeteries from Dunwoody, Atlanta, and Beyond.”

May 18

Speaker – Brad Quinlin

Subject – “Marietta, Georgia. The Civil War City.”

July 20

Speaker – Todd Defeo

Subject – “The Train Doesn’t Stop Here Anymore.”

September 21

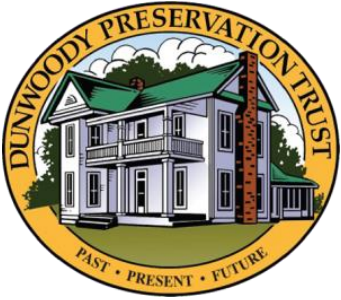
Speaker – Ellen Rankin

Subject – “Post World War II housing development in Dunwoody.”

November 16

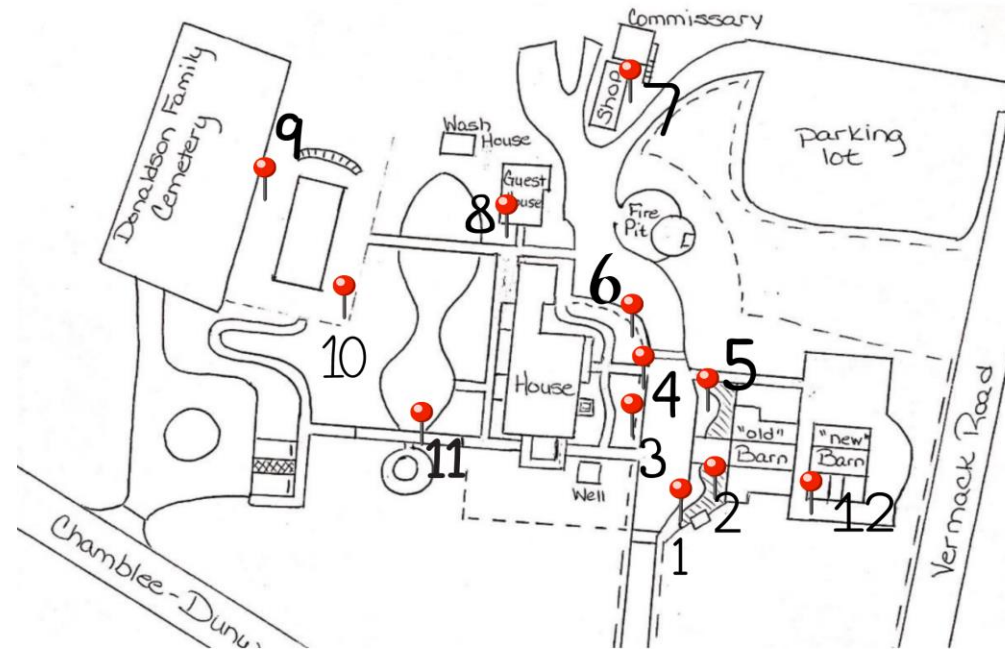
Speaker – Rachel Waldron

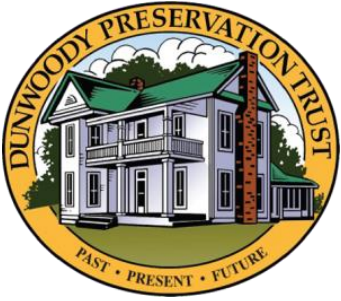
Subject – “The History of Recreation in Dunwoody.”



Audio Tour of the Donaldson-Bannister Farm

- Tells the history of the entire property
- Content and recording developed as part of a Girl Scout Award Project
- 12 stops with QR Codes
- Worked with local sign maker on professional-looking permanent signs

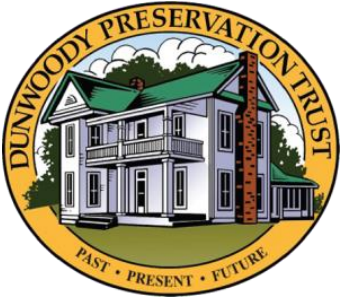




History Museum

- Opened History Museum in one of the upstairs bedrooms of the DB Farmhouse
- Display of information and artifacts on Dunwoody history
- Document finder created
- Research center for a Georgia Tech and a Harvard student
- One of the weekly camp activities
- Two summer interns helped with content and displays





Oral Histories and Drop-ins

- Research and interview individuals who have a long history with the City
- Capture their memories via audio and video
- Goal is to continue building on collection of oral histories
- Give tours to individuals/couples/families who drop by and are interested in the DB Farm property
 - Approx 20 drop-in tours in 2024



Mrs. Keller (Henderson) Bumgardner Barron, Dunwoody resident from 1941-1953. Mrs. Barron was good friends with Charlotte Roberts, who lived at the DB Farm with her family.

