

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Gone with the Girdle

Please join us on September 3, 2009 – 7:00pm for “Gone with the Girdle: Freedom, Restraint & Power in Women’s Dress” at the Centre for The Performing & Visual Arts, 1523 Lower Fayetteville Rd. Newnan, Ga.

This program explores how women’s shifting silhouettes reflect their changing roles through history. Susan Neill, Vice President of Collections & Exhibitions at the Atlanta History Center will demonstrate that clothing reveals both who we are and how we want the world to see us---it is our social skin. For women, the restraining girdles of yesteryear have given way to new freedoms in style and new opportunities for personal expression, reflecting the potential power of women today. While any outfit indicates the position of its wearer in society, it also reveals the taste, personality, and physical presence of the person who animates it. From hoop skirts to miniskirts, from pantaloons to barely-there underwear, Neill will tell stories of women and their roles, from the home to the workplace and beyond. The presentation is based on an award-winning exhibition by same name which she curated at the Atlanta History Center in 2003.

In conjunction with the Reading Circle’s Centennial Celebration this event will feature an exhibit of Edwardian Clothing from the Newnan-Coweta Historical Society. This Newnan group began in 1909 and has continued their meetings for one hundred years. Many of Reading Circle’s early members are families still in the community. They have generously donated to the Museum and in these collections are garments worn by the Reading Circle members during the Edwardian period (1900-1915).

140th Anniversary

Congratulations to Arnall Grocery Co. on their 140th anniversary celebration which was held on the grassy side of the Depot History Center, Sat. August 15th.

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Powers Crossroads Festival

Labor Day Weekend
Sept 5th, 6th, & 7th

We need volunteers to man our Booth at the Powers Festival. If you can work any of the shifts it will be greatly appreciated. The shifts are as follows:

Sep. 5th, 6th, & 7th : 9am-1pm and 1pm-5pm

Please contact Tom at the Museum (770-251-0207) if you can work any of the shifts. Remember you and one other person can work a shift. You will receive a gate pass and thus Free Admission to the Festival.

NCHS 2009 Preservation Picnic

Sunday Sep. 13th, 2009 6pm-8pm
Home of LaVann & Chuck Landrum
75 E. Broad St. (At the Gazebo Garden)
Newnan, Georgia

Enjoy BBQ provided by the NCHS & Music by the “Jazz League”. Parking at the Train Depot and Caldwell Tank Company Lot directly across street. Please bring covered dish or dessert. Call Tom at the Museum with your items.

Save the Date: October 11th

Society membership is invited to visit the home of Pick and Dey Parks on the Chattahoochee River on Sunday, October 11th. Their home sits right on the bank of the river, in the curve opposite McIntosh Reserve Park in Carroll County. A treat for all - details forthcoming. Save the date.

Keep Newnan Beautiful

The NCHS has recently been recognized by the *Keep Newnan Beautiful* Dept for our sponsorship of the first Pet Waste Station in the Temple Avenue City Park. The Station is located just East of the Male Academy Museum. Ms. Carol Duffey, Director of *Keep Newnan Beautiful* was on hand on Tuesday July 21 to dedicate the station. Also representing the NCHS were Pamela Prange, Laurie Pope, Elizabeth Beers, and Jan Bowyer (with her grandson Ethan). Also recently we have renewed our participation with Adopt-A-Street program, part of the *Keep Newnan Beautiful*. We have adopted College St. which runs past the Male Academy Museum. The Newnan-Times Herald will advertise volunteer clean up times for our street, usually 1 or 2 times a year. Please see the accompanying pictures.



Curator's Corner

By Dorothy Pope, Curator

CURRENT EXHIBIT

The current exhibit at the MAM honoring some of our local veterans will remain until September. We are privileged to have not only our veterans' uniforms but pictures of them as well.

REQUEST FOR HELP

Someone recently left a box of photographs outside the museum. They are family snapshots, most taken between 1928 and 1932. Unfortunately, we have no idea who left them and most pictures have no identification. The few photos that have some identification name Evelyn Millians Grimes, Irene Thomas, William Kilgore, Martha Kilgore, Warner Hyde, Fowler Perkins, Johnnie Caldwell, Rubye Sewell, Fannie and Allie Mae Thigpen, Bill Gentry, Fannie Newman, W.R. Jackson, Curtis Thurman, L.M. Sewell, Charlie Hipp, Howard Cardin, Bert More, Frances Harp, Louise Harp, Buster Wright, Maryet Dukes, Dick Warner and Fred Lamar. If these names ring any bells, please contact the museum..

Another mystery -- we have found a large piece of stained glass in the collections storage area. It is approximately 4' high by 18" wide, blue and white glass with a white cross entwined with one white snake. Any one who knows where it came from, or anything about it, please contact the museum.

For Sale: "Hollis House"



For Sale: 32 Nimmons St. Newnan, Ga., Mr. Robert Hancock, Executor. Call 770-487-5834 ext. 15 for further info. Agents Protected.