Kaminski House

2022 Annual Report

Letter from the Executive Director

After the challenges of FY 2021 and the Covid Pandemic closing the museum for more than a year, I’m pleased to report that we came through the pandemic closure with flying colors. This past year has been one of rebuilding for the museum programs and operations. Our visitor numbers are almost back to where they were pre-pandemic and people came from 48 different states and 16 foreign countries.

This past year we were able to resume our outdoor concert series and expanded all of our outdoor holiday events. Thanks to the reopening of the Kaminski House for tours, we are currently in the planning stages for the resumption of the Holiday Decorator Showcase for November-December 2022.

Much of this past fiscal year has been spent in detailed planning for preservation and maintenance projects at the museum. The Interior Stabilization Project planning has made great strides in the past year and the custom-made HVAC equipment is currently on order. If all goes well we will start the installation of the new duct work and equipment in January 2023.

In researching the moisture issues associated with the Interior Stabilization Project, it was determined that a lot of the issues found inside the house were likely the result of problems with the roof. Thanks to a generous allocation from the City of Georgetown, we are currently researching possible companies to fix or replace the Kaminski House’s roof.

Volunteers continue to be the lifeblood of the museum and they contributed 1,393 hours of service last fiscal year. We are always in need of more volunteers, so let us know if you are interested.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year to come, so I hope to see you all at the museum!

Fiscal Year 2021-22
Marked by Increased Growth in Weddings and Museum Events

The Museum’s marketing efforts for the past fiscal year focused on the reopening of the Kaminski House for daily tours. It was really a comeback year for our organization as we maneuvered into a “new normal” dealing with reopening issues amid the pandemic. Our weddings and special events at the Kaminski House Museum hit a growth spurt which kept the staff very busy. We also increased our efforts to raise additional funds to “Light Up the Lawn” and to market the Museum’s fall fundraisers and holiday events.

The Museum held its third Wedding Showcase in April of 2021 to bring potential brides to the lawn to connect with vendors providing wedding related services. Our weddings paused during the heat of the summer which gave the staff time to plan for the Museum’s fall programming and holiday events. We presented our Family Fun & Literacy Day event in October of 2021 followed by the Oyster Roast later in October and the Jazz Brunch in November.

We ended the year at the Kaminski House Museum with our Holiday Market, carousel rides, Wreath Auction, and “Light Up the Lawn” holiday events. We expanded our lighting on the lawn for a spectacular seasonal display at the Kaminski House Museum.

Highlights of the past year included adding Dominion Energy as a partner for the Museum’s holiday lighting display and receiving a Growth Grant award from South Carolina Humanities to increase our audiences for Family Fun and Literacy Day scheduled on the lawn in the fall of 2022.

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The Friends of the Kaminski House is dedicated to the restoration, preservation, and promotion of the Kaminski House Museum, a historic house museum owned by the City of Georgetown, SC. The Friends is a 501 c(3) educational organization which through a public/private partnership operates the Kaminski House Museum for the purpose of preserving the museum and educating the public about the importance of the site, its history, collection, and relevance to the community.

The Museum’s budget in fiscal year 2022 totaled $248,340

OUR COMMUNITY IMPACT

- The Museum serves more than 12,700 on-site visitors each year.
- The Kaminski House Museum attracts visitors from across the country and around the world (48 states and 16 foreign countries in fiscal year 2022).
- Event rental location partners with local caterers, florists, event planners, and hotels.
- Retail Museum shop highlights products made in South Carolina.

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