

## Northeast Georgia History Center

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## Annual Members Meeting set for January 29th

As the New Year approaches, there are lots of new things developing at the History Center, and we want YOU to be a part of them! Please make plans to join us on **Thursday, January 29th, at 5 pm** to help us start the best year yet!

"Why should I come," you say... "won't it be the same-ol' same-ol'?" A fair question... let me answer by pointing out what there will be to see, hear, and experience:

- \* The official opening of *The Victorians: The Age of Empire in the Empire State of the South*, the History Center's newest exhibit curated by outgoing President Jeff Pierce and featuring the newly-acquired King Collection
- \* The premier of the History Center's new promotional video, created by Livingston + McKay LLC
- \* The election of the new slate of board members and officers
- \* The unveiling of our new Partnership recognition board, sponsored by Memorial Park Funeral Homes
- \* A special recognition of the Cooley Family who have generously sponsored preservation and re-interpretation of the White Path Cabin
- \* A chance to meet Ken Johnston, our new Curator of Education, and hear from him some of the exciting new programs and initiatives in the works
- \* - And, of course, wine and light refreshments for all!



So please make plans to attend; you'll be glad you did, and you'll be the first in town to get a first-hand look at the exciting year that the History Center, with your support, will be having!

*Glen Kyle*  
*Executive Director*

## A New Year, New Initiatives

As the year 2015 begins so does the tenure of the NGHC's new Curator of Education, Ken Johnston. As you may recall from last month's newsletter, Mr. Johnston comes to the History Center with considerable experience in the interpretive field. Specializing in first person interpretation and museum theatre, both in live performance and digital broadcast media, he honed his skills at institutions such as Colonial Williamsburg, Mount Vernon, the National Civil War Naval Museum, and the Smithsonian. The philosophy that guided Ken's programming at these and other sites, and that is being brought to the History Center, is one that emphasizes relevance and human connection in telling the stories of those who came before us.

Many new programs and initiatives will be brought to the NGHC, beginning with February's Family Day program on the Revolutionary War in Georgia. A combination of hands-on experiences, live character per-

formances, and digital displays will tell the stories of real people involved in the struggle from an unusual perspective – that of the Loyalists. Georgia had the largest Loyalist population per capita of any of the rebellious colonies, yet their stories are nowhere near as well known as the traditional Patriot narrative. This February you'll hear from Loyalist Georgians who were tarred and feathered for simply exercising free speech, former enslaved African Americans who sided with the British to gain a freedom not offered by the Patriots; women who had their entire way of life uprooted by war, and Georgians who took up arms against fellow Georgians (a reminder that a War of Revolution and a Civil War are not mutually exclusive).

The February Family Day event will be a great start to a new direction of programs and education that will continue throughout the year. Executive Director Glen Kyle has charged Ken with developing a

new roster of tours based on Georgia Performance Standards that focus on engagement, which will be developed throughout the winter and spring with the help of volunteer staff. Ken will also be pursuing the establishment of Digital Outreach programs that will enable the History Center to connect directly to classrooms over the internet, reaching schools that might not otherwise have access to our presentations and exhibits. In conjunction with all these projects Ken will be actively pursuing new institutional/organizational partners, as well as reaffirming existing ones, to maximize resources and reach in furtherance of the History Center's mission.

So, a new year begins with new development – grounded in the foundation built by the staff, volunteers, and board of the Northeast Georgia History Center. Mr. Johnston is looking forward to the work ahead – and encourages all supporters of the History Center to take part.

## Forum

Please join us on Tuesday, January 13th at 7:00 p.m. for our first Forum of 2015. The topic will be the Chieftain's Museum and will be presented by Heather Shores, Executive Director of the Major Ridge Home.. Come and hear the story of Major Ridge, a prominent early nineteenth-century Cherokee leader and his role in Tribal Leadership in the Trail of Tears.



## From the Gainesville Library

**Can we borrow some of your memories?**

**Come join the fun...**

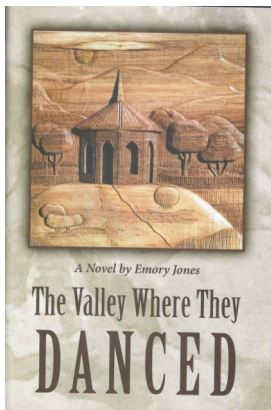
Get your friends and relatives together for a walk down memory lane as y'all reminisce about people and places of Gainesville/Hall County's "good old days."

Date: Saturday, January 10

Time: Drop-in between 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Place: Genealogy Area of Gainesville Library Branch

Goal: To have a good time while identifying people and places from the library's large collection of unidentified photographs.



## The Museum Shop

Thank you for choosing our Museum Shop for your Christmas needs.

We have received several new items including Emory Jones' latest book "The Valley Where They Danced". Come in and see what else we have.

Also, we have our Jewelry on sale for 30% off!



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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 13	10 a.m.	Executive Committee Meeting
	7 p.m.	Forum— <i>The Chieftain's Museum</i>
January 29	5:30p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Annual Membership Meeting

## Items of Interest

### *Honorariums:*

Given in Honor of Carolyn & N.A. Jacobs:

- \* Gay & Greg Jacobs
- \* Rhuel & Dorothy Patterson

Given in Honor of Randi & Ed Parks by Louis & Angela Spear

Given in Honor of Shirley & Phil Hudgins by Anne & George Thomas

Given in Honor of Kay & Doug Ivester by Jack & Pat Burd

### *Memorials:*

Given in Memory of John W. Jacobs, Jr. by Henry Jennings

Given in Memory of Jack D. Allison and Elizabeth Barrett by Randi & Ed Parks

### *New Member:*

***Randall Frost***

*Welcome!*

