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Historic Chattahoochee Commission to Celebrate its 38th Anniversary in 2008

March 4, 2008 will mark the 38th anniversary of the Historic Chattahoochee Commission (HCC), which has a heritage tourism program of work serving eighteen counties in Alabama and Georgia along the lower Chattahoochee River. The HCC will also celebrate the 30th anniversary of the passage of its landmark interstate compact on October 14, 2008. This compact, approved by the States of Alabama and Georgia and the U.S. Congress, made the HCC an official agency of both states. The Commission is the first and only tourism /preservation agency in the nation officially sanctioned to cross state lines to pursue goals common to all member counties.

The HCC's program of work has been cited as a model for other heritage corridor regions by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. During almost four decades of work, the Commission has striven to improve the quality of life for area citizens through its multifaceted programs and projects in tourism, historic preservation and history. Hundreds of thousands of brochures have been printed and distributed promoting this regions historic, recreational and scenic attractions. Travel writer familiarization tours have been hosted (most recently in April 2007) with a variety of co-sponsors to showcase the beauty of this region in an effort to lure visitors into each of the communities and counties that comprise the Chattahoochee Trace area. Films, advertisements and an award winning web page have been produced to further promote the many attractions along and near the lower Chattahoochee River.

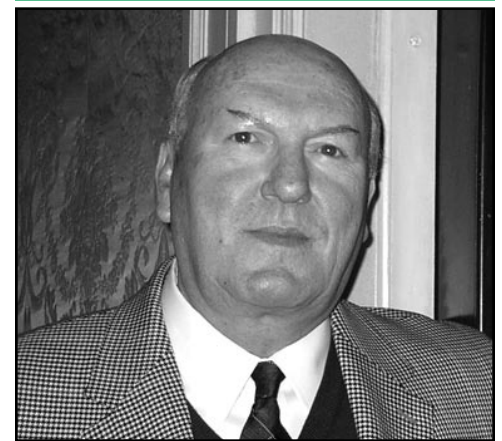
Complementing its tourism work, the Commission has erected 287 historical markers since 1978. In 2007, the HCC released its 29th and 30th books. Two more manuscripts, **Slavery in the Lower Chattahoochee Valley** and **Indian Removal in the Lower Chattahoochee Valley** will be finished this year. In addition, rural architectural surveys have been completed in all HCC counties and Chattahoochee Trace Heritage Education units are in use in 42 schools. Interpretative programming also continues at the Chattahoochee Indian Heritage Center in Fort Mitchell. The \$1 million Center was initiated by the Commission in 1988 and is now virtually complete. Since 1985 the HCC has provided more than \$130,200 in matching grant monies to sixty-four different groups with worthy tourism and preservation projects. Folklife and agritourism programs have also been a focus of the Commission's work in recent years.

The HCC expects that 2008 will be another special year when the Chattahoochee Trace National Heritage Corridor Study Act passes the U.S. Congress and is signed into law. S. 637 has already cleared the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee and is awaiting a full vote by the U.S. Senate. H.R. 1408 is awaiting a hearing in the U.S. House of Representatives. The designation of the Chattahoochee Trace as a National Heritage Area would have a positive economic impact on the region. Such a designation would make the region eligible to receive matching funding for publications, marketing for tourism, historic preservation, environmental education, outdoor recreation and small business development.

Over the years the HCC has cultivated a working relationship with many tourism, preservation and historical organizations. A few of these include Historic Westville, Eufaula Heritage Association, Columbus Convention and Visitors Bureau, Wiregrass Festival of Murals, U.S Highway 27 Association, Dothan Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, Eufaula-Barbour County Tourism Council, Pioneer Museum of Alabama, Pine Mountain Tourism

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White to Head Alabama Historical Commission



Frank White

The Alabama Historical Commission has selected Frank W. White to serve as the new executive director of the state agency for historic preservation. White began his duties with the Commission on January 2. "We're fortunate to have Mr. White as our executive director," said James P. "Ike" Adams, chairman of the Alabama Historical Commission. "The wealth of talent and experience he brings bodes well for the Commission. I am confident our mission to preserve Alabama's historic places is in good hands under the stewardship of Mr. White." "I am honored to be selected as the new executive director of the Alabama Historical Commission and am enthusiastically looking forward to serving the people of Alabama as we work together in protecting and preserving the state's important historic resources," said Mr. White.

White received a bachelor of architecture from Auburn University and completed the Advance Management Development Program at the Harvard University Graduate School of Design. His past work experience includes John Portman & Associates, Inc. where he coordinated the architecture and

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PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST

The Henry County Historical Group will soon release a "Pictorial History Book of Henry County." According to Ron Thomas, HCHG President, the camera began to record life in Henry County in the late 1800s just before "The Mother County" lost over half her remaining territory and most of her slim economic resources in the 1903 partition which resulted in the formation of Houston County. In the era between the end of Federal occupation (after the Civil War) and the economic downturn following the first World War, Henry County's communities tried to spread their tender wings and aspired for the growth that smiled on some of their neighbors. This volume chronicles those attempts at greatness that were the dreams of the citizens of Abbeville, Headland, Newville, Haleburg, Lawrenceville, Tumbleton, Shorterville, Capps, Brown's Crossroads, Wesley, Zornville, Smithville, Edwin, and every other little community that saw itself poised to join the ranks of the great cities of the New South. In these pages, you will see the faces of those who lead the struggle to advance Henry County's economic, social, and civic life in the early years of the twentieth century. You will see the faces of those who struggled merely to subsist in the awful years of the Great Depression, and you will see that few communities in the county survived the dreadful impact of that economic upheaval.

You will see industry come and go. You will see agriculture flourish and decline. You will see scenes of which we are proud, and you will see scenes of which we are ashamed. You will see Henry County. This book focuses the camera on about one hundred years of change in the county. Whether that change has been progress, you must judge for yourself. Whatever your verdict, you must admit that the journey has been hard, but worth it; that the people have been steadfast, if not spectacular, colorful if not cosmopolitan, and hopeful, if not always happy. If you are interested in purchasing this book, contact Henry County Historical Group, P. O. Box 125, Newville, AL 36353 or go to their webpage at www.hchg.org. The Group's email address is HenryCoHisotry@aol.com. A retail price for the book has not yet been set.

