

# Northeast Georgia History Center

July 2015

## Scenes of Summer at the History Center

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### Family Day- *Surveying the Frontier*



Trying on items from the DeSoto Expedition



Bartram's Sailboat from 18th Century Georgia



Making Explorer Journals



"Digging" the Archeology Table



Hands on Fun at Family Day

Family Day is sponsored by



### Summer Camp- *The 1940's in North Georgia*



Civil Defense Drills



Field Trip to the Beulah Rucker Educational Center

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- ◆ Come by in person
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### Museum Theater-Featuring "Pa Ingalls"



Questions for "Pa Ingalls"



"Pa Ingalls", portrayed by Ken Johnston, shares his stories

## Taste of History- 2015

Plans are in full swing for our upcoming Taste of History. Every year, we focus on an individual from or an aspect of our community, and this year we've decided to pay tribute to some of our Local Legacies. We are very excited about this project because it allows us to look at a remarkable group of men that came from very little to remarkable success through hard work and dedication. These men have helped shape our history and mold our community. We have invited **Milton Robson, Jack Frost** and **Jan Cooley** to share their stories of how they overcame hardships to become business leaders in Northeast Georgia.

All proceeds from this event go towards helping the Northeast Georgia History Center in fulfilling its mission of education, historic preservation, and community outreach. We receive no funding from local, state, or federal government; we depend on the support of the community and events like this to succeed.

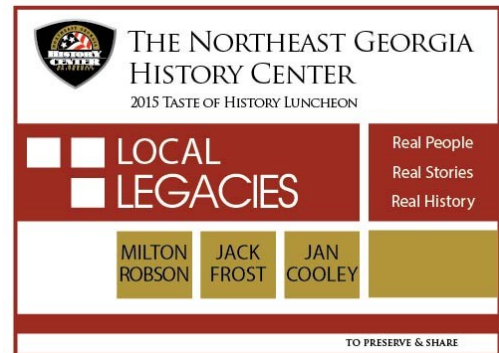
### Forum

Born in Burke County, Georgia, Joseph H. Kitchens is a graduate of the University of West Georgia and holds the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in history from the University of Georgia.

He served as Professor of History at Georgia Southwestern State University before beginning a career in museum administration. In 1983, he was invited to become the founding Executive Director of Pebble Hill Plantation Foundation in Thomasville, Georgia, and is currently Executive Director of the Funk Heritage Center at Reinhardt College.



The Heritage Center is the "Official Georgia Frontier and Southeastern Indian Interpretive Center" and its programming includes Native American and Appalachian culture and history. The Heritage Center was recently named an official interpretive site for the National Parks Service "Trail of Tears."



We hope you will join us on  
**Thursday, August 27, 11:30  
a.m.**

**in the First Baptist Church  
Banquet Hall**

to celebrate some of Northeast Georgia's most accomplished men, and help the History Center continue its mission of preserving and sharing the history of Northeast Georgia.

In 2005, Dr. Kitchens was chosen "Museum Professional of the Year" by the Georgia Association of Museums and Galleries. In 2010 the Funk Heritage Centered was recipient of the Governor's Award in the Humanities for its outstanding programming. Dr. Kitchens' publications include two books: *Quail Plantations of South Georgia and North Florida* and *Generations; the Story of Albany*. He is the author of more than sixty magazine and newspaper articles about Georgia history and life.

**Join us on Tuesday, July 14th at 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$3 and, as always, FREE for members.**

## Volunteer Spotlight

Jim Grogan knows a thing or two about history, in America and elsewhere. He saw it firsthand.

For more than 20 years, Jim was a federal agent of the U.S. Secret Service. He's now retired and living back in Gainesville, where he grew up.

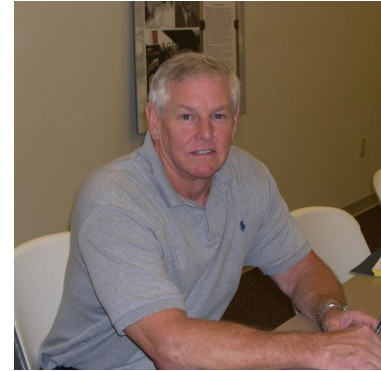
He was assigned to protect former President Carter for more than four years, following him all over the world. "Carter traveled like crazy" after leaving the presidency, Jim says. "I've been to places I never dreamed I'd get to see." They include the pyramids of Egypt, the Dead Sea, where he swam; South America, Africa, Tanzania, and China,

where guests were served a big platter of food, "and some of it still crawling around." He also served in Washington and Atlanta.

But he also did a lot of investigations. "By the end of an agent's career," he says, "I'd say about 75 percent of his time is spent in investigations."

Jim is a new member of the History Center's board of directors and says, "It's an honor to work with such dedicated people. ... These people work hard and try to get community support. ... I feel like the community could and should support the center even more."

Jim has three grown children and four grandchildren. "They're all



**Jim Grogan**

doing well, and that's the biggest part of my life now," he says. He's a member of First Baptist Church and the Kiwanis in Gainesville.

We appreciate your kind words, Jim, and, even more, your willingness to serve the Northeast Georgia History Center.

## Victory Garden

Thanks to the generosity of two local businesses and resourcefulness of our volunteers, the Victory Garden adjacent to the History Center is flourishing with a bumper crop of vegetables to donate to local charitable organizations.

Our hopes for the Garden were almost dashed by loss of our water source, graciously provided by Dr. Bill Helms who lived next door to the garden and allowed us free use of his water spigot. When Dr. Helms passed away, the water was turned off. We hand watered with hoses, but the closest University spigot was 250 feet away. Stringing the hoses became impractical. The water pressure was low and the

hoses couldn't be left out due to lawn mowing. It became heavy, hot work, worsening as watering demands increased with summer temperatures.

It was apparent that the Garden would soon be...well...history.

We discovered that the Garden has a functional water meter, but needed a plumber to install equipment from the meter to the irrigation system. Scott Roberts, owner of Roberts Plumbing, said it would cost \$1000. Scott soon became impressed with the purpose of the Victory Garden and saw Roberts Plumbing's opportunity to donate to the Gainesville community. He promised if our team dug the trench, he'd donate his labor installing the system. Scott asked his parts supplier, Gainesville Winnel-

son, to donate the parts. So the \$1000 job cost the University nothing! We had water!

The Gainesville Times covered the installation. Both suppliers expressed enthusiasm in participating. "We are happy to help," said Trey Morgan of Gainesville Winnelson Company. History Center Director Glen Kyle said they weren't donating labor and parts, they were donating vegetables to the community and teaching children about growing vegetables.

Last year the team grew and donated 350 pounds of produce to area organizations. This year's goal is 500 pounds. We'll keep you posted!

"There's something extra special about receiving things fresh from the garden," Brandee Thomas, managing director of My Sister's Place. "We try to teach our residents about making healthy food choices, no matter what their budget."



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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

July 4	1:00 pm	Living History Day: <i>A Celebration of Independence Day</i>
July 14	7 p.m.	Forum— <i>Funk Heritage Center</i>
July 16	11:30 am-1:00 pm	Board of Director's Meeting

## Items of Interest

### *Welcome*

### *New Members!*

Juliette Hawk

Jean Hill

Michael Adamson

Delores Hammons

Kurt Shuler

Marilyn Benson

Rachel Schneider

David O'Bannon

Robin & Allan Myers

Loraine Davis

