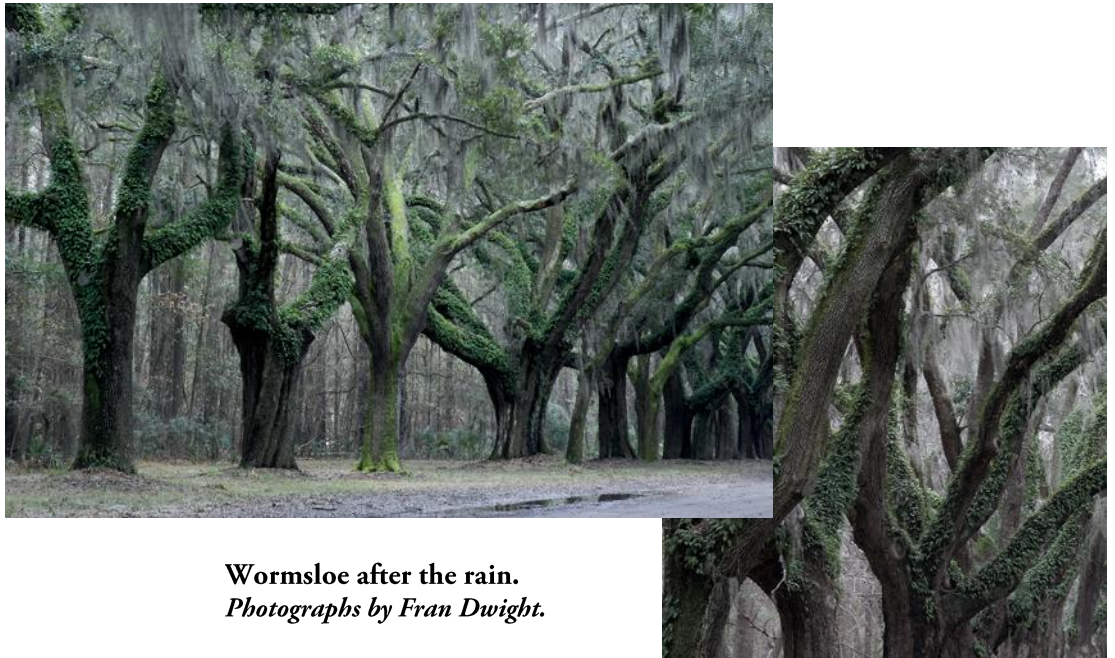


Savannah Tree Foundation

Corporate Membership & Sponsorship Packages



Wormsloe after the rain.
Photographs by Fran Dwight.

About the Savannah Tree Foundation

Preserving, Protecting, and Planting Trees for 27 Years

The Savannah Tree Foundation is the oldest urban and community forestry non-profit organization in the State of Georgia. Twenty-seven years ago the removal of the Candler Oak was imminent. Today the Candler Oak is protected by a conservation easement with stewardship provided by the Savannah Tree Foundation.

Savannah once had an aging urban forest where more trees were cut down than replaced. Today the City of Savannah's Park and Tree Department plants more trees than it removes each year. There were no tree protection ordinances for new development. Today most local governments in Chatham County have established tree ordinances.

Urban sprawl was threatening Chatham County's rural areas, signaling great loss of forested lands. Daffin Park's mall was used as a parking lot, compacting the critical root zone on the then-75 year old live oak trees. Today many forested and natural areas are protected, the mall is no longer used for parking, and young trees have been planted. Bacon Park Forest was in danger of being developed into sporting fields, and today is designated as a natural area for passive recreational and educational use—all thanks to the ongoing advocacy efforts of STF.

The Savannah Tree Foundation has worked with many partners throughout the community to address urban forestry issues. It has planted thousands of canopy trees, held educational programs & tree care workshops, conducted nature & tree walk tours, and collaborated with experts and professional arborists to raise awareness and maintain a high level of canopy tree care and expertise.

STF was first in the nation to:

- Use satellite imagery to document tree canopy changes in an urban area
- Protect a single tree—The Candler Oak—through a conservation easement
- Introduce the “Project Learning Tree” curriculum into Georgia schools
- Produce a State of the Trees Report to guide municipal urban forestry policy
- Develop an urban forest component in a countywide disaster management plan, which later served as a model for the USDA Forest Service

Our Mission

The mission of the Savannah Tree Foundation is to promote, through action and education, an awareness of trees, particularly the live oak, as vital resources and an important part of our heritage. **The foundation preserves, protects, and plants canopy trees to enhance the quality of life for present and future generations.**

We create educational programs, workshops, symposiums, conferences, displays and brochures to inform the public about the importance of trees as infrastructure in all aspects of community life.

Working with the public and private sectors on a national, regional, state, and local level, the Savannah Tree Foundation impacts public policy on issues related to canopied roadways, transportation amenities, best management practices for tree care, low impact development, urban planning, Complete Streets, and emergency preparedness.

Along with many community partners the Savannah Tree Foundation has planted 3000 trees in the last 17 years with the help of thousands of volunteers. The Foundation is proud to be a member of the Alliance for Community Trees, the Arbor Day Foundation, American Forests, the Georgia Urban Forest Council, and the Georgia Center for Nonprofits.

