

Azalea Inn & Gardens

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**** NOTE: Micheal Jacobson's name is spelled atypically "e" before "a." High resolution photos and full feature release (Adobe PDF or WORD formats) are available.**

In the warm, luxurious southern springtime, genteel Savannah, Georgia -- sitting inward of the Savannah River at the top of Georgia's 100-mile coast -- graciously hosts one of America's classic symphonies of nature. During the Savannah Tour of Homes and Gardens – March 23-26, 2006 – the Azalea Inn's turn-of-the-century, low volume irrigation gardens are featured.

A Breezy Southern Getaway to Historic Inn Gardens of 'Lost Savannah' at Azalea Inn ... Where Fun Blooms!

SAVANNAH GEORGIA [March 19, 2006] Just in time for the Savannah Tour of Homes and Gardens, the historic district of Savannah really *is* a breathtaking "paradise," a stark contrast to the "paradise" wilderness forest discovered by British colonists arriving along the Yamacraw Bluff of the Savannah River in 1733.

During the Savannah Tour of Homes and Gardens – March 23-26, 2006 – the Azalea Inn's turn-of-the-century native plants of "Lost Savannah" and low volume irrigation gardens are featured. The self-guided Forsyth Park East walking tour (Saturday, March 25, 2006 - 10 am-1 pm) points historic district strollers along shady sidewalks of brick-cobbled Huntingdon Street to the handsome, daffodil-yellow Italianate mansion (circa 1889). The mansion Inn, near Forsyth Park, stands proudly on garden lands of the Georgia colony's first settlers.

An obvious love of the nature, gardening and landscape design are evident in the Inn's ever-changing gardens. Beyond their pretty, eye-catching fragrant gardens, innkeepers Teresa and Micheal "Jake" Jacobson have introduced resort-style casual sensibility downtown. Drawn to Savannah wanting "this beautiful city to look like it did at the turn of the century, but having modern conveniences, we are thrilled to be doing our part in the revitalization of Savannah's historic district," Mr. Jacobson shares.

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“For Teresa and me to live in the downtown area of Savannah, here in this beautiful town, is a dream for both of us,” continues Micheal Jacobson while sharing insights on his gardens, which he describes as “casual, colorful and continuous work in progress.” “Our bed and breakfast inn attracts people who want to enjoy both the inside and outside in a casual setting.” The therapeutic, soothing value is pleasingly obvious.

What does Micheal Jacobson expect to be the most surprising feature of the Azalea Inn’s gardens during the garden tour? “The pool and waterfall,” is his reply.

When asked ‘Why a heritage garden?’ the passionate gardener explains. “Plain and simple. I wanted to go back in time to 1889 when this mansion was built. I wanted to return it to its glory days. I wanted to formulate color that is blooming all year long, so that people would walk up and say, ‘Wow! Nice garden,’ Mr. Jacobson continues. “The front garden enjoys the biggest metamorphous and a complete redesign.” His advice: Don’t be afraid to move plants.

In sharing their decision to purchase the Inn with their two boys, one son (Josh) voiced his candor. “I think the only reason that you guys buy and sell houses is so that Jake has a garden and can put his own flavor on it.” Micheal’s response is uncomplicated. “It’s the fun of doing it.... This wonderful place is our little oasis in the middle of the downtown, hustling and bustling city.”

Describing the gardens as “casual, colorful and a continuous work in progress,” Micheal points to four primary gardens – courtyard pool garden, private side garden with fountain and chairs, a swinging bench garden, and front porch garden. The complementary sub gardens -- potted, herb, and fragrant (jasmine, geranium and roses) -- are situated so that each room’s guests may enjoy some part of landscaped niches. His tip for the novice gardener: Start small in a select area.

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Harmonious with the Victorian architecture and themed room décor, the gardens offer changing colors, textures and interest which complement the Inn's casual sensibilities. "By removing the window clutter from inside the Inn, landscaping with totally fresh gardens, and changing guest room names, our guests enjoy *not* 'just a room' and *not* 'just the gardens.' We have melded the two," explains the passionate gardener and astute businessman. New room names include Huntingdon Garden, Forsyth Place (the original name of Forsyth Park), Chinaberry Balcony, Magnolia Place, Live Oak Canopy, Sweet Olive, Cinnamon Teal, and Cherokee Rose.

Blending low volume watering and reintroducing resilient native plants into the well-designed landscapes offer clear advantages -- reduced maintenance, less water, disease and insect resistance, plus come back year after year. The Azalea Inn's flora, shrubbery and trees include Duc De Rohan Azalea, Red Ruffle Azalea, Duchess of Cypress Azalea, Shishi Dwarf Camellia, Cotton Candy Camellia, Sansangua Yuletide Camellia, Mystery Gardenia, Russelia Fire Cracker Bush, Thryallis, Japanese Maple, Jack Frost Ligustrum, Bradford Pear Tree, Variegated "Pink Lace" Hydrangea, Rose of Sharon, Tea Olive, Crepe Myrtle, Dogwood, and dwarf Mussaenda Incana (white wing).

The Jacobson's, parents of two Savannah College of Art and Design graduates, join a new wave of Savannah admirers who bring new financial investments and youthful energy to speed rejuvenation of the breathtaking "city in a garden." Micheal Jacobson, a garden irrigation expert, along with master gardener Anthony Attardi from Southern Heritage Design and Landscaping, LLC, implemented the newly landscaped heritage gardens at the historic mansion inn.

About Azalea Inn

Azalea Inn and gardens is located in the Landmark Savannah Historic District within two walking blocks of Forsyth Park, the city's infamously verdant and captivating central park. Guests are invited to rendezvous where life is a celebration ... of the present and the past. Amid the breezy quietude of the Landmark Savannah Historic District's Huntingdon Street, relaxed southern comforts allure guests seeking casual Savannah charm and social sensibilities. The historic inn's amenities include a southern U.S. cuisine full breakfast, courtyard garden pool, private parking, newly landscaped 19th

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century heritage gardens, sociable rattan rockers under tree canopied balconies, and inviting porch verandahs. Each of the inn's 10 guest rooms features themed décor depicting Savannah's gardens, distinguished history, and fashionable turn-of-the-century lifestyle of the mansion's original owner, Captain Walter K. Coney.

The Italianate urban manor (circa 1889), built on garden plots formerly designated for colonial gardening (ca. 1733 Georgia colonization) features original mantles and handsome, artisan craftsmanship from Savannah's Victorian era. The cotton executive's mansion, now the Azalea Inn, was purchased in August 2005 by Micheal and Teresa Jacobson, parents of two graduates of the Savannah College of Art and Design. 217 East Huntingdon Street, Savannah, Georgia USA 31401-5714. Toll Free 800-582-3823 (within the USA). Telephone 912-236-2707. Email info@azaleainn.com Internet <http://www.azaleainn.com>