



September 2, 2021

Madison County Board of Supervisors
Attention: Shelton Vance
P. O. Box 608
Canton, MS 39046

Dear Board of Supervisors:

Thank you for your support of Canton, Mississippi, the county seat of Madison County. So many positive things are happening downtown, from building renovations to new business openings.

On November 11, 2021, 4:00-8:00 p.m., the Canton Garden Club and Canton Lions Club will be hosting the 3rd Annual Upstairs Downtown, a tour of Historic Downtown Canton's upstairs and some downstairs. The event was a much-talked about success and we hope to make this year's even better!

We would like to request that the Old Madison County Courthouse to participate that evening. We will have food catered to the location and volunteers will be on hand to provide historic details.

It will not only help to promote our beautiful downtown as a residential and shopping destination, but assist in Canton Garden Club and Canton Lions Club efforts to raise funds for the downtown area's beautification projects.

Tickets are on sale now; \$15 in advance or \$20 the day of the event. We are looking forward to a very successful event. Thank you in advance for your support!

Sincerely,

Mary Carol Patrick, Canton Garden Club
Joy Foy, Canton Garden Club & Canton Lions Club
Kathy Hammock, Canton Garden Club & Canton Lions Club

3rd Annual Upstairs Downtown
Canton, Mississippi
November 11, 2021
4:00-8:00

Ever wonder what was upstairs around the Canton Square?

Upstairs Downtown is an event designed to draw visitors to mingle with Canton residents for an evening of design discovery, economic development awareness, and promotional success in our charming downtown. It will be an exclusive tour of the square that showcases primarily the upstairs spaces that are rarely accessible to the public. Many of the charming buildings and boutiques that draw the crowds to Canton have equally appealing second floors not always seen by visitors, or even locals for that matter. To satisfy the growing curiosity about these mysterious upper rooms we will have this satisfying experience, **Upstairs Downtown**. Canton is a prime tourist attraction with opportunities to share our architectural history while promoting businesses and shopping in local stores. Upstairs Downtown will also showcase spaces created in renovated historic structures.

Some of these buildings have recently been redone. Upstairs Downtown can be tool to promote the “idea” of revitalizing the spaces that are in need of some TLC by sparking interest with the current owners OR drumming up new investors. This will include a variety of spaces that people would be interested in seeing such as living spaces, gallery spaces, office spaces, and even storage areas.

In addition to local citizens, this invitation extends to real estate agents all around the Canton area to give them a better idea of the types of spaces that Canton has to offer. An architect or designer will be available for the event because not everyone is able to visualize the spaces “post-renovation” and a design expert could help talk them through it!

Cocktails and hors d’oeuvres will be included. The Canton Garden Club will have a flower arrangement at each location. There will be musicians on the square to add some energy.

The proceeds from this event will go towards Canton beautification projects.

So far, these buildings will be on tour that evening:

- The Loft (above Sulm’s)
- Trolio Hotel
- Canton Elks Lodge
- Movie Museum (Upstairs)
- The Crosby
- Robert’s Insurance Building
- Old Sulm’s Building (Mitch Tyner)
- Danaher Building

The merchants will stay open for business during this event.