



Staghorn Plantation Estates
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Staghorn Chapel in the News

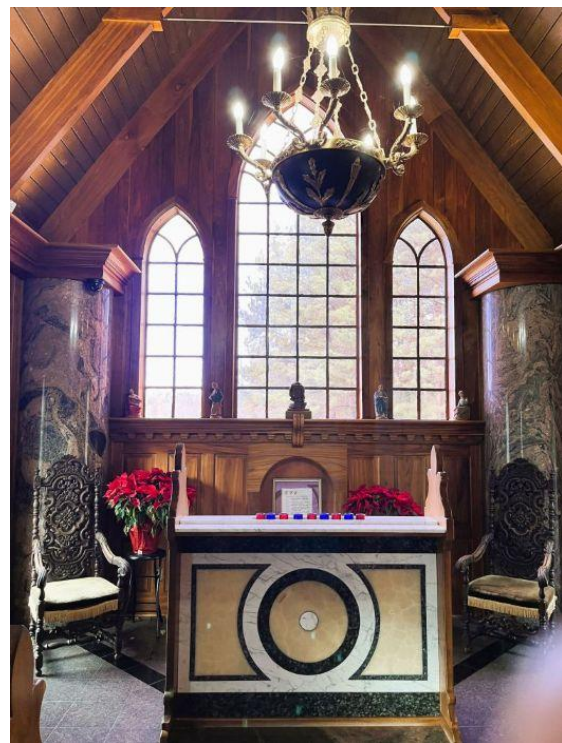
As homeowners living in Staghorn Plantation Estates, we are blessed to have the beautiful Staghorn Chapel located at 43 Waterford Cove, Nicholson Georgia 30565. It is on a hillside overlooking Staghorn Dam. The Chapel is a gift from Jack Holder, the developer of our neighborhood and is a place for quiet worship, meditation and prayer.



The Chapel design was the vision of Jack Holder. Jack wanted to create a small chapel inside with a large courtyard able to accommodate weddings, christenings, sunrise services, and Christmas. He succeeded.

All the materials required to make his vision a reality had to be purchased or salvaged. Items like the chapel's slate roof and windows were salvaged from Charlotte's old First Presbyterian Church founded in 1832 and still holding services.

Getting the 3-trinity-stained glass windows that transform chapel light was a challenge. It was a race against time to beat the wrecking ball. According to Jack, "The 3-trinity windows were about 30 feet in the air, and I was trying to remove them from a wall about 18 inches thick with cement around them." Fortunately, for us he beat the wrecking ball



View of 3-Trinity-Stained Glass Windows

Thank you, Jack, for creating this amazing work of art. Learn more about the Chapel at:

<https://staghornplantationestates.com/staghorn-chapel/>

Jack Needs Board Members

Staghorn Chapel is incorporated and is managed by a board of trustees. Jack and Walter Barnett, the builder of Staghorn Chapel, have been key to the Chapels preservation. But Jack is now 86 years old and wants to add new faces to the Chapel organization.

He wants to restructure the board of trustees to include three residents living in Staghorn Plantation Estates who have paid their Staghorn dues. This five-person board will have responsibility for managing funds used for expenses incurred to maintain the building and grounds and revenues generated from functions held on the chapel grounds.



Jack is looking for individuals to serve a two-year term who would focus their efforts on property management and assisting in the development and implementation of fund-raising programs.

Good candidates would have a strong interest in the community and be willing to solicit funds from sources inside and outside Staghorn. This might involve conducting fund raising events.

Individuals interested in joining the Staghorn Chapel Incorporated board of trustees may contact Jack by emailing him at jackholder@aol.com.

Tom Graham Passes Away



The Staghorn community lost a dear friend in the passing of Colonel Tom Graham. Tom was very humble and didn't talk much about his national and community service. He was truly a leader of men.

During his distinguished military career, he served in numerous active-duty assignments, including Operation Desert Storm. As a result, he received many military decorations which included the Distinguished Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, and Purple Heart.

Tom also dedicated more than 20 years to protecting others as a Connecticut State Trooper. He also served as a deputy with the Jackson County Sheriff's office.

He loved his two daughters and pet German Shepard, Sophie. An inurnment with full military honors will be held at the Georgia National Cemetery in Canton later.

Craig Gieler, Secretary SPEHOA