

## RECLAIMING COMFORT AT BLAQUE BUTTERFLY AT REESE HALL

Keis Patterson, Curator and CEO of Blaque Butterfly

In 1820, Dr. David Addison Reese embarked upon a remarkable endeavor.

He had a home in Savannah named Reese Hall, which he had it meticulously transported by oxen, board by board, to its current location in Monticello. Dr. Reese, revered for his work in politics, is one of the most well-known owners of Reese Hall. That is until the hospitality brand, Blaque Butterfly, spearheaded by entrepreneur Keis Patterson, acquired the property in the summer of 2022.

Keis, known locally as KP, speaks of Dr. Reese respectfully. "He met, fell in love, and married Mary Gaines-Merriweather in 1819 in Oglethorpe, Georgia, which is right outside of Macon. The house [was moved] in 1820, so we would like to assume [it] was a wedding gift." Now, the residence hosts events as luxurious as the Blaque Butterfly brand and grand as the majestic building.

### A Rich History

Nestled in the foothills of the Georgia Piedmont, Blaque Butterfly at Reese Hall stands as a property to be appreciated in person. This gem predates the town square, mere blocks away. Monticello is the only town on the National Register of Historic Places in Georgia and, also proudly marked with a Georgia Historical Marker, Blaque Butterfly now sits prominently on nearly two acres of land. The garden mirrors the grace and beauty of the pre-Civil War structure. What's more, it has been transformed into a captivating event space, offering respite from urban clamor, yet conveniently situated a mere few hours from local airports. The previous owner undertook an extensive two-year renovation starting in late 2014. Her vision was to create a 5-room inn with an exceptional restaurant. As "Reese Hall Inn and Gardens" or simply "RH" came to life, it quickly gained acclaim, offering an authentic lodging and dining experience. An extensive garden was started, supplying much of the restaurant's fresh produce. Notably, a hillside greenhouse ensured a year-round bounty.

That is, until the pandemic stopped the world and operations for several businesses. Today, Blaque Butterfly still serves as a bed and breakfast. But now, you can also host an event as festive as a birthday dinner or as opulent as a bridal shower or wedding.



### A Grand Legacy

In the summer of 2022, Blaque Butterfly became the proud owner of Reese Hall. The synergy between the historical charm of Reese Hall and the modern chic persona of Blaque Butterfly has created a marriage of southern elegance that captivates. KP states, "I was on a walk one morning during the procurement process of this facility and a song came on the radio by Dennis Williams called Black Butterfly. One of the things she said in the song kinda resonated with me: 'A dream conceived in truth will never die.' And the Lord said that is the name of the business! Blaque Butterfly!" He says they would like to duplicate the idea across the country. Accommodating up to ten guests in the on-site rooms,

Blaque Butterfly at Reese Hall has a thoughtful and meticulous approach to historically preserving this 3800 square foot property, as seen in the image below.

The heart of the culinary experience is the expansive, commercially approved kitchen, featuring a gas double oven 8-burner range with a 5' ANSUL hood. It boasts four sinks, ample counter space, and vast refrigeration. Connecting seamlessly to the kitchen is a spacious, enclosed 16'x26' porch, serving as a dining haven for guests welcoming family or friends. Tucked behind a discreet "secret door," the ground floor master suite and bath provide an extra layer of convenience. The first floor is further adorned with an entrance hall, living and dining rooms, and a guest-friendly half bath.

Uniquely, Blaque Butterfly offers the event host the opportunity to stay on site before or after their event to experience it for themselves. KP states, "We want our guests to leave in a new state [of mind] than when they entered." It's different than other bed and breakfast options because the owner and staff have carefully blended the historical aesthetic of the facility with a modern eclectic approach to the furnishings and overall atmosphere. KP has only scratched the surface of Blaque Butterfly's unique history, both as a residence and then as a business. He is currently looking for researchers that can help tell the story of the area, building, and its owners. If you are interested, please call (678) 828-1008 or email [info@blqbutterflyrh.com](mailto:info@blqbutterflyrh.com).

Blaque Butterfly at Reese Hall curates high-end events in an historical setting. Whether you envision your dream wedding, a memorable girls' getaway, or the next chapter of your cooking vlog, the devoted team at Blaque Butterfly is poised to make your vision a reality.

