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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 LECTURE SERIES

### March 13 • 7 pm • Evening With History

Learn the time-honored traditions and stories behind true "Southern Cooking" with our own Local Celebrity Chef and Entrepreneur **Johnnie Gabriel**. (Women's History Month). Light refreshments provided.

### April 16 • 11:30 am • Lunch and Learn

Local Golden Kiwanian, former Dupre's Associate and Retired Chattahoochee Tech Instructor **John Thomason** shares stories and remembrances of growing up in rural Northern Georgia. Remember the days when you made your own ropes and washed your overalls in lye? Even if you don't, you'll enjoy hearing about the way it was.

### April 21 • 7 pm • Evening With History

Enjoy a Rocking Chair reminiscence on the history of aircraft manufacturing in the Metropolitan Area. Join Aviation Museum President **Robert Ormsby** and former Lockheed VIPs **Sherman Martin**, **Lou Ann Basham**, **Charles Ferguson** and **Jack Ferguson** for a panel discussion.

### May 15 • 11:30 am • Lunch and Learn

Transportation challenges from 1825-1850 changed the footprint of Cobb County and set the stage for the successful Cobb County of today when local Lawyer **Gary Eubanks** explains the impact of transportation on our history. Special emphasis will be placed upon Marietta streetcars. (National Transportation Week) Beverages are provided.

### 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.

### 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 originally erected in Hyde Park, London, England, to house the Great Exhibition of 1851. After the exhibition, the building was moved to an area of London called Sydenham Hill. The Crystal Palace was enlarged and stood from 1854 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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## Award-Winning Programs & People

2008 is off to a great start! The Marietta Museum of History was recognized in January at the Annual Conference of the Georgia Association of Museums and Galleries. Museum representatives were on hand to receive two awards recognizing **The Museum Mice Tours** as the **Education Program of the Year** and **Amanda Canup** as the **Museum Volunteer of the Year**.

As technology develops at an ever faster pace, it is important for small museums like ours to find ways to stay relevant with today's sophisticated audience in a cost-efficient manner. Museum staff attended several education sessions during the conference to learn more about our resources for keeping the museum in step with our public. Look for information soon on our new page on MySpace.



Top: Curator Amy Reed receives Education Program of the Year Bottom: Amanda Canup receives Museum Volunteer of the Year



## Salute to the Military

Ribbon Cutting &  
Military Gallery Grand Opening  
7:00 pm  
Hors D'Oeuvres and Cocktails  
7:30 - 9:30 pm  
Saturday, April 5, 2008  
Free to Members / \$50 Non-Members

## MILITARY GALLERY COMING SOON!

Volunteers and staff have been working around the clock since our new gun cases arrived. The Military Gallery is temporarily closed as we fill the gun cases and put together new displays from our extensive military collection.

The support of the **Museum Marauders** has brought to life this vision for an exhibit that is intended to honor our country's military. Included are artifacts from the War of 1812 through today's conflict in Iraq.

We hope that you will join us for the Grand Opening of our Military Gallery on Saturday, April 5, 2008. It will be a special evening for celebrating the addition of the new gallery and for saluting our Military.

Coming  
Spring 2008



A COLLECTION OF  
Collections

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From Baseballs to Bird Eggs;  
From Seashells to Swizzle Sticks

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“The art of progress is to preserve order amid change,  
and to preserve change amid order.”  
-Alfred North Whitehead

New!

That is the key part of the phrase “Happy New Year” here at the museum. In 2007 the Museum saw new donations, new staff members, new volunteers, new babies, and a new husband!

And 2008 is already shaping up to be just as busy! Hopefully, the staff is set for a while (I do not know if we can handle any more changes in this department.) But the Museum is booming! We are only in the second month and already so many new things are happening.

We have had new donations and acquisitions including a Union Frock Coat (which the staff agrees is very pretty, except for Dan who tells me uniforms are handsome, not pretty) and two WWII gas masks.

