

Natchez Garden Club

SPRING PILGRIMAGE



– COLLECTORS EDITION –

Tour of Historic Homes

MARCH 8–APRIL 28, 2024

*Natchez
Mississippi*



Welcome to the

Natchez Garden Club Spring Pilgrimage Tour of Historic Homes 2024

We are showcasing 14 exceptional houses from the late 1700s to the mid 1800s. Some were built over three time periods. Some are large and grand, some are smaller and exquisite. All are worthy, interesting and have great stories to tell. So enjoy!

Chris Bartha, NGC President



TICKETS
littleeasytours.com
info@littleeasytours.com

SPECIAL EVENTS

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Wine 'n' Cheese and Bach If You Please

Enjoy tour, refreshments and live piano music.

4-6 PM \$35 Adults, 18+ Saturdays, March 3, 9 & 15 | April 5

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Easter Candlelight Tour at The Towers

Spend a lovely evening with owners James and Ginger Hyland at the Grandest Mansion in Natchez and the Most Elegant Home in Mississippi with a collection of the Finest and Most Unique Antique pieces in the South.

Tour, Champagne & Light Refreshments

6 PM \$40 Adults, 18+ Saturdays, March 16 & 30 | April 13

Linden page 4

Sips and Quips Reenactment Happy Hour Tour

Please join us for a fireside chat of the reenactment of Mrs. Jane Gustine Conner and her son in their 1849 kitchen as they teach you Mrs. Conner's favorite traditional libations. Meet the 6th generation owners with a "sneak peek" into their home.

5 PM \$30 Adults, 18+ Tuesdays during Pilgrimage

Our cover is of Elm's Court, page 16.

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Murray Printing, Natchez, Mississippi.*

Linden

c. 1790



*Noted for its doorway inspiration from
Gone with the Wind Entrance from Tara*

Linden Historic Bed and Breakfast, circa 1790, boasts one of the most famous Federal-style doorways in the southeast. 6th generation owned since 1849, it is a treasure filled with rich family history and Federal-period antiques. One of the earlier homes of Natchez, galleried wings were added to each side of the original two-story home forming a 99' graceful colonnade front gallery. One of the original and largest punkahs in Natchez since 1829. Each room tells a story of a bygone era, exuding a timeless grace found nowhere else.

- Tours given by the sixth-generation owners
- Expansive collection of Federal-style furnishings
- Surrounded by majestic oaks and Cedars of Lebanon trees
- National Register of Historic Places

Owners: Marjorie Feltus Hawkins & David Hawkins

**1 Conner Circle, Natchez 39120
769.355.2127 | lindenbandb.com**

SPRING TOUR DATES

Rotation #1 - Mornings

TIMES: 9:30 & 11 AM \$25 Adults, ages 13+

March 8, 12, 16, 20, 24 & 28 &

April 1, 5, 9, 13, 17, 21 & 25

SPECIAL EVENTS: Sips and Quips Reenactment Happy Hour Tour

5 PM Tuesdays during Pilgrimage \$30 Adults, 18+

Bed & Breakfast

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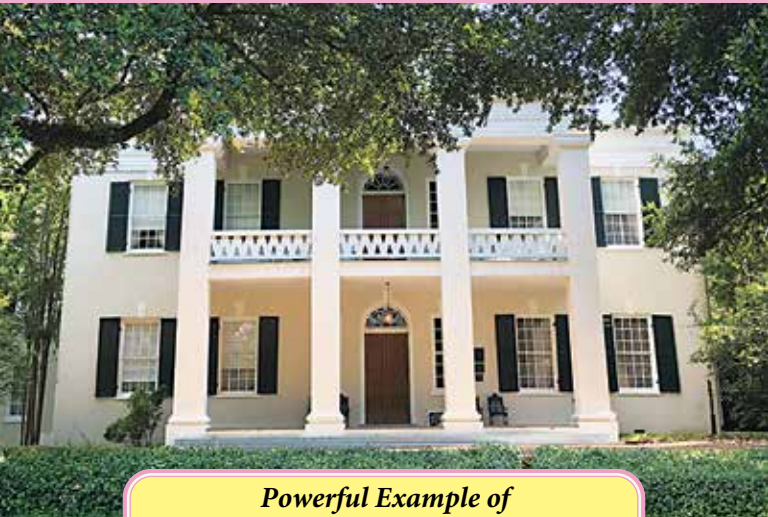
Tour tickets at the door-cash & credit cards



Monmouth

1818

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Powerful Example of Greek Revival Architecture

Monmouth Historic Inn is an early 19th century 1818 Mantebellum mansion set on 26 acres of manicured gardens where you can breathe again. It's story is a tale of the old South and the new South, of transition and transformation, and of the many men, women and children who called Monmouth their home from 1818 to present.

