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### **JONESBORO PROCLAIMS APRIL 18- PETER BONNER DAY**

The Peter Bonner Gone With The Wind Tour Premiere Day

Saturday, April 18, in conjunction with the premiere of the new Peter Bonner Gone With The Wind Tour, was proclaimed Peter Bonner Day.

After taking the new Peter Bonner Gone With The Wind Tour, Jonesboro Mayor Luther Maddox presented a special proclamation to Peter Bonner.

*The proclamation stated:*

*Whereas, Peter Bonner has conducted tours for visitors in Jonesboro since 1996 and*

*Whereas, Clayton County and the City of Jonesboro are designated as the Official Home of Gone With The Wind and*

*Whereas, The Peter Bonner Gone With The Wind Tour highlights the stories from Jonesboro and Clayton County which parallels those in Margaret Mitchell's Pulitzer Prize winning novel, Gone With The Wind. . .*

*Now, Therefore, I, Luther W. Maddox, Mayor of the City of Jonesboro do hereby proclaim April 18, 2009 as "Peter Bonner Day" in the City of Jonesboro, GA. (A full presentation of the proclamation may be obtained by calling the Clayton County Convention & Visitors Bureau.)*

"I am honored by the proclamation, but more than just being honored, this proclamation shows me that Jonesboro supports our efforts and we are all aware that Gone With The Wind is important for the community," Peter Bonner said. "This has been a boom for tourism for many years and will be for many years to come. But most importantly, not everyone has an opportunity to make a difference in their community the way that the Gone With The Wind Tour has. I am honored to be the caretaker for this information."

The Peter Bonner Gone With The Wind Tour was penned by local historian and author, Peter Bonner. The Peter Bonner Gone With The Wind Tour is a narrated 70-minute tour aboard a climate controlled mini-bus. This tour highlights the stories from Jonesboro and Clayton County which parallel those in Gone With The Wind. The recorded audio is Peter Bonner's own voice, along with music and sound effects, recounting the stories that he has been telling since 1996. Peter Bonner's Gone With The Wind tour is the only one of its kind anywhere. It is only fitting that the tour takes place in Jonesboro/ Clayton County, the only place to have the designation the Official Home of Gone With The Wind as designated by Stephens Mitchell, Margaret's brother, and by the Georgia Legislature.

"We are proud to have facilitated the proclaiming of today as Peter Bonner Day," Patrick Duncan, president and CEO of the Road to Tara Museum said. "We are excited to be able to partner with Peter Bonner to produce this tour for visitors and residents."

Tours will be available Monday- Saturday at 1 p.m. for \$24.95 for adults and \$13.95 for children. Admission includes the mini-bus tour and the Road to Tara Museum. The Road to Tara Museum and Visitors Center is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday- Friday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday.

The tour departs from the Road to Tara Museum and Visitors Center in the historic Jonesboro train depot at 104 N. Main Street, Jonesboro, GA 30236. Visitors interested in reservations should call 770-478-4800 or email [Julie@visitscarlett.com](mailto:Julie@visitscarlett.com).

The Clayton County Convention & Visitors Bureau is the official tourism marketing agency for Clayton County. The CVB advertises and promotes the area to bring business to hotels, attractions, historical sites and meeting facilities within Clayton County and its neighboring communities.

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