



# Linwood Legacy

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## *President's Column*

With school back in session and fall around the corner, it's the time for regrouping and recharging for the New Year. Your staff and board at Linwood have been doing just that, making plans to continue our important initiatives and enhance our membership activities.

As Linda and LeeAnne settle into their second year in our beautifully restored Gatehouse offices, their supervision of our restoration activities continues full steam ahead. Our full-time team of masons is working on brick walls and tombs, and our national-level experts are planning a return trip to Columbus early next spring for continued work on precious stones and ironwork, some of which have been recognized as among the finest in this region of the country.

We have also established a new Research and Publications Committee, which Past President Mary Jane Galer has agreed to chair. It is not too soon to begin planning for a first-class publication about Linwood Cemetery, and Mary Jane and her committee will be doing just that.

In the meantime, new board member Mimi Childs has taken on the<sup>1</sup>chairmanship of our Fall Ramble with great enthusiasm. Mark your calendars now for October 22<sup>nd</sup>, and prepare for an evening of fun and adventure as we learn about the ladies of Wynnton, in story and song, at their gravesites, followed by food and refreshment served by torchlight.

Looking further into the year, Nancy Reaves is chairing our second annual Victorian Christmas celebration this December, and Tom Crymes will continue to supervise the improvement and beautification of the Linwood grounds as chairman of our Grounds Committee. Scott Boyce is spearheading a new membership drive, Lea Dowd is working to continue and expand our publicity, and board chairman Warren Foley is working diligently with John Holt and Frank Lumpkin to complete our capital campaign, which is already over halfway to its goal.

Stop by the Gatehouse to see our growing collection of historic photographs relating to Linwood, ask a friend or relative to join our Foundation and support our work, and get ready for a fun Ramble in October. It's going to be a great year!

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