



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

A few days before Summer Camp in 2010, led by a love of history and a desire to give back to the community, a petite, soft-spoken lady dropped by the History Center and filled out a Volunteer Application form. Among the items she checked were “Summer Camps,” “hands-on activities with children,” and “sewing skills.” We called Susan Shockley right away and asked her to help as a camp volunteer. One of the major activities of the camp, *Gone for a Soldier*, was constructing replicas of Civil War drums. Susan patiently taught 20 girls and boys how to lace the drums and a whole lot more. Almost immediately, Susan Shockley became a very active volunteer, and the History Center quickly realized that a “jewel” had come to us.

In the short three years that Susan has volunteered, she has worn many hats. She serves as a docent for many of the school field trips and Scout groups, and also enjoys leading adult groups. Susan is also a member of the Family Day Committee, and has been an integral part of almost every Family Day since July 2010. She said she enjoys the challenge of coming up with new ideas for Family Day activities and working with visitors during Family Day to complete projects.

Susan Shockley enjoys an almost unique position with the History Center—not only is she a valued volunteer, she is also a part-time employee. In January of 2012, Susan became the Museum Shop (a.k.a. Gift Shop) manager, and is on duty every Friday and Saturday. Shortly after Susan became manager, the Museum Shop switched to a computerized sales and inventory program. Asked to describe challenges she has encountered as a volunteer, she stated, “My biggest challenge ever was putting all the inventory into the computer when we got it and making sure all the counts were accurate.” She added that is also challenging to select items to add to the inventory that will both reflect Family Day, Camp, or Forum themes and also have sales appeal.

Some of her most memorable experiences have been challenging, yet rewarding. “I really love being a docent and working on Family Days and Summer Camp. One time that stands out happened during summer camp, when we were teaching the kids how to make braided rag rugs. Some of them were a little slow starting out, but they caught on pretty fast and really seemed to



be enjoying it. Another one is from the *Old Timey School Days* Family Day. I was dressed up as a school marm from the 1800’s, set up down in the cabin with no air conditioning, in August, teaching kids a sample lesson and explaining what school used to be like. The kids loved it and I had a ton of fun.”

Susan is a “Brenau Girl,” earning a degree in Interior Design in 1983, and now resides in north Hall with her husband, John Henry. They have two grown sons, Jason and Matthew. Reading is a favorite hobby, as is sewing, especially costumes.

When she isn’t counting money or prepping for Family Day, Susan and John enjoy traveling. She said they have been on some amazing trips—one to Italy and the Greek Isles, one to Alaska, one to Tahiti and Hawaii, and a couple to the Caribbean. Closer to home, they have made several trips to Washington, D.C. with the “Tea Party” for different events.

Susan, the History Center is so glad you are part of our volunteers and staff, and look forward to a long, happy association.



A Haunted History Tour of the Queen City

October 25 & 26

TICKETS NOW ON SALE!

\$ 8-Members

\$10-Non-members

PURCHASE IN ADVANCE TO SECURE YOUR PLACE!

All walks have sold out each year since 2009!

- ◇ Seven walks each evening:
6:00, 6:20, 6:40, 7:00, 7:20,
7:40, 8:00 p.m.
- ◇ Not suitable for those with
limited mobility
- ◇ No children under 10 years
old

Forum

Please be sure to come to the History Center on Tuesday, October 8 as Dr. Jack Wynn again joins us for our monthly forum. Dr. Wynn will be speaking about the broad history of Native Americans in this region, starting 20,000 years ago and ending with forced removal west in 1838 during the Trail of Tears. The program begins at 7



Admission is FREE for members, only \$3 for non-members.

The Cherokee of Northeast Georgia: A Tribute to the 175th anniversary of the Trail of Tears

Special Program: Storytelling of Cherokee Legends by Gail Hogan at 1:30 and 2:30.

Ongoing Interactive Events, Exhibits, and Presentations:

- ◇ Trail of Tears Commemoration
- ◇ Cherokee Artifacts, courtesy of Joseph “Doc” Johnson
- ◇ Cherokee Foods
- ◇ Drumming and Drum Circles
- ◇ Corn-pounding
- ◇ Shooting & making blow guns
- ◇ Shooting bows & arrows
- ◇ Making anklets for jingle dances
- ◇ Making & playing a Cherokee Stick Game

And more...



Family Day sponsored by North Georgia Eye Clinic and Laser Center



Over Here and Over There: Georgia and Georgians in World War II

Comprised of 18 interpretive text panels, interactive artifact stations, ship and airplane models, and a military diorama, this exhibit explores the daily lives of Georgians on the home front and battle front during the Second World War. The exhibit provides a unique examination of Georgia’s citizens and their contributions to the war effort as well as localized, regional studies of the diverse civilian and military assets the state provided to the nation. A special local component will also include displays of regional and state artifacts related to Georgia's role in World War II.

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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

October 8	10:00 a.m.	Executive Committee Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Forum—The 175th Anniversary of the Trail of Tears
October 13	1:00– 4:00 p.m.	Family Day- The Cherokee of Northeast Georgia
October 17	11:30-1:00.	Board of Directors Meeting
October 25 & 26	6:00-10:00 p.m.	Ghost Walk

Memorials

In memory of Richard Leet

By Barbara & Fleming Weaver

In memory of Brent Jones

By Julie & Chris Carson and Amalie

Welcome to our newest members:

Asden and Ted Johnson

We are so glad to have you with us!