- Powerful example of Greek Revival architecture
- Beautiful property with fine dining
- Owned by John Quitman, marine general, military hero and governor of Mississippi

Owners: Warren & Nancy Reuther
1358 John A Quitman Blvd, Natchez, MS 39120
601.442.5852 | monmouthhistoricinn.com

SPRING TOUR DATES

Rotation #1 - Mornings

TIMES: 10 & 11 AM \$25 Adults, ages 13+

March 8, 12, 16, 20, 24 & 28 &

April 1, 5, 9, 13, 17, 21 & 25

Historic Inn

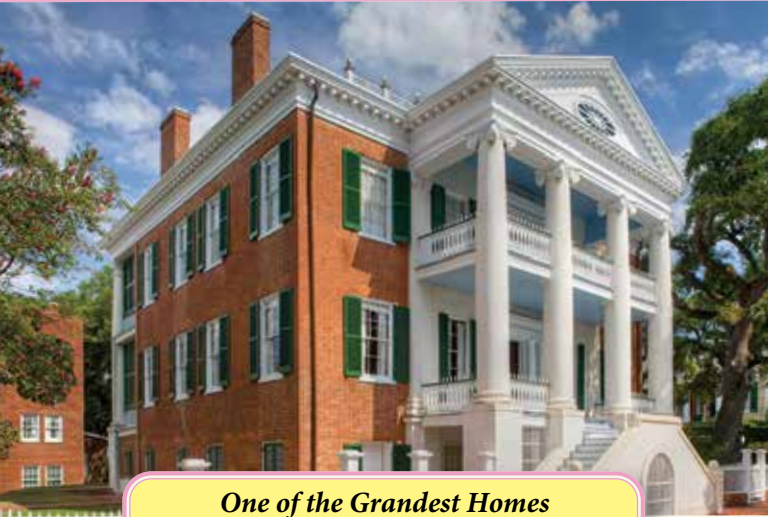
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Choctaw Hall

c. 1836



***One of the Grandest Homes
in Natchez***

Choctaw Hall, once the epitome of ruined finery and decayed elegance, is a collection loved and cherished by generations of the Cupit family.

A Mississippi landmark, the noted architect James Hardie, a Scottish immigrant and his three brothers constructed the mansion, finishing in 1836. The home features a transitional style from Federal to Greek Revival with a renowned late-Federal staircase. Furnished in William IV, early American Empire with a collection of outstanding Jacob Petit French porcelain and family silver. Said to be one of the most opulent and must-see homes in the entire South.

- Extensive Collection of Family Silver
- Early American Empire furniture
- Jacob Petit French porcelain

Owners: David P Garner & Lee Glover
310 North Wall Street, Natchez 39120
601.807.0196 | choctawhall.com



