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Invitation

Preservation Picnic

Please join us for our annual Preservation Picnic. Each year the NCHS recognizes those who have done significant work on restoring or renovating structures in the county including residential and commercial structures.

Recipients of the Preservation Awards are nominated by individuals in the community.

Saturday June 2nd

6:00PM-8:00PM

City Park (next to Male Academy)

Please bring a covered side dish.

*** We also invite you to bring friends and neighbors to introduce them to the Historical Society. This is a great opportunity for the public to see what we are about ***

Please RSVP
770-251-0207

From Wendee Miller

The Tour of Homes was a huge success! I would like to thank every one who was involved in my first Tour of Homes. The week of the tour was action packed. We had a booth at the Taste of Newnan selling Cajun bisque and handing out Mardi Gras beads. We also set up a table Friday evening at the art walk in downtown to sell Tour of Homes tickets. The weather was absolutely beautiful for the Tour of Homes. I look forward to begin working on 2008 Tour of Homes.

-Wendee Miller

From the President

Mark Mitchell

I want to join Wendee in thanking everyone who played a part in making this year's Tour of Homes a success. I especially want to thank the gracious homeowners who opened their beautiful homes up to the community. That is a huge commitment, and I heard nothing but positive comments from the homeowners about their experience. Of course thanks also go to all of the docents and other volunteers without whom the Tour would not have been possible.

Our next Historical Society event is of course the annual Preservation Picnic which is scheduled for June 2. We are going to change things a bit with this year's picnic and make it an event that can also be used to introduce people to the Historical Society who may not currently be involved. As I travel about the community I am always amazed at the people who are not familiar with the Historical Society or who have misperceptions about our mission and focus. I think the picnic can serve as an excellent opportunity to allow prospective new members to come and enjoy some good food and fellowship with us, so if you have friends or neighbors whom you believe would be interested in learning more about the Historical Society please invite them to join us.

As you know our activities typically slow down in the summer as people leave town for vacations, but that doesn't mean that Wendee and the Board aren't still hard at work planning for the fall. If you have ideas for programs or suggestions as to how we can make the Historical Society a better organization I would love to hear from you. Please feel free to call me at 770-683-8900 or email me at smmitchell@mckeelaw.com. Remember this is your organization.

-Mark Mitchell

Special points of interest:

- Preservation Picnic
- New in the Male Academy
- Seminar for volunteers
- Restore the Carnegie Building

Volunteer Docent Appreciation & Seminar

**Get
Involved**

On Thursday, May 31st, 6:30PM, The Male Academy will be hosting a get together for our volunteer docents. We will also hold a training session for new docents. Volunteers are needed on a regular basis for week days as well as weekends so that we can fulfill our mission and keep the museum open to the public.

The job of the Director is to publicize the Historical Society and raise funds to operate our facilities. In order to do this, she cannot be at the museum all the time. We need volunteers to staff the museum in her absence. The hours of the museum are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (9:30AM-12 & 1-2:30PM, Saturday and Sunday 2-5). Please look at your calendar and see if you can help! Learn about the museum and do your part to help share the history of Coweta County

For information please contact The Male Academy 770-251-0207

NEW SECTION

Items for Sale or Wanted Items

If you are looking for a particular item or would like to sell an item please submit this to the Male Academy nchs@newnanbiz.net or call 770-251-0207

Wanted:

- looking for a 10x10 canopy tent for outdoors 770-683-4600

Bring Back Carnegie!

The Greenville-LaGrange Neighborhood Assoc (GLNA) supports an effort to Bring Back the Carnegie building. There was a meeting held on Tues, May 22nd at "Something Special" to discuss bringing back the Carnegie Building as a reading library. The support in the community has been overwhelming and enthusiastic.

The Newnan Carnegie Library, erected in 1904, was the first endowed Carnegie library in Georgia.

The GLNA is in search of old photos of the interior of the building. So far they have heard many stories of memories of the interior but no photos have surfaced.

If you would like more info or have interior photos please contact Lauren Jones or Michael Boulas at 770-304-2504 or email info@greenvillelagrange.com

Calendar of Events

June 2nd Preservation Picnic

June 19th, 3pm-5pm-Dr Ferrol Sams autographing "Downtown" Scotts Bookstore

July 10th 3pm-4:30pm-Charles Kelly Barrow autographing "Black Confederates" Scotts Bookstore

July 20th 10pm- Release party "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows" Scotts Bookstore

July 24th time tba—Denise Jackson autographing "Its All About Him" Scotts Bookstore

Curators Corner

We have a new exhibit at the Male Academy. The cases in the hallway have hats that Representative Lynn Smith donated. Mrs. Smith donated over 300 hats and this is a tiny sample of the wonderful hats in this collection. Please stop by the museum and enjoy the hats on display

We have recently been awarded a grant from the Heritage Preservation Org. for a Conservation Assessment program. This grant will provide the service of two assessors. One to evaluate and make recommendations for our current collection storage process and facility and another to make recommendations for construction of a new facility. Our current storage facility does not meet any of the criteria for museum storage space and this assessment will provide us with the parameters to allow us to plan for a new facility. The assessment team will be in Newnan the end of July and we should have their report by the end of October.

-Dorothy Pope

Restorations in Newnan

Salbide Restorations was formed to transform and reclaim Salbide Avenue.

Salbide Avenue is part of the Cole Town Historic District, which is a collection of houses built to support the Cole Manufacturing Company. The projects on Salbide will completely rebuild 8 of 14 historic houses to current building code while preserving the original history and charm of the homes. In 2003 a plan to save Salbide was created by John Shaak. The following year John Young joined Mr. Shaak to form Salbide Restorations.

Become an Active Member

We would like more involvement from members.

Our board meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month 7:00 PM at the History Center (Train Depot)

If you would like to attend please contact the Male Academy Museum

We need your ideas and input.

You may call 770-251-0207 or email: nchs@newnanbiz.net

Congratulations!

The Historical Society gave scholarships in memory of Ruth Barker a long time volunteer.

The recipients of the scholarships were:

Newnan High—Katie Cason—Katie will be attending State Univ of West GA and plans to become a history teacher

East Coweta High—Leslie Munoz—Leslie will attend Oxford College of Emory Univ and plans to major in Anthropology

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Coming This Fall....

Look for exciting events coming this fall. Some ideas for fund raisers this fall are:

- Spirit Strolls
- Dinner with the Dead
- 5k Run in costume in October

A Tidbit on Newnan History

"The Train Wreck"

From the Augusta Daily Constitutionalist

April 16, 1862

"Dear Mr. Editor,

A very destructive smash up occurred last night about nine o'clock, four miles south of Newnan, with the foremost train carrying soldiers by this route towards Corinth, Miss. The train was a long one, having twenty-six boxcars and about a regiment of soldiers. None of the front boxes were completely wrecked and thrown off the track. Only one man was killed—Private G.A.N. Greene, of Lincoln County, TN. Some twenty-five, perhaps, are wounded, but none are considered dangerous. The wounded are left in Newnan—distributed in private houses. The train was detained here until nine o'clock this morning. Six horses were killed by the accident.

Yours Respectfully,

John E. Robinson

Atlanta (GA) Confederacy, April 17"

Preservation through Education

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The Depot History Center

The Depot History Center can be rented out for your events: Weddings, parties, luncheons, meetings. Please contact The Male Academy at 770-251-0207 or Elizabeth Beers at 770-253-0500 for information on