

Gaineswood



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THE FRIENDS OF GAINESWOOD ANNOUNCE NEW APPOINTMENTS

The Friends of Gaineswood are pleased to announce the newly appointed site director, Paige Smith, and new board members Ann Compton Arnold, Joseph C. South III, Aretha Muhammad, and Betsy Compton.

The Friends voted to make these additions at its July 30 meeting.



Paige Smith will replace long-time site director, Carolyn Bell, who is retiring to spend more time with grandchildren.

“Carolyn Bell and her staff have done a marvelous job over the past 18 months in assuming the daily operation of Gaineswood,” said John Northcutt, chairman of the Friends of Gaineswood Board. “They have

also implemented several new ideas in the promotion of the house as a National Historic Landmark.”

Mr. Northcutt also said how fortunate they are to have someone with Paige Smith's qualifications to step into the role of Site Director. “Under her leadership, along with the support of our new Board members, the



Friends hope to initiate additional marketing strategies in the coming months to bring greater recognition to Gaineswood and the Demopolis community.”

For more information contact Paige Smith at gaineswd@bellsouth.net or 334-289-4846.

[Gaineswood](#) is owned by the [Alabama Historical Commission](#) and is operated by the Friends of Gaineswood, a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization.

Gaineswood is located in Demopolis, Alabama, and is designated a National Historic Landmark.

About the Alabama Historical Commission

Located in historic downtown Montgomery at 468 S. Perry Street, the Alabama Historical Commission is the historic preservation agency for the State of Alabama. The agency was created by an act of the state legislature in 1966 with a mission of safeguarding Alabama’s historic buildings and sites. The Commission is tasked with the acquisition and preservation of historic properties and educating the public about historic sites in Alabama. For a complete list of historic sites, hours of operation, and admission fees please visit www.ahc.alabama.gov.

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