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*Scott Blake Awarded the Historic Preservation Medal
From the
National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution*

May 15, 2009 — Scott Blake, Executive Director of Victorian Village Inc Community Development Corporation, received the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) Historic Preservation Medal on May 9, 2009. Laura Veasart, Historic Preservation Chairman, presented the medal to Mr. Blake at the monthly meeting of the Chucalissa Chapter of the NSDAR. The chapter met at the historic Davies Plantation Manor House.

“As a chapter, we felt it was important to recognize Scott’s passion and advocacy for historic preservation” stated Veasart. “He has personally restored three properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places and dedicated many hours to the preservation and redevelopment of the neighborhood through the Victorian Village Inc. Community Development Corporation (VVI). He continues to work with civic and governmental leaders to keep this historic neighborhood in the limelight and make his vision of a dynamic, revitalized neighborhood a reality.”

VVI is currently working on a strategic master plan to promote heritage tourism of the 19th century homes and churches in downtown Memphis. This plan includes the reopening of the Mallory-Neely House and Magevney House Museums.

The Daughters of the American Revolution is a non-profit, non-political volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history and securing America's future through better education.

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Left to right: Emily Elliot, First Vice Regent, Georgia Moore, Pat Robison, Recording Secretary, Barbara Hookings, Third Vice Regent, Scott Blake, Laura Veasart, Historic Preservation Chairman, Mary Korowin, Treasurer