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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.

2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

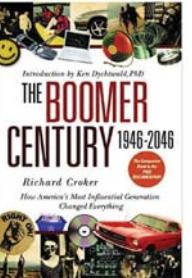


Museum Mice Tours • 10:30 am Second Wednesday of Each Month

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.

June 5 • 7 pm • Evening with History

The Baby Boom Generation has transformed every stage of life they've passed through. *The Boomer Century*



is the companion book to the PBS documentary of the same name. Join author **Richard Croker** as he talks about his book that studies the massive Boomer Generation; past, present and future.

MARIETTA ANTIQUE STREET FESTIVAL

September 20 • Historic Marietta Square

This premiere festival draws over 75 quality antique dealers from around Georgia. Their specialties range from unique collector's items to fine furniture and home decorations. A great selection of glass, porcelains, linens, bottles and collectibles will be available.

September 4 • 7 pm • Evening with History

Baseball has left a rich legacy on the city of Atlanta. Generations of people have enjoyed the sport as spectators and players in both amateur and professional leagues. Archivist **Paul Crater** will explore this legacy through pictures and tales from his book, *Baseball in Atlanta*. (Little League Month)

October 7 • 7 pm • Evening with History

The Crystal Palace was a wrought iron and glass building erected in London to house the Great Exhibition of 1851. After the exhibition, the building was moved to Sydenham Hill. It was enlarged and stood until 1936, when it was destroyed by fire. Learn more about this fascinating building from Master Glassblower **Don Lillie**.

November 6 • 7 pm • Evening with History

Richard Croker returns to paint an indelible picture of the Civil War. Richard is the author of *To Make Men Free* and *No Greater Courage*, works that he calls "unfiction."

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SALUTE to the MILITARY APRIL 5, 2008



Over 250 guests filled the Museum for our Military Gallery Opening on April 5th. Special guests included Harry Livingston, Jr. and Jim Black (top left) who served as official ribbon cutters. Also on hand to celebrate were Col. Heath Nuckolls, C.O. of Dobbins Air Force Base and Capt. Charles Mingonet, Jr., C.O. of NAS Atlanta (top right). Pictured bottom left is former Board President Mary Ladd standing near the case containing her 1980s Air Force fatigues.

The Military Gallery was completed after a 2-year fundraising campaign. New custom cases were the last item purchased in order to finish the gallery. Countless hours of volunteer and staff time went into the completion of this new exhibit which has become a favorite among visitors. We would like to again thank the Museum Mauraders and our many volunteers who helped make this dream a reality.

Rotating Exhibit

A Collection of Collections

Oodles of Oddities

June 2, 2008 - June 2, 2009

From baseballs to bird eggs, from seashells to swizzle sticks! Come see our collection of the things people collect.

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

Monday - Saturday
10 am - 4 pm
[\(770\)794-5710](http://www.mariettahistory.org)



★ NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

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“I volunteer because my wife told me to get out of the house.

- Chet Ladd



I have said it before—my favorite part of this job is getting to meet such interesting people. Especially the volunteers! Over the years I have gotten to know some of Cobb County's neatest and coolest people.

I went to school with Bob and Barbara Norton's son, but never would have gotten to know them if it were not for the Museum. Now I go to "Uncle Bob's" house every year for their Christmas Open House. Where would I have met Jim Black if not at the Marietta Museum of History? Jim logs more hours than anyone I know, so we have spent a lot of time together. In fact, Jim won the annual Top Volunteer Award for hours worked so many times in a row that we finally retired the award.

I will take credit for getting this year's Georgia Association of Museums and Gallery's Volunteer of the Year Amanda Canup started with the Museum. Amanda wanted to volunteer, but her time was limited since she had a full-time job. I said we needed help with special events and technology; that is when she looked at our website. She has now redesigned it twice in her tenure with us and it is AWESOME! Lorraine Coyle came to us several years ago, and I learned that her husband was a furniture salesman that called on my father at Lindsey-Galt Furniture and that her son was one of MY favorite sales reps!

