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history of Marietta
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providing an educational,
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The Museum was GREAT in 2008!

Another year has passed into the history books, and we are proud to say it was a good year for the Museum. Here are some of the highlights of 2008:

- ★ Military Gallery opened
- ★ Andrews Raiders Gallery opened
- ★ New Scouting Exhibit opened
- ★ Collection of Collections Exhibit opened
- ★ Received Largest Donation: Mauldin Doll Collection
- ★ New Trolley/Root House/Museum Combo Tours began
- ★ College Coffee Night Events added
- ★ 17th Annual Marietta Antique Street Festival



In between these activities, we found some time for a little fun as well.

- Top Left:** Some of the 2008 interns are pictured receiving an award from Sandra Johnson for the Annual Scarecrow Contest. Shown are Blake Adams, Jason Bahner and Kelsey Fritz.
- 2nd from Top:** Some of the 100 plus revelers that turned out for spooky fun at the Marietta Business Association After Hours hosted in October by the Museum.
- 3rd from Top:** The Veteran's Day Parade in November gave staff a chance to don Rosie the Riveter costumes.
- Below:** Nearly 10,000 browsers and shoppers were at the Marietta Square for the Antique Festival and Classic Car Show.



Dan Cox Wins Lifetime Achievement Award
Exec. Director and Founder of the Marietta Museum of History Dan Cox has won the GA Association of Museums and Galleries' 2009 Lifetime Achievement Award. This honor is given to an individual "who has consistently and selflessly worked to improve the state of museums and galleries in their community during their lifetime. This person's collective accomplishments exemplify commitment, dedication and excellence and has had a far-reaching impact in their field." The award will be presented at a luncheon in January.



New Exhibit



**A Century of Adventures:
Scouting in Cobb County**
The Scouting Exhibit has recently been completed with a new camping display.

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

Monday - Saturday
10 am - 4 pm
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2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Hubcaps and History Classic Car Show

August 20, 2008

Winners

1st - Tim Locker
(pictured below)
1957 Chevy Bel-Air

2nd - Jack Houston
1958 Ford Fairlane 500

3rd - Tom Owens
1956 Chevy Bel-Air 2-Door

The 2008 Classic Car Show had over 60 participants.

The Ladies Choice Award:

Frank McTyre
1963 Cadillac Convertible



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.

New!

College Coffee Night 7pm-9pm Second Tuesday of Each Month

College students love trivia night!
Our new College Coffee Nights will have trivia contests, prizes, free coffee, museum exploration and more. Admission is only \$3.



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Vanishing
Cobb County

The Vanishing Cobb Photo Drive has been extended through 2009 due to the overwhelming response of the public. The photo drive, which was begun to aid in the preservation of Cobb County history, began on November 1st. By November 5th, nearly 400 never-before seen photographs were brought in to the Museum to be scanned.



Above: Hester and Josephine Harris hug their baby dolls circa 1935, donated by Jane Turner.

would not exist. These photos are now a part of our historical archives which are available to students, educators and residents.

At the writing of this newsletter, there is a backlog of photos and Curator Amy Reed is overwhelmed with scanning duties. So, what better time to share a small sample of some of the photos we have collected?

Do You Know These People?

There are a few photos we have received which have unidentified people in them. One such picture, donated by Lucy Parker, is located to the right. Can you help us identify any of the people in this picture? If so, please contact us at 770-794-5710.



Above: Switchboard Operators at Bell Bomber circa 1940, donated by Evelyne Canup.



Above: Unidentified photo circa 1895.

Left: The Frey Family circa 1930, donated by Ilene Baker.

“Let Mary Ladd boss me around, but I did what I wanted to anyway.” - Dan Cox



What about Mary?!

What about Mary?! I am referring to our very own Mary Ladd. She is “retiring” from the Museum. For those that do not know Mary, she has been at the Museum for years as volunteer, volunteer coordinator, Board member and Chairman of the Board. She has talked for some time about cutting back and now it is official, she is gone. Gone but not forgotten!

The story of Mary and the Museum.....Mary came into the Museum when it was just a hole in the wall, or better yet, when there were still holes in the walls! She looked at Dan and said “You need volunteers.” So she volunteered. The Museum was growing and a Board of Directors was formed. Mary was appointed to the “original and official” Board of Directors in 1999. The Museum continued to grow. Mary said, “Dan you need more volunteers.” She began recruiting and coordinating all of the volunteers at the Museum. Mary took over as Chairman of the Board in 2005 after the passing of Charles M. Brown Jr. The rest is HISTORY. (Get it?)

I met Mary my first day on the job. I think her first comment to me was, “You have your work cut out for you!” I immediately liked Mary. She is always smiling, always quick with a joke, and full of advice.

Mary has given so much to the Museum! The Museum could never have grown as much or as quickly without her help and inspiration. She has given so much to the staff. Professionally she has networked, raised funds, recruited volunteers, cleaned, steamed and cheered! Personally she has been sister, mother, friend, and nurse; always willing to listen and give advice when asked.

Even though she has promised to drop in from time to time, Mary’s constant appearance at the Museum will be missed. We will survive without Mary, but it will be hard and not near as much fun! I can not say enough about Mary; she means so much to all of us! She means so much to me!

We wish Mary well! We hope that she and Chet have a blast in their combined retirement! And we remind her...the door is always open!

- Jan



Cast Your Vote Today!

When you cast your vote, you will help determine the next rotating exhibit on display at the Museum. Vote online at www.MariettaHistory.org or in person at the Museum.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

by Christa McCay

What a year 2008 has been for the Museum’s collections! With so many notable activities, it’s hard to single out a few. However, there were some milestones we achieved that are special to me. First, we received our largest quantity donation to date in the form of a doll collection from the Jeanne Mauldin estate. We received our largest item donation in the form of a World War II Jeep. The Museum’s Collections Department also achieved another milestone this year. I had the honor of cataloging the 10,000th item into the Museum’s Collection database. I know that may sound insignificant, but this was truly a momentous occasion. When I first started at the Museum 4 years ago, we had about 3,500 items catalogued. It is amazing to me to see how much the collection has grown.

While I have mentioned that many great things have happened during 2008, what stands out most has been the interns. This year’s interns were outstanding, and because of the extensive help provided by Anna, Anne, Kera, Leo, Lisa, Jason, Blake, Sarah and Kelsey, I am able to report that Collections has had a banner year!



Christa McCay with the 10,000th catalogued item, a Shirley Temple doll donated by the Jeanne Mauldin Estate.