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## UPCOMING EVENTS

The Marietta Museum of History works hard to provide educational opportunities for our membership and our community. With that in mind, we have put together the following lecture series. These events are open to the public and free for members. Some events require advance registration where noted.

**Lunch and Learn Event**  
**May 24, 2007, 11:30 am - 1 pm**

Page Culbertson of Merrill Lynch will discuss how your philanthropic giving affects other aspects of your financial planning. Boxed lunch from Gabriels is complimentary at this event. Reservations are required. For more details, see page 2.

**Lunch and Learn Event**  
**June 14, 2007, 11:30 am**

Show your patriotic colors on Flag Day. Joining us will be World War II Bomber Pilot and local hero **Harry Livingston** to talk about his harrowing experiences as a captured American POW in Nazi Germany. You won't want to miss your chance to see this living treasure of Marietta. Bring your brown bag lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. Reservations are requested.

**Lunch and Learn Event**  
**July 25, 2007, 11:30 am**

It's Christmas in July! Take a break from the heat and bring your kids to the museum to hear Local Author **Carol Aebersold** read her popular book, *The Elf on the Shelf*. After story time, the author will be available to sign books. You can even get in a little early Christmas shopping as we will have our annual sale in the gift shop all week from July 23-28. Reservations are requested for story time.

**Hubcaps and History Antique Car Show**  
**Saturday, September 15, 2007, 10 am - 4 pm**

Check out the antique cars at the car show hosted by the Marietta Museum of History during the Marietta Antique Street Festival on the Square.

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## lil' chickens of marietta to benefit Museum



**T**he lil' chickens of marietta are coming! They're still eggs right now, but this summer will bring a flock of colorful lil' chickens to Marietta's streets. This public art project, based on other projects across the country, will highlight the work of local artists. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the Museum and other area nonprofits. As a

partner in the effort, the Museum will receive a percentage from each sale of a chicken at the Silver or Gold Level.

The Museum will also have its own chicken on display thanks to a generous donation by The Friends of the Marietta Museum of History. Marilyn Rose, creator of our Museum Mice has created a fun design which will delight locals and visitors when it is displayed on the cobble walk outside the Museum entrance.

For more information on how to sponsor a lil' chicken, or for more details on the project, please contact the lil' chickens of marietta at [lilchickensofmarietta@comcast.net](mailto:lilchickensofmarietta@comcast.net); by telephone at 770-422-5266; or by picking up a brochure at one of our supporting organizations: The Junior League of Cobb-Marietta, the Cobb-Marietta Museum of Art or the Marietta Museum of History.



*Featured at right is the proposed design for the Museum's lil' chicken designed by Marilyn W. Rose. Below: A photograph from Museum Archives features "Vera" circa 1920.*



## Temporary Exhibit

### The DuPre Gun Collection



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

Monday - Saturday  
 10 am - 4 pm  
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The Marietta Museum of History is dedicated to preserving the history of Marietta and Cobb County by providing an educational, enlightening and engaging experience. That's how our mission reads and in 2007 there are many educational experiences to choose from.

Our Education Department has made great strides in the last year to provide many new experiences for students. You can read about some of the new programs in the Education Department insert in this newsletter. We are also offering a variety of learning opportunities for members and for our community through our lecture series. We have listened to feedback and have structured some events during the daytime to fit into a lunch hour. These events are featured as Lunch and Learn events where attendees can bring their lunch and listen to an interesting speaker. Our Evening with History lectures begin at 7 pm and sometimes include a book signing.

Of particular interest is the upcoming Lunch and Learn on May 24th with Page Culbertson. He will talk about how charitable giving fits into financial planning. We have a special treat for attendees of this Lunch and Learn. Lunch will be provided at no charge, so be sure to call to reserve your box lunch from Gabriels by May 21st.

We are also looking forward to seeing Mr. Harry Livingston, a true Marietta treasure, in the Museum on Flag Day to talk about his experiences as a POW in Nazi Germany during World War II. Children and parents will get a chance to come in out of the heat to enjoy Christmas in July with Elf on the Shelf author Carol Aebersold. Then we will ride off into the fall at the September Hubcaps and History Antique Car Show on the Marietta Square.

