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Remembering

Gordon

Sawyer



Gordon Sawyer thought history ought to be fun.

When he was around the History Center—and he was around often, serving on the board, speaking, helping with a project—it was evident that history was not boring to Gordon. And it shouldn't be to anyone else.

At one of the History Center's retreats on strategic planning, board members were taking turns presenting fancy ideas about what the center should do in the future to retain members and improve programs. When it was Gordon's turn, he said, "First thing we need to keep in mind is that history needs to be fun."

And he was right. One of his six books, incidentally, was titled "Characters, Crazies and the Culture of Northeast Georgia," just a fun book to read.

Louis Gordon Sawyer of Gainesville, who died Nov. 4, was many things to many people. He was an author, a radio commentator, a businessman, a strategist, a blogger, a staunch Republican, a husband, a father and grandfather, a mentor and encourager, a church leader, a friend.

But we at the History Center remember Gordon as an incurable history buff, a man full of ideas.

History and life itself were a little more fun because of Gordon Sawyer. We will miss him.

Not yet a member?

Need to renew?

Here's how:

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

www.negahc.org

Family Day- Victorian Christmas

Come and visit the 19th century at the Northeast Georgia History Center as we celebrate the Holidays and explore the traditions of Victorian Era Christmas-tide!



- ◇ *Have your Holiday photo made with Santa Claus in the Whitepath Cabin*
- ◇ *Refresh yourself with Hot Cider, Hot Chocolate, and Cookies*
- ◇ *Hear performances of 'Twas the night before Christmas as well as Christmas Songs and Carols*
- ◇ *Make Victorian Era inspired Ornaments and Decoration to take home or put on the Christmas Tree in our Victorian Exhibit – which will be decked out for the Holidays!*

*Sunday, December
12th*

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

Family Day is sponsored by



Forum

Christmas Past-

Victorian Origins of Our Modern Christmas Traditions



This month our Forum takes a look at the Holiday customs, displays, and interactions originating or coalescing during the Victorian era that have shaped the way we celebrate Christmas through the early 21st century.

Join the History Center on Tuesday, December 8th at 7 p.m.

Admission is only \$3, but FREE for all members.

Memorials and Honorariums

In Honor of Carolyn & N.A. Jacobs

Tina & Jack McDaniel

In Honor of Leonard & Nancy Parks

Mr. Ed Parks

In Honor of Captain Leonard Parks

DAR Col. William Candler Chapter

In Memory of Larry Andrews

Marvin & Cleda Locey

In Memory of Doyle Johnson

Mr. Ed Parks

In Memory of Randy Parks

Dr. & Mrs. Clark Ferrell

In Memory of Jean Jacobs Wilson

Marjorie Miller

Martha Jacobs

Tina & Jack McDaniel

Tony & Cathy Herdener

Cheryl & Jerry Vandiver

Marvin & Cleda Locey

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Carolyn Smith

First Baptist Church Flower Committee

In Memory of Gordon Sawyer

Clarence & Vivian Gordon

Barbara Hermann

Hall County Republican Party

Suzanne & John Earley

Cheryl & Jerry Vandiver

Anne & George Thomas

Barbara & Fleming Weaver

Mr. & Mrs. George Seelke

Mr. Robert Thompson

Frances & John Fite

Helen & Walter Floyd

Mrs. Martin Ellard

Mr. & Mrs. Austin Edmondson

Mrs. Bess Poole

Mrs. Katherine Haynes

Mr. & Mrs. Edmund Waller, Sr.

Brenda & Frank Compton

Mrs. Eula Sommer

Carolyn & N.A. Jacobs

William & Catherine Brubaker

Skyladies

Donald & Patricia Pirkle

Doris Murphy

Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Head

Dr. & Mrs. Hamil Murray

Martha Jacobs

Dr. & Mrs. Clark Ferrell

Jean Ward

Josephine Cosper

Mr. Ed Parks

William & Isabelle Hebberger

Marvin & Cleda Locey



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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

December 8 7:00 pm Forum-*Christmas Past*

December 12 1:00-4:00 Family Day- *Victorian Christmas*

December 24 & 25 Closed-*Merry Christmas!*

Items of Interest

Welcome

New Members!

Patricia Staub

Wilson Golden



We will be continuing our discounted special on the Freedom Garden Tributes. Through December 31, the cost will be reduced by \$100.00. This would make a great Christmas gift to honor a loved one!

Also, be sure to check out the Museum Shop for those one-of-a-kind gifts. We have a limited number of Gordon Sawyer's books available.