A special documentary film featuring some of the staff of the Port Columbus Civil War Naval Museum on the Civil War battle for Columbus is now available on DVD. Entitled, "The Last Ditch", the film was shown on PBS in Georgia this fall and is only available through Port Columbus. If interested in purchasing a copy, please call the museum store at (706) 327-9798 or check the museum's website at www.portcolumbus.org.

[org](http://www.gashpo.org). The National Civil War Naval Museum at Port Columbus is located at 1002 Victory Drive, Columbus, GA 31901.

The Historic Preservation Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources has published a new booklet entitled, "Preserving Georgia's Historic Cemeteries". The publication includes information on cleaning up historic cemeteries; how to use cemeteries for local tourism; the rights, responsibilities and laws regarding cemeteries; and case studies from around the state. Principal Editor of the publication was Karen Anderson-Cordova. Assistant Editors were Christine Neal and Carole Moore. While they last, copies of the publication are available free from the Historic Preservation Division, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, 34 Peachtree Street, NW, Suite 1600, Atlanta, GA 30303. The telephone number is (404) 656-2840 and their web address is www.gashpo.org.

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Association, Opelika Historic Preservation Society, Fort Gaines Historical Society, Auburn-Opelika Tourism Bureau, Lee County Historical Society, Henry County Historical Group, Russell County Historical Commission, Museum of East Alabama, Chattahoochee Valley Historical Society, Troup County Archives and Society, Dothan Landmarks Foundation, Historic Columbus Foundation, Stewart County Historical Commission, Randolph County Historical Society, Auburn Heritage Association, Chattahoochee County Historic Preservation Society, Decatur County Historical Society, Clayton Historical Preservation Authority, and RiverWay South. The HCC has also maintained a close working relationship with area chambers of commerce. These partnerships have helped to expand the travel industry in this region generating badly needed revenues from the tourism dollars left behind by visitors. Today, tourism is approaching a billion dollar industry in the eighteen counties served by the HCC. As the Commission moves toward its fourth decade of service in the Chattahoochee Trace, the future appears to be bright for the region. The keys to its continued success depend on creating new partnerships while enhancing existing alliances. And, most importantly, the HCC must maintain its funding base through the States of Alabama and Georgia.



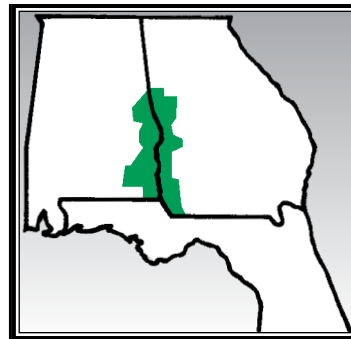
NEWSLETTER

The Historic Chattahoochee Commission (HCC), an agency of the states of Alabama and Georgia, is involved in the promotion of tourism and historic preservation throughout the lower Chattahoochee Valley.

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CHATTAHOOCHEE TRACE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Information for inclusion in the Calendar of Events must be received by the first of the month preceding the event. Events will be listed as space permits.

MARCH 2008

March 1 **SONS OF LAFAYETTE CONCERT:** Callaway Auditorium, LaGrange, Georgia. 7:30 PM (EST). Special concert with Sons of Lafayette Male Choir, Auburn Men's Glee Club and Re-Generation. For more information, call (706) 880-8234. Website: www.sonsoflafayette.org

March 1 **KITE RALLY:** Florence Marina State Park, Omaha, Georgia. 2 PM – 4 PM (EST). Amateurs are invited to make their own kite at the park (or bring one from home) and compete for “best kite” and “highest flyer.” \$2 plus \$3 parking. For more information, call (229) 838-4706. Website: www.gastateparks.org

March 1 **FIRST SATURDAYS:** Wiregrass Museum of Art, Dothan, Alabama. 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM (CST). Free drop-in art workshop for children, their parents and grandparents; this program offers families the opportunity to experience art together through collaborative art activities and art encounters in the galleries. For more information, call (334) 794-3871.

March 1 **AN EVENING OF ASTRONOMY:** F.D. Roosevelt State Park, 2970 Georgia Highway 190, Pine Mountain, Georgia. 7:30 PM (EST). The Columbus Coca-Cola Space Science Center will lead this program with star talks, star maps and viewing the night sky. \$3 parking. For more information, call (706) 663-4858.

March 1 **ANTIQUÉ ROSES AND COMPANION PLANTS:** Hills & Dales Estate, 1916 Hills and Dales Drive, LaGrange, Georgia. 10 AM – 12 PM (EST). Plantsman extraordinaire Jason Powell, owner of Petals from the Past, will present an illustrated presentation that features antique roses suited to southern gardens. Admission charged. For more information, call (706) 882-3242. Website: www.hillsanddalesestate.org

March 1 & 2 **THOMASVILLE ANTIQUES SHOW & SALE:** Thomasville Exchange Club Fairgrounds, Georgia Hwy. 122 (Pavo Rd.), Thomasville, Georgia. 11 AM – 5 PM (EST), Saturday; 12 PM – 5 PM, Sunday. Some of the country's most prestigious dealers will offer the opportunity to view and purchase exquisite antiques. For complete information and schedule of events, call (229) 225-9354. Website: www.thomasvilleantiquesshow.com

March 1 & 2 **CENTRAL ALABAMA GUN & KNIFE SHOW:** National Peanut Festival Fairgrounds, Dothan, Alabama. Sat., 9 AM – 5 PM (CST); Sun., 10 AM – 4 PM (CST). Show and sale of guns and knives and related merchandise. Admission charged. For more information, call (334) 279-9895.

