

Capturing Living History in Georgetown

The Monday March 9 CAG meeting will focus on our exciting new oral history project which will start in April. Committee Chair Louise Brodnitz and other key committee members will talk about the genesis of the project and goals and procedures. We will also be talking about tying the living history into the Peabody Room ... and to a new website.

Startup money for the project comes from a grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation to collect and record a "living" history of Georgetown's remarkable homes, buildings and structures as seen through the eyes of long time residents. A major emphasis of the project is to record information about Georgetown buildings and places (houses, institutions, schools, churches, parks, cemeteries, and businesses) as experienced, remembered, and articulated by Georgetowners.

The Committee is seeking volunteers to conduct the interviews -- training and guidance for interviewers will be provided by Annie Lou Berman.

Neighborhood "scouts" Nola Klamberg and Emily Goldblatt are eager to identify long-time (and former) residents who would like to talk about their experiences and memories of growing up, living, raising families, and/or doing business in Georgetown. Interview coordinators Nola and Emily hope to arrange interviews with our oldest residents at the earliest stage of the project to tap unique and irreplaceable knowledge. Please let them know (via the CAG office 337-7313; cagmail@cagtown.org) if you would like to be interviewed -- or if you have people to suggest for interviews. CAG is also looking for volunteers to do research, take pictures, help with website design, and assist with transcribing and organizing.

Also at the March 9 meeting, other CAG committee chairs and board members will be on hand to update members about CAG's many other activities including Public Safety, Beautification, ABC, Historic Preservation, and Development. We welcome your interest, ideas and suggestions and will be delighted to talk with you about getting more involved. The newsletter editors will be there to talk with people who might like to write or help edit.

So bring your best questions and ideas to the March 9 meeting at St. John's Church Parish Hall. Reception begins at 7 pm and the program starts promptly at 7:30.