

Historical Happenings

C R A W F O R D C O U N T Y H I S T O R I C A L S O C I E T Y

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Weird Georgia
- Old Courthouse Update
- Georgia JugFest/
Old Knoxville Days
Festival
- Pottery Auction
- Lunch & Learn
- Pot Luck Pottery ID

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MARCH GUEST SPEAKER

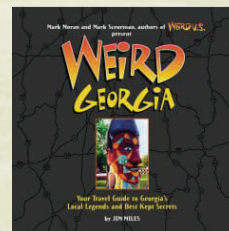
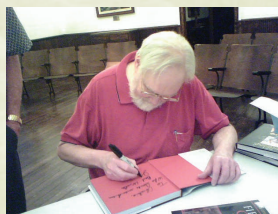
Ever heard of the book "Weird Georgia" by Jim Miles? Weird Georgia: Close Encounters, Strange Creatures, and Unexplained Phenomena. Well it's all here in this wonderful book! Many of us attended our March meeting to purchase this great book and get it signed! You could have heard about long-dead Native Americans heard waiting in the pre-dawn hours at Macon's Ocmulgee Mounds, or folk in Georgia that regularly succumb to inexplicable odors that sicken them, even in locations as improbable - or perhaps probable - as a Marta Train. There is an allegation that a UFO crashed in rural Heard County, Georgia in 1977 and was later recovered. One day

in 1987, a house in Atlanta *bled*. *Ok, right?!?!?!?*

Anyway, if you didn't join us, you missed great stories and a wonderful story teller!

The meeting was held at the Civic Center on March 27th at 5:30 pm.

Hopefully we will get to hear Jim Miles speak again sometime as he was truly a wonderful story teller!



What a book!...

LUNCH & LEARN



The Historic Crawford Foundation, Inc.'s annual Lunch & Learn was held on May 16, 2007. It was a huge success again this year! Our guest speaker was Dr. Dan Elliott of the Lamar Institute who spoke about archaeology and the Fort Haw-

kins project. If you didn't attend, you missed some great information! The lunch was catered by Rita Marable and was truly yummy! 4-Her's served lunch. Each guest was treated with a goodie bag put together by Coni Merritt with Mary Kay and Kim Gordon with Avon. Thanks Coni for all your help! Mark your calendar for

next years Lunch & Learn which promises to be another fantastic function!



POT LUCK POTTERY ID

Historic Crawford Foundation, Inc.'s Pot Luck Pottery ID was something new we started this year. It was a huge success! Many folks showed up to have experts tell them about their pieces. Everyone brought a dish of some kind and the food was just fabulous! There was a lot of educating going on at this event. If

you missed it this year, mark your calendar for next year, you don't want to miss it if you have any old pieces of pottery! A big thanks goes out to Pat Keller, Charlie B. West, Shelby West, and Jim Wilcox for lending their expertise.



Pot Luck & Pottery...



GEORGIA JUGFEST / OLD KNOXVILLE DAYS

"Georgia JugFest 2007"

Georgia JugFest/Old Knoxville Days Festival was held this year on May 19th. Festivities started on May 16th with the Foundation's annual Lunch & Learn with guest speaker Dan Elliot. On May 17th we had Pot Luck Pottery ID. The 18th was the foundations kiln opening and on the 19th the historical society had our annual chicken que as well as the foundation's

annual pottery auction. Everything this year was successful! Mark your calendar and be sure you join us next year! A big thanks goes out to Ms. Gina and the 4-Her's that helped serve at our Chicken Que, we couldn't have pulled it off without you! Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!!

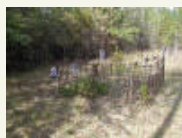
Georgia JugFest

OLD KNOXVILLE DAYS

ADOPT A CEMETERY

The Crawford County Historical Society currently cares for six local cemeteries and we need your help!. It is getting more and more expensive every day to care for them. Would you be interested in adopting one and caring for it? There are a few ways this can be done. You can do it yourself, pay someone to do it, or pay the Historical Society to do it. If we can get some participation,

maybe we can even start caring for more local cemeteries! There are many in this area that need a lot of TLC. If you are interested in adopting a local cemetery, please call Kim @ 836-3121 or Elaine @ 836-3029.



Interested in adopting a local cemetery?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

January

03—Kim Gordon
09—Deloris Roys
13—Tony Sellier
16—Brenda Carroll

February

01—Mona Lowe
02—Bill Neace
06—John Daniel

March

03—Betty Hammer
18—Betty Harris
22—Nita Walker

April

19—Dean Barefield
23—Brent Gordon

May

17—BJ Bassett

June

02—Charlie Harris
10—Elaine Westberry
16—Patricia Bassett
17—Clifford Byrd
18—Kathleen Cook

July

02—Merlyn Whiting
07—Martha Carter

August

30—Pat Roys

September

25—Judy Sellier

October

18—Jane Hampton
24—David Lowe

November

14—Gene Cook
18—Faye Parker
18—Doug Preston
26—Robert Dickey III

December

04—Ed Gordon
10—Cynde Dickey
12—Sherri Childres
13—Charles Westberry
24—Libby Scarborough



I need to know when your Birthday is!!!!

Dale Brown	Sybil Spillers
Bill Browning	Fay Woodward
Bettie Calloway	Henry Woodward
Gilbert Calloway	
Lavonia Hogg	
Jesse Rogers	

OLD COURTHOUSE UPDATE

The 2008 Places in Peril list will be announced in Nov. 2007. The Trust is currently searching to identify the most significant endangered properties in Georgia to reclaim, restore and revitalize. Thanks to Kristi Harpst at the MGRDC, we have applied for our old Courthouse to be added to the list. Please keep your fingers crossed that it is chosen!