March 1 & 2 **SPRING HORSE TRIALS:** Equestrian Center, Fort Rucker, Alabama. 8 AM – 6 PM (CST) on March 1 and 8 AM – 3 PM (CST) on March 2. Dressage, cross country, and stadium jumping. For more information, call (334) 598-3384. Website: www.ftrucker.mwr.com

March 1, 6-8, 13-15 **CAROUSEL:** Springer Opera House, 103 Tenth Street, Columbus, Georgia. 2:30 PM (EST) on the 9th; 7:30 PM (EST) all other days. Set against the backdrop of a fishing community on the coast of Maine. For more information and tickets, call (706) 327-3688. Website: www.springeroperahouse.org

March 1, 7 & 8 **“WALLACE/THE CLAYTON YEARS”:** Memorial Hall, Clayton, Alabama. The play centers around the early political years of former Gov. George C. Wallace as he embarked on one of the state's most historical political careers. 7 PM (CST). Pre-program entertainment begins at 6:30 PM (CST). Tickets may be purchased from The Clayton Record by calling (334) 775-3254, The Town & County Library at (334) 775-3506, or the Eufaula/Barbour County Chamber of Commerce at (334) 687-6664.

March 1 – 29 **ALABAMA FOLK POTTERY:** Jule Collins Smith Museum, 901 South College Street, Auburn, Alabama. For more information, call (334) 844-1484. Website: www.julecollinsmithmuseum.com

March 1 – June 1 **CONTEMPORARY GLASS:** Wiregrass Museum of Art, 126 Museum Avenue, Dothan, Alabama. Collection of

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contemporary glass pieces from artists such as: Tadashi Torii, Cal Breed, Kathleen Holmes, Sonia Blumdahl, Cal Langley, and Valerie Beck. For more information, call (334) 794-3871. Website: www.wiregrassmuseum.com

March 1 – June 22 **EAMES: AN EXPLORATION OF MODERN DESIGN:** The Columbus Museum, 1251 Wynnton Road, Columbus, Georgia. This exhibition offers viewers a chance to learn about two of the iconic designers of the modern era. For more information, call (706) 748-2562.

March 2 **DEWEY P. WILLIAMS MEMORIAL SACRED HARP SING:** Church of God by Faith, 112 King Avenue, Ozark, Alabama. No admission charged. 11AM – 4 PM (CST). For more information, call (334) 774-9493.

March 4 & 5 **RING OF FIRE:** RiverCenter Bill Heard Theatre, 900 Broadway, Columbus, Georgia. 7 PM (EST). The Music of the Man in Black ignites the stage in the new Broadway musical featuring 38 signature songs from the legendary Johnny Cash. To purchase tickets, call 1-888-332-5200. Tickets may also be purchased in person at the RiverCenter Box Office or online at www.rivercenter.org

March 6-9, 13-16 **“GUYS AND DOLLS”:** Bainbridge Little Theatre, 220 East Troupe Street, Bainbridge, Georgia. Set in Damon Runyon’s mythical New York City, this oddball romantic comedy soars with the spirit of Broadway as it introduces us to a cast of vivid characters who have become legends in the canon. For show times and tickets, call (229) 246-8345. Website: <http://bainbridgelittletheater.com>

March 7 **JERRY SEINFELD:** RiverCenter Bill Heard Theatre, 900 Broadway, Columbus, Georgia. 7 PM (EST) with a repeat performance at 9:30 PM (EST). Due to popular demand, America’s premier comedian is hitting the road in a return to his first love – stand-up comedy. To purchase tickets, call 1-888-332-5200. Tickets may also be purchased in person at the RiverCenter Box Office or online at www.rivercenter.org

March 7 - 9 **AZALEA STORYTELLING FESTIVAL:** LaGrange College Callaway Auditorium, LaGrange, Georgia. Nationally known story tellers will be presenting. For more information, contact the Lafayette Society for Performing Arts at (706) 882-9909. Website: www.lspaarts.com

March 8 **SECOND SATURDAYS:** Lee County Historical Society Museum, Loachapoka, Alabama. 10 AM (CST). The lard that was rendered last month will be made into lye soap in the huge kettles outdoors. There will also be activities preparing Grandma’s new medicinal, herbal, and kitchen garden. For more information, call Esther Marshall at (334) 749-7228.

March 8 **WHEELS O’ FIRE CENTURY CYCLE TOUR:** Harris County High School, Highway 116, Hamilton, Georgia. Follow the path of Tour de Georgia’s world-class cyclists and ride the Wheels O’Fire Century Cycle Tour! For more information and to register, call the Harris County Chamber of Commerce at 1-800-381-4381. Website: www.harriscountychamber.org

March 8 **PRIVATE GARDENS OF GEORGIA BOOK SIGNING AND RECEPTION:** Hills & Dales Estate, 1916 Hills and Dales Drive, LaGrange, Georgia. 2 PM – 4 PM (EST). Meet local authors Polly McLeod Mattox and Helen Mattox Bost who recently completed a wonderful book entitled Private Gardens of Georgia. No admission charged. For more information, call (706) 882-3242. Website: www.hillsanddalesestate.org

March 8 **RIDING THROUGH HISTORY:** F.D. Roosevelt State Park, 2970 Georgia Highway 190, Pine Mountain, Georgia. 10 AM – 12 PM (EST). Travel back in time on a slow-paced horseback ride in honor of the 75th anniversary of the New Deal. Reservations required. \$45 plus \$3 parking. For more information, call (706) 628-7463.

March 9 **REPTILE FEST:** Oxbow Meadows, Columbus, Georgia. 12 PM – 4 PM (EST). Admission charged. Part of Oxbow’s “Second Sunday” series. Get up close to native and exotic snakes, lizards, turtles and alligators. Take your photo with a boa or python, play reptile and amphibian games, and enjoy refreshments under the big tents. For more information, contact Oxbow Meadows at (706) 687-4090. Website: <http://oxbow.colstate.edu>

March 11 **ANNE MURRAY:** RiverCenter for the Performing Arts, 900 Broadway, Columbus, Georgia. 7:30 PM (EDT). To purchase tickets, call 1-888-332-5200. Tickets may also be purchased in person at the RiverCenter Box Office or online at www.rivercenter.org

March 13 **CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF:** RiverCenter Bill Heard Theatre, 900 Broadway, Columbus, Georgia. 7:30 PM (EDT). To purchase tickets, call 1-888-332-5200. Tickets may also be purchased in person at the RiverCenter Box Office or online at www.rivercenter.org

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March 13 “CIVIL WAR VOICES”: First United Methodist Church, Corner of 7th and Avenue A, Opelika, Alabama. Dinner begins at 6:30 PM (CDT) and the play begins at 7:30 PM (CDT). The play focuses on five true stories of the Civil War. The original words of the characters will be used as set forth in diaries and letters from the period. Admission charged. Presented as a fundraiser for the Museum of East Alabama. For more information, call (334) 749-2751.

