

The Historical Association of Central Louisiana

"Preservation is Good Business"

TOUR: SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2008

HACL announces a tour of historic properties that have now been successfully renovated/restored and now house thriving businesses. The tour will be on **Saturday, April 26, 2008 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Ticket Price: \$10.00.** The public is invited (1) to come and witness the miraculous transformation of several of Central Louisiana's most notable historic properties; and (2) to learn about the federal and state tax credits which make restoration of historic properties very attractive to business investors. These properties are as follows:



PROPERTY 1: COTTON BROTHERS BAKERY (saved and slated for renovation by the American Red Cross). Corner of Elliott Street and Bolton Avenue. Purchase your ticket and begin your tour here. Built to house their bakery in 1932 by Cotton Brothers Bakery, this building is an excellent example of the Art Deco Style popular in the late '20s and '30s. The bakery relocated in 1957 and the late Morgan Walker utilized this striking building as the headquarters of the Continental Southern Bus Lines, the forerunner of Continental Trailways. Enjoy the Alexandria Historic Preservation Commission's presentation regarding the Commission's saving of this building and the federal and state laws addressing tax deductions and tax credits which make rehabbing a historic property a very, very feasible venture dollarwise and which also preserves a historic building for posterity.



PROPERTY 2: LAW OFFICES OF CHRIS ROY, SR., 1920 Jackson Street. Visit with our Mayor's dad and his office staff as well as other preservationists as you tour this former residence, now a magnificent law office. Chris Roy, Sr. has been a longstanding, successful, and powerful attorney here in Central Louisiana. HACL applauds him for moving his law practice into the National Register Historic District. Be sure to thank him for his investment in preservation by moving his law practice to this site.



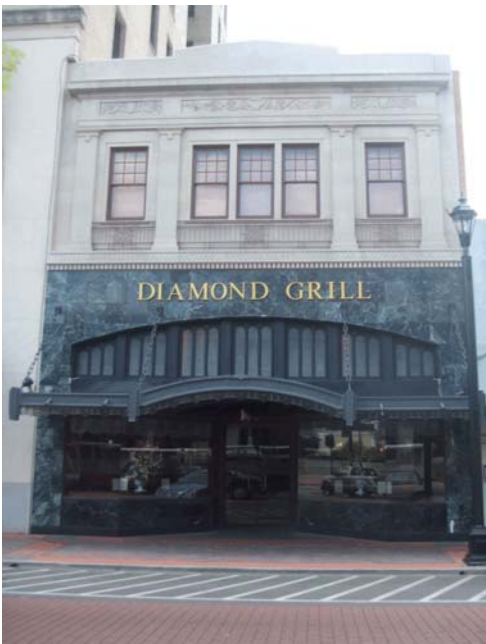
PROPERTY 3: WASMER BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, 2036 Jackson Street. When you see the elegant work accomplished by Ken and Charlotte Wasmer as you tour room after room of this historic Alexandria mansion, you will simply be aghast at this smart/attention to every detail restoration and you will possibly think that you are in a summer retreat property in Newport, Rhode Island. This is simply a must see property. Reportedly, President Dwight D. Eisenhower spent time in this home during the World War II Louisiana Maneuvers.



PROPERTY 4: BENNETTVILLE PLANTATION STORE, at Inglewood Plantation. The most architecturally significant plantation store in Louisiana has been meticulously moved and restored by Kathryn and Scott Anderson and now serves as Kathryn's art studio. This plantation store sits across the bayou from the restored Bennettville Plantation home. The words "the most architecturally significant plantation store in Louisiana" are not the words of HACL, but those words giving the Bennettville Plantation Store that lofty status, come from the Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation in Baton Rouge – the National Register people.



PROPERTY 5: LOYD HALL, 292 Loyd Bridge Road, Cheneyville. Recently purchased by Mike and Jenny Jenkins, committed preservationists, Loyd Hall now shines as a totally renovated bed and breakfast and a site for destination weddings, parties, corporate functions, family retreats, luncheons -- you name it. The Jenkins are "can-do" historic preservationists, having redone the Commercial Building downtown. They are poised to renovate the Masonic Building on Fourth Street which they own as well. You simply must see Loyd Hall (c. 1820) in its present renovated glory. Enjoy a cool lemonade on the back patio while you visit with your friends. You may view this property preliminarily via a virtual tour at www.loydhall.com



PROPERTY 6: The Diamond Grill, 924 Third Street. End your very pleasant day viewing historic business properties at one of Central Louisiana's most successful and notable business renovations. Join Buddy Tudor, a Pineville citizen and perhaps Alexandria's most notable preservationist, at his elegant restaurant which rivals the best and most pretentious restaurants in the city of New Orleans. The restaurant opens at 5:00 p.m. Dinner at this fine restaurant is not included in the price of your tour ticket.

For more information, watch the media and visit HACL's website at: www.HistoricCenla.org Click on "News and Events". Tickets will be available for purchase at all locations; however, the above itinerary is suggested for traffic flow and efficiency. This will not be a guided tour. You can come and go as you wish touring properties, in any order, between 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.