SPRING TOUR DATES

Rotation #1 - Afternoons

TIMES: 2 & 4 PM \$25 Adults, ages 13+

March 8, 12, 16, 20, 24 & 28 | April 1, 5, 9, 13, 17, 21 & 25

OTHER TOUR TIMES: Fridays and Saturdays, 11 AM & 3 PM

Bed & Breakfast

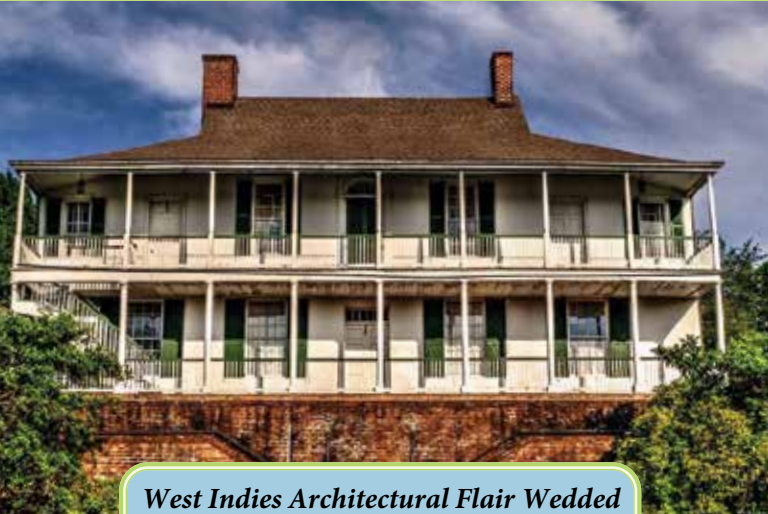
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Ellicott's Hill

c. 1798 . 1801 . 1830

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West Indies Architectural Flair Wedded to Sophisticated Federalist Influence

Once known as Connelly's Tavern this Historic National Landmark today bears the name of Ellicott Hill, the site where in 1797 Major Andrew Ellicott raised the first American Flag to claim the Natchez Territory for the U.S. in defiance of Spain. The 18th-century merchant's house was constructed between 1798 and 1801, and was built into the side of a hill, the front façade of the house presenting as two-stories while the rear elevation, where the basement is beneath ground level, reads as a single story. The timbers used to construct the home are said to have come from abandoned sailing vessels. The House on Ellicott Hill has been owned and preserved by the Natchez Garden Club since 1934.

- 18th Century Merchants House c.1798-1801
- Major Andrew Ellicott raised American flag on site in 1797
- Historic National Landmark

Owner: The Natchez Garden Club
211 N Canal Street, Natchez 39120
601.443.9065 | natchezgardenclub.org

SPRING TOUR DATES

Rotation #2 - Mornings

TIME: Anytime between 9 AM to 12:30 PM

\$20 Adults, ages 13+

March 9, 13, 17, 21, 25 & 29 | April 2, 6, 10, 14, 18, 22 & 26

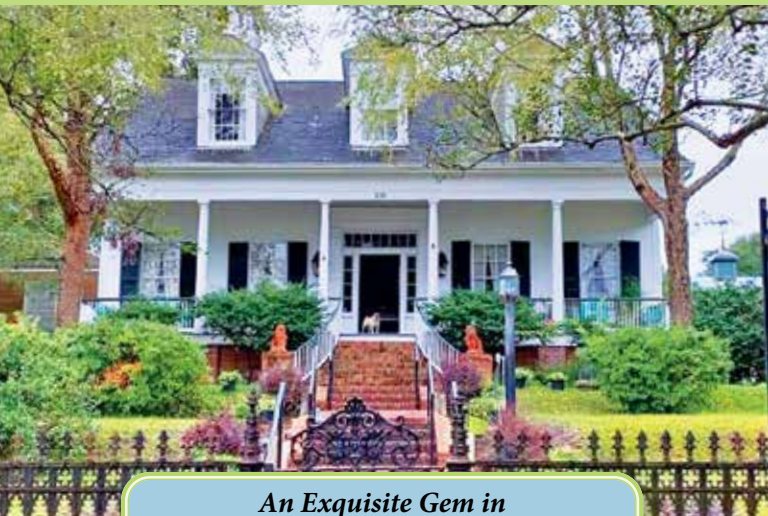
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Myrtle Terrace

c. 1844



An Exquisite Gem in the City of Natchez

This welcoming home was built beginning in 1844 and completed in 1851 when purchased by steamboat captain Thomas P. Leathers. Today the home showcases a gorgeous collection of Empire and Victorian furnishings within the walls of its spacious yet homey rooms. The mid-nineteenth century furnishings are appropriate for the early life of this home.

- Wonderful period furnishings
- Exceptional original intricate iron fencing
- Extensive delightful gardens

Owners: James C Johnson & Geoffrey Butcher
310 North Pearl Street, Natchez 39120
615.756.1542

SPRING TOUR DATES **Rotation #2 - Mornings**

TIMES: 10 & 11:30 AM \$25 Adults, ages 13+

March 9, 13, 17, 21, 25 & 29 | April 2, 6, 10, 14 & 18

**OTHER TOUR TIMES: March 9, 16, 23 & 30 |
April 6 & 13 at 2 PM**

Other tour times available by appointment

SPECIAL EVENTS: Wine 'n' Cheese and Bach If You Please

Enjoy tour, refreshments and live piano music. Call 615-756-1542.

