



# THE PEACOCK QUILL



Whitfield-Murray Historical Society

MAY 2015

## CALENDAR

### RUMMAGE SALE at the archives

Fri., Apr. 17, 10:00-4:00  
Sat., Apr. 18, 9:00-12:00

### BASKET-MAKING WORKSHOP at the Vann House

Sat., Apr. 25, 2015, 9:00-12:00  
conducted by long-time Vann House  
basket maker, Margie Huffstetler  
Class is limited to 10 people.  
Cost is \$30 per person.

### HUFFABALOO

A festival to benefit the restoration of  
Huff House  
314 Selvidge St., Dalton  
Residence & headquarters of Gen.  
Joseph E. Johnston  
Sun., May 3, 2015, 12:00-6:00

### HISTORIC SITES CARAVAN A Tour of WMHS Properties Sat., May 9, 2015, 11:00-4:00

Visit the properties of your choice.  
\$25 adults/\$15 students/under 10 free  
Tickets in advance: \$20/\$10

### MAY MEETING

Sun., May 17, 2015, 2:30 p.m.  
Rock Building, Chatsworth  
Scholarships & Historic Preservation  
Awards

### MURRAY ON MY MIND

Mon.-Fri., June 1-5, 2015, 8:00-3:00  
Cost: \$40  
Contact Tim Howard to sign up:  
howardt@windstream.net  
706-280-5535

## HAVE COUPONS?

Office Depot, Staples & Big Lots?  
They are always welcome!  
We also recycle printer ink  
cartridges.

## MAY MEETING HONORS AREA PRESERVATIONISTS

May is Historic Preservation Month!  
The May meeting of the Whitfield-  
Murray Historical Society will be Sun.,  
May 17, 2:30 p.m., at the historic Rock  
Building in Chatsworth, now central  
office of the Murray County Schools.

2015 Historic Preservation Award  
recipients will be announced. High  
school seniors who have done  
exemplary work in local history will  
receive scholarships.

Come congratulate these outstanding  
preservationists!



## HUFFABALOO & CARAVAN OFFER SPRING VISITING OPPORTUNITIES

Two May events offer opportunities  
for area residents to visit WMHS  
properties. The Huff House will host a  
HuffaBaloo on Sun., May 3, noon until  
6:00 p.m. with a variety of activities for  
the whole family, including horse &  
carriage rides, maypole dance, games,  
food & music.

All eight WMHS properties will be  
open on Sat., May 9, 11:00-4:00, for a  
Historic Sites Caravan. Visit the  
properties you choose! See new &/or  
seldom seen exhibits. Tickets may be  
purchased in advance at the archives.

## CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY SCHEDULED

The Civil War Roundtable of Dalton  
announces the annual Confederate memorial  
service on Sat., April 25, 2015, 2:00 p.m., at  
the Confederate Cemetery in West Hill  
Cemetery. Please bring a folding chair since  
seating is limited.

## AMERICANA MUSIC SERIES AT CHATSWORTH DEPOT THIS SUMMER

The Chatsworth Depot Committee  
announces an "Americana Music  
Series" at the depot this summer. The  
first concert will be held on Sat., May 9  
in conjunction with the Caravan & will  
feature the bluegrass group Mountain  
Creek House Fire. The visit is  
sponsored by Chatsworth Ford. Ted  
Yarbrough is coordinating the concert  
series that will continue through the  
summer on Second Saturdays June  
through Sept.

## KIDS' HISTORY CAMP PLANNED FOR JUNE

The Whitfield-Murray Historical  
Society will host a history camp for  
children ages 8-12 the week of June 22-  
26, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Campers will  
tour the area's noted historic sites &  
engage in fun activities hosted by each  
of the eight WMHS properties.

The cost of \$125 per camper includes  
bus transportation to the sites & drinks.  
Participants will provide their own lunches.  
A second camper from the same family may  
attend for \$100.

Sign-ups will conclude May 29. Space  
will be limited by bus accommodations. Call  
organizer Mary Hardin for more information:  
706-459-5810.

## HISTORICAL QUESTION #12

In each newsletter, we ask a  
question about local history. To check  
your accuracy (or to find the answer!),  
just go to our website: [www.whitfield-  
murrayhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.whitfield-murrayhistoricalsociety.org).

The eleventh question appeared in  
the March newsletter: What Murray Co.  
community was once called Whip, GA?  
The answer: Tenna.

Here's question 12: Where can you  
see the original center of Dalton that  
was laid out in 1847?

## THANKS TO TEXTILE TRAIL HELPERS!

WMHS recently hosted the West Georgia Textile Heritage Trail conference. The conference was the third sponsored by the University of West Georgia. Previous conferences were in Bremen & Lagrange.

Many thanks to the folks who baked, cleaned, & gardened at the archives: Rebel Burton, Flora Caldwell, Routh Cline, Janet Cochran, Sherrian Hall, Tim Howard, Betsy McArthur, Mary Ryman, Nellena Smith, & Ellen Thompson.