Ron Mason, Chet Ladd and John Powers are our get down and dirty crew! They will transport, rearrange, lift, tinker with or build anything. They are also pretty fun to hang out with.

It is always sad to me when volunteers leave us. I feel we lost our "fashion consultant" when Helen Brumby retired. She knew all the ins and outs of fashion. Anne Smith always had a kind word and an infectious smile. We yearn for Laura Lee's advice on school tours and teacher resources.

Volunteers are so important to us! In the next couple of newsletters we will be spotlighting volunteers. We are forever indebted to our volunteers! Our volunteers log enough hours to equal two full-time staff people. We would never be able to function without them, nor would we want to! I hope that you will enjoy getting to know them as much as I have!

- Jan



Above: Jan works on an exhibit. Left: John Powers at the Military Gallery work party. Above Right: Jim Black puts finishing touches on the gun display.

THE CURATOR'S CORNER

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ey Everyone! Have your summer vacation plans changed because of the rising gas prices? Are you scared to fill up your pool or let your kids run in the sprinkler because of the drought? Are you looking for fun, inexpensive ways to entertain summer company? If you said yes to any of these questions, I have the answer for you! I am excited to introduce two new exhibits this summer that are sure to bring out your childhood memories **AND** entertain your children!

First will be **A Collection of Collections: Oddles of Oddities** opening on June 2 in the Homelife Gallery. We will feature numerous

collections of rare and unique items that people have donated through the years. Especially fun will be the collections of dolls, antique toys, campaign buttons, spoons, hatpins and post cards just to name a few! Your little ones will love Murray and Etta's Creation Station where we will have fun crafts and games related to collections.

The second new exhibit to be completed is **A Century of Adventures: Scouting in Cobb County**. I have put on display several Boy Scout and Girl Scout items from the 1910s to the 1980s, and will soon be working on a Campfire Girls exhibit as well. Did you know that the Marietta Boy Scout Troop #2 was one of the first in the nation when it

was created in 1911? Did you know that all of the beautiful draperies throughout the General History Gallery came from the Savannah home of Girl Scout Founder Juliet Gordon Low? Come soon to relive your scouting memories, and bring your young scouts along to enjoy this new permanent display.

- Amy



RECENT ACQUISITIONS

by Christa McCay

In the Valley of the Dolls (aka Christa's Office)



When I am asked to write about items recently donated to the Museum's ever-growing collections, I usually cover a small list of interesting but unrelated items. This time, there is one special donation that has not only captured all my attention, but has completely changed the layout of my office. This bequest given by Jeanne Mauldin is the largest single donation the museum has received to date.

Ms. Mauldin was an avid doll collector. She put a lot of time into her hobby, and had the forethought to name the Marietta Museum of History in her will in order to keep her dolls together as a collection.

The collection includes dolls primarily of the 20th century and a large number of advertising icons. The dolls are all different shapes, sizes and types. Notable dolls include an early 1870s doll, several 1930s Shirley Temple dolls and a 1960s Patty Playpal. The advertising portion of the collection represents well-known characters like the Pillsbury Doughboy, Poppin' Fresh, the Jolly Green Giant and the Campbell's Soup kids.

After 4 days of packing and loading the Museum's van numerous times, the third floor of the Museum (and my office) is bursting with dolls and doll accessories. Now you may be wondering exactly how many dolls could one person have? Well, the total number of boxes came to 122. But not all of the dolls could fit in boxes since some are 3 feet tall! I had the pleasure of inventorying the entire collection and a number of accessories, which totaled around 1,950.

The collection will be out in stages allowing us to make multiple exhibits out of just this one collection. The first display from this collection can be seen in the **Collection of Collections** exhibit early in June.

Membership Notes

We are excited to announce that MMH memberships at the Gold Level and up will now receive the added benefit of our participation in the Southeastern Reciprocal Museum Program. See the website at www.MariettaHistory.org for details. We will be talking more about the advantages of membership in the summer edition of **The Historian**.