

# *Susanne Hudson*



The first bouquet of flowers Susanne Hudson picked was from her Grandmother Carrie's garden. There in early childhood began her love of the garden. Hydrangeas were her favorite. As a teenager she found her way to a Saturday job at Potpourri, an antique store in Mableton, GA, where her first earnings bought her first antique, a Bow-top trunk. These two early sparks ignited a legendary career of Interior and Garden Design.

Her story and her work have been featured in literally stacks of national publications from Southern Living to This Old House. HGTV has highlighted her gardens in A Gardner's Diary, Look What I Did, and Tour of a Georgia Garden,

Susanne has a true gift in her sense of space, placement and color. She is small in stature but grand in ideas.

She has dreamed many dreams into tangible existence: Design Companies, Arts Councils and Arts Centers, successful Historic Preservation projects, nationally known Festivals, Tea Rooms, as well as unique shoppes and venues. When Susanne undertakes an event, it will be fabulous.

Fortunately for Douglas County, much of her career and energies have taken root in this piece of earth. Even so, her scavenging and collecting and designing have taken her far and wide, with clients

on both coasts and regions in between. Many end up being not only life-long clients, but cherished friends as well.

Susanne fully understands the joys of home and garden and is passionate in her work to help others create their own sanctuaries.

One of Susanne's most glowing achievements is in leading a group of local citizens who dedicated themselves to protecting the Old 1958 Courthouse from the wrecking ball. Now on the National Register of Historic Places, it is a focal point of downtown Douglasville as the Douglas County Museum of History and Art.

Last year citizens from 29 states and 8 countries toured the extensive collections and exhibits. Susanne continues to encourage citizens to "Save old stuff" and help celebrate the history and accomplishments of the people of Douglas County.