4-6 PM \$35, Adults 18+ Saturdays, March 3, 9 & 15 | April 5

Air Bed & Breakfast

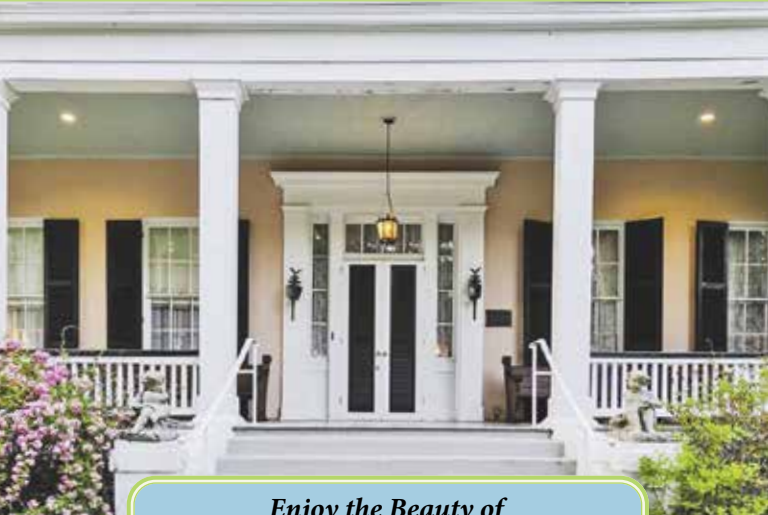
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Sunnyside

c. 1850

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Enjoy the Beauty of Sunnyside Home & Gardens

This hidden gem, built in 1850, is situated on ten acres located in beautiful downtown Natchez. After many years of neglect, the home and gardens have been restored and opened to the public. This exquisite home is lavishly appointed with fine furniture, art and one of the largest home libraries.

- Elegant 1850s Greek-Revival cottage situated on 10 acres near historic downtown Natchez
- Two-story cottage full of history and charm
- Beautiful collections of antiques, china and more
- National Register of Historic Places

Owner: Colleen Wilkins
102 Rembert Street, Natchez 39120
601.807.1148 | sunnysidenatchez.com

SPRING TOUR DATES

Rotation #2 - Afternoons

TIMES: 1:30 & 3:30 PM \$25 Adults, ages 13+

March 9, 13, 17, 21, 25 & 29 &

April 2, 6, 10, 14, 18, 22 & 26

Bed & Breakfast

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The Towers

c. 1798 . 1826 . 1858



Imperial EGGstravaganza! Exquisite Over-the-Top Easter Decorations

Nestled on seven lush acres, The Towers is considered one of the grandest and most elegant historic homes in Mississippi. Surrounded by immense live oaks planted before the Civil War, the Italianate mansion accommodates exceptional antique furnishings, superb draperies and fabric wall coverings, and extraordinary collections rarely seen outside of museums.

- Magnificent Sculpture Gardens
- Headquarters for Union Army during the Civil War
- Grandest Expression of Italianate Architecture in Natchez

Owners: James & Ginger Hyland
801 Myrtle Avenue, Natchez 39120
601.446.6890
thetowersofnatchez.com



SPRING TOUR DATES

Rotation #2 - Afternoons

TIMES: 1:30 & 3:30 PM LENGTH OF TOUR: 1.5 hours

\$25 Adults, ages 8+ Children under 8 years not recommended

March 9, 13, 17, 21, 25 & 29 | April 2, 6, 10, 14, 18, 22 & 26

OTHER TOUR TIMES: Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays at 2 pm; closed April 5

