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EAST POINT HISTORICAL SOCIETY FALL 2011

President's Note

The annual Social on November 20th is fast approaching, then Thanksgiving and Christmas are suddenly upon us, and right around that corner The New Year! But what a joyous time of year it is! The air is brisk and we are blessed with nice weather for the most part, and we have, at least temporarily, **The Quilt!** A fantastic piece of craftsmanship/design art, it was created in 1987 by the members of the East Point Women's Club as a part of the Centennial celebration commemorating East Point's founding in 1887. It was meticulously crafted by the dedicated fingers of the East Point Women's Club members under the aegis of Mrs. Mildred Finnell, Chairman and Director of the Art Department of the Women's Club, and long-time EPHS member. It hung in the City Auditorium until recently.

Rescued from its moldy perch in the auditorium, it has been cleaned, cared for, and is now displayed within the halls of the EPHS. The Quilt in all of its patched-together glory, is a symbol of the soul and spirit of what we seek to accomplish at the EPHS—to preserve and maintain our city's history for future generations to come.

At our Social on November 20th, The Quilt will be on display for all to see. It will be presented in memory of Steven Bramlett, who worked hard to acquire housing of this invaluable artifact. Thanks are due to our Board Member, Holly Keyes, as well as Laura Borders and other members of the East Point Preservation Alliance for their industrious and relentless efforts in obtaining said quilt and getting it ready for its next public appearance.

We also want to thank the Mayor, Her Honor Mrs. Ernestine Pittman, Mr. Crandall Jones, City Manager and the Director of Public Works, Mr. Alex Mohajer, for allowing us to temporarily house and display The Quilt. Our thanks also go to Council Member Marcel Reed for his motion to relocate The Quilt and all Council Members for their unanimous support.

Just a side note regarding our already minimal budget; it has been strained recently with things that needed to be done around the facility. I mention this only to encourage those who have not yet paid their dues to please do so. Our dedicated staff is all voluntary and puts a lot of hard work into the facility. We consistently try to maintain our institution in such a way that you will always be proud of it, and we certainly appreciate the dues-paying members and all those who have made personal, monetary and other contributions to the EPHS.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Social on the 20th, and I wish you all A Merry Christmas, and a healthy, Happy New Year!

— Walter Griffin, EPHS President

EPHS 2011 Holiday Open House

Our annual Holiday Open House will be Sunday, November 20, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. We always look forward to our members bringing delicious treats to share with our members and friends. Anyone interested in volunteering to help with setting up this year's Open House should contact the EPHS at 404-767-4656 or email us at ephistoricalociety@gmail.com.

A special feature on display this year will be the Centennial Quilt, made in 1987 by members of the East Point Women's Club. See the accompanying article for more information about the quilt. Safekeeping and display of the quilt is in memory of volunteer curator Steven Bramlett who died in April. It was long Steven's desire that the Historical Society house this historical document and artwork. It is with great pleasure that we will be able to dedicate this effort to Steven's memory.

Anyone who wishes to make a donation in Steven's name, please send your check to EPHS @ PO Box 90675, East Point GA 30364-0675, with a note designating that your donation is in Steven's memory.

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**HOLIDAY
OPEN HOUSE**
SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 20TH
1 P.M.-4 P.M.
PLAQUE AND QUILT
DEDICATION FOR STEVEN
BRAMLETT AT 2 P.M.
ALL ARE INVITED
BRING FOOD AND
STORIES TO SHARE!

Fixing Things in the Past and the Present

When I was growing up in East Point in the 50's, there were three hardware stores. There was McCoy Hardware, Moon & Hemperly Hardware and King Hardware.

Moon & Hemperly was purchased by Robert Stephenson and he changed the name to Stephenson Hardware Co.

King Hardware was next door to McCoy Hardware on Main Street and later moved to College Park.

East Point Hardware was established sometime in the 1900's. Andy McCoy's father purchased the store in the 1930's. Andy McCoy took over the store when his father left to open another hardware store in Hapeville.

In 1965, Robert Berryman, owner of The Gun Room in East Point, purchased McCoy Hardware from Andy McCoy and moved The Gun Room into the hardware store. It was at that time that he changed the name to East Point Hardware Co. In 1968 my wife and I purchased East Point Hardware and The Gun Room and moved to the location that is now where Krystal's currently resides.