Thanks to the tour guides & workers at the Hamilton House: Randy Beckler, Bruce Davies, Kitty Davies, Bradley Putnam, & Marsha Whitener.

A shout-out to Joey Parrott, Jennifer Jones, & Ron King of Dalton Little Theatre for hosting the theatre workshop & evening Mill Music performance.

Hooray for the Prater's Mill folks who prepared the site & gave tours: Judy Alderman, Betty Blackwell, Greg Bruner, James Coker, Jeannette Coker, Julie Dyer, Barbara Lay, Bill Moore, Denise Newton, Leonard Quinn, Mary Ridley, Sherry Sexton, Earl Shelby, & Elaine Watkins.

A very special thanks to Shaw Industries Research & Development for the tour for conference attendees.

Three cheers for the CVB, Shaw Industries, & the NW Ga. Community Foundation for donations for the Textile Trail brochure, conference gift bags, gifts, & refreshments.

Dr. Ann McCleary, University of West Georgia, sent the following email:

**WE CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH! YOU WERE AMAZING! WHAT A GREAT HOST INSTITUTION AND WHAT A WONDERFUL PARTNER YOU HAVE BEEN. WE THOROUGHLY ENJOYED OUR TIME IN DALTON WORKING WITH YOU AND PLANNING THE CONFERENCE. I HAVE LEARNED SO MUCH!**

**I KNOW THIS WAS A REALLY BIG UNDERTAKING FOR EVERYONE UP THERE, BUT YOU DID SUCH AN EXCELLENT JOB. YOU HELPED CARRY EVERYTHING OUT, YOU HOOKED US UP WITH THE BEST FOLKS IN THE WORLD UP THERE, AND YOU MADE EVERYTHING HAPPEN! AND IN THE MIDST OF EVERYTHING, YOU WROTE A DRIVING TRAIL BROCHURE. NOT SURE HOW YOU CARRIED IT ALL OFF, BUT YOU**



**REALLY DID. WE JUST CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH.**

**I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO WORK WITH YOU AND YOUR COMMUNITY ON THE TEXTILE TRAIL.**

## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

- \* Kevin Tinsley - Cleveland, TN
- \* Kathleen Tancrede - Tunnel Hill, GA
- \* Paul & Alicia Alderman - Dalton, GA
- \* Sherry Riley - Rocky Face, GA
- \* Sara C. Davis - Dalton, GA
- \* Randy N. Hayes - Cohutta, GA
- \* Charles Whittle - Dalton, GA
- \* Janette Carroll - Dalton, GA
- \* Mike Clark, Sr. - Dalton, GA
- \* William Gardener - Rocky Face, GA
- \* M/M Steve Barger - Cohutta, GA
- \* Jack Duggan - Dalton, GA
- \* Melvyn Ottinger - Dalton, GA
- \* Charles & Sarah Maret - Dalton, GA
- \* Elaine Watkins - Dalton, GA
- \* Linda Lunsford - Chatsworth, GA
- \* Gary L. Cochran - Dalton, GA
- \* Leona Coker - Rocky Face, GA
- \* Peggy Ray - Chatsworth, GA
- \* David & Angela Redwine - Rocky Face, GA
- \* Wendy Hanson - Dalton, GA

## OUR RUMMAGE PARTNERS

The Salvation Army began work in Dalton in October 1912, according to the Oct. 3, 1912 issue of the *Dalton Argus*. WMHS helps this historic local group by donating items remaining from our rummage & Christmas sales. We thought you'd like to know that we partner with a group that has helped Dalton for over 100 years!

**Are you handy with a hammer & saw? The archives needs you.**

**ARE YOU AN AMAZON CUSTOMER?  
Order through amazon.com, & designate your order to benefit the Whitfield-Murray Historical Society!**

## McDANIEL CHALLENGE CONTINUES

Member Herman McDaniel has made a \$500 "challenge gift" to the Chatsworth Depot fund to raise money for repairs to the building. Herman challenges other WMHS members & interested persons to contribute to the depot repairs.

## RECENT DONATIONS

→Marvin Sowder donated *The Confederate Hospitals of Madison, GA* by Bonnie P. Harrison to the CGA library.

→Juanita Hughes donated the family history of Malinda Waters & Abraham Frisby.

To archives library in honor of Tut McFarland

Patti Spanjer

Lou Ann Warren

Archives Donations

Patricia Rivers

General Fund Donations

Charles and Sarah Maret

Sharon Beavers

Mike Clark, Sr.

Bennieta Chappell

Charles Whittle

Frank Adams

Christina Bannon

Marc & Penny Carpenter

Joe Davis

Dalton Utilities

Robert McWilliams

Huff House donations

Dalton Utilities

Chatsworth Depot McDaniel Challenge

Don & Susan Ritchie

Carlton McDaniel

Tim Howard

## Archives Volunteers

Marvin Sowder, Routh Cline, Martha Minor, Rebel Burton, Kevin Tinsley, Marc Carpenter, Nellena Smith, Ellen Thompson, Sarah Roach, Jean Drew, Carol Adams, & Sherrian Hall.

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Sat., 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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