March 13, 22, & 28 “GRITS ON THE SIDE”: Understudy Dinner Theater, 228-C South Oates Street, Dothan, Alabama. Dinner: 6:30 PM (CST); Show: 7:30 PM (CST). Talented performers sing, dance and act their way into your hearts as they spoof everything we hold near and dear in the South. For reservations, call (334) 792-1268 or (866) 206-2337.

March 15 **SPRING FARM DAY**: Landmark Park, Dothan, Alabama. 10 AM – 4 PM (CDT). Turn back the clock more than 100 years and experience living history demonstrations of sheep shearing, plowing with draft animals, quilting and other traditional spring activities. Old-time fiddler’s convention and folk music. For more information call (334) 794-3452. Website: www.landmarkpark.com

March 15 **KITE FLYING**: George T. Bagby State Park, 330 Bagby Parkway, Fort Gaines, Georgia 10 AM – 11:30 PM (EDT). Meet at the picnic shelter to learn how to make a kite, and then enjoy flying it at the park. \$3 parking. For more information, call (229) 768-2571. Website: www.gastateparks.org

March 15 **CLASSIC CAMELLIAS**: Hills & Dales Estate, 1916 Hills and Dales Drive, LaGrange, Georgia. 10 AM – 12 PM (EDT). Learn all about this quintessential Southern garden plant from Clayton Mathis of the American Camellia Society. Admission charged. For more information, call (706) 882-3242. Website: www.hillsanddalesestate.org

March 15 & 16 **THUNDER IN THE VALLEY AIR SHOW**: Columbus Metropolitan Airport, Columbus, Georgia. Admission charged. For more information, call 706-327-2634, ext. 16. Website: www.thunderinthevalleyairshow.com

March 15 – April 6 **AUBURN/OPELIKA FLORAL TRAIL**: North College Street & Cary Drive in Auburn, Alabama and 2nd Avenue & 8th Street in Opelika, Alabama. Driving or walking trail, each features directional arrows marking the appropriate path. For more detailed directions, contact the Auburn/Opelika Convention & Visitors Bureau at (334) 887-8747 or 866-880-8747.

March 16 – 18 **NATIVE AMERICAN FESTIVAL: INDIANS IN TOWN FOR TRADING**: Historic Westville, Lumpkin, Georgia. Fri.-Sat., 10 AM – 5 PM (EDT). Sun., 12 PM – 5 PM (EDT). Featuring Native camps; Native drum; a dance ring performed by the Aztec Fire Dancers; and Native ceremonies each day. Visitors will enjoy the taste of Native American foods and Native American History. For more information, call 1-888-733-1850. Website: www.westville.org

March 18 “TASTE OF HOME” **COOKING SCHOOL**: Dothan Civic Center, Dothan, Alabama. Doors open at 4 PM (CDT). Tickets may be purchased by calling the box office at (334) 617-3175.

March 18 **THE VEGA QUARTET**: RiverCenter Legacy Hall, 900 Broadway, Columbus, Georgia. 7:30 PM (EDT). To purchase tickets, call 1-888-332-5200. Tickets may also be purchased in person at the RiverCenter Box Office or online at www.rivercenter.org

March 20 **CLEVELAND ORCHESTRA**: RiverCenter Bill Heard Theatre, 900 Broadway, Columbus, Georgia. 4 PM – 6 PM (EDT). To purchase tickets, call 1-888-332-5200. Tickets may also be purchased in person at the RiverCenter Box Office or online at www.rivercenter.org

March 20 & 21 **ART ROCKS! SPRING BREAK PARTY**: Wiregrass Museum of Art, 126 Museum Avenue, Dothan, Alabama. 11 AM – 1 PM (CDT). Get messy with hands-on art projects, get groovy with real life glass artists, and get caught having fun! Perfect for families with young children. For more information, call (334) 794-3871. Website: www.wiregrassmuseum.com

March 22 **EASTER EGG HUNT**: Florence Marina State Park, Omaha, Georgia. 1 PM – 3 PM (EDT). Children can bring their baskets and hunt for eggs and prizes, while the giant Easter Bunny will be on hand. \$3 parking. For more information, call (229) 838-4706. Website: www.gastateparks.org

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March 22 LOWER ALABAMA CRAWDAD FESTIVAL: Eagle Stadium, Ozark, Alabama. 10 AM – 6 PM (CDT). Cajun music, food, arts and crafts, children’s activities, dancing, contests and more. For more information, call (334) 774-2523.

March 22 27th ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT: Kiesel Park, Auburn, Alabama. 11 AM (CDT). The hunt is the largest in Lee County with more than 20,000 eggs hidden over a four-acre area. Bring your baskets and enjoy great musical entertainment, free sodas and balloons, and a chance to meet the Easter Bunny! For more information, call (334) 501-2930.

March 22 CRAPPIE TOURNAMENT: George T. Bagby State Park, 330 Bagby Parkway, Fort Gaines, Georgia. 7 AM – 3 PM (EDT). Weigh in is at the park’s marina no later than 3 PM (EDT). Prizes will be awarded immediately following the tournament. Fee plus \$3 parking. For more information, call (229) 768-2571. Website: www.gastateparks.org

March 22 COLUMBUS BALLET’S SPRING REPERTORY: Springer Opera House, 103 Tenth Street, Columbus, Georgia. 2 PM & 7 PM (EDT). Exciting new works, as well as the classical white ballet Les Sylphides danced to the music composed by Frederic Chopin, are being planned. The program will also feature David Herriott’s staging of The Ice Skaters, a ballet where the dancers are ice skaters on a frozen pond around 1900. For more information and tickets, call (706) 327-3688.