Come join us. We're waiting for you.



Thursday, April 12, 2007 Marietta Lions Club President Ralf Slaughter presented Marietta Museum of History Director Jan Galt a check to be used towards the completion of the Museums' new Military Gallery. Over the past two years the Marietta Lions Club has donated \$1500 to the Museum for the new gallery.

Hello everyone! I want to tell you about lots of changes going on at the museum. First, our new wedding gown exhibit, SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING NEW...THE BEAUTY AND GRACE OF BRIDAL ENSEMBLES has been a great success. We have already received new donations of circa 1940 wedding trousseau items because of it! The exhibit will be up through January 2008, but a third of the dresses on display will be rotated out in July. This is done to help us to maintain the integrity of our textiles, but it will also allow visitors to see our entire collection of beautiful gowns.

There are also some changes happening in our military collection. A portion of our collection has been moved, including our large DuPre gun collection, into the space previously occupied by the quilt exhibit. Once the existing military gallery is clear of the remaining items, I will have more space to expand our local history exhibits. I am excited to have more space to showcase certain local businesses and lifestyles from Marietta's past!

Of course, I am always looking for items on my "museum wish list" to prepare for these new displays. Some items that I still need include a barber chair to go into our circa 1930s Beauty Shop vignette; an actual Brumby Rocker for our Brumby Chair Company display, a working loom to demonstrate the art of weaving to our school children in our Early Marietta Settlers section,



and any Creek or Cherokee Native American items to expand that particular area. If you know anyone who might be interested in donating these items, or any other items of local interest, please have them contact us here at the museum.

Another new exhibit to look forward to is the recreation of the Andrew's Raiders' hotel bedroom in our current Civil War gallery. The Civil War items will be moving into the new military history gallery, allowing for an expanded exhibit on the important role that the Kennesaw House played in the Great Locomotive Chase.

Finally, I have spoken to Deputy Chief Billy Grogan of the Marietta Police Department about locating images to include in a book he is writing on the history of the department. He has many interesting stories about past police encounters, but is looking for photographs to include in the

book. After searching our museum archives, I found that we are also lacking in this area. If you know of anyone who might have photographs or artifacts relating to the MPD or events that they might have been involved in, please contact us. We always accept copies of photographs if the owner does not wish to part with their originals.

Thanks and Happy Spring!

Amy

**RECENT ACQUISITIONS**

by Christa McCay

The Marietta Museum of History staff was recently invited to the Bostwick-Fraser-Sanger House Estate Sale on Fraser Street. The museum acquired numerous items at the sale, much of which was paid for by the kind contributions of generous museum members. Some of the most impressive items included an Eastlake style dresser with a marble top and mirror and a foot-pedal rocking cradle. Also acquired at the Estate Sale, a beautiful Empire waist gown with metallic thread detail, which the museum dates to about 1815. Other recent donations include three quilts dating from the 1880s to the 1930s all from the Cobb County area. The museum is always willing to accept donations that would help in telling the history of Marietta and Cobb County. If you think you might have something of interest then please stop on by and see us or contact us by email at [christa@mariettahistory.org](mailto:christa@mariettahistory.org)

Below: Quilt acquired at Bostwick-Fraser-Sanger House features the embroidered signatures of dozens of quilters.





**MMH KICKS OFF ETIQUETTE CLASSES** *CS*

In the early centuries, only royalty was taught the proper rules of etiquette. Today, everyone is free to learn etiquette allowing us to be in command of our behavior everywhere we go. For this reason, high society is not inaccessible—it is something that can be prepared for and achieved.

The Marietta Museum of History has recently become a resource for young people to learn etiquette. Twelve young ladies from St. Joseph’s Catholic School are currently enrolled in the museum’s first Etiquette Class. The program, which began Monday March 19, is a five week series to teach social graces to girls in grades 6 and 7. The classes include dining etiquette, introductions, telephone etiquette, thank you notes, poise, manners for social occasions and respect and courtesy of others. The class is also an opportunity for each girl to develop self confidence as well as leadership skills.

Classes are being taught by several Museum staff members. Guest speakers are also contributing in their area of expertise including one “celebrity guest.” Jenny Black, Miss Cobb County 2005, spoke with the young ladies about the importance of developing one’s own skills and pursuing an education.

