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SCAD receives grants for restoration of Peters House



Photo by Freddie Bennett
Nan Taylor, a Master of Fine Arts student in the SCAD historic preservation department, takes paint samples in the historic Peters House in Atlanta Jan. 13.

By Nikki Teigen
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Savannah College of Art and Design-Atlanta recently received two grants for the rehabilitation of midtown Atlanta's historic Edward C. Peters House, formerly known as The Mansion Restaurant, 179 Ponce de Leon Ave. N.E.

The Woodward Fund donated one of the grants in the amount of \$100,000. The Woodward Fund was established by Marian Woodward Ottley in memory of her parents, exclusively for the benefit of nonprofit institutions and associations that are located in Georgia or one of its neighboring states and are organized and operated exclusively for religious, educational, charitable or scientific purposes.

The James M. Cox Foundation also donated a grant in the amount of \$25,000. The Cox Foundation was formed in 1957

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from the estate of James M. Cox, founder of Cox Enterprises. The foundation makes grants to organizations dedicated to arts and culture, environment, health, human services and education that are located in areas where Cox Enterprises operates a business.

On March 23, 2005, SCAD and S.D.H. Investment Corp. Inc. announced they had signed an agreement to donate the Peters House to SCAD-Atlanta. The college plans to restore the Peters House, one of the first homes in Georgia thought to fully embody the Victorian Queen Anne architectural style, and surrounding acreage for use as a cultural arts center. The rehabilitation is expected to begin this month and is estimated to take 12-15 months to complete.

Plans for a cultural arts center are still in development, but will include a focus on art, design, architecture and historic preservation. SCAD-Atlanta is also planning to promote writing, literature and poetry at the center. Many authors have visited the college's Savannah and Atlanta locations, including Tama Janowitz, Robert Hicks, Maya Angelou, Edward Albee, Roger Ebert and Tom Wolfe.

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