Have some free time you can spend at the Library? Can you look through old newspapers there? We could use some folks that have a little time to spend researching to help us out.



Photo by Kim Gordon

*Have time to do
a little research?*

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

The Crawford County Historical Society currently has 43 paid members for 2007. We need to get our membership numbers up higher so we have more people to help with our events. Don't forget that we offer student memberships for \$5.00 per year!

The Historic Crawford Foundation, Inc. currently has 17 paid

members for 2007. We also need to work on our membership for the foundation as this money all goes towards nothing but the old Courthouse.

If anyone has any ideas for membership drives, please let Membership Chair Kim Gordon know as soon as possible.



Photos by Kim Gordon

Members hard at work!

PEACHES TO THE BEACHES YARD SALE

A big thanks goes out to those of you that joined us on March 9th and 10th and helped with our peachy sale! We managed to get \$338.82 to go towards our old Courthouse. We sold a little bit of everything and others had much to offer too! Mark your calendar for next year's sale and be sure you join us!



Success...

2007 GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP

*"Some pitched in
for the 2007
Great American
Cleanup"*

This year for our part of the 2007 Great American Cleanup we cleaned the old Courthouse & grounds. A big thanks goes out to all that showed up!



2007 MEETING SCHEDULE

2007 Historical Society meeting dates are:

June 26
July 24
August 28
September 25
October 23
November 27

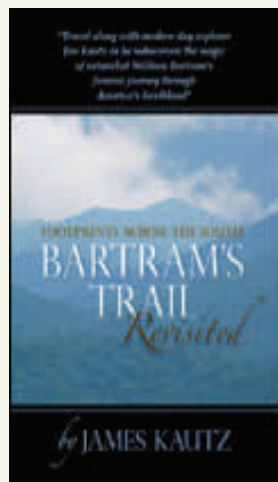
Meetings are held at the headquarters building at 5:30 PM each of the days listed.

2007 Historic Crawford Foundation dates are:

June 11
July 9
August 13
September 10
October 8
November 12

Meetings are held at Roberta City Hall at 5:30 PM each of the days listed.

JUNE GUEST SPEAKER



We will welcome Author Jim Kautz to our June meeting on the 26th. The topic of conversation will be Bartram's Trail. We all know who William Bartram is! He discovered the Oak-leaf Hydrangea in our own Crawford County! Born in Washington, D.C., Jim Kautz, Ph.D., taught at three colleges in the South and conducted archaeological explorations in the Middle East and America before working in

human services in Louisiana and Georgia. In 2001, he began his quest along Bartram's trail. In the course of five years, he traveled 15,000 miles across seven states, tramped trails, paddled and motored rivers and streams, and interviewed dozens of residents, scientists, and community leaders in revisiting Bartram's Trail.

"Bartram's Trail"

SOCIETY MERCANTILE

"Selling our wares in an old mercantile store"

Every year during the festival, Ed Gordon opens up the old Knoxville Journal building and turns it into what we call the "Society Mercantile". We sell our wares with all proceeds going towards the old Courthouse restoration project. We have everything! From ornaments and history books to beautiful kitchen towels and flower arrangements by our own Fay Parker to gourds, t-shirts, prints, and even first aid kits donated by our own Lavonia

Hogg. We even have home made wooden games from various members to sell! Anyway, we all need to shop the Society Mercantile whenever it is open. A big thanks also goes out Ed for manning the store for us each year, great job Ed! A total of \$184.75 was made in the store during the festival.



CRAWFORD COUNTY WEBSITES

Crawford County Historical Society

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~gacchs/>

Historic Crawford Foundation, Inc.

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~gahcf/>

Crawford County AHGP

<http://www.usgenet.org/usa/ga/county/crawford/index.htm>

Crawford County GAGenWeb

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~gacrawf2/>

Crawford County Saving Graves

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~gaccsg/>

Roberta/Crawford County Chamber of Commerce

<http://robertacrawfordchamber.org/>

Crawford County Extension

<http://www.ugaextension.com/crawford/>

WE'RE ON THE WEB!
WWW.ROOTSWEB.COM/~GACCHS/



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History and Preservation from The Crawford County

Historical Society in Crawford County, Georgia, USA

A major part of the Historical Society's mission is to promote an appreciation for historic structures, artifacts and records. Recognizing the relevance these treasures hold for today and the future, we want to encourage protection, use and responsible community development. We are working closely with the Regional Development Commission, the Georgia Historical Society, and the Georgia Trust for historic Preservation in identification and stewardship of these treasures. Join us today!

**CCHS Meetings are the 4th Tuesday,
5:30 PM, Historical Society Headquarters**

We still have ornaments for sale:

- #1—Old Courthouse—2003
- #2—Roberta Depot—2004
- #3—Roberta Civic Center—2005
- #4—Knoxville Journal—2006

Crawford County was created from Houston County in 1822. It was named for United States Secretary of War and Treasury **William Harris Crawford**. Before 1822, the area was inhabited by the Muskogee people, called Creeks by the Europeans.

P R E S I D E N T I A L P O N D E R I N G S

Dear Members,

Summer is upon us once again and we lived through the festival. I want to thank each of you that had a part in making all of our functions a success this year. No matter how large or small what you did was, you are greatly appreciated for all you do! Have a happy summer!

Kim Gordon
President, CCHS

The historic Crawford County Jail and the Knoxville Journal Building are open for the 2007 season. The schedule has been mailed so be sure you open the buildings when you are scheduled. If you cannot, please be sure to call another member about switching days. We appreciate your support!



**Old Knoxville Journal
Old Jail**