

Speakers and Program Resources, 2014-15



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Living History (Civil War):

Ralph Mills, Confederate re-enactor: Soldier life—setting up camp/tents; drilling, weapons, uniforms, loading & firing muskets 770-536-8438; rmfarm@bellsouth.net

Mike Couch, Confederate re-enactor: Soldier life—setting up camp/tents; drilling, weapons, uniforms, loading & firing muskets, “rolling ammo” 770-530-6748; nawgie@windstream.net

Jimmie “Skip” Howard, Confederate re-enactor: Soldier life—setting up camp/tents; drilling, weapons, sets up “campaign display” of a variety of artifacts soldiers would have used; camp games and games of chance 770-869-3995; jimmiehoward@bellsouth.net

Jack Hulsey, Confederate re-enactor: Soldier life, weapons, uniforms, loading & firing muskets home phone 770-536-1654; cell 770-519-1425 pvtjack2@bellsouth.net

Jerry Gunn, Confederate re-enactor: Soldier life, camp life, weapons, uniforms, loading & firing muskets; (678) 559-5661; jgunn23@bellsouth.net

David French, Union re-enactor: Civil War music, uniforms and gear, loading & firing muskets; 706-372-3483; david.french1776@gmail.com (David is a junior at UNG-Dahlonega and also works)

Stephen Morrissey, Union re-enactor: Civil War drummer 678-644-0644; petermd4@aol.com (Stephen is a high school student in Cumming—contacts are his mom’s—Amy Morrissey)

Historical Societies

United Daughters of the Confederacy, General James Longstreet Chapter, Gail Mangum, President 770-312-4305; gailmangum@ymail.com

Daughters of the American Revolution, Christine Lanzing, Regent, William Candler Chapter, clanzing@hotmail.com

Sons of the American Revolution, Dr. Ed Rigel, Sr. President, GA Chapters of SAR, 770-534-7043; compatriotrigel@charter.net

Sons of the American Revolution Bruce Maney, Metro Region V.P.—using reproductions of artifacts, Mr. Maney presents programs to schools. 770-972-1751; milusbruce@aol.com

Craftsmen and women

Dean Smith, Folk Naturalist, Blacksmith, Beekeeper; 678-617-1821; deansmithphotography@gmail.com (Dean works full-time/part-time)

Clint Daniel Wood-turning and wood-working, genealogy home phone 770-297-7417; 404-626-6183 digger@bellsouth.net

GA Mountain Handspinners Guild contact: Mrs. Nora Sullivan Spinning, dyeing, weaving, Rug-braiding 706-864-7533; noram@windstream.net

Spinner/Weaver, Paula Puckett (retired art teacher)—dyes raw wool, spins, weaves, makes drop spindles, and more 770-983-2332; shesails2@aol.com

Speakers

Glen Kyle, Executive Director of History Center and adjunct professor at University of North Georgia. Presentations available on any number of topics from World or American History, with an emphasis on military conflict, usually including uniforms, artifacts, etc. office 770-297-5900
gkyle@brenau.edu

Dr. Steve Gurr, Retired Dean of Students at Gainesville State College and History Professor
Local and NE GA History, automobiles, railroads, old post cards and photos
stevegurr@charter.net

Gordon Sawyer, Author of several books on local and regional history; also World War II veteran
770-534-7642; gordonsawyer@bellsouth.net

Joe Whitaker, Areas of expertise include The Longstreet Society, Civil War, Hall Co. & Northeast Georgia, also a Veteran of Korean War era
home phone 770-536-1820 whitakerjoe2@aol.com

Robert Banks, Has meticulously researched and hand-stitched or hand-painted replicas of Civil War battle flags. He has 40+ flags to exhibit and explain. 678-617-1850; no e-mail

Christopher Worick, Gold mine research and gold mining; Chestatee Diving Bell recovery and restoration; 706-867-8613 cpworick@yahoo.com (works part-full time)

Jeff Pierce, Currently President, NE GA History Center Board of Directors, also historic preservationist and researcher; very familiar with Gainesville-Hall County history and buildings; 770-540-9526; james_pierce@bellsouth.net

Dr. Jack Wynn, Archaeologist with special interest in Cherokee and Creek cultures in Northeast Georgia; has led archaeological digs; currently working part time at UNG-Dahlonega; 706-867-2881; jack.wynn@ung.edu

Veterans

Community Resource Speakers

These are professionals available through their places of work:

Wanda Cannon

Extension Agent, in charge of the Hall County Master Gardeners' program and Jr. Master Gardeners' program; also writes a weekly garden column in *The Gainesville Times*
wcannon@hallcounty.org or 770-531-6988. The Hall County Extension Office is located at 734 E Crescent Drive, Suite 300, Gainesville, GA 30501

Tyler Sims (presents educational programs on conservation and also is very knowledgeable about the history and practices of hunting, trapping, and furs.)

Environmental Specialist 1

City of Gainesville Public Utilities Department

2461 Old Flowery Branch Road

Gainesville, GA 30504

770-532-7462

Also located in the same office are Brian Wiley and Jennifer Flowers (water conservation)

Caveat for using this list: Many of the resource people listed are volunteers, not necessarily full-time professionals, in the areas listed. Also, many of them work full- or part-time. The inclusion of their names on this list is not a guarantee that the men and women listed below will be available to visit your classroom or club, but that they are willing to do so when possible. When you contact a potential speaker from this list, please inquire whether they have a fee associated with their time; most do not charge for their time, but most would appreciate a contribution to cover their travel expenses.