Several years later we moved the hardware store two buildings down to what had been Carvens Fabric Store. We stayed there until 1985 when we moved to our present location.

In July of this year, we decided it was time for us to retire and we sold the business to a young man by the name of Sonny Singh.

We have experienced a wonderful relationship with our customers over the last 43 years and have made a lot of longtime friends. We would like to see Sonny have the same experience.

Therefore, we hope everyone will come by the store and welcome him to East Point and support him as you have supported us. You will see the same employees working for him as worked for us, ready and willing to help you in any way.

– Wylie Callahan, EPHS Board Member



Remember to Visit Us Online

The EPHS is enjoying a thriving online presence. We now have over 300 members on Facebook! Our online community shares stories and photos and helps reconnect people.

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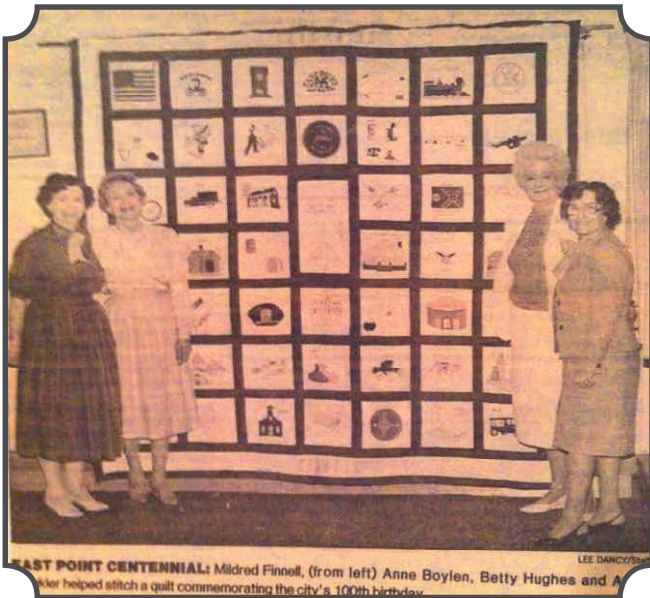
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East Point Centennial Quilt

In 1987, as part of the Centennial Celebration of East Point's founding in 1887, the East Point Women's Club created a quilt illustrating East Point history, historic landmarks and prominent businesses. The quilt features 49 squares that were embroidered or appliquéd by hand by 26 members of the Women's Club.

Club members then spent 1200 hours at quilting bees piecing together and quilting this history of East Point in needlework. A sampling of the squares includes City Hall, EPHS headquarters, Buggy Works, Southern Saw Company, Connally Mill and the Old Library.

The quilt hung in the foyer of East Point's City Auditorium until late October when the East Point Preservation Alliance and the East Point Historical Society negotiated an agreement with the City for the Historical Society to take temporary possession of the quilt for safe storage and display.

Guests at the EPHS November 20 open house will be able to view the quilt and examine East Point history in a unique and beautiful piece of craftsmanship and artwork.

Longtime EPHS member, Mildred Finnell, who was chairman of the Women's Club art department at the time, designed many of the squares and oversaw making of the quilt. In a recent interview, Mrs. Finnell said she called on Club members to identify personal recollections of East Point history and then transfer those ideas to the individual squares. She said it was a team effort and represents so much history. And they had a great time doing it!

The East Point Historical Society is assuming responsibility for the Centennial Quilt, its safekeeping and display in memory of Steven Bramlett, the Society's devoted volunteer curator, who died in April.

– Carole Griffith, former Board Member and longtime EPHS Member



Farewell

James T. "Tommy" Mitchell, Jr., long time member of the EPHS, died Sunday, July 10, 2011.

He is the beloved husband of his wife of 47 years, Barbara Eakin Mitchell, loving father of son Tripp & daughter-in-law Patricia Mitchell and grandson, Avery Mitchell.



If you have news that you would like to share with the EPHS community, please contact us and we will ensure that it is in the next quarterly newsletter.

EPHS is a nonprofit organization that depends on your membership and generosity. We welcome your contribution whether it be your time or monetary donations.



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