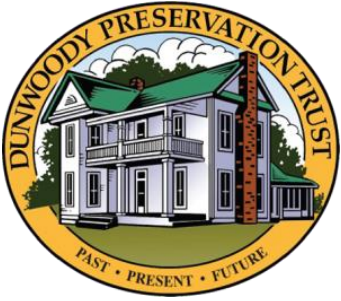


Historic Preservation



Caretakers of the
Cheek-Spruill House (above)
and the
Donaldson-Bannister Farm (left)





Preservation of Historic Cemeteries

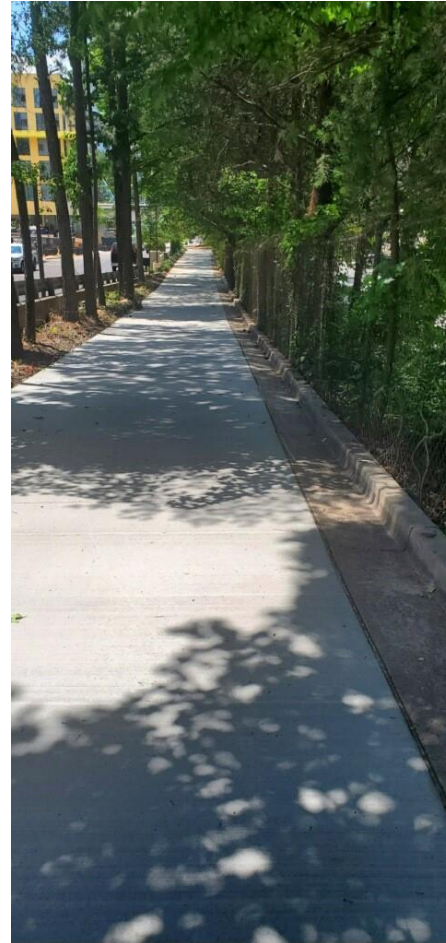
Monument restoration, landscaping, maintenance



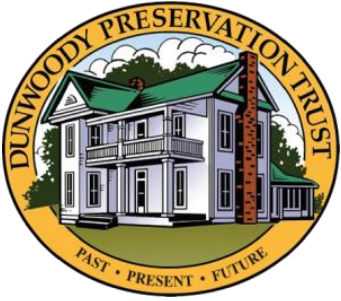
New Hope Cemetery



Stephen Martin Cemetery

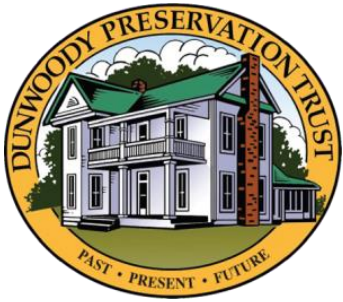


Woodall Cemetery



Community Engagement

- Lemonade Days Festival
- Private Events
- Farm to Table Event
- Wine Event
- Afternoon Tea
- Game Night
- City Sponsored Events
- Trolley Tours
- Photo Location
- Engagement with Other Community Organizations and Award Winner



Lemonade Days

- 24th Annual Spring Festival
- Carnival Rides and Games
- Food and Beverage Trucks
- Dunwoody Idol event
- Dunwoody Authors Booth



Engagement

- 60,000 attendees
- 23 local sponsors
- 50 vendors
- Dunwoody Police Department
- Local book authors
- Local bands
- Craft vendors
- Hundreds of volunteers
 - Peachtree Middle School
 - Art Department
 - Dunwoody High School
 - Football Team
 - National Honor Society
 - DECA
 - Boy Scout Troop 477



Private Events

- Weddings
- Birthdays
- Memorials
- Baptisms
- Bar and Bat Mitzvahs
- Corporate Events
- Corporate Fundraisers (incl Atlanta Lab Rescue and Ronald McDonald House)

Engagement—approx. 30 events in 2024



Donaldson-Bannister Farm
Private Event Venue



Private wedding reception



Earl Donaldson Family Memorial



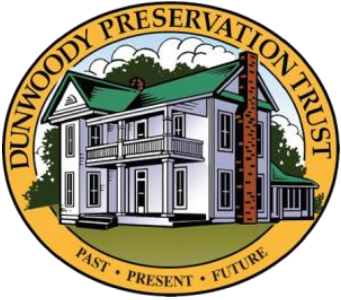
Farm to Table, Bluegrass and Auction

- Sixth annual
- Four-course meal served family style on a single long table
- Specially curated menu using Georgia-sourced ingredients



Engagement

- Sold-out attendance at 75 guests
- Collaboration with Marlow's Tavern Dunwoody
- Ten volunteers including three Dunwoody High students



Wine Event

- First Annual Wine Tasting
- Charcuterie
- Silent Auction



Through the Looking Glass

A Wine Tasting and Auction Hosted by Dunwoody Preservation Trust

Join us for an exclusive wine tasting and auction event.
Celebrate the fusion of fine Italian artisanal wines and charcuterie pairings!
View the masterpiece crafted from the historic Diorama tree!