SPECIAL EVENTS: Easter Candlelight Tour, 6 PM, \$40

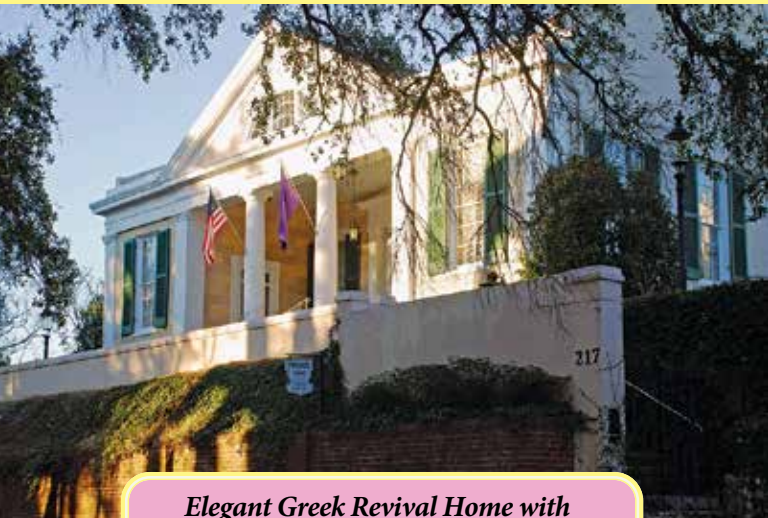
Saturday, March 16, & 30 & April 13

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Cherokee

c. 1794 . 1810



Elegant Greek Revival Home with Spanish & Territorial History

Cherokee has both a Spanish and Territorial history. The property was given to Jessie Greenfield by the Spanish Crown in 1794. An early Spanish Era structure was constructed and expanded in 1810 and again in 1830. The Mitchie family occupied the home between 1810–1840. Frederic Stanton and his family lived at Cherokee between 1845–1857. Cherokee also served as home to famous silversmith George MacPherson between 1861 and 1881.

- An early Spanish Land Grant home updated to the Greek Revival style in 1810
- Gardens are listed in the Smithsonian Institute Archives of American Gardens
- Home of Frederick Stanton between 1845-1857

Owners: Sharon & Mike Blattner
217 High Street, Natchez 39120
985.445.4735



SPRING TOUR DATES

Rotation #3 - Mornings

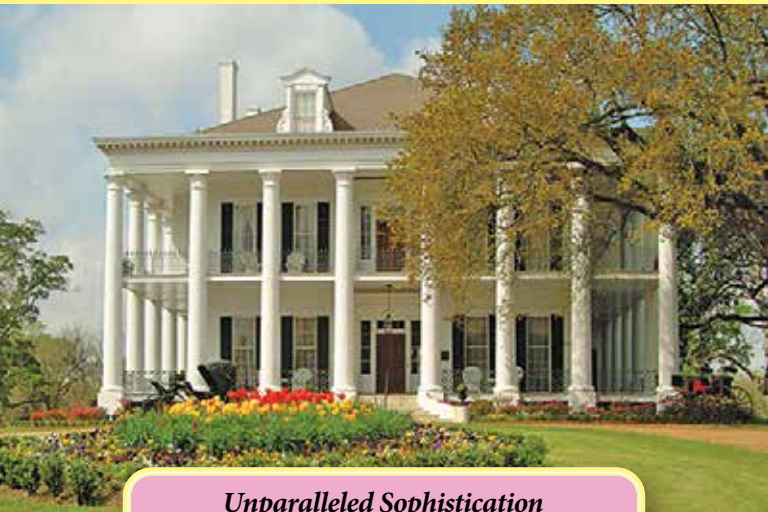
TIME: 9, 10:30 AM & 12 PM \$25 Adults, ages 13+
Tours consist of house tour, garden tour,
and complimentary mimosa

March 14 & 22 | April 19 & 23

Tickets www.littleeasytours.com, See page 2 ... or
Tickets at the door-cash only

Dunleith

1856



*Unparalleled Sophistication
With Double Galleries All Around*

Dunleith was built between 1854 and 1856 after the original structure, Routhland, burned down from a lightning strike. Dunleith is a stately white colonnade Greek Revival style home surrounded by 40 acres of gardens and wooded bayous. During the first 120 years, Dunleith was owned by Confederate General Charles Dahlgren and some of Natchez's most elite families.