The final class will put some of their newly acquired skills to the test. Pam Downs, President of Tea and Traditions, has partnered with the Museum to hold a tea for the young ladies of the etiquette class at her Tea Room located on Whitlock Avenue.

In addition to classes being held at the Museum, our Education Department partnered with Barnes and Noble at the Avenue at West Cobb to hold an etiquette event for children on a Friday evening in April based on the American Girl Book Series. Costumed junior docents, staff members and interns introduced young readers to manners and dress of an era gone by.

Etiquette Classes at the Museum will continue to be offered to different age groups throughout the spring and summer.

*Top Right:* Former Miss Cobb County Jenny Black “crowns” Colleen Burke during etiquette class. *Bottom Right:* KSU student and Museum Intern Abby Weston models a historic costume during a class at Barnes and Noble.

*“The gracious hostess has been well trained... Her social skills reflect her respect for all people. She is able to make each one feel special and transforms every occasion with her unique touch.”*

*- Ann Platz*



**Intern Program**

The Museum has an internship program which is coordinated through local high schools and colleges. Over the years this program has benefitted both the students and the museum—and sometimes in unexpected ways. Through our relationship with Kennesaw State University, we were recently introduced to KSU International Faculty Member Balapan Ibrasheva. Ms. Ibrasheva volunteered her unique ability to translate Russian propaganda posters for the Museum’s Military Exhibit. Pictured at left are Museum Intern Abby Weston and Balapan (Buka) Ibrasheva (right).



### LIVING HISTORY PROGRAM A SUCCESS

The museum recently wrapped up its collaboration with Davis Elementary School on a pilot history project. The Living History program was created to fulfill the Cobb County School District's requirement for learning on the Revolutionary War. Teachers at Davis Elementary were looking for an innovative, and worked with our Education Department to help shape a program that can now be shared with many schools.

The project received much attention from the Cobb County School District's office which attended the events. Even more exciting for the kids is that a video of the final event is now appearing on the Cobb Ed TV Channel 24 and on the Cobb School District's Website.

Many exciting activities were a part of the program. First, Mr. Larry Guzy, Revolutionary War Re-Enactor, came to the school in costume to give a presentation on Georgia's role during that war. Afterward, he took many questions from an enthusiastic audience.

Next, museum staff came in costume and made a



presentation on women's Colonial fashion and etiquette. They also provided 5 activities and materials for the students to experience for themselves a small part of living in the Colonies.

Parents played a crucial role in the activities as directors of the experience in the fourth grade classrooms. They also provided much support for the final event in which the students were the stars.

A Wax Museum Event was the culmination of their Revolutionary War unit. On that evening, students became Revolutionary figures in costume and presented interesting facts to an audience of parents, faculty and School District Representatives. Bonnie Popienko, 4th grade teacher, took the lead on this project and coordinated the evening program. The museum provided support for the event through consulting, public relations and by attendance at the events in costume.

This was truly a group effort and considered a success giving many happy students irreplaceable memories of the Revolutionary War.



### VOLUNTEERS HELPING FULFILL OUR MISSION

As an educational resource in Cobb County, the Marietta Museum of History is constantly seeking new ways to meet the needs of Cobb educators and students. A popular request that we often receive from schools is for guest speakers. Recently, MMH volunteer and avid relic hunter Jim Black fulfilled a request to speak to the ROTC Program students at Kennesaw Mountain High School.

In his role as Docent, Jim is a museum favorite for his unique talent in bringing all aspects of the Civil War to life. His love of history and years of research made him a perfect fit for this group of students.

During his presentation, Jim described several Civil War Battles in detail and provided important military statistics. Living conditions of soldiers and prisoners was another theme in his discussion, and he touched on medical procedures and the spread of disease.

An important element of his Civil War presentation

is Jim's ability to reveal the humanity of soldiers facing horrible conditions. He recounts surprising stories of kindnesses that sometimes occurred in spite of the brutality of the mission.

Jim finished his discussion sharing stories from his over thirty years spent as a relic hunter.

We are privileged to have committed volunteers like Jim Black (pictured right) here at the Museum who fill valuable roles which allow us to stay true to our mission.

