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providing an educational,
enlightening, and
engaging experience.

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New
Exhibit



*Disasters
and Dilemmas
of Cobb County*



Marietta Museum of History Lecture Series

Join us for our monthly Lecture Series.
Admission is free to members
and \$5/Non-Member

BROWN BAG BANTER • OCTOBER 15 • 11:30am

Approximately seventy thousand souls lay at rest in Atlanta's historic Oakland Cemetery. Local Author Cathy Kaemmerlen shares the stories of the famous men and women buried in this historic cemetery. Always an animated speaker, Kaemmerlen will give a spirited talk about her book, *The Historic Oakland Cemetery of Atlanta: Speaking Stones*.

EVENING WITH HISTORY • NOVEMBER 19 • 7pm

A small Georgia town struggles with the sacrifices of WWII America. Christmas is no exception. The true meaning of "good will toward men" becomes poignant on Christmas Eve 1943. The movie is called *My Christmas Soldier* and local actor and producer Jeff Rose, currently appearing in the Lifetime Network show "Army Wives," will be here to talk about the movie and its making.



Museum Mice Tours • 10:30 am Second Wednesday of Each Month

Recognized by the Georgia Association of Museums and Galleries as the *Education Program of the Year*, these tours for toddlers and their parents have grown in popularity. Reservations help us ensure appropriate staffing. Admission is \$5 per family. Call 770-794-5710 for you reservation today!

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The Marietta Antique Street Festival has been attracting shoppers and visitors to the Marietta Square for 17 years for antiques and one-of-a-kind treasures. Over the years, a classic car show and other elements have been added, and attendance has risen to 10,000 visitors.



This year, the festival is bigger and better than ever with an updated name and a new focus on Georgia pride. Shoppers will support the local economy when they shop our antique dealers and artisans from Georgia. The **Marietta Square Farmers**

Market will feature fresh, locally grown produce and garden products. The **Trash or Treasure Show**, featuring Mark Maxwell of the Bronze Monkey, will entertain with verbal approximations for festival goers that bring in a family heirloom for consideration.

And don't forget the **Hubcaps and History Classic Car Show** featuring original and restored original cars 25 years and older. The winners are selected by popular vote.

Want to learn more about the Marietta StreetFest? Visit www.MariettaStreetFest.com.

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Next to the
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“History teaches everything including the future.”
 -Lamartine

PINK FLAMINGOS?

Pink flamingos, flowered shirts, palm trees and Santa Claus all on the Marietta Square in July?! What is going on? It was all part of the 5th annual Christmas in July event presented by the Marietta Merchants. What an awesome event! Some have asked why and how is the Museum involved? Well, I will tell you....

Three years ago, the History Museum had a Christmas in July event with author Carol Aebersold reading and signing her book **Elf on the Shelf**. This was the launch of our Museum Mice Tours. We planned our event unaware that the Merchants also had an event by the same name with a private shopping night. After recovering from the festivities, I approached the Merchants about combining our efforts.

During the next year I learned our very own volunteer, Dan Wilmarth, was president of Cobb Christmas and that they were worried because they had lost one of their most successful fundraising events, which was a – guess what?– Christmas in July party! So.....you already know what comes next! We all joined forces and lived happily ever after! This year was bigger and better than ever! More kids, more crafts, and more story times. In the end, the merchants presented Cobb Christmas a check for \$2,400. Merry Christmas everyone!



- JAN

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Curator's Corner



As the saying goes, “time flies when you’re having fun!” We’ve just had a very busy and exciting summer!

Our Museum Mice toddler tours have been extremely popular with monthly attendee numbers as high as 90 people. We now advertise “Reservations Required” so that we can be better prepared with adequate

supplies and staff members to give the tours.

The **Disasters and Dilemmas** exhibit has been positively received. The flight simulator is popular with young and old trying their hand at flying and landing the different planes available.

I was especially excited last month with the arrival of our new, larger exhibit case for our **Women in the Military** display. Not only does it provide a larger and more stately backdrop appropriate for these uniforms, but it also freed up numerous smaller cases for use elsewhere in the museum. We took the opportunity to “rest” some of the uniforms that have been out for awhile and bring out new ones from storage including a 1950s Air Force uniform (pictured right) worn by Maidie Stanley of Marietta. Ms. Stanley began her military career by



joining the Women’s Army Auxiliary Corps after graduating from Marietta High School in 1932. Her numerous service medals and rank

insignia are also on display.

As you all know, we are constantly putting out new displays and changing items so be sure to visit again soon to see what new treasures we are currently showing!

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

by Christa McCay



One of the greatest pleasures of with working in the Museum’s collection is within our textiles collection. This summer has seen our textile collection grow to include more items from the late 19th and early 20th century. One morning we were surprised with a large collection of fabulous women’s dresses, intricately-detailed with seed pearls and embroidery. Beautiful ivory and cream colored dresses that were the height of fashion from the 1880s to the 1910s. Included with the dresses were ladies shoes to match. Many of these dresses were made for lavish events and gatherings.

A few weeks later we received another fascinating women’s textile donation with fashions made to serve a much different purpose. Dresses and clothing made of black fabric made specifically for mourning. Dated from around 1915, these dresses are simple and unadorned.

To “top it off,” a collection of stunning hats was donated by Museum Member Pam Flournoy. The hats (shown left) belonged to her mother-in-law, Myrtise Flournoy, mother of the late Mayor Robert Flournoy, Jr. Beautifully constructed with feathers, netting and faux flowers, these hats were a part of women’s everyday accessories for many years.



All of the clothing that we receive represents an era gone by and the Museum thanks everyone for their contribution to our growing collection.

☆☆☆ Check out the Collections blog at <http://mmhcollections.blogspot.com>