Event Highlights

Wine tasting Experience: Delight your senses with a unique selection of northern and southern Italian wines, curated by wine expert Kelly Wheeler.

Live and Silent Auction: See the one-of-a-kind dining table crafted by renowned sculptor Tom Williams from the wood of a 150-year old oak tree that grew on Dunwoody's Donaldson-Bannister Farm. Place your bids on this unparalleled piece, along with a breathtaking smaller sculpture, wine baskets and several exquisite functional art items.

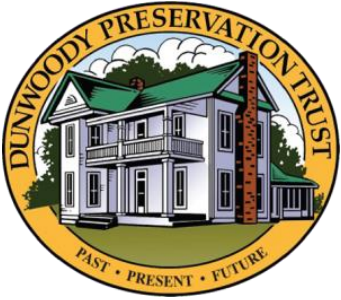
Event Details

Date: June 7, 2024
Time: 7:00-9:00
Location: Donaldson-Bannister Farm & Event Facility
Cost: \$35.00 per person

More information at: dunwoodypreservationtrust.org
Proceeds benefit historic education and preservation in Dunwoody

Engagement

- Sold-out attendance of 65 guests
- Collaborated with Vino Venue and wine sommelier Kelly Wheeler
- Eight volunteers



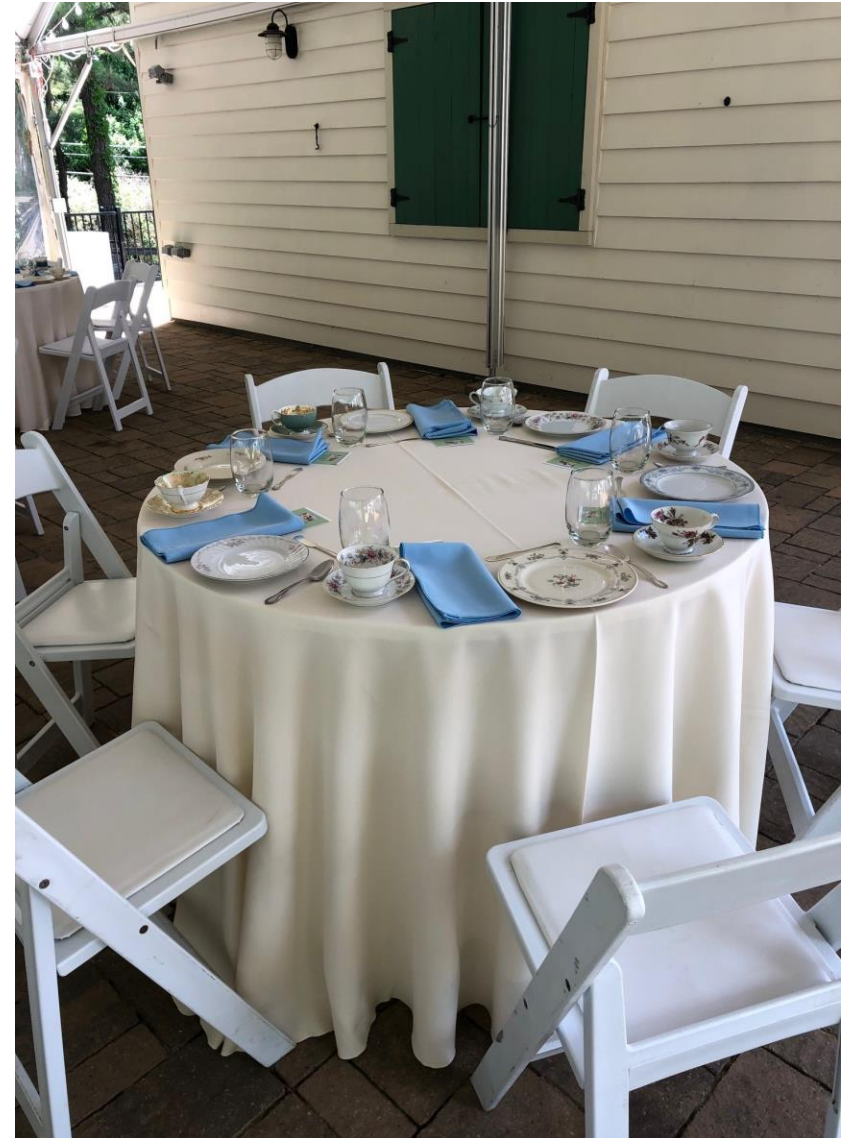
Afternoon Tea

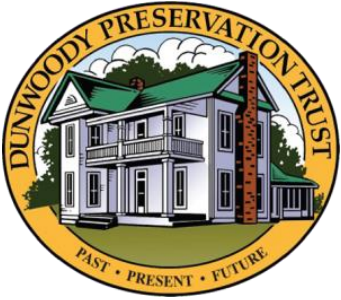
- Fifth annual
- Formal serving of tea served in the British style
- All homemade by volunteers—variety of sandwiches and cookies, scones, clotted cream



Engagement

- Sold-out attendance at 52 guests
- External speaker
- Music by Dunwoody High School students
- Seven volunteers





Game Night

- Open play throughout the night
- Started Oct 2022 with Joe Kubilius as volunteer leader
- Bring your own or enjoy one of Joe's many board games
- Will teach any game



Engagement

- Has been held at the Dunwoody Annex and is moving in November to the Donaldson-Bannister Farm
- Typically 15-25 attendees—adults and kids



Join Us For
**GAME
NIGHT**

**3rd Saturday
of each Month
5:00 - 10:00 PM**





City-Sponsored Events and Trolley Tours

DPT participated in all Trolley Tours as a host and had a table at all City-sponsored events including Groovin' on the Green, Pics in the Park, Truck or Treat, Holiday Lights, etc.





Photo Location

