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## **Georgia State Society Daughters of the American Revolution Receives Statewide Award from Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation**

**ATLANTA**, April 17, 2020— The Georgia State Society Daughters of the American Revolution received a statewide preservation award for Excellence in Stewardship from the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation.

Meadow Garden was built in 1791 as the home of George Walton, one of the youngest signers of the Declaration of Independence. Walton lived there until his death in 1804. In 1899, the Daughters of the American Revolution purchased the property with the intention of protecting and preserving the important historic resource. Over the past century, the Georgia State Society Daughters of the American Revolution has continuously raised money and undertaken preservation and restoration projects to ensure the house remains in excellent repair. In 2018, they engaged Landmark Preservation, LLC to perform a thorough assessment and create a master plan for restoration and preservation for Meadow Garden. In 2019, work began on the most significant project—the restoration of the main façade and original front-porch roof line. Deteriorated features from the restoration period were repaired, and where repair was not possible, replacements were crafted using materials and techniques consistent with the period of significance. With the completion of this work, the front-facing portion of the first period roof has been revealed for the first time in more than a century to provide a more authentic representation of house. For the past 120 years, the ongoing stewardship demonstrated by the

Georgia State Society Daughters of the American Revolution proves just what can happen with a little vision and many dedicated volunteers and is a shining example of the impact American women have on our historic sites.

Awards for Excellence in Stewardship recognize those who have ensured the preservation of historic properties through long-term care and maintenance, stabilization, protection or continuous family ownership. This year the Trust presented two Stewardship awards.

### **About Georgia Trust Preservation Awards**

For more than 40 years, the Georgia Trust has recognized preservation projects and individuals throughout Georgia who have made significant contributions to the field of historic preservation. Awards are presented on the basis of the contributions of the person or project to the community and/or state and on compliance with the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties*.

### **About the Georgia Trust**

Founded in 1973, the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation is one of the country's leading statewide, nonprofit preservation organizations. The Trust works for the preservation and revitalization of Georgia's diverse historic resources and advocates their appreciation, protection and use.

The Georgia Trust generates community revitalization by finding buyers for endangered properties acquired by its Revolving Fund and raises awareness of other endangered historic resources through an annual listing of Georgia's "Places in Peril." The Trust recognizes preservation projects and individuals with its annual Preservation Awards and awards students and young professionals with the Neel Reid Prize and Liz Lyon Fellowship. The Trust offers a variety of educational programs for adults and children, provides technical assistance to property owners and historic communities, advocates for funding, tax incentives and other laws aiding preservation efforts, and manages two house museums in Atlanta (Rhodes Hall) and Macon (Hay House).

To learn more about the Georgia Trust and the Preservation Awards, visit [www.georgiitrust.org](http://www.georgiitrust.org).

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