We have new exhibits for visitors to enjoy. First, the Andrew’s bedroom complete with spittoon and chamber pot is open to the public. The Boy Scout case is almost a reality. And the biggest “new” is the arrival of our custom gun cases!

When I started with the Museum in 2001, Dan talked of a Military Gallery. It was dream. Then came the Dupre Gun collection. It was the jump-start that we needed. After years of fundraising, golf tournaments, silent auctions, parties, and begging, we raised the money for the renovations for the gallery space. Next came cases from Murphy & Orr who did a great job working with our budget and needs. Even though we are a little bit shy of the funds for the cases, we will not go broke! They are here, installed, lighted and beautiful! Now we are in the process of filling them. Soon it will all be done.

**Save the date of April 5, 2008** for our Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting. This will be a special night of saluting the military history of Cobb County as well as recognizing those who made this dream a reality. I think you will be pleased with what the staff and volunteers have accomplished with the objects, information and funds that you have entrusted to us.

As you can tell, I get very excited when we do something new at the museum. I keep telling everyone, one of my favorite aspects of this job is that in a world where everything is old, there is always something NEW!

Do not forget! Save the date! If you cannot come to my party, come see us soon! You never know what you find new!



Jan and Volunteer Jim Cook “fill” the gun case.

- Jan

Well, 2008 is already shaping up to be an exciting year at the Marietta Museum of History! For those who have visited recently, it may look like the museum is falling apart. But do not fear, our exhibits will be in order soon! We have completely closed the Military Gallery and are in the process of filling up our brand new custom cases with an assortment of old and new military items.

This also means that our Civil War items are relocating into the new gallery, leaving a wonderful clean space to recreate the Andrew’s bedroom. This new exhibit details the history of the Kennesaw House and of the infamous Union spies that spent the night here. For those of you that don’t remember, they had quite an adventure stealing a little train

called “The General!” We recreated the space to look like their hotel room might have



looked during their stay here. Because we have no current information on the furnishings that were actually used, it is period authentic. I am excited to also have on display the 1859 account book from the Fletcher house, actual sheets from the hotel, and a fabulous rope bed with feather mattresses to give meaning to the term “sleep tight, don’t let the bed bugs bite!”

Now that the Andrew’s bedroom is complete, we will focus on the newest temporary exhibit, **Oodles of Oddities: Baseballs to Bird Eggs, Seashells to Swizzle Sticks**, a collection of things

people collect! We will have a wide array of collections that people have donated through the years. I am especially excited about the local postcard collection and adorable miniature train sets. You may see a similar collection to one of your own!

A third display that is in the works is a History of Scouting in Cobb County. We have a large collection to put on display for Boy Scouts which started locally in 1912. But we are still trying hard to find items for Girl Scouts. The earliest records we have researched are from 1936. We have a lot of history to cover, and the donation of any photographs or older items (especially uniforms) would be greatly appreciated!

- Amy

RECENT ACQUISITIONS  
by Christa McCay



As 2007 came to a close, our collections grew with two of the most interesting items of the year. A lovely Brumby Rocker came in just after Christmas, and what a great gift it is. Henry Higgins was kind enough to donate this lovely rocker shown at left. The seat features a black leather medallion with an intricately designed dragon. While the exact date has not been pinpointed, records show that Brumby made this rocker style from around 1870 through the 1920s.



Then, just before the New Year on a quiet Saturday afternoon, a visitor came into the Museum and asked if we would like a World War II-era Gas Mask. I almost jumped over the counter with excitement. When the gas mask came in, it turned out to be a pair of gas masks. These are hard to find with the original hose and filter canisters still attached. These gas masks are a wonderful asset to our growing World War II collection.

Membership Notes

Because we wear many hats here at the museum, I also coordinate museum memberships. There are some new changes to the memberships that allow our members the chance to be a part of the Southeastern Reciprocal Museum Program. This program offers members at the \$100 level or above free admission to over 70 museums in the Southeast. This is something new that we are very excited to be a part of and we hope you will be too.

If you have any questions about donating items to the museum or how to become a member of the museum please contact me either through email or at 770-794-5726.