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In Memoriam

H. Foster Pettit

Dear Friends,

"Ask anyone from Charleston, Savannah, St. Augustine... why do people come to visit over and over again? It's because of the preservation of the old and smart integration of the new. Garden, historic, and architectural tourism is the easiest and cleanest money a city can make, plus it keeps the place vibrant with new and exciting people. Thank goodness that the Blue Grass Trust was formed to prevent a teardown of an important building back in 1955 and are still working tirelessly to promote the historical beauty of the Bluegrass."

- Jon Carloftis and Dale Fisher, BGT Board Member



Thanks to your past support, the Blue Grass Trust for Historic Preservation:

- has increased our community engagement through our BGT deTours, our BGT plaque program, and tours and events at our historic properties.
- proactively advocates for preservation through our Community Preservation and Education Committee.
- has enhanced our public programming with our new series, PEP/Talks, about preserving, education, and protection of historic places and resources.
- recognizes preservationists and local craftsmen at our annual historic preservation awards.
- with the addition of Bell Court, now offers 9 BGT Historic Walking Tour brochures, thanks in part to a grant from Virginia Clark Hagan Foundation.
- is steward of three important historic properties: the Dr. Thomas Hunt Morgan House, Latrobe's Pope Villa, and the Hunt-Morgan House.

Your role in our future.

Founded in 1955 to save the Hunt-Morgan House, we remain a private non-profit that receives no government funding. For sixty-one years, we have played a major role in preservation throughout the Bluegrass region. In 2014, we acted on a huge opportunity when we assumed ownership of the Dr. Thomas Hunt Morgan House. Reuniting this property with the Hunt-Morgan House represented an opportunity to turn its 9,000 square feet into a multi-purpose facility for the BGT to enhance its role in the community and further our mission of smart, "best practices" preservation in the heart of Lexington and the Bluegrass.

The work we do matters in our community and for its people, and to do it, we need you and your support and involvement.

We ask you to join us and take time to contribute to our 2016-17 annual fund drive which helps us do work that matters in our community, to complete the second phase of restoration of the Dr. Thomas Hunt Morgan House, and to continue our advocacy work and our community-wide engaging programs. Thank you!

Best regards,

Bill Johnston
Board President

Dale Fisher
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Jon Carloftis
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