



Northeast Georgia History Center April 2014



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Do you Need to Renew your Membership?
Here's how you can do that:

- Come by in person
- Mail a check
- Pay online.

Saturday, May 3 10:00a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Join us for the First Festival of Museums! Free and discounted entry for the whole family to all FOUR venues: Elachee Nature Science Center, Interactive Neighborhood for Kids, (INK), the Northeast Georgia History Center, and the Quinlan Visual Arts Center.

Prizes, demonstrations, interactive events, guided tours, craft projects, and more are planned at each site.

For maps, directions, and details on activities at each venue, see our Facebook page!



Hub & Spokes

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THE NORTHEAST GEORGIA HISTORY CENTER

Explore Northeast Georgia

Use our museum as the “hub” of history for the region! Scan the QR codes throughout our galleries to get more information and follow any “spoke” to your next destination!



Our Tenth Birthday



The big “go to” party of the spring is happening at the Northeast Georgia History Center on Thursday May 8th. It is a reception from 5 to 7 pm celebrating the tenth anniversary of the doors opening. In ten years there have been exhibits built, forums given, school groups

toured, family days attended, veterans celebrated, tornado survivors interviewed, legends admired, traveling exhibits viewed, and so much more. Thursday May 8th is an invitation to our members to come and celebrate what has been done with the strength

of memberships to help preserve and protect the history of our region. And to enjoy toe tapping music, tasty food and great camaraderie as you tour the building that was built because a community had a vision.

Volunteer Appreciation

All History Center Volunteers are invited to the annual reception honoring and recognizing volunteers on Sunday, April 13, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Refreshments will be served 1 to 2 p.m., with the recognition program beginning at 2 p.m. Volunteers

who have logged in their hours of service will be recognized as well as additional groups of volunteers including Family Day volunteers, veterans, committee members, Board of Directors, and more.

The favor of a reply is requested by

April 5. Call 770-297-5900 or e-mail jcarson@brenau.edu or rphilips@brenau.edu to let us know whether you are planning to attend.

We are looking forward to honoring you, our History Center volunteers, and *Celebrating Your Volunteer Service*.



Forum



The forum for April will be presented by Gainesville’s own Gordon Sawyer. Upon his retirement from a forty-year career in advertising, Gordon began focusing on his avocation: the history of the Northeast Geor-

gia mountain region. He was on the founding board of the History Center. He is the author of several books including his latest “*Characters, Crazyies and the Culture of Northeast Georgia*” which can be purchased in our Museum Shop.

Please join us on Tuesday, April 8th at 7:00 p.m. in our Education Center for an interesting evening with Gordon Sawyer.

As always the event is free for our members and only \$3.00 for non- members.

Volunteer Spotlight

Officially, Carolyn Mahar has retired from teaching. Unofficially, she's still teaching.

"I wanted to continue working with children," she says, "so I started volunteering at the History Center." That was 2009.

Both the History Center and Carolyn have benefited. She gets to teach—something she did for many years in the Gainesville City Schools—and the History

Center benefits from her quiet but knowledgeable assistance.

"I particularly enjoy preparing for and participating in Family Sundays and Summer Camp," she says.

Carolyn can tell you how to make chocolate chip cookies in a toaster oven and how to churn butter, tasks she performed on Family Days. She also traveled with summer campers to visit New Echota, where

the children learned about a significant Cherokee site close to their own backyards.

She also has served in the museum shop, as a docent with school groups and now as a member of the center's board.

Carolyn and her husband, Jim Mahar, have two sons, Matthew and Andrew, and four grandchildren who live in Charlotte, N.C.,



where Carolyn is an official grandparent volunteer at one of the schools. She is active at First Presbyterian Church, tends a rose garden and volunteers in the garden at Enota School.

Thanks, Carolyn, for all of your excellent volunteer work.



In commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War, *The Blue and The Gray: The Civil War in Northeast Georgia* is the camp theme for 2014. Camp Session 1 is June 16-20,

and Camp Session 2 is June 23-27. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. daily. The camps are designed for rising fourth graders through eighth graders. Camp fees are to be an-

nounced. Enrollment in each session is limited. For more information, please call Julie Carson or contact her by email at jcarson@brenau.edu.

Summer Camp

Remembering John Kollock

It is with great sadness that the History Center joins the community in mourning the passing of John Kollock. He was one of the strongest and most talented advocates for the history of Northeast Georgia; just his contributions to

research, promotion, preservation, and authorship (he wrote eight books) of the area would have made him stand out. John, however, was probably best known for his remarkable artwork that reflected the rich colors,

unique past, lively spirit, and rooted communities of this wonderful and unique region. Though he will be sorely missed, his legacy as artist, historian, and author will go on.





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The Northeast Georgia History Center is a not-for-profit institution dedicated to preserving and sharing the history of the region. By maintaining a unique collection of historical items, presenting exhibits, conducting programs, enabling research, and partnering with other institutions in the region, the History Center strives to promote a greater understanding of the cultural, social, economical, and political history of Northeast Georgia.

Calendar of Events

April 8	10 a.m.	Executive Committee Meeting
	7 p.m.	Forum— Gordon Sawyer
April 13	1:00-3:00	Volunteer Appreciation Reception
April 17	11:30-1:00	Board of Directors Meeting

Tidbits

- Congratulations to our volunteer Katherine Jones, recipient of the John C. Thompson Award presented by The Kiwanis Club of Gainesville at their annual banquet on March 18th.



- New in the Museum Shop: *“Making a Difference for Millions Around the World: An Autobiography of T. N. Oglesby, Jr.”*
- Bible and Old Book Repair Day—Tuesday, April 8th from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Main Library Branch
- **“Climbing your Medical Family Tree”** - genealogy class at the Hall County Library Thursday, April 17th at 6:30 p.m.

Welcome New Members:

- John & Marie Deans
- Kelly Moore
- Scott & Sonya McLendon

Honorarium

Given in Honor of Mr. Joe T. Wood Sr. by Mr. & Mrs. Billy Wood