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Many of you reading this newsletter are already members of the Thomas Center Associates. Others of you may be past or future members. In any case, we'd like to share how your membership dollars have been put to use so far this year.

SPANISH COURT SCONCES

We are proud to announce the removal of the 1970's era track lighting in the Spanish Court and addition of new sconces that closer resemble those of by-gone days. The ten brass fixtures were custom made for us by Gainesville Lighting and include gorgeous mica shades and a dimmer switch that makes flexible lighting possible.



DOCENT TOURS

Our docent, Bonnie Lykes, has done numerous tours this spring. With changes happening in our schools, we're finding the demand for school tours is diminishing. But Bonnie has done an excellent job of reaching out to adult groups and plans to grow this side of our mission to share information about the Thomas Center. If you would like to bring a group to hear about the history of the Thomas family, the Thomas Center and Gainesville in general, please email us at thomascenterassociates@gmail.com.



SPRING CLEANING

This spring, we improved the entry hallway by removing furniture not period appropriate and adding a desk from the lobby. A table was shifted to provide space for staff. The final touch was a dramatic hall piece. It holds brochures and information and is adorned with 1930s Roseville vases, found in a Pennsylvania antique store. A clock was added to the bookcase in the Lucille Maloney Conference Room.

worth the wait. With its backing legs cut, metal now sits flush on stucco, which eliminated shadows that rendered the sign unreadable at certain times of day. The base was also power washed and repainted.

2023 GARDEN PROJECT

To enhance the south parking lot entrance, we have asked Caeli Tolar, our resident landscape architect, to develop a plan for colorful, attractive and hardy foliage in the planters and around the refurbished sign. Another holly tree will be added to the Feiber Memorial and unwanted plants will be removed.



WILLIAM REUBEN THOMAS SIGN ON 6TH AVENUE

Some projects go quickly while others take time. The improvement to the Center's sign on 6th Avenue is the latter but is was

JINGLE BELL BALL

Yes, we will host another fun-filled evening of dinner and dancing at the Thomas Center on Friday, December 1, 2023. If you would like to be included on the email invitation list, please email us at thomascenterassociates@gmail.com.

With kind regards,

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