- The DB Farm is a very popular location for Homecoming, Prom and Graduation photos
 - Dunwoody High School
 - Chamblee High School
 - Marist





Engagement with Other Community Organizations

(includes DB Farm Activations, Sponsorships, and Memberships)

- Boy Scout Troops 477 and 1919
- Create Dunwoody
- Discover Dunwoody
- Dunwoody Baptist Church
- Dunwoody Garden Club
- DHS National Honor Society
- Dunwoody Women's Club
- Perimeter Chamber
- Spalding Garden Club
- Stage Door Theatre



Dunwoody Baptist Clean-Up at New Hope Cemetery



Spalding Garden Club Decorating For the Holidays

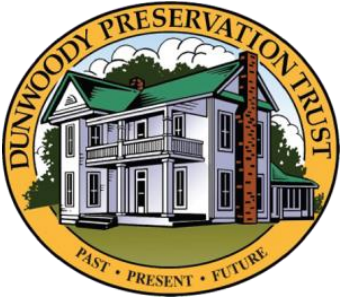


Boy Scout Troops 477 and 1919 Hold Annual Festival at the DB Farm



DHS National Honor Society and Dunwoody Garden Club Spring Planting at the DB Farm





Award Winner



Donaldson-Bannister Farm
Best Meeting and Event Facilities
2023

2024 Best Of Perimeter

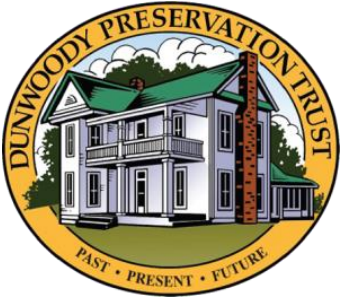
Dunwoody
Sandy Springs
Brookhaven

Presented By



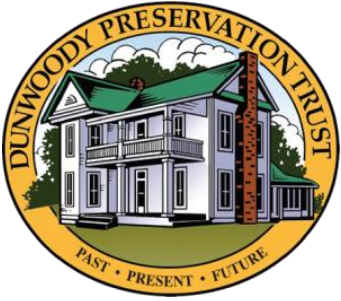
Donaldson-Bannister Farm
Best Wedding Venue
2024

Lemonade Days
First Runner Up
Best Community Events
2024



Opportunities for Further Support/Partnership with the City

- Geotechnical/water problem—Work with Stormwater Department and Parks & Rec to implement solution for severe water drainage issues on the DB property.
- Rehab of Commissary and Blacksmith Shop—restore/rehabilitate to make use as camp classrooms and for museum expansion.
- Flock Security—add security system recommended by Flock.
- Homecoming Park—use of park for new summer camp.
- Pavers—addition of pavers to the side lawn at the DB Farm. The area stays wet all the time. If improved, it would add more usable space to the property.
- Holiday Lights at the DB Farm—budget holiday light installation for DB Farm in 2025.



Thank You to the City of Dunwoody and Parks & Recreation for allowing Dunwoody Preservation Trust to be caretakers of the beautiful Donaldson-Bannister Farm property. It is our privilege to serve.