



Now You Know

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V o l u n t e e r S p o t l i g h t

Fran Dadisman has always loved children. She taught elementary school for about six years and Sunday school for 60 years. In fact, she's still teaching Sunday school.

So when she volunteered at the Northeast Georgia History Center, becoming a docent and leading children, as well as adults, through the museum was her No. 1 goal.

Fran always meets her goals.

Her friends wonder how she manages all those young sprouts in Sunday school now that she's 82. Does she have a hard time keeping up with them?

"Not really," she says. "I guess I'm a hard teacher." Translated, that means she makes them behave.

But she's also well suited for teaching children at church—or wherever. She took piano lessons when she was younger and learned mostly church music, along with some classical.

"So the combination of the two, teaching and music, have worked well together," she says.

Fran has lived in the South since she was 18. She moved down to attend Bob Jones University in Greenville, S.C., and never went back to Illinois, where she grew up. Of course, meeting her husband, Dean, in Jackson County had something to do with her staying. They've been married for 51 years.

Fran is a determined person. If she starts a project, she finishes it.

When her first grandchild, Samuel, now 19, was born, she wanted to make him a quilt. So she learned quilting. She also made quilts for her other two grandchildren, Andrew, 17, and Caroline, 14, children of the Dadismans' daughter, Lee. They live in Columbia, S.C.



Fran Dadisman

When the 1996 Olympics came to Atlanta, quilters all over Georgia were asked to make quilts for different countries. Fran stepped up. "Mine went to North Korea," she says, "so I don't know if it got there or not."

Fran found two quilts that her mother started during World War II, but never finished. Now they're finished, thanks to Fran.

Besides her docent work and volunteering on the reception desk, Fran and her husband attend most of the history center's forums, along with other events.

If she is asked why someone should become a member, she says, "There's so much history behind it. ... New-comers especially don't know anything about this area, and the history center would help them learn. And the monthly forum is excellent." She cherishes her membership.

Fran also was a member for many years of the Hall County Quilt Guild, and she volunteered in Campfire Girls and Bluebirds, another organization for girls. She was a Girl Scout growing up.

And if you want to see how a senior citizen handles a roomful of hyper kids, you might visit the children's department at Chestnut Mountain Presbyterian Church, where gentle, soft-spoken Fran Dadisman says she is a "hard teacher."

Could it be that those children know who deserves their respect and attention?

Thanks, Fran. We appreciate what you do in your community—and especially at the history center.



A Taste of History

Auto Racing in Northeast Georgia

**Featuring the Petty Family:
Richard, Kyle, and Rebecca**

Join us at 7 pm on Friday, August 30, 2013 at the First Baptist Church Banquet Hall for a special evening with the legendary Petty Family: Richard, Kyle, and Rebecca. The talented and beautiful Ronda Rich will serve as the Master of Ceremonies, while the delicious meal will be by Johnny's Barbeque of Gainesville.

All proceeds will go towards the History Center. Individual tickets are \$50.00. Sponsorships are available.

For more information or to reserve your ticket, call the History Center at 770-297-5900 or

email Rachel Phillips at rphillips@brenau.edu.



Richard Petty



Kyle Petty



Rebecca Petty Moffitt

Forum

Did you know that there were two different places in northeast Georgia that minted gold from the Dahlonega Gold Rush? One of them was, of course, the Dahlonega mint but another private mint, operated by Templeton Reid, was located just a few blocks from where the History Center stands today. Bill House, local banker and historian, will present this fascinating history.



Join us on Tuesday, June 11 at 7:00 pm.

The event is free for members and \$3.00 for non-members.

Mr. House is Chairman of the Board for Peach State Bank & Trust. He has practiced law in Gainesville, Georgia since 1969 and holds a BBA and a JD degree from the University of Georgia. Mr. House is a director of Fieldale Farms Corporation and Gibson Dental Designs, Inc. and serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of House Properties, Inc., Calls, Inc. and Puts, Inc., each of which buys and sells stocks which are primarily listed on the New York Stock Exchange. He is also the President of the Edmondson-Telford Foundation, a private non-profit foundation

Civil War Encampment

Immerse yourself for an afternoon in the culture of Civil War-era Northeast Georgia. The 43rd Georgia Living Historians, (which re-enact one of the original Hall County units), and other Civil War re-enactors, both blue and grey, will provide an afternoon of living history through demonstrations and participatory activities.

Also on the program:

- Civil War music and demonstrations of the roles of drummer boys
- A photo display of the 27th GVI, the local company formed at Redwine Methodist Church
- A display of the personal effects of the common soldier
- United Daughters of the Confederacy

Hand On Activities

- Sending and de-coding messages using the Morse code
- Sampling Civil War foods



Family Day sponsored by North Georgia Eye Clinic and Laser Center

Summer Camp 2013

Life Among the Cherokee



At the time of printing this newsletter, there are still a few spots left in both the June 10-14 and June 17-21 sessions of camp. Please call the History Center right away if you would like to register your child.

New Volunteers

Welcome to our newest Volunteers!

Austin Edmondson

Tom Reed

Bev Hall

Thank you all for what you do! We could not do this without you.



New Members

Welcome to our newest members!

Carol Johnson

Elizabeth Mavis



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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.

Coming Events

June 9	1:00- 4:00 p.m.	Family Day- "Civil War Encampment"
June 10-14	9:00-2:30	Summer Camp Session 1 "Life Among the Cherokee"
June 11	10:00 a.m.	Executive Committee Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Forum- Bill House- Local Historian- "The Templeton Reid Mint"
June 17-21	9:00-2:30	Summer Camp Session 2 "Life Among the Cherokee"
June 20	11:30 a.m.	Board of Directors Meeting

June Field Trips

Now that Summer is here we are having quite a few field trips booked.

- June 4 Dahlonga Country Day School
- June 20 Elite Academy
- June 25 NGHS Day Care
- June 27 Riverside Day School

Memorial Day



Thank you to our representatives in the Memorial Day Parade! Walking this year were: Jeff and Gayla Pierce, Glen Kyle, Caye Guidry, Beth Feizet, LaMerle Loveland, Rita Clifton, Myra Zimmerman, Melissa Jachelski, and Clint Daniel!