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Scenic America elects Ardis Wood of Savannah to Board of Directors

WASHINGTON - *October 1, 2013* -- Ardis Wood of Savannah, Ga., has been elected to the Board of Directors of Scenic America, the only national nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving and enhancing the visual character of America. Based in Washington, D.C., the group carries out its mission with the help of 41 state and local affiliates spread throughout the country.

“We are thrilled that Ardis has joined our Board of Directors,” said Ronald Lee Fleming, Board Chair. “Our organization will be well served by her passion for beauty in public spaces and her strong belief in the importance of community character.”

Wood is a longtime proponent of beauty in civic spaces. She created the “Victorian Lady Tours and Talks” and for 20 years has dressed in period attire while showing off Savannah to visitors in the “hostess city of the South.”

“I’ve been fortunate enough to have a tour of Savannah from Ardis,” said Mary Tracy, president of Scenic America. “Her knowledge of the city’s history and culture is astounding and she shares it with such style and grace. We will benefit greatly from having her passion and skills on our Board of Directors.”

Wood is also on the Board of Scenic Georgia, an affiliate of Scenic America, and has served as president of Ardsley Park/Chatham Crescent Neighborhood Association, president of Ardsley Park/Chatham Crescent Garden Club, Savannah's lighting task force, and the Victory Drive Plan overlay. She was on the Planning Board for seven years in Bronxville, N.Y., where she was also a founding member of their Beautification Council, and presented with an American Legion award and Village Proclamation for community service.

In addition to Fleming, other members of Scenic America’s Board of Directors are: Margaret Lloyd of Galveston, Tex., Lyman Orton of Manchester, Vt., Martha Fuller Clark of Portsmouth, N.H., Leighton Powell of Richmond, Va., Bill Jonson of Clearwater, Fla., Milo Hanke of San Francisco, Rachel Thurlow of Boston, Carl E. Hintz of Trenton, N.J., Kathryn Welch Howe of Los Angeles, Hal Kassoff of Washington, D.C., Kathy Cruice of Vero Beach, Fla., and Ossian Or of Saint Paul, Minn.

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