March 28 CALLAWAY GARDENING SCHOOL: Callaway Gardens®, Pine Mountain, Georgia. 8 AM (EDT). Don’t miss this spectacular occasion to get your garden off to a great start this spring. Admission charged. For more information, call 1-800-CALLAWAY (225-5292). Website: www.callawayonline.com

March 29 SPRING WILDFLOWER DAY: Providence Canyon State Park, Lumpkin, Georgia. 1 PM – 3 PM (EDT). Rangers will guide you through the park where you can glimpse an array of many different wildflowers. \$1 plus \$3 parking. For more information, call (229) 838-6202. Website: www.gastateparks.org

March 29 12th ANNUAL OUTSIDERS OUTSIDE DO-NANNY: 41 Poorhouse Road, Seale, Alabama. 10 AM (EDT). Folk art show & sale. Entertainment, food and more. For more information, call Butch Anthony at (334) 855-9547.

March 29 RACHEL PLAYS DVORAK: RiverCenter Bill Heard Theatre, 900 Broadway, Columbus, Georgia. 7:30 PM (EDT). To purchase tickets, call 1-888-332-5200. Tickets may also be purchased in person at the RiverCenter Box Office or online at www.rivercenter.org

March 29 DOGWOOD FESTIVAL: Attapulgus, Georgia. Parade, arts & crafts, food, and entertainment. No admission charged. For more information, contact the City of Attapulgus at (229) 465-3322.

March 29 DOTHAN BOTANICAL GARDENS SPRING PLANT SALE: Dothan Area Botanical Gardens, 5130 Headland Avenue, Dothan, Alabama. 8 AM – 2 PM (CDT). Variety of plants offered for sale. For more information, call (334) 793-3224.

March 29 & 30 FIFTH ANNUAL WALK IN HISTORY-COLUMBIA CEMETERY: Columbia Cemetery, Columbia, Alabama. 7 PM (CDT) on the 29th and 2 PM on the 30th. “Picnic in the Garden” at the Columbia Historical Society’s old bank building at 5 PM (CDT) on the 29th. Three couples and two individuals who lived in Columbia will have their stories told. Admission charged. For more information, contact Caron West at (334) 790-8973.

March 29 & 30 RIVERBLAST-“SCHOOL OF THE SAILOR”: Port Columbus Civil War Naval Center, 1002 Victory Drive, Columbus, Georgia. Reenactors and historians from around the southeast will participate in events such as boat rowing on the Chattahoochee, cannon drill, signals instruction, cutlass drill, torpedo class, muster & pay, landing party practice, and a mock ironclad battle on the river. For more information call, (706) 327-9798 or visit the Naval Center’s website at www.portcolumbus.org.

March 30 THE CLEVELAND ORCHESTRA: RiverCenter Bill Heard Theatre, 900 Broadway, Columbus, Georgia. 4 PM (EDT). To purchase tickets, call 1-888-332-5200. Tickets may also be purchased in person at the RiverCenter Box Office or online at www.rivercenter.org

March 31 MUSIC SOUTH SPRING CONCERT: Dothan Civic Center, Dothan, Alabama. 7:30 PM (CDT). Featuring the Dallas Brass. Admission charged. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (334) 615-3175.



GUEST COLUMN

Cruising on the River

by Dr. Carole Rutland

(Executive Director of RiverWay South)



Dr. Carole Rutland

The 64-county Apalachicola, Chattahoochee, and Flint watershed region is increasingly becoming known as the RiverWay South Heritage Trail. Over the past four years projects initiated by this rapidly growing organization have bolstered new heritage

and ecotourism products as well as nature and river based recreation.

Four months ago the dream of putting more people on the river began to take shape in the form of a grant for the sole purpose of buying a boat and using it for a variety of purposes including, but not limited to, nature based and cultural heritage tourism programs with historical and naturalist guides, educational trips, dinner cruises, wildlife cruises, military tour packages, musical or drama experiences and art expeditions.

This isn't the first grant RiverWay South has received. For those not as familiar with this up and coming organization, let's take a closer look. RiverWay South is a non-profit organization formed to preserve, protect and promote the Apalachicola, Chattahoochee, and Flint (ACF) watershed. Consisting of 64 counties, the designated RiverWay South ACF

watershed covers over 19,000 square miles in a three state region including Georgia, Alabama, and Florida. The Chattahoochee River portion begins north of Lagrange, Georgia and runs south to Apalachicola, Florida and the Gulf of Mexico. The Flint River segment starts north of Meriwether County and runs south to Bainbridge and Lake Seminole joining the confluence of the Chattahoochee and Apalachicola rivers.

RiverWay South's (RWS) origins sprang from *Voyage of Discovery, Inc.* (1999) which 'began doing business' as RiverWay South in October, 2004 after receiving a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Business Opportunity Grant (RBOG) for \$150,000. Less than a year later, RiverWay South received a 2nd USDA Grant totaling \$150,000.

Thirty ACF community representatives comprise the RWS Board of Directors while the RWS University Consortium is a coalition of state/county organizations, Universities and local individuals with an interest in the ACF region.

As a result of efforts throughout the region, sometime in the spring of 2008 Columbus State University will launch a 50 passenger catamaran boat on the Chattahoochee River.

The notion of a boat didn't come from idle conversation but the product of nine public forums throughout the watershed in 2007. A common vision to increase river

recreation emerged from the final document. Stakeholders want to see their communities reconnect with the river.

Using the data collected during the forums, RWS applied for and received a \$150,000 grant in September '07 which generated enough money to fund two separate boats. The first is a 12'X 40' Sightseer Catamaran (named Explorer) with a 10 in. draft and holding up to 49 passengers. It will be equipped with a lab for science studies and/or demonstrations for all types of interests and studies. The second boat is a 24'X 8' Fiesta custom "floating classroom" pontoon boat and will hold 15 to 20 students.

Retired Merchant Marine Captain John Davis (see web www.riverwaysouth.org for details) is compiling lists of licensed pilots and qualified tour guides. Get in touch with him to present your resume.

RiverWay South is not interested in acquiring infrastructure and is giving both boats to Columbus State University. The University is developing policy and financial guidelines for a variety of trips. Organizations or community groups will rent the boats for scheduled periods of time.

