



**Plantation Trace Regional Representative Update
May 2011**

News from the State:

- **80 Days of Georgia Giveaways**-Georgia Tourism launched 80 Days of Georgia Giveaways on Monday, May 2. Facebook fans and Twitter followers will have access to more than 100 prizes from across the state over the next 80 days. New prizes will be announced every weekday through August 23, 2011 on www.facebook.com/exploregeorgia and @GeorgiaTourism on Twitter
- **"Beyond the Grave" Cemeteries Conference - June 22-24, 2011** - "Beyond the Grave: Cultural & Ethnical Burial Customs" is a two-and-a-half-day, statewide event co-sponsored by The Georgia Municipal Cemetery Association, The Georgia Historic Preservation Division and The Georgia Dept. of Economic Development. It will take place at the Savannah Civic Center June 22-24, and will feature interesting presentations from more than 20 archaeological, cultural, historical, and religious experts, as well as informative tours of three significant local cemeteries. For a conference schedule and more information, please contact the Georgia Municipal Cemetery Association at (912) 651-6843 or GAcemetery@earthlink.net, or visit www.GMCAweb.org
- **2012 Places in Peril – Call for Nominations – Deadline June 27, 2011** - Do you know of a special irreplaceable historic building or site that is highly threatened by demolition, neglect, inappropriate development or other threats? If so, this is your opportunity to help save it. The Georgia Trust's Places in Peril program seeks to identify and preserve historic sites threatened by demolition, neglect, lack of maintenance, inappropriate development or other threats. They're also interested in sites that represent significant preservation issues and trends in the state that need attention. Examples could include a building type that's particularly endangered or a potential heritage tourism district. **Nominations forms available at www.georgiatrust.org or contact Jordan Poole at 404-885-7818 or jpoole@georgiatrust.org.**
- **Grant Announcement - Kodak American Greenways Awards Program - Seed Money for the Development of Greenways** - The Kodak American Greenways Awards Program, a collaboration of the Eastman Kodak Company, the National Geographic Society, and the Conservation Fund, provides seed grants to stimulate the planning and design of greenways, trails, and waterways in communities throughout America. The focus is on setting aside corridors of protected public and private land established along rivers, ridges, abandoned railroad corridors, utility right-of-ways, canals, scenic roads, or other linear features. For 2011, the program anticipates awarding up to fifty percent of the grants to those greenways projects that demonstrate the convergence of economic prosperity and the environment. Most grants range from \$500 to \$1,000; the maximum grant is \$2,500. **Online applications must be submitted by June 15, 2011.** Visit the Conservation Fund's website for application guidelines at http://conservationfund.org/kodak_awards.

- **Grants:** For a list of some of the grants available for tourism-related projects, go to:
<http://www.georgia.org/GeorgialIndustries/Tourism/Programs/Pages/Grants.aspx>
- **2011 Georgia Travel Guide Available Online.** View at
www.zinio.com/express3?issue=416152361&o=ext&rf=ga_travel11
- **ExploreGeorgia.org Hints:**
 - 1)When entering events, don't use the prefix and suffix fields unless it's for your own benefit. Those fields don't show to the public. Enter the entire title in the Title line.
 - 2)Did you know you can upload your pdf brochure to your listing (attraction, lodging, golf) on the website
- The dates for the **2011 GOMM Days at the Georgia Visitor Centers** are:

May 27 – Lavonia	Lavonia@georgia.org - 706-356-4019
May 27 – Tallapoosa	Tallapoosa@georgia.org - 770-574-2621
June 10 – Columbus	Columbus@georgia.org - 706-649-7455
June 17 – West Point	westpoint@georgia.org - 706-645-3353
June 24 – Ringgold	ringgold@georgia.org - 706-937-4211
July 15 – Augusta	augusta@georgia.org - 706-737-1446

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| July 8, 2011: | STS Top 20 Events deadline for events in January, February and March 2012 |
| September 12-14, 2011: | Governor's Conference on Tourism- Macon |
| October 7, 2011: | STS Top 20 Events deadline for events in April, May and June 2012 |

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