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CHIPLEY HISTORICAL CENTER

The Official Newsletter, Pine Mountain, Georgia



Progress on Our New Addition & Renovations

We are so excited about the progress on our new building that I thought instead of describing it, I would simply share photographs. Please enjoy! MaryJo Cox



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Letter from the Chair



Hello and welcome to our 4th Quarter Newsletter. 2020 has been quite an interesting year for all of us. The good news is that the Chipley Historical Center has been moving forward on all of our projects and all of our volunteers have made good progress. But, to keep going we need your help. Georgia Gives is your opportunity to help us with funding to complete our renovation by fixing exhibition cases, building new portable walls, creating text panels and starting on our new education programs. The nice part about this program is it actually lasts all of November and December and makes donating so much easier. You can simply use your debit or credit card to make a one time donation or set it up for a monthly donation. A contribution of \$25.00 a month is not much when you consider that you are helping to keep our history alive. This is true whether your family has been in the Pine Mountain area for generations or is your new adopted home. If we don't preserve our history now there won't be artifacts and stories for future generations.

I would like to thank all of our volunteers who went out and

Georgia Gives Day

December 1st, 2020 is the date for this year's Georgia Gives Day, a program of the Georgia Center for Non-Profits. Our goal is simple: Connect you to your history using the Chipley Historical Center's resources. Your donations can be one time or monthly. So why give during Georgia Gives Day, its simple, your generosity will inspire others to contribute to our programs.

So how does this work? Just copy this link to Georgia Gives Day in your browser::

<https://www.gagives.org/organization/Chipley-Historical-Center-Of-Pine-Mountain>

We appreciate your help.

placed flags on the graves of veterans in our area. It is important to remember and honor their contributions to our country.

Even with COVID 19 there are still plenty of opportunities to safely volunteer and help us honor the history which belongs to all of us. Please contact us if you would like to help at 706 663 4044.

End of Year Donations!

It is the tail end of the 2020 year, and it has been a doozy for one and all. We have been working hard to finish our brand new building in the center of Pine Mountain. Thank you to everyone who made this building possible.

While we have raised funds for the addition the money does not cover much needed:

- Exhibit Case Repairs - \$1,200
- Acid Free Storage Supplies \$500
- LED Light Conversion Kits to Prevent Harming our Artifacts - \$70 each X 12
- UV Filters for the Windows \$28 per square foot. (Our new building has lots of wonderful windows.)
- Dehumidifiers - \$325 each
- Landscape Plants - \$35 each average per Plant X 35 Plants

You can designate your donation to help with the purchase of one category or opt to contribute to the general funds. Your donations are tax deductible.

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Cheese Industry in Chipley

In 1895 a group of citizens raised \$5,000 to form a stock company to build a cheese plant which operated until 1899. In 1920, a group of investors tried to revive the factory but it only stayed in business two more years.

From the Sunday Ledger-Enquirer in Columbus on Jan 28, 1951



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New Exhibitions & Artifacts Needed

We are very excited about our new exhibition space and updating our current exhibition space. As you read we are painting all the walls.

In our new space we will be dividing the exhibition into subject areas to include:

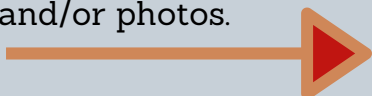
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- Religion
- and Changing Exhibitions



We will also have a brand new collection and archival storage and research area.

With our new displays we are looking for the following artifacts, photographs or paperwork for the collection and hoping you all can help us. We need:

1. The Schwobilt Plant men's trousers and dinner jackets and/or photos.



2. Socks made by Southdown Inc made in Chipley - photos and sock samples.
3. Mop and broom handles made in a Chipley factory
4. Photographs of the clubs, organizations and schools.
5. Land lottery tickets
6. Family diaries, photographs and letters
7. Early money made for Chipley
8. Family quilts made in area
9. Adult and children's clothing and accessories from late 1800s to 1940s.
10. Locally made pottery, weaving, split oak baskets, blacksmith items
11. China and glassware from late 1800s to mid 1940s
12. Photographs of cotton plantations
13. Photographs and artifacts from the railroad
14. Accounting books, items sold and photographs from the stores over the years.
15. Photographs of the churches and congregations
16. Butter Churns
17. Apple presses
18. Sugar cane pots
19. Spinning wheels
20. Handmade pottery and jugs
21. Paperwork & photographs from the cheese factory