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Corporate Sponsorships

The Savannah Tree Foundation offers its business partners multiple opportunities to underwrite special events and public programming. An excellent method to raise awareness of your company's commitment to environmental sustainability, corporate sponsorship provides measurable benefits to both coastal Georgia's natural resources and to your bottom line.

Community Volunteer Tree Plantings **\$1000 - \$5000**

provides funding for trees, expert guidance, volunteer coordination, refreshments, and tools

-  listed and quoted as a sponsor in all press releases and media advisories, to better draw attention to your company's support
-  listed as a sponsor on Savannah Tree Foundation website, eNewsletters, Annual Report and event invitations
-  company logo featured on event signage

Tree Pruning & Mulching Workshops **\$500**

underwrites the cost of providing a free technical workshop for nonprofit organizations, educational institutions and municipal & county employees in one or more of our eight local governments. These workshops demonstrate and provide hands-on learning opportunities to Public Works, Parks, and other employees on Best Management Practices for trees, helping to ensure the people taking care of our community's tree canopy give it the best care it can get. All workshops are taught by an ISA-Certified Arborist.

-  listed as a sponsor on Savannah Tree Foundation website, eNewsletters, Annual Report and event invitations

Annual Volunteer Appreciation Party **\$250**

because every volunteer needs to know they are appreciated – this is great way to show our support for the people who support us with their time and energy throughout the year.

-  listed as a sponsor on Savannah Tree Foundation website, eNewsletters, Annual Report and event invitations

Forestkeepers

Sponsorships provide funding for volunteer coordination, education, refreshments, tools and equipment at one of our monthly Forestkeeper Second Saturday events:

Tree Care Days

\$350

One of the key parts of any tree planting project is follow up after-care and ongoing maintenance, including pruning & mulching, watering, visual evaluations and health assessments. This program utilizes expert advice and volunteer power to help care for the trees that we've planted around our community, ensuring their longevity and continuity in this most critical period—their first years.

Bacon Park Forest Trail Blazers

\$250

Bacon Park Forest is the Savannah Tree Foundation's signature project located off Skidaway Road at Bonna Bella. This key park is a 52-acre city-owned forested preserve intended to provide citizens with access to natural areas. Natural walking trails are currently being installed in this passive use recreational facility located adjacent to the Bacon Park Tennis Courts.

National Trails Day

\$350

American Hiking Society's signature trail awareness program, National Trails Day, inspires the public and trail enthusiasts nationwide to seek out their favorite trails to discover, learn about, and celebrate trails while participating in educational exhibits, trail dedications, gear demonstrations, instructional workshops and trail work projects. National Trails Day provides valuable cross-marketing opportunities for those looking to capitalize on the presence of a national event.

All Forestkeeper sponsors are guaranteed the following benefits:



listed as a sponsor in all press releases



listed as a sponsor on Savannah Tree Foundation website, eNewsletters, Annual Report and event invitations

Fall Frolic 2



Savannah Tree Foundation

Annual Fundraiser

The Savannah Tree Foundation has a big evening planned! Our Fall Frolic 2 promises to be a woodland delight. The event, a Southern-style picnic supper in the Lodge at Skidaway Island State Park, will be filled with live music, tempting silent auction items, spirited refreshments, and friends old and new.

Your generous support as a Sponsor or Patron of this event will help ensure that the Savannah Tree Foundation will be able to continue to *preserve, protect and plant canopy trees* in order to maintain Savannah's great urban forest.

Entertainment by Guest Artists: Greg Guenther and Russell Fries of the Handymen
Steve Stephens with his "No Plan Band"

Fall Frolic 2 Committee: Julie White, Chair, Rebecca Moore, Co-Chair,
Ann Fries, Kim Murray, Dee Sutlive, Dana Yeckley

Event Details:

Date: Wednesday, October 13, 2010 Place: Skidaway Island State Park
Time: 6:00 - 9:00 PM Dress: Casual
Catering: Provided by Driftaway Café

Sponsorships:

Canopy **\$1000**

- 🌳 sponsorship listing on STF website using your corporate logo, linking to your website
- 🌳 corporate logo featured on event invitations (email & print)
- 🌳 special feature in eNewsletter article
- 🌳 2 tickets to the event

Trunk **\$500**

- 🌳 sponsorship listing on STF website
- 🌳 listing on event invitations (email & print)
- 🌳 2 tickets to the event

Roots Patrons: **\$250**

- 🌳 listing on event invitations (email & print)
- 🌳 2 tickets to the event

Corporate Memberships

Become a Corporate Member and help ensure the vitality of our tree canopy and urban forest in Chatham County.

Corporate Annual Membership Categories

Tupelo	\$50
Willow Oak	\$100
Swamp Chestnut Oak	\$250
Sycamore	\$500
Red Maple	\$1000
Southern Magnolia	\$2500
Live Oak	\$5000

All corporate members receive the following benefits:



Quarterly eNewsletters



Annual Report print mailing



Fall & Spring Calendar of Events print mailing



Invitations to all special events, tree plantings, Forestkeepers, and Forest Steward programs, plus the opportunity to attend educational programs and tree walks

Corporate Tree Champions

All corporate donors are recognized on the Corporate Tree Champions page on our website and in our annual report.