- Fabulous outdoor lighting
- Double galleried columns on all 4 sides
- Original outbuildings including poultry house, milk house, carriage house, and greenhouse
- National Historic Landmark (one of 12 in Natchez)

Owner: The J Collection & Mike Blattner
84 Homochitto Street, Natchez, MS 39120
601.897.6300 | dunleithhistoricinn.com

SPRING TOUR DATES

Rotation #3 - Mornings

TIME: 9:30 & 11 AM \$20 Adults, ages 13+

March 10, 14, 18, 22, 26 & 30 &

April 3, 7, 11, 15, 19, 23 & 27

Tickets www.littleeasytours.com,

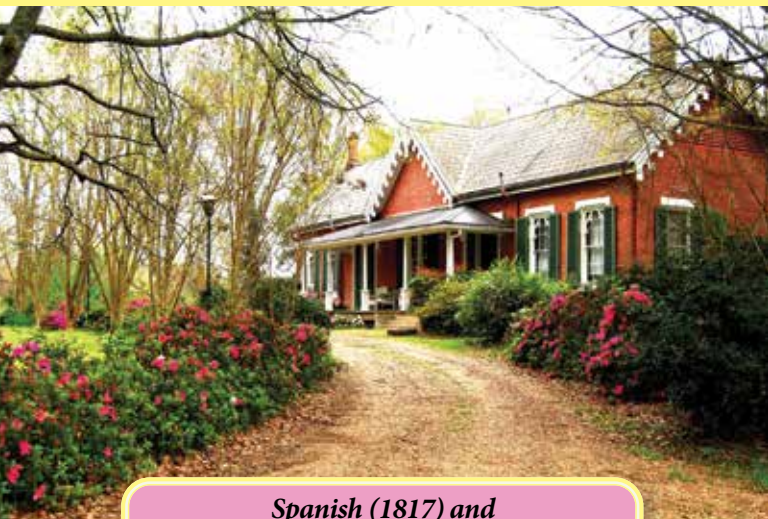
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Glenfield

c. 1817 . 1845



Spanish (1817) and English Gothic (1845) Architecture

Setting on a British Land Grant deeded in 1774, Glenfield is built in two distinct architectural periods, 1817, when Spain was over the territory, and in 1845, English Gothic architecture.

Glenfield is the only full English Gothic private residence in Natchez, and only one of ten in Mississippi. The home and its original 150 acres is still privately owned today by the 4th generation descendant.

- View excerpts and sketches during Federal occupied Natchez from the Diary of 16 year-old, Lucy Cannon (1864-1865)
- One level home
- Hand carved window cornices
- National Register of Historic Homes and State Landmark

4th Generation Owner: Marjorie Meng

6 Glenfield Lane off Government Fleet Rd, Natchez 39120

601.442.1002 | glenfieldplantation.com

SPRING TOUR DATES

Rotation #3 - Afternoons

TIMES: 1:30, 2:30 & 3:30 PM

\$20 Adults, ages 13+

March 10, 14, 18, 22, 26 & 30 &

April 3, 7, 11, 15, 19, 23 & 27

Bed & Breakfast

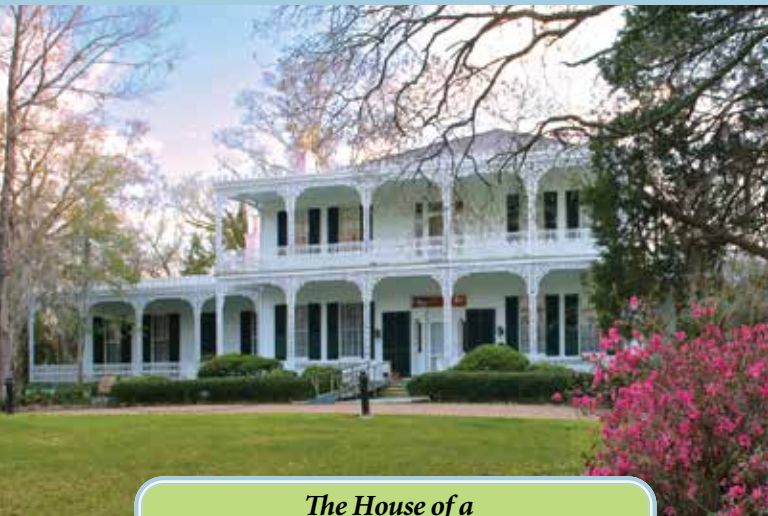
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Elms Court

