



## Northeast Georgia History Center

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### 2015 History Center

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The History Center's annual meeting is not to be missed! A way to celebrate our successes of the past year as well as look forward to all the great things to come, this annual tradition will be held on Thursday, January 28, from 5:30 - 7 p.m. All members are invited as a new slate of board members and officers are elected, and as a special treat we officially open our newest exhibit on the early history of Northeast Georgia, an initiative that was made possible by Bob & Wanda Swoszowski with a matching grant by the Daughters of the American Revolution National Grants Program.

Drinks, refreshments, and the exhibit ribbon cutting will follow the (short!) meeting.

**Not yet a member?**

**Need to renew?**

**Here's how:**

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

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## Family Day- *Explorers!*



Start the New Year off with 12,000 years of Time Travel at the Northeast Georgia History Center!

In our first Family Day of 2016 we look at the exploration of Georgia focusing on Paleo & Mississippian Culture Native Americans, 16<sup>th</sup> century Europeans such as the De Soto expedition, and the 18<sup>th</sup> century Natural Philosopher William Bartram's travels among the Cherokee and Creek peoples.

Join us for hands-on activities, living history interpretation, and demonstrations of 16<sup>th</sup> century Arms and Armor!

Free Admission

*Sunday, January 10th*

*1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.*

## Forum- *Dr. James Butts, Sr.*



Dr. Butts, Gainesville native and long-time practicing physician will share his stories of healthcare service, including his special relationship with Ty Cobb. Dr. Butts began Gainesville's first dedicated Oncology practice, initiated chemotherapy services, and was instrumental in bringing drug trials to the forefront of cancer treatment locally.

Admission is \$3, Members get in free!

January 12, 2016 7 p.m. at the History Center, 322 Academy St. NE, Gainesville

## Volunteer Spotlight

After about 10 years in social work, Dee Gillespie decided to return to her first love: history.

And the History Center is one of the beneficiaries. Dee is a member of the center's board of directors, representing the University of North Georgia in Gainesville.

"I convinced myself that I'd never make money as a historian," she said, "so I chose the lucrative field of social work, thinking, oooh, this is going to be the path of luxury and success. It's not."

In her social work, she was a family counselor and, after getting her master's in social work, transitioned into community development.

Today, however, as a professor of U.S. history at UNG, she's helping

students learn history and develop skills that will serve them well in the future. With the emphasis on technology these days, she said, skills in writing and reading sometimes fall by the wayside, skills students learn in history and similar classes.

And "I get paid to read books that I want to read and talk about things I want to talk about," she said.

Dee calls herself an Army brat who moved around with her military family. She finished high school in Maryland, attended undergraduate college at Mount Holyoke in Massachusetts and received her doctorate at Binghamton University in New York.



She teaches four classes every semester, leaving little time for leisure. But she does enjoy taking care of her home, cooking and keeping up with friends.

And she's sold on the importance of the History Center. Just ask her.

Thanks, Dee, for returning to your first love.

### *Honorariums*

In honor of Martha Jacobs

By N.A. & Carolyn Jacobs

In honor of:

Cheryl & Jerry Vandiver

Mr. & Mrs. John Tinker

Beth Aderholt & Mr. Billy Paris

Mr. & Mrs. Buddy Myers

Mrs. Frank Green

Dr. & Mrs. Lewis Spear

By Ed Parks

### *Memorials*

In memory of Gordon Sawyer by:

Nat & Sonya Hancock

Pat & John Burd

Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Vardeman

Doris Sosebee

Larry & Claire Keys

In memory of Victoria S. Williams by:

Doris Sosebee

Tony & Cathy Herdener

In memory of Viadus Southerland by:

James & Ellen Ewing

In memory of Larry Andrews by:

James & Ellen Ewing

In memory of Carolyn Sartain by:

Ed Parks

In memory of Randy Parks by:

Dr. & Mrs. Bob Wright

In memory of Ed Dunlap, Jr. by:

Mr. & Mrs. Claude Williams



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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

- January 1 Closed: *Happy New Year!*
- January 10 1:00-4:00 Family Day– *Explorers!*
- January 12 7:00 pm Forum-*Dr. James Butts, Sr.*
- January 28 5:30-7:00 Annual Meeting

### Items of Interest– Pictures from Family Day