Visit the RiverWay South website at www.riverwaysouth.org and learn more about the goals and directions of RiverWay South, the RiverWay South University Consortium, and Project RiverWay (coming soon to a community near you).

TOURISM & PRESERVATION NEWS

Ricky McGilvary of Eufaula is the new owner of the historic Vicksburg and Brunswick Depot. The former 1872 passenger and freight depot on South Randolph Avenue has long been a landmark in Eufaula. The Alabama Historical Commission has stated that it is one of the finest surviving post bellum depots in the State of Alabama. It had previously been owned by the First United Methodist Church of Eufaula which had plans to demolish the building to use the lot as a parking area for the church. The Eufaula Heritage Association convinced the church to give it a one year option (for \$25,000) on the depot to allow time for another buyer to be found. Mr. McGilvary will move his company, Brown Heating and Air Conditioning, into the depot after it is renovated. He has plans to do some extensive landscaping and will add improved parking spaces for use by his employees, customers and members of the church.

October 19th was a big day for those who have fought to protect Interstate 185 from what they call "visual pollution." A 39-mile stretch of the road from Exit 12 in north Columbus to where it connects with Interstate 85 in Troup County has been designated a Scenic Byway by the Georgia Department of Transportation Board. Retired Columbus banker Sam Wellborn, a longtime DOT board member, has been fighting for the designation - and the protection that comes with it - for more than two years. The Scenic Byway designation all but guarantees that I-185 becomes the 12th Georgia road to gain the designation since it became federal law in 1991. Through his Gateway Project, Columbus developer John Flournoy has been a champion of I-185 and roadside beautification projects on the major routes leading into Columbus. "In the next five years - if not today - this is going to be one of the most beautiful

highways in America," Flournoy said.

A nearly \$1 billion retail and entertainment development slated to stretch for more than 500 acres along Interstate 85 in Opelika is expected to be a new tourist draw for East Alabama, as well as a hook for industrial prospects. Silver Companies, a real estate developer based in Washington, D.C., and Boca Raton, Florida, is proceeding with plans for Celebrate Alabama, which will feature numerous hotels, including one with an indoor water park. Also on the drawing board are shops, restaurants, and a greenway of monuments memorializing Alabama heroes, with possibilities such as Helen Keller, Hank Williams, Jesse Owens and the Tuskegee Airmen. Silver Companies plans to break ground on Celebrate Alabama in the first quarter of 2008. In announcing the project, Opelika Mayor Gary Fuller said Celebrate Alabama should improve quality of life for the

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



Greg Paxton

After 26 years at the helm of the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation, Greg Paxton has tendered his resignation to accept a position at Maine Preservation in Portland, Maine. Paxton will step down on February 29th and then assume his new duties with Maine Preservation in April. In announcing his resignation, Paxton said, "With the Campaign for Hay House completed, with the Trust ready to embark on strategic planning, and with an exciting new Partners in the Field challenge grant available from the National Trust to provide direct service to communities and bolster Georgia Trust programming at the local level, the timing is right for new leadership." He also noted that "It has been a great two and a half decades for historic preservation. I appreciate all the hard work that [is being done] in preservation to help make Georgia one of the country's leading states in number of rehabilitation tax credit projects, Certified Local Governments and Historic Preservation Commissions, Main Street Cities, Heritage Education teacher training and membership in the statewide preservation organization." Maine Preservation has been in operation for 36 years and is the statewide organization dedicated to preserving Maine's architectural heritage.

Mary Frances Brown Askew passed away in Eufaula on November 19, 2007 at the age of 86. She was known to many throughout the Chattahoochee Valley because of her

passion for local history and genealogy. She had an inquiring mind and a voracious appetite for reading about the people, places and events that have helped shape the history of this area. Over the years, Mrs. Askew helped lead local history enthusiasts on trips to abandoned cemeteries and sites connected with frontier settlements in this region. She was a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of American Colonists and the National Society of Colonial Dames, 17th Century in addition to a number of local and regional groups. Biddy Hammett, of Columbus, Georgia, said "With the death of Mary Frances Brown Askew, the Chattahoochee Valley lost one of its most dedicated historians and preservationists. Being active in more lineage and historical societies than most people can name, Mary Askew into her last days was a researcher, a teacher and a mentor wanting genealogists, historians and preservationists to be better informed." Margaret Clayton Russell, of Eufaula, Alabama, noted that "Mary Frances Askew was one of a kind, a real character with a pioneer spirit. She was an avid history buff. She was always ready to go on some history trek to find a remote cemetery, to see an old fort or to search for an old house site. I could always count on her to go "trekking" with me." Mrs. Askew was laid to rest in Eufaula's Fairview Cemetery next to her mother and father. She will long be remembered by her many friends and acquaintances.

The Georgia Historical Records Advisory Board recently presented Kaye Minchew with its lifetime achievement award. The award was presented at the Georgia Department of Archives and History on October 15, 2007. Georgia Secretary of State Karen Handel and State Archivist David Carmichael presented the award. State Representative Randy Nix nominated Minchew for the award. In making the presentation, Carmichael noted: "Kaye Lanning Minchew has spent her entire professional career working to improve the documentation of Georgia's history. Through her job as director of the Troup County Archives during the past 24 years, she has sought to improve record keeping in Troup County, West Georgia, and Georgia as a whole. She has worked extensively to

see that these documents and records are made available for use by a wide variety of members of the public, including middle and high school students in History Day contests, scholars, genealogists, social studies teachers, and local historians."

Governor Bob Riley has notified Doug Purcell that he has been appointed as a board member of the Alabama State Council on the Arts. Purcell's appointment runs through December 31, 2013. In his letter, Riley said "As one of my appointees, you will be making important decisions that directly affect the citizens of Alabama. I have made honesty and integrity a priority in my Administration and I know that you will embody these two virtues while serving the people of Alabama." In a congratulatory letter to Purcell, Al Head, Executive Director of the Council noted that "The Council and the arts in Alabama will certainly benefit from your background and expertise." Purcell has also been actively involved with the Georgia Council for the Arts. The mission of the Alabama State Council on the Arts is to promote Alabama's diverse artistic and cultural resources.

