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of History is dedicated  
to preserving the  
history of Marietta  
and Cobb County by  
providing an educational,  
enlightening, and  
engaging experience.

# The HISTORIAN

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## THE MARIETTA ANTIQUE STREET FESTIVAL

Antiques, Autos and More



The Antique Street Festival took place under beautifully sunny skies that beckoned thousands of browsers to come out and enjoy the antique shopping. Car show participation was down, but the enthusiasm was not. Turn to the back to see a list of the winners.

We would like to thank our sponsors for helping us to make this event successful. We would also like to thank the Marietta Daily Journal for helping us get the word out.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

The Marietta Museum of History works to provide educational opportunities for our membership and our community. We host a number of lectures and events throughout the year. We are in the process of confirming the schedule for 2008. Look for details on upcoming events in the next issue of the Historian.



### Marietta P.D. Continued from front...

Griggs also attended the FBI National Academy, which was started by J. Edgar Hoover. In 1943, Chief Griggs was shot and nearly killed in a gun battle on Henderson Street. Chief Griggs wrote a letter to J. Edgar Hoover giving credit to his FBI National Academy training for saving his life. J. Edgar Hoover wrote back with some words of thanks and encouragement.

The Marietta Police Department is gathering old photos, documents and memorabilia, which would help the department document its history. Anyone who has an item of relevance, which the department could make a copy of, please contact Deputy Chief Billy Grogan at 770-794-5325 or by email at bgrogan@mariettaga.gov.



### 2007 History and Hubcaps Classic Car Show Winners

- Best in Show**  
**1965 Chevrolet Corvette**  
owned by Dennis and Noryne Russo
- 2nd Place**  
**1981 Delorean**  
owned by Ben Davis
- 3rd Place and Ladies Choice Winner**  
**1931 Ford Model A**  
owned by Don Lillie



### BOOK MATERIAL BEING SOUGHT FOR MARIETTA P.D.

The Marietta Police Department is in the early planning stages of putting together a departmental history book. Here are a few historical highlights of the department.

The Marietta Police Department has a rich tradition of service to the citizens of Marietta for many years. Although an exact start date for the department has not been located, evidence suggests the department was operational once Marietta was incorporated as a City in 1852.

Initially, the first law enforcement officer in Marietta was a City Marshall. The first known City Marshall in Marietta was J.T. Robertson in 1869. Periodically, the City Marshall was required to give a report to council enumerating the number of arrests, number of fines paid and number serving time in the Guard House. The City Marshall received a salary of \$25 a month.

In 1916, the City Council voted to put the entire police force in a full uniform and they agreed to pay for half the cost. At the time, the department cost \$3,000 a year to run and the Calaboose cost \$50.00. The City Marshall's salary was fixed at \$75 a month.

Harold Griggs served as Chief of Police for seven years in the 1940s. Chief

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Coming  
Soon



A COLLECTION OF  
Collections

Exhibit Begins  
January 26, 2008

Marietta Museum of History  
Next to the  
Welcome Center at  
Marietta Square

Monday - Saturday  
10 am - 4 pm  
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“America’s nonprofit sector currently confronts a variety of challenges that it only dimly understands and for which it is not well prepared. These challenges include: ...expanded competition from for-profit providers; increased accountability pressures; rapidly changing communications technology; and many more.  
- The Aspen Institute

There **are** many challenges

that nonprofit organizations face today. But while the think tanks take nonprofits to task, I find many positive aspects in the nonprofit world of the Marietta Museum of History.

First, I am truly blessed to be working with such a great group of people. Both our staff and our volunteers make the Museum a great place to be. I believe people that work at nonprofits are a special breed and have chosen to do so because they care about what they are doing. They have chosen to be here. And because we love what we do, we have fun.

Second, while the financial challenges are always present, we have done a great job of cutting expenses. Almost all of our expenses are down from last year. At the same time we are doing more and getting more exposure. As our budget has gone down, our creativity has (necessarily) gone up. In fact, at the Marietta Museum of History creativity abounds! Even with a budget cut to deal with, I could not imagine being anywhere else.

