

# NEWS & VIEWS

SUMMER 2013



## AWARDS NIGHT AT MULBERRY HILL

Mulberry Hill, the lovely ca. 1801 headquarters of the Kappa Alpha Order, provided a spectacular setting for the Foundation's annual meeting on April 12. Among the orders of business were the presentations of HLF's annual Founders' Awards. This year's recipients were **Dan and Kathleen Vance** for their efforts to bring new life to upper floors in downtown Lexington and to **CornerStone Bank** for its economic development work in the downtown, including the bank's low-interest loan program for façade improvements and building rehabilitation. In addition to tours of Mulberry Hill, participants had the opportunity to visit the soon-to-be restored gardens at nearby Belfield. The ca. 1928 home and its gardens are owned today by Washington and Lee University.



## GOTHIC REVIVAL IN LEXINGTON

HLF celebrated May's National Preservation Month with a series of events focusing on Gothic Revival in Lexington and Rockbridge County. Local architecture historian Dan Pezzoni began the series with a lecture/slide presentation tracing the history of Gothic architectural in Europe to its 19<sup>th</sup> century revival in the United States. The first outdoor, onsite event provided a chance for participants to walk around the residential neighborhood to the south of the downtown and to view and discuss elements of Gothic Revival architecture on homes in the area. The owners of Apple Cottage on Jordan Street and the former



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Falling Spring Presbyterian Church Manse south of Lexington provided tours for the participants. The final HLF event included a tour and lectures at ca. 1873 Beechenbrook Chapel above Jordan's Point in East Lexington.



## BOOK SIGNING AT BLANDOME

Thanks to the graciousness of owners Brian and Elly Grady, ca. 1830 Blandome in the Diamond Hill neighborhood of Lexington was the site of a book signing by HLF board member Beverly Tucker of her new book *The House on Fuller Street*. The book is a collection of memories of the people and places in the African American community of Lexington and had as its genesis the oral history interviews begun by HLF two years earlier.



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