



## Northeast Georgia History Center

May 2015

### 2015 History Center

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## May Membership Drive

at the Northeast Georgia History Center

More Members, More History, More Fun!

The Northeast Georgia History Center has established itself as a valuable part of the Gainesville-Hall County and Northeast Georgia area for over a decade.

To fulfill our mission to preserve and share the history of our area, we have instilled in adults and children alike a sense of place and the importance of those who came before us.

We are focused on education for the whole family. Our ongoing monthly forums highlight special historical subjects; our family days add hands on activities; the rotating exhibits, as well as the experience of our permanent exhibits, the Freedom Garden and Whitepath Cabin, all add to the rich offerings of Membership in the History Center.

Most of you who read the newsletter are already members, because you believe in the mission we've set for ourselves. But we need your help (this month especially!) to spread the word; we earnestly solicit your support to recruit at least one new member for the History Center this month.

As one of many non-profit organizations that enhance our lives here in Northeast Georgia, we receive no government funding and rely TOTALLY on community support, from folks like YOU. Your membership and tax-deductible donations are crucial to the success of our mission.

So please, come for a visit, peruse our website, "like" us on Facebook, and RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER TODAY!

**Not yet a member?**

**Need to renew?**

**Here's how:**

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

**[www.negahc.org](http://www.negahc.org)**

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

### Northeast Georgia History Center Summer Camp

#### *The 1940s in North Georgia*

Session One – June 8-12, 2015 – 9:30am-2:30pm

Session Two – June 22-26, 2015 – 9:30am-2:30pm

Price:

- ◆ \$75 for History Center Member families,
- ◆ \$100 for non-Member families

Discount: 15% for each additional sibling

Ages: rising 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> graders

Join us for hands-on experiences, museum theatre performances, living history demonstrations, and field trips as we explore the 1940s. Day campers will meet Gainesville's African-American educator Beulah Rucker with a visit to the Rucker Museum and hear the poetry of North Georgia poet Byron Herbert Reece in Museum Theatre performances, take part in hands-on activities by performing their own Radio Show, write V-Mail and shop with Ration Coupons, see how electricity changed rural life as they practice daily life skills, drill with the Civil Defense, and swing to 1940s music!

To Register Contact: Rachel Phillips

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Children Participate in Civil Defense Drills

## Forum: Celebrate VE Day!



May 8, 2015 marks the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day (Victory in Europe), the day when the Allies achieved the unconditional surrender of Nazi Germany. Join the History Center only four days after, on **Tuesday, May 12** to hear the story of VE Day and the aftermath of Victory in Europe. Your own Executive Director, Glen Kyle, will speak on the military and political events leading up to VE Day, and Dr. Ric Kabat, Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Letters at the University of North Georgia, will discuss the legacy of those fateful days seventy years ago. Admission is \$3, but (as always) FREE for members.

## Volunteer Spotlight

If you asked Chris Slate what encouraged her and husband Michael to move permanently to Gainesville, she would say history and the love of water.

The history part is that her business, Southern Realty, is located in a house, 411 Green Street, that's on the National Historic Register. Chris is broker and owner of the business, and Michael has his technology office there.

The love-of-water part is Lake Lanier. Their home is on the lake.

Chris is also a promoter of the History Center, where she is serving her second year on the board. Many people "are not aware of the hidden gem we have

right her in the city of Gainesville," she said. "This is something we need to continue."

Chris is a member of the Gainesville Rotary, for which she chairs the district conference; she serves on the state tennis board of the U.S. Tennis Association; she's a sustained member of the Junior League, and she belongs to Girl Scout Troop 2012, a troop for adults. She's in charge of the annual campout, but tents are not involved. "If we're going to sleep somewhere," she said, "it's going to be in a low-rent hotel."

She's from Atlanta, but decided on Ole Miss as her college after a boy there offered to unpack her suitcase for her.



Chris Slate

She has worked on the History Center's membership committee and says it's unfortunate that "young people don't recognize the value" of history and the History Center.

If anybody can change that attitude, surely it's persuasive Chris Slate. You go, girl.

## FLUXUS



Join us for **FLUXUS** on May 30th! Our event is in its second year and began as the Northeast Georgia Festival of Museums. This collaborative effort of local arts and cultural organizations has grown to encompass **seven local attractions** including:

The Quinlan Visual Arts Center, Northeast Georgia History Center, Elachee Nature Science Center, INK the Interactive Neighborhood for Kids, the Historic Piedmont Hotel, the Beulah Rucker Educational Center and the Brenau Galleries.

Visit the website at [www.fluxus.rocks](http://www.fluxus.rocks) for more information.



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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

May 12	7 p.m.	Forum— <i>VE Day</i>
May 21	11:30 am-1:00 pm	Board of Director's Meeting
May 25		Memorial Day Open House (immediately following the Parade)
May 30	10:00-4:00	Fluxus

## Items of Interest

### *Honorariums & Memorials*

*In Honor of Martha Jacobs  
Patti Cornett*

*In Memory of John Jacobs, Jr.  
Patti Cornett*

### *New Members:*

*Richard Osborne*

*Rosalind & Frank  
Black*

*Brenda Layne*

*Welcome!*

### *A special Thank you to our*

### *Forum Door Prize sponsors!*

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