c. 1837



The House of a Thousand Candles

Once dubbed "House of a Thousand Candles," Elms Court sits nestled on 160 wooded acres, just minutes from downtown Natchez. The winding, landscaped drive, shown on a 1723 French map as a Native American trail, climbs gradually to open onto a stunning view of the home itself. Its lacy, Italianate, double-tier, cast-iron façade is one of the grandest residential displays in Natchez. A popular backdrop for the entertainment industry, Elms Court has hosted Hollywood elites such as Elizabeth Taylor and Morgan Freeman. Experience for yourself the warm, Southern hospitality from the family as you explore spacious rooms filled with family heirlooms and stately antiques.

Elms Court combines Federal, Greek Revival and Italianate features. It has belonged to different branches of the Surget family since 1852.

- 160 Acres of natural forest and spring bulbs
- Large punkah from 1850s in dining room
- Descendants of James Surget continue to live here

Owner: The MacNeil Family
542 John R Junkin Drive, Natchez 39120

SPRING TOUR DATES

Rotation #4 - Mornings

TIMES: Anytime between 9 AM to 12:30 PM

\$20 Adults, ages 13+

March 11, 15, 19, 23 & 27 | April 4, 8, 12, 16 & 20

Tickets www.littleeasytours.com,

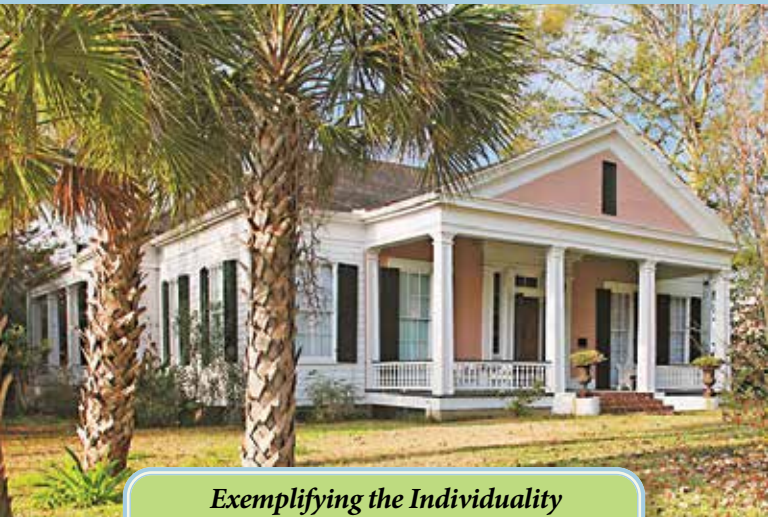
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The Stone House

c. 1860



Exemplifying the Individuality of Natchez Houses

This unique tour begins with a professional piano concert performed by the homeowner, and ends with a regional liqueur tasting. The house is filled with history since it has been owned by the same family since 1877, and now features Stone Gallery which sells paintings, rare antique maps and prints, George Ohr Mississippi pottery, and Native American art. Since 2005, The Stone House Musical Tour has entertained over 19,000 guests.

- Private billiard hall styled as a Greek temple, enlarged to a garçonnière
- Rare pocket doors ornamented with etched stained glass
- Fourth generation owner, heirloom garments, lap desk, portraits

Owner: Joseph Britton Stone
 804 Washington Street, Natchez 39120
 601.897.0315 | josephstonehouse.com

