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The Ivy Bed and Breakfast at 331 North Main Street is part of the Preservation Warrenton 2012 Homes Tour. The Queen Anne style house was built in 1903.

## Preserved for all to see

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WARRENTON — The varied architectural styles that enrich Warren County buildings will be featured in the 2012 Spring Homes Tour sponsored by Preservation Warrenton.

Greek Revival, Gothic Revival, Queen Anne, Federal and Colonial style are exemplified among the ten homes and four churches selected for this year's tour.

Some of these styles date from the plantation culture that dominated Warren County in the early 19th century. Master carpenter Jacob Holt and masons Edward Rice and Francis Woodson worked in the Greek Revival style that is reflected in a number of buildings in the area.

Tours will take place Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. On April 29, the times are 1-5 p.m. A lunch will be offered on Saturday.

Preservation Warrenton Vice-president Harriet Banzet said, "Students from the Warren County Early College High School will serve as tour guides. We've been working with them to get them ready for their role." The students will describe the fluted Doric porch columns, bracketed roof lines, arched tracery windows and Italianate style ornamentation that distinguish so many of the buildings in the area.

The price of a ticket for the tour for either Saturday or Sunday is \$20 purchased in advance. Tickets may be purchased the day of the tour at the Jacob Holt House for \$25.

The price for the Saturday tour with lunch is \$32. Lunch will be available at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church at the corner of North Main Street and Church Street. Only 300 lunch tickets are available.

Advance tickets may be purchased in downtown Warrenton at the Chamber of Commerce, Friends Two and the Scarlet Rooster. For ticket information, contact Janet Coleman by telephone at (252) 257-4425 or by email at jcoleman02@embarqmail.com.

Variety will be the theme of the tour. Preservation Warrenton board member Robert Davie said, "This year we wanted to highlight a wide variety of architectural styles." A review of the buildings selected for the tour shows the extent to which



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All Saints' Episcopal Church, located on the corner of Front and West Franklin Streets is an example of Gothic architecture and is part of the Preservation Warrenton 2012 Homes Tour.

they have achieved that goal.

The Ivy Bed and Breakfast is the only representative of the Queen Anne style on the home tour. Built in 1903, the building served as a residence until 1996, when it was renovated for bed-and-breakfast operation. The current innkeepers are Jerry and Ellen Roth.

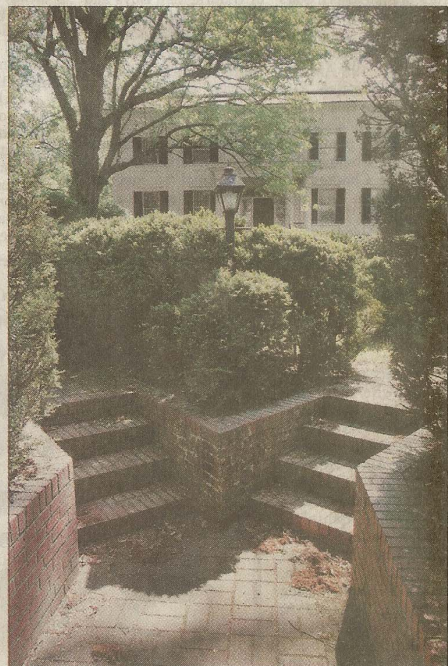
By contrast, the Green-Polk-McAuslan House, which dates from the early 1850s, exemplifies the Greek Revival style. Now owned by Mary Tasker Polk Gibbs McAuslan, it contains a collection of art by Warren County native Mary Harvey Tannahill (1863-1951).

The four churches on the tour represent the Gothic style, but with their individual variations. Emmanuel Episcopal Church was built in stages over a period of several decades, beginning with a frame structure in 1824, and served all races. All Saints' Episcopal Church apparently was a spinoff from Emmanuel, when that church came to be used exclusively by white worshippers.

Warrenton Presbyterian Church was designed by Jacob Holt and was constructed between 1856 and 1857 with \$4,000 bequeathed in the will of Martha W. Goodrum.

Oak Chapel AME Church was built in 1868. During Reconstruction, a Freedmen's School was housed in the basement. The church also served as a refuge for marchers during the Civil Rights Movement.

The William Eaton House, an example of the Greek



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The William Eaton House located at 216 North Main Street is part of the Preservation Warrenton 2012 Homes Tour. The property features a dual walkway bordered by hedges in front of the Greek Revival style home.

Revival style, was built in 1843 by Jacob Holt. In 1954 it was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. George G. Allen and given to Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church to serve as the church parsonage.

The Boyd-Burrows House was built in the Colonial Revival style. Constructed in 1928, it is now owned by Claude and Kim Burrows.

The Ford Cottage dates

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DAILY DISPATCH/Mark Dolejs  
The Jacob Holt House at 122 South Bragg Street is part of the Preservation Warrenton 2012 Homes Tour. The home, built in 1855 by noted builder Jacob Holt, is an example of Italianate architecture.



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The "Whitsome": Coleman-White-Jones House at 305 Halifax Street was constructed in the early 1820's by Dr. Littleton Coleman in the Federal architecture style, and is part of the Preservation Warrenton 2012 Homes Tour.

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from the 1850s. It was originally two stories tall and one room deep. Enlarged and restored in 2003, it is now the home of Bill and Jana Miller.

The Jacob Holt House was built in 1855 in the Italianate style, in the design of a Tuscan villa. It is now owned by the Jacob Holt House Foun-

ation and is used as a visitor's center and meeting place.

The Dameron-Bunch House, dating from 1914, contains Colonial Revival features with Mission Revival elements.

The "Whitsome": Coleman-White-Jones House, an example of the Federal style, was constructed in the early 1820s.

Two houses on the tour are out of

town.

The Shady Grove Plantation at 1967 Parktown Road south of Warrenton was built in the 1830s. It is an example of the transition between Federal and Greek Revival architecture.

Cherry Hill was built in 1858 for Marina Williams Alston on a plantation that was famous for its cherry wine. The home was continuously occupied

by the Alston family until 2004. Now maintained by the Cherry Hill Historical Foundation, it is used as a venue for concerts, lectures and other programs.

Preservation Warrenton is a non-profit corporation dedicated to the identification and preservation of historic structures in Warren County. The organization's website is: www.preservation-warrenton.com.