White to Head Alabama Historical Commission

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construction for the 1.5 million-square-foot Brussels International Trade Mart in Brussels, Belgium. White also served as the architect's on-site representative for 3D/International during the construction of the Hyatt Hotel in Karachi, Pakistan. White previously served as the endangered properties revolving fund director at the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation. In his 11 years at the Georgia Trust, White built the revolving fund into a self-sustaining program, increasing it from \$500,000 to \$2.3 million. As program director he provided alternatives to demolition and neglect of architecturally or historically significant sites by promoting their rehabilitation.

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city's residents, in addition to providing jobs and tax revenue. "This should be a wonderful source of pride for our citizens," he said. "Celebrate Alabama is designed as celebration of Alabama's rich heritage - our unique history, culture, music, and cuisine."

A compromise has been worked out to save the historic Mercer-Wooten House in Cuthbert, Georgia. In November it appeared that the Cuthbert United Methodist Church had turned a "deaf ear" to pleas by the Randolph County Historical Society and others to save the house. The church had announced plans to have the house demolished so that the land on which it sits could be used as a parking lot for church members. It now appears that the c 1875 house will be moved to Americus where it will be restored and put back into productive use as a residence. Over the years, a number of Cuthbert's most historic homes have been moved to other communities. Regretfully, the Mercer-Wooten House will join these properties in a new setting. It would have been better if the house could have been moved to a new location in Cuthbert. But at least it will be preserved for future generations to enjoy.

The bottom line is that the house will be saved when, just a few months ago, preservationists thought it would be razed.



The Mercer-Wooten House

The Georgia Department of Economic Development, through the Georgia Tourism Foundation, announced in July that it has awarded \$1 million in cooperative tourism marketing reimbursement grants to 72 tourism entities throughout the state. The grants were awarded to communities, convention and visitors bureaus, regional travel associations and other non-profit tourism organizations. The following groups in the lower Chattahoochee Valley area received grants: Callaway Gardens; Ida Cason Callaway Foundation; Columbus Convention & Visitors Bureau; Greater Columbus Sports and Events Council; and Historic Westville, Inc.

The Georgia Historic Preservation Division has received official notification from the Department of Revenue that as of November 30, 2007, 1,001 orders have been placed for the preservation license tag. Thanks to the ongoing support and commitment of the preservation community, the 1,000 tag goal was reached with a month to spare. When available for viewing on the state's highways, the tag will be a visual reminder of the importance of

preservation to Georgia's citizens. The tag also insures the protection of historic resources through additional funding for the Georgia Heritage Grant Program. Orders for historic preservation license plates can be made at www.gashpo.org or by contacting the Historic Preservation Division at (404) 656-2840.

Ten years ago, Millie Lee Dulaney fulfilled her mother's last request and buried her in Alabama red dirt in the overgrown Wilcox County cemetery where her mother's mother and sister lay. As Dulaney looked at the weeds around graves of her ancestors, she knelt down and gathered some of that red clay and put in a heart-shaped crystal bowl that she would take with her back to the West Coast. The act was the beginning of a quest that eventually brought her back home to Alabama after most of a lifetime spent away. Over the course of 10 years, working mostly on the Internet, Dulaney traced the history of her family and that of the white Dulaney of Wilcox County who had held her ancestors as slaves. Dulaney documented the history of the cemetery and the adjoining church, Dulaney AME, and won their placement on the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage. She even earned admission to the United Daughters of the Confederacy after documenting her descent from Hardy Dulaney, a slave who cared for the horses of the 3rd Alabama Confederate Cavalry. Since moving back to Alabama in 2006, Dulaney founded the Wilcox County Cemetery Society and co-founded, with B.J. Smothers, another Black Belt returnee and genealogical researcher, the Black Belt African American Genealogical & Historical Society. It's part of an effort to apply and spread the skills they've gained and the new resources available. For information on the Black Belt African American Genealogical & Historical Society, go to their webpage at <http://bbaaghs.org/>.

A retired high school science teacher from West Point, Georgia has fulfilled a longtime dream of providing permanent protection for a natural area along Flat Shoals Creek in Harris County where rare shoal spider lilies bloom in May. Stephen Johnson, 67, has placed 323 acres in a conservation easement so the land can never be developed, including 311 acres in a residual lifetime interest that upon his death will become property of the Georgia Chapter of The Nature Conservancy. "I donated the conservation easement and the residual lifetime interest to The Nature Conservancy, but left out 11 acres around the cabin," said Johnson. "We completed it December 21. The easement means it must be kept in a natural state. I wanted the property to

be preserved as a nature preserve." "Stephen's commitment to preserving Georgia's natural heritage is an example for landowners across the state," said Shelly Lakly, executive director of the Georgia Chapter. "His foresight will have a lasting impact for generations to come and we at The Nature Conservancy are proud to have him as a partner." "It's something we've been looking forward to for years," said conservation ecologist Malcolm Hodges of The Nature Conservancy. "It's been on our list of important places since the late 1980s, when The Nature Conservancy got with the Natural Heritage Program, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, to identify important natural areas in Georgia. It's one of the top 10 lists that grows to 50." The 11-acre tract that includes Johnson's cabin will go to another conservation group, The Wilderness Network of Georgia. By placing the property in a residual lifetime interest, the 311 acres will automatically go to The Nature Conservancy upon his death without going through Probate Court, Johnson said. He said the property is thought to have been in his family since the 1830s, though deeds go back only to 1874. Johnson has owned the property since 1977 and part of it before that. The rare lilies, which bloom from May 10-30 annually, bloom along a quarter-mile of Flat Shoals Creek where it runs through his property. Only three sizeable populations have been found in Georgia: Flat Shoals Creek, the Flint and Broad Rivers. It is considered a threatened plant under the Georgia listing.

