



Northeast Georgia History Center

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Sharon and Jim King are two folks who have always enjoyed "antiquing"... but they've had some wonderful opportunities to antique in some of the greatest places in the world! Their passion for history, coupled with their fascination of the unique, led to a collection of remarkable and eclectic items that represent everything from the Industrial Revolution to early chemistry to the pharaohs of ancient Egypt.



A special announcement was made at the History Center's Tenth Anniversary in May that the Kings had donated a significant portion of their wonderful collection to the museum! We couldn't be more excited about the donation and are pleased to announce that we'll be hosting an exhibit opening in October that highlights their collection and the stories it can help us tell. So be sure to check in next month's newsletter for more details, and join the History Center in appreciation for the curiosity AND generosity of Sharon and Jim King!



Not yet a member?
Need to renew?
Here's how:

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

Family Day

Family Day sponsored by North Georgia Eye Clinic and Laser Center

In recognition of the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War, the September Family Day will remember *Georgia's Civil War Soldiers and Those They Left Behind*. Area living history interpreters will present interactive programs on soldiers' day-to-day lives, both on the battlefields and in-between conflicts. Their demonstrations will include weaponry, drilling, setting up camp, and more. Visitors will have the opportunity to drill as did Civil War soldiers, both Blue and Gray. Samples of 1860's campfire fare will be available. Those in attendance may also learn

about the role of the Confederate Navy from Ken Johnston, director of the National Civil War Naval Museum at Port Columbus, and make a Civil War ironclad as one of the hands-on activities. Local Civil War history will be presented in an exhibit by the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

An exhibit by members of the General James Longstreet Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy plus an interactive exhibit, *Women's Roles During the Civil War*,



address the important roles women and families played during the War Between the States.



New Volunteers

Welcome New Volunteers

- Kay Ash
- Kathy Ashworth
- Molly Brannon
- Margie Dietz
- Christy Ho
- Gail Ingram
- Cassie Nix
- Deb Smith

If you want to become a History Center Volunteer, contact Julie Carson at 770 -297-5900 or jcarson@brenau.edu for an information form.

Forum

With the sesquicentennial of the Civil War upon us, it is only fitting that the History Center host a forum that addresses what many consider the most important campaign and series of battles in that war. In 1864, General William T. Sherman's army left Chattanooga and marched south targeting the railroads and the second most important manufacturing and transportation hub in the south: the relatively new city of Atlanta.



Historian Steve Davis will give an overview of the campaign, it's historical significance, and some of the more interesting details of personalities and events. Mr. Davis will draw much of his talk from his two books, *Atlanta Will Fall* and his most recent work *What the Yankees Did to Us: Sherman's Bombardment and Wrecking of Atlanta*.

Stephen Davis earned a PhD in American Studies, an MA from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and a BA from Emory University. His hobby since the fourth grade has been the Civil War, on which he has written more than one hundred articles. For over twenty years, he served as book review editor for Blue & Gray Magazine.

Join us on Tuesday, September 9th at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free for members and \$3.00 for non-members.

Volunteer Spotlight

You've heard the expression, "You can hear her smile through the phone."

Well, that's what Julie Carson says about Judy Barrett, who is stepping down as scheduler of volunteers for the History Center's front desk after five years. "Judy has been a dream to work with," Julie says.

Judy says her mother is in declining health and needs more of her attention, so she's leaving the scheduling to Janie Owen and Elaine Key.

Besides the desk—where she frequently subs at the last minute—Janie volunteers with Family Day, and she recently represented the

History Center at the First Presbyterian Volunteer Expo. Elaine regularly volunteers in the Museum Shop and can handle the desk and shop on one shift. She also has helped with Family Day and summer camp.

Both volunteers, Julie says, have been willing to tackle new tasks. No doubt they'll do well as desk schedulers.

Judy, who's been volunteering at the History Center for 11 years, says desk volunteers normally love people, and they enjoy talking with visitors. Some of those visitors, however, are in too much of a hurry to talk.

"I could tell you about a few people



Elaine Key, Judy Barrett, Janie Owen

who dash in and say, 'Where's the bathroom?'" she says.

Most of the desk people are retired, but some months—mainly December and summer months—are sometimes hard to fill, Judy says.

"We need more volunteers," she says. "It's a pleasant place to work."

And you, Judy, along with Janie and Elaine, make it even more pleasant. We appreciate you.



An Invitation to All* Educators!

*public, private, home school, college, all ages

Mark Wednesday, September 24, 3:30—6:30 p.m. on your calendar!

Make plans to attend a drop-in Open House especially for you at the Northeast Georgia History Center.

Enjoy free refreshments, free educational resources, tours, and door prizes! Become acquainted with teaching resources available to you through the History Center!

Call 770-297-5900 or email

jcarson@brenau.edu 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

September 9	10 a.m.	Executive Committee Meeting
	7 p.m.	Forum— <i>The Atlanta Campaign of 1864</i>
September 14	1:00-4:00	Family Day— <i>Georgia's Civil War Soldiers & Those They Left Behind</i>
September 18	11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Board of Directors Meeting
September 24	3:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.	Educator's Open House

Items of Interest

Save the Date:

Ghost Walk

Friday, October 24th &
Saturday, October 25th

Walks start at 6:00 p.m.

Last one departs at 8:00 p.m.

Save the Date:

Taste of History: Lunch with the First Ladies

Thursday, October 23rd

11:30 a.m.

New Member:

Max Corner

Welcome!

