

## **Social Circle Historical Society Presents “The Cottage Tour” on August 11**

On Saturday, August 11, 2007, from 10 am to 4 pm, the Historic Preservation Society of Social Circle will host its annual home tour, featuring seven unique and historic cottages, including the former home of renowned author Wylly Folk St. John. “The Cottage Tour” will provide a rare opportunity to tour several of Social Circle's most fascinating cottage homes which are open to the public for the first time.

Highlights of the tour include: the Adams-Malcom-St. John-Hunt home (c.1914), which boasts a famous ghost story tied to Wylly Folk St. John; the Day-Kitchens house (c. 1911), a beautiful example of the classic Arts and Craft style, featuring coffered ceilings as well as original woodwork and hardware; and the Gibbs-Barton-Westrick home (c. 1910), where a silo base in the back yard serves as a reminder of the home's original 200-acre farm.

Pre-tour ticket prices are \$18 for individuals or \$15 each for groups of 10 or more. Tickets may be purchased the day of the tour for \$20. Will-call tickets may be picked up on the day of the tour at tour headquarters, Gunter Hall, 432 West Hightower Trail, Social Circle. Parking is free. Proceeds from the annual Tour of Homes go toward the continuing restoration, landscaping and upkeep of Gunter Hall (c. 1832), the headquarters of the Historic Preservation Society of Social Circle, Inc.

For more information, call 770-464-1866 or visit [www.historicsocialcircle.com](http://www.historicsocialcircle.com). To purchase tickets by mail, send a check payable to the Historic Preservation Society of Social Circle, P.O. Box 832, Social Circle, GA 30025. All mail orders should be postmarked no later than July 28.

Also on the day of “The Cottage Tour,” Social Circle Better Hometown will be hosting Social Circle Heritage Day from 10 am to 4 pm, in honor of the city's 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Current and former residents will provide a glimpse into early life in Social Circle through displays of photos, memorabilia and artifacts in the city's Visitors' Center and the adjacent Dally Mule Barn, on East Hightower Trail at Dally Square. This event is free.

Heritage Day activities and all of the tour homes are located within easy walking distance in Social Circle's downtown Historic District. Social Circle, Georgia, is located 40 miles east of Atlanta on Highway 11. It is 4.5 miles north of I-20 (Exit 98) and 10 miles south of Monroe, in the Historic Heartlands region of the state.