You probably noticed that our newsletter, ads, and all other publications have a new look designed by our PR Department, also known as Mary K. The changes inspired Volunteer Webmaster Amanda Canup to redesign our web page. If we had paid for this redesign, it would have cost us “big bucks!” But instead it was a labor of love and now it has won an award from the Southeastern Museum Conference.

Registrar Christa keeps us on track and is repacking and organizing the storerooms to create more space. Curator Amy is always checking the latest exhibit trends and is sprucing up our displays with new artifacts and vignettes. Together they will soon create a new exhibit entitled **A Collection of Collections**.

“Jack of all trades,” Dan is working with **TV23** interviewing “old timers.” If you miss his show on the air, you can view a recording of **Talking History with Dan Cox** at [www.cobbcountyga.gov/history/video.htm](http://www.cobbcountyga.gov/history/video.htm).

What am I doing? I am busy on a speaking circuit, going to business fairs and to networking events spreading the word about the MMH. My “company uniform” changes depending on my speaking engagement. Sometimes it’s a Civil War era ball gown and sometimes it’s an old set of *Rosie the Riveter’s* coveralls. Where else can a woman my age play “dress-up” and get paid for it?

Costumed appearances may seem silly to some, but we get talked about. We have been on radio and in the newspapers. People talk about us. You talk about us! And that is the point! We want people to know about the Museum and what a wonderful place it is! We can’t fly it from a plane, so we will do what we can. If we have fun along the way or bring a smile to someone’s face, then it’s a bonus and we have had a great day!

Come join the fun.



Jan

As many of you can attest, raising a toddler can be an exhausting yet amazingly fun and inspirational time in a person’s life. My two-year-old son, Justin, has truly been an inspiration for me as I plan each month’s Museum Mice Toddler Tours. One of the things I love most about my job is that it is ever-changing, so I am always doing something different.

The toddler tours are a great example of this. While leading them I get to read children’s books, create fun crafts like mini Civil War drums, and explore some of our objects on display from a fresh, young perspective. Toddlers have a way of getting excited about the simplest things like the sound a tuba makes or identifying the shape of a record. As a curator, it is a reminder to me how important objects from



our past truly are. Not just for their historical significance but also for their value as basic learning tools.

I want to again thank Marilyn Rose for her creation of



our museum mice mascots, Murray and Etta. The children love them! The tours have been a great success so far with an average of 12 toddlers and their parents attending each month.

Museum Mice  
Tours for Toddlers & Parents  
10:30 a.m.

- October 10 Dressing Up with Murray & Etta
- November 14 Etta’s Favorite Colors
- December 12 Murray’s Cool Tools

Update on Exhibits

The newest display that we have put together is our 1930s beauty shop. I can’t tell you how much fun it is listening to the stories our visitors have told us about their past experiences with a permanent wave machine like the one on display! Images of the mythical Medusa are brought forth as you imagine sitting under such a machine for six hours. These types of displays are great for reminding us how far we have come technologically and scientifically in the past decade.

Always look for new items on display in our Military Gallery. We are still in the process of moving these displays into the new gallery space and



we have greatly enjoyed bringing out new items from our storage such as George Fergus’ WWII uniform, a M1 Carbine paratroopers gun, and U.S. Army uniforms from 1912 and 1915.

Looking ahead, the *Something Old, Something New* wedding ensembles will come down in January to make room for the new “Collection of Collections” exhibit. Also in the works is the new Andrews bedroom. And finally, look for our mini displays at Cobb County libraries. The next installments will be at the main library’s Georgia Room and at the Mountain View and West Cobb locations.

-Amy

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

by Christa McCay

Bottles, Bottles, everywhere. The Museum recently received a large collection of bottles that were unearthed at the construction site of the former Clay Homes. The bottles in the background include a medicine bottle from Allen’s Drugstore and old soda bottles.

Another recent donation to the Museum was made by Mr. O.M. Dodgen. Mr. Dodgen was a Marine during World War II and was kind enough to give us his green Marine jacket, his canvas bag and a green undershirt, which often ends up in the rag pile. Dan Cox is currently working on a display in our military gallery that will include Mr. Dodgen’s new donations.

If you would like to make a donation to the Marietta Museum of History please contact the Registrar, Christa McCay at 770-794-5726 or by email at [christa@mariettahistory.org](mailto:christa@mariettahistory.org).