SPRING TOUR DATES

Rotation #4 - Mornings

TIMES: 11 AM
 Concert tour

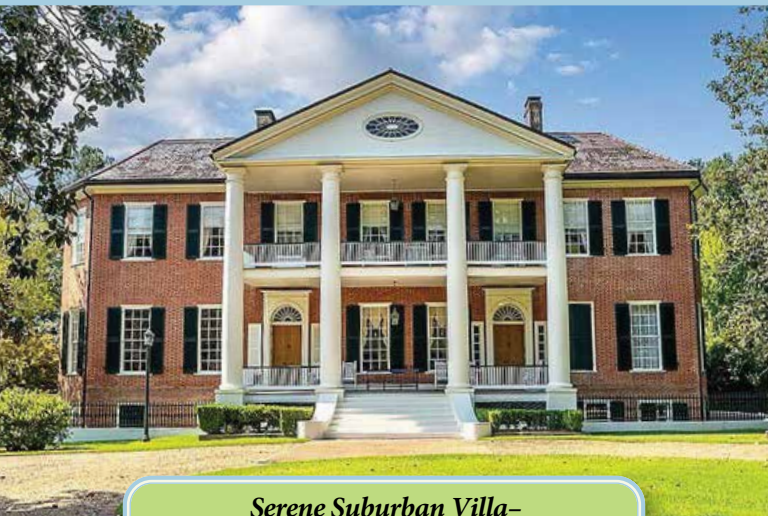
\$20 Adults, ages 13+

March 11, 15, 19, 23, 27 & 31 | April 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 24 & 28

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*Serene Suburban Villa—
and Scene of a Murder*

Built in 1803 by Samuel C. Young and named Bellevue, the home was sold four years later to Winthrop Sargent (1753-1820), first Governor of the Mississippi Territory. In 1807, Sargent extended the home's square footage, and renamed it after his hometown of Gloucester, Massachusetts. The Governor's son, George W. Sargent, was murdered inside by Union forces during the War Between the States. Double hallways and stairs of hand-turned mahogany rails and spindles grace the interior.

- First Federal-style house in the Mississippi Territory
- 5 1/2 Acres of park-like setting
- Intact summer kitchen
- Billiard Room

Owners: Mr. & Mrs. A. B. Walters
201 Lower Woodville Road, Natchez
601.442.0274

SPRING TOUR DATES
Rotation #4 - Afternoons

TIME: 2 PM

\$25 Adults, ages 7+

Children under 7 years not recommended

March 11, 15, 19, 23 & 27 | April 4 & 8

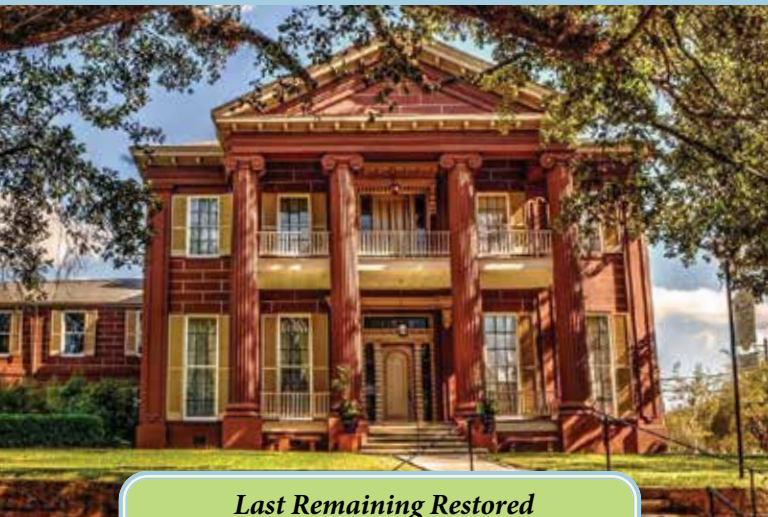
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Magnolia Hall

c. 1858



***Last Remaining Restored
Brownstone Mansion in Natchez***

Also known as the “Henderson-Britton House”, Magnolia Hall was the last mansion to be built in Natchez before the Civil War. Constructed of brick and covered with stucco, it was then painted and scored to look like Brownstone. This fine Greek Revival townhome presents the story of the lavish mid-nineteenth century lifestyle of the Henderson and Britton families. Today the house serves as headquarters of The Natchez Garden Club and hosts many weddings, formal dinners, balls and social events. The second floor displays elaborate costumes representing pre-Civil War era pageantry and highlights the legacy of preservation associated with the women’s organizations in Natchez for almost a century.

- Last Grand Mansion completed before Civil War
- Restored Brownstone Façade
- Costume Museum and Historic Photo Station

Owner: The Natchez Garden Club
 215 South Pearl Street, Natchez 39120
 601.443.9065 | natchezgardenclub.org

SPRING TOUR DATES

Rotation #4 - Afternoons

TIME: Anytime between 1:30 to 5 PM

\$20 Adult, ages 13+

March 11, 15, 19, 23, 27 & 31 &
 April 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 24 & 28

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