

# **Washington-Wilkes 2009 Annual Spring Tour of Homes**

**April 3, 4, 5, 2009**

As an added attraction to this year's Tour, the weekend will be filled with special *Gone With The Wind* exhibits, lectures, sales and book signings. Washington's fabulous Retro Cinema will be showing the movie all day Saturday and featuring several books from the *Gone With The Wind* expert and well-known author, Herb Bridges. Herb once owned what was considered as the country's largest "*Gone With The Wind*" collection. Christie's auctioned it off several years ago in New York for about \$350,000. Herb has published over a dozen books on GWTW and will be on hand Saturday to autograph any purchased book. Also featured at the site will be a GWTW memorabilia exhibit from a private collector. On Saturday evening there will be a cocktail party honoring Mr. Bridges in the Retro's Wine Bar from 5:30 to 6:30PM, immediately followed by his lecture on "The Atlanta Premier".

From March through May, the Washington Historical Museum will feature a most exciting premier showing of Mr. Bridges' newest collection of original artwork, hand-painted poster boards from the Loew's Grand theater from the 1930's and 1940's. This collection includes some of your favorite movies and Hollywood movie stars, including some of the original poster boards used for the Atlanta Premier in 1939. Come see these rare and beautiful movie displays and hear the story of how Mr. Bridges acquired this one-of-a-kind collection.

Also featured at this year's tour will be two stars from the movie: Mickey Kuhn and Patrick Curtis, who both portrayed Beau Wilkes, one as an infant and one as a toddler. These men went on to star in dozens of other movies and lead rich, full lives. They will be regaling an audience on Friday night with some of their fascinating and hilarious experiences. There will be a nominal fee charged for this "Hollywood Revue" with half of all proceeds going to the restoration of the Washington Historical Museum. Throughout the weekend there will an opportunity for autographed pictures to be purchased and Mickey and Patrick will also attend the Saturday night cocktail party at the Retro Cinema. You won't want to miss a minute of this exciting weekend.

Featured in the beautiful Tupper-Barnett House will be the renowned artist Trevor Erick Hawkins. The public is invited to view and purchase some of Trevor's colorful and dramatic paintings, including several depicting *Gone With The Wind* scenes and stars.

Throughout the weekend there will be several *Gone With The Wind* related artwork exhibits, gift items for purchase and memorabilia for sale. This will truly be a special event weekend so make your advance purchases and mark the date on your calendars quickly before all these exclusive events are, well, you know.....