At the OneGeorgia Authority board meeting on November 7th Governor Sonny Perdue announced nearly \$17.5 million in grant awards administered or financially supported by the OneGeorgia Authority. The grants are meant to spur economic development in rural Georgia. Twelve equity awards totaling over \$4.2 million were made. Clay County received a grant for \$320,700 to purchase, prepare and open to the public, on a regular basis, the Sutton's Corner Frontier Country Store Museum. The museum is to be purchased from its creator, owner, and curator, David Campbell. The award was accepted by Pam Ward, Clay County Administrator, Ken Penuel, Jean Turn, Karen Klear and Bill Koch from the Fort Gaines Historical Society. Koch noted that the museum will partner with Westville, Lumpkin, Eufaula, Cuthbert, Shellman, Georgetown, Blakely, Edison,



Sutton's Corner Frontier Country Store Museum

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Abbeville and any other organizations who wish to unify to enhance our region's heritage tourism. The museum, located in the renovated Globe Tavern & Stagecoach Inn, chronicles the life and lifestyle of rural Georgia from 1850 to 1927. The store was originally opened in 1864 and then locked in 1927 at the height of the Great Depression. It was rediscovered in 1992 by Mr. Campbell. Campbell spent years organizing, chronicling and expanding the contents of the now 2,000+ item collection. A recent appraisal estimated the value of the collection between \$600,000 and \$850,000. Total cost of the project is \$519,349.



Clay County received a grant for \$320,700 to purchase Sutton's Corner Frontier Country Store Museum

Dothan muralist, Wes Hardin, has completed a mural in Downtown LaGrange which depicts the history of the city. The idea was conceived by Terry McMillan who then approached the City of LaGrange. The city asked the Downtown LaGrange Development Authority to come up with ideas for the mural. The Authority paid Hardin \$35,000 for the project which came from a \$15,000 grant and a separate fund for a canceled project. Troup County Archives Director Kaye Minchew guided the depiction in the mural of historic downtown places and events. The centerpiece, the old downtown courthouse, was an idea held over since McMillan first pitched the mural. The courthouse, the second to stand of the square, was built in 1904 and was at the center of town until it burned in 1936, but it remained an icon of LaGrange's downtown. The mural's panels depict four downtown scenes that incorporate the likenesses of the mural committee, DLDA and civic leaders. The mural is on the wall next to the LaGrange-Troup County Chamber of Commerce plaza. It was completed in early December after about two months of work.

The Downtown LaGrange Mural by Wes Hardin



Wallace Community College and Dale County High School students have begun work on preserving the memory of an important part of segregation era history. Students from the college and high school have begun interviewing former students of Dale County's segregation era black schools about their experiences in those schools. Open interviews were held on January 18, 19, 25, and 26 at Wallace's Cherry Hall. The interviews were videotaped and will be eventually edited into a book and video presentation. About 90 high school students and 25 college students are participating in the project and are hoping to find former Dale County students with pictures and memorabilia from the era. Linda York, a history professor at Wallace Community College, said about 21 blacks-only schools existed in Dale County during the segregation era. York said the schools were an important part of the black community's sense of identity during a time when blacks and whites were separated by law. York said the project was especially interested in finding the Rosenwald Schools that were in Dale County during the era. York noted that preserving the history of Dale County's black schools will keep an important piece of the area's history from being lost as the generation of the segregation era begins to die off. The History Channel is sponsoring the project with a \$10,000 grant from its "Save our History" community history preservation program. According to its website, the History Channel each year awards grants up to \$10,000 to organizations across the country that partner with schools or youth groups on community preservation projects that engage students in learning about documenting and preserving the history of their communities. The grant was awarded to the Phillip J. Hamm Library at Wallace Community College working in conjunction with Dale County High School and the Dale County Genealogical Society. The videotaped interviews and book compiled by students working on the project will be submitted to the History Channel. History Channel staffers will view the project and submissions from twenty-six other schools and air the best submission.

Georgia Governor Sonny Perdue has announced the locations for the Go Fish Georgia Center and Hatchery and the ten sites across the state for mega-ramps to be built on lakes and rivers. Perdue joined a number of local officials from Perry and Houston County to announce the Go Fish Georgia Center will be built on 120 acres located on the south side of the Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter. This facility will include a visitor's center that will market and promote fishing opportunities throughout the state, an on-site

public fishing lake and a fully functioning warm water hatchery. The ten mega-ramp sites announced are part of a 15-site bass fishing trail that will include large ramps capable of accommodating large fishing tournaments. Eight of the sites will receive Go Fish Georgia funds to match local financial and in-kind contributions for construction. The other two sites will be built on Lake Hartwell using funds from the PCB contamination settlement stemming from chemical releases upstream by a South Carolina plant that eventually flowed down into the lake. Sites in the Chattahoochee Valley that have been selected include: Earl May Boat Basin Park - City of Bainbridge on Lake Seminole and Pyne Road Park - Troup County on West Point Lake. Fishing contributes approximately \$1.5 billion to Georgia's economy each year. The Department of Natural Resources estimates more than 10,000 jobs in Georgia are related to sport fishing, which generates \$15 million in state income taxes and \$19 million in state sales taxes. A major bass fishing tournament can have as much as a \$5 million economic impact on a local community. A championship event can have a \$27 million economic impact. For more information on fishing in Georgia or the Go Fish Georgia initiative, please go to www.gofishgeorgia.com.

The Georgia Visitors Center at Williams Road in Columbus, Georgia now has copies of the new Georgia 2008 state highway map. More than one million official maps are being distributed across Georgia, according to the State Transportation Board. The bulk of the maps will be used by the Georgia Department of Economic Development for distribution at welcome centers. Others will be retained by the Georgia Department of Transportation to fulfill requests from the general public. The map has undergone major changes. New features include symbols identifying hurricane evacuation routes, toll roads and Amtrak rail stations in Georgia. The Interstate 185 Scenic Byway and the Warren County-Piedmont Scenic Byway extension also have been added, with their mileage and location included in the index. The state now has 12 Scenic Byways. The maps feature 1,205 cities, towns and communities, with their locations both on the map and in the index. All communities removed from the 2006 maps have been restored to this map, said Paul Tanner, assistant transportation data administrator for the DOT. An inset of the Atlanta downtown connector has been added. Photographs of historic or scenic sites from each of Georgia's 13 congressional districts, selected by transportation board members, also are featured.

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