



Goodwood

MUSEUM & GARDENS

September 30, 2015

Dear Friends of Goodwood,

2015 has been a year of exciting changes at Goodwood Museum & Gardens. As Chair, I find it gratifying to work with our organization's dynamic Board of Directors, committed cadre of volunteers, and dedicated staff. With the support of the Tallahassee community, Goodwood has much for which to be thankful.

In January 2015, Jennifer Humayun and Nancy Morgan took the reins as Co-Executive Directors, succeeding former Executive Director Beth Lewis. The complementary skills and energy of our new leadership team has resulted in a flurry of activity at Goodwood this year, and we have lots of good news to share.

Our Historic Property

Significant improvements have been made on several of our historic structures—the Old Kitchen/Visitors Center, the Laundry Cottage, the Guest House, and the Sunken Garden. We are most grateful to the generous donors who have stepped up to make these improvements possible. More improvements are on the horizon. We have received a grant from the Florida Division of Historical Resources for restoration of the Rough House, and construction will begin in late 2015.

Our Visitors

Goodwood continues to extend its gracious hospitality to visitors, as it has for more than 150 years. Last year, our docents welcomed people from 35 states and 19 countries. We also hosted numerous educational groups, including students from Leon County Schools that participated in *Blended Lives*, our long-standing partnership program that focuses on history and racial understanding. Moreover, through the many public and private events held at Goodwood, more than 25,000 people have experienced the beauty and grace of this special place in the last 12 months.

Our Story

With the publication of Walli Beall's book, *Seasons of Goodwood*, we have a beautiful new chronicle of Goodwood's fascinating past. The book traces Goodwood through five periods of ownership from the 1830s to today. It is available for purchase in the Goodwood Gift Shop.

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Our Special Events

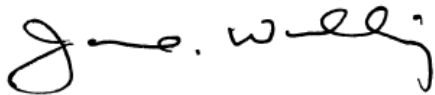
Successful fundraising events have also added to our busy year. Spring and summer included the *14th Annual Garden Symposium* with *New York Times* best-selling author Amy Stewart; *Pigmania*, a culinary celebration of Southern food that honored Nella Schomburger and featured celebrity Chef Art Smith; and our *5th Annual Hodges Dinner* in the Main House. We are in the midst of planning for our fall lineup of events. Mark your calendars for a special fundraiser for the Rough House restoration project on September 24, as well as the *4th Annual Goodwood Jams* on November 7th.

Our Volunteers

Our volunteers are unfailing in their generosity. From the Main House to the greenhouse and everything in between, volunteers support all that happens at Goodwood. Plant propagation and sales, event planning, archival and collections management, and grounds maintenance are among the many activities in which volunteers regularly participate. We always have room for more, so please join us if you have a skill or hobby to share.

If you haven't been to Goodwood lately, I encourage you to stop by and greet the staff or take a tour and witness first-hand the exciting changes. Good things are happening at Goodwood—come and be a part of them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jana I. Walling". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Jana I. Walling, Chair
Board of Directors