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Johnson Mill Bridge is attributed to having been built by Horace King. The bridge was on Flat Shoals Creek, and washed away in 1948. Horace King built more than 100 covered bridges throughout Georgia. He was a freed slave of black, white, and Indian descent. Katherine Hyde Greene papers, Troup County Archives

Visitors at Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park admire a portrait of the former president, Pine Mountain, Georgia, April 1947. Atlanta Journal-Constitution Photographic Archive, Georgia State University



A cabin at the Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park, Pine Mountain, Georgia, April 1947. Atlanta Journal-Constitution Photographic Archive, Georgia State University



Hurrah for Our Side!

(Advertisement in the Hamilton Journal, Friday April 29, 1831)

Many people have lost interest in politics and in amusements because they are out of sorts and run down that they cannot enjoy anything. If such persons would be wise enough to try the Celebrated Kidney - Wort tonic and experience its tunic and renovating effects they would soon be hurahing with the loudest. In either dry or liquid form it is a perfect remedy for torpid liver, kidney or bowels.



Fantasy in Lights Celebrates 28 Years

By Lou Beckett

If you have driven down Hwy 27 in the last few days, you may have seen the latest display in Callaway Garden's Fantasy In Lights celebration. This year they have added a "Magical Field of Lights" that includes a tree over ten stories tall, making it the tallest Christmas tree in the South.

Started in 1992, Fantasy In Lights includes several holiday scenes, including giant soldiers and snowflakes. Guests can ride through the displays either in their own car or on the Jolly Trolley. They can also indulge in hot cocoa, roasted marshmallows, kettle corn, and pretzels while browsing the items for sale in the big tent.

My own family has been going to Fantasy In Lights almost since it opened, first with my parents and our children, and now just the two of us. In a few years, though, our granddaughter should be old enough to continue this family tradition. On our first visit in 1993, our then four-year-old son (our wild child!) got separated from us in the big tent, but a costumed FIL the Frog kept him company until he could be reunited with us. This same wild child lost his first tooth somewhere on the Jolly Trolley ride two years later. Because of the unpredictable Georgia weather, we have ridden the trolley in shorts and sandals in some years and all bundled up like Eskimos in others, but it never fails to make us enjoy the Christmas spirit.

One thing that I failed to realize is that each year Fantasy In Lights offers a dated keepsake ornament for purchase. The Chipley History Center has three of these ornaments for 1993, 1998, and 2007, but we would like to have the ornaments for the rest of the years. If you have any that you would like to donate to the Center, we will gladly accept them, with hopes of one day having the complete set to decorate the History Center tree.



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The Archaeologist Corner

Stories in Stone by Patrick Severts

Because of the area we live in, the preservation of organic artifacts is poor to nonexistent. One type of artifact is commonly found are what archaeologists refer to as PPK's "arrowheads". Some may ask why PPK? Well, this stands for Projectile Point/ Knife, as we do not know the exact function of the artifact. These chipped stone tools vary in style throughout time, starting off with large Clovis style spear-points for the hunting of the megafauna to small triangular points used as true arrowheads. From the first time a plow touched the ground, people started walking the fields in search of these ancient tools and still do today.

Shoe boxes of points are sometimes passed down through generations and added to. It is exciting to hold a piece of history in one's hand. That is the very reason I am an archaeologist. Other than just looking at these items and admiring them, what good are they? Archaeologist approach these finds a little differently. First, when we encounter the item on the surface, we photograph it in place, secondly, we mark the location with a GPS or on a map and keep that information with the photo. We then bag the artifact and record the information on the bag. It is taken back to the lab for analysis where the artifact is washed and analyzed. This is when the true story of the artifacts comes to light. During analysis, all attributes of the PPK are looked at from material type, flake morphology, use wear, projectile type. From all this we can determine a date range for when the object was made, the use or function, and if the material of manufacture is locally available or obtained elsewhere.

In the Pine Mountain region, the most represented sites found are those of the Archaic period. During this time, people were nomadic and moved north or south with the seasons and availability of resources. By recording the locations of these finds, we can begin to track the movements of these ancient peoples through this area and determine their activities. When the newly expanded Chipley Historical Center opens back up, come on in and see the new Native American exhibits and learn more about our local prehistory.



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