

# 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:

- Society Mercantile
- Lunch & Learn
- Chicken Que & Pottery Auction
- Georgia JugFest
- Crawford County Pandemic Influenza Information and Planning Meeting
- Old Courthouse Update

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## ANNUAL CHICKEN QUE

The 2006 Annual Chicken Que was held May 20th. It began with cleaning chickens at the local Piggly Wiggly on the 19th. Thanks to all of you that either donated your time, items needed, or money for this event. It's our largest fundraiser each year. And what a crowd we had! We sold out of chicken plates around 1:15! It wouldn't have been complete without the fixings...super yummy cole slaw, bread, chips, cake, tea, and lemonade.

Thanks to everyone that brought cakes and beverages. After subtracting all the expenses, we made a profit of \$2,075.44. Keep up the great work folks!



Cleaning those 400 chickens on a Friday night, what a job!



Members getting ready for the crowds...



Photos by Kim Gordon



Photos by Gina Hudson

## GEORGIA JUGFEST

This years Georgia Jugfest was held May 17th through the 21st. It began with the Historic Crawford Foundation's Lunch & Learn then went on to the Pottery Exhibit and ended Sunday evening at 5:00. I believe it was a huge success, Chamber Director Mona Lowe

says she thinks there were around 1,500 people in attendance. This year the Georgia JugFest also included "Old Knoxville Days" with many historical exhibits in the old Courthouse, there was a quilt exhibit and whatzit room. Thanks to those who took the

time to sit with these exhibits.



Some folks had a little trouble emptying the trash and lost the barrel and had to fetch it!

Photos by Kim Gordon

## BUILDING CLEAN-UP / NEW ORNAMENTS

The building clean-up was held May 13, 2006. Many members were on hand to help with the cleanup. It is very important that we all pitch in on this yearly event because we want our buildings to shine during the annual Georgia JugFest. A big thank you to all of you that were able to attend and get the job done!



Photos by Ed Gordon

The 2006 ornaments are in! The cost is still \$13.00 and the stands are \$1.50. They are the Knoxville Journal and look really nice, ChemArt did another great job! Get yours today before they all sell out. They come complete with certificate of authenticity and they are numbered, they are also marked 2006 on the back of each ornament.



Photo by Kim Gordon

The ornament looks much better than my photo, sorry!

## CRAWFORD COUNTY PANDEMIC INFLUENZA INFORMATION

*"Scientists are concerned that bird flu could change, causing pandemic influenza"*

On May 23, 2006, I attended an information and planning meeting called by the Crawford County Health Department concerning Avian (bird) flu at the Board of Education Auditorium. We were all told that we need to start planning now in case this flu changes and becomes contagious from person to person. IF it comes to Crawford County, as many

as 5,000 people in our community can get this flu. Of course the young and elderly will be most affected. We can also schedule for someone from the North Central Health District to come to one of our meetings and go over all the information with us. We were told that as many as 40% of our population can be out of work due to the illness itself

or from taking care of family members whether they are sick or our children are not able to go to school. Schools, Churches, and many other places may have to shut down because those in a large group of people would be more likely to get this flu. If you think someone should come to one of our meetings, please let me know.

## HISTORIC CRAWFORD FOUNDATION'S ANNUAL LUNCH & LEARN

The Historic Crawford Foundation, Inc.'s annual Lunch & Learn was held Wednesday, May 17, 2006. It was a great success with about 40 people in attendance. Guest speaker was J. W. Joseph, PhD, RPA, President of New South Associates, a Georgia Corporation providing ar-

chaeological, historical and architectural historical consulting services. Dr. Joseph spoke on archaeological excavations at the free African-American community of Springfield and was very informative. Member Kathleen Cook served up a scrumptious lunch and a good time

was enjoyed by all who attended. Local 4-Hers served this feast and if you missed this event, you missed a good one. I for one, am looking forward to next year's event! A total of \$525.02 was made from this event! Great job everyone!



Speaker—Dr. Joe Joseph of New South Associates  
Photos by Kim Gordon

## HISTORIC CRAWFORD FOUNDATION'S POTTERY AUCTION



Some pottery that was up for auction...  
Photos by Kim Gordon

The 3rd annual Historic Crawford Foundation, Inc's Pottery Auction was held Saturday, May 20, 2006. There were 73 pieces of pottery up for auction with an average selling price of \$49.24. Some pieces went for as little as 1.00 with some bringing in a whopping 400.00! There was something there for everyone. If you didn't attend this year, you need to make plans to attend next years auction. HCF's President, Brenda Carroll inducted potter Billy Merritt into the Potter's Hall of Fame and the Chamber had t-shirts to sell (they still have some if you need one). The foundation earned a profit of \$1,043.15.



Photos by Amy Moncrief

## OLD COURTHOUSE UPDATE

The roof on the old Crawford County Courthouse was recently replaced so now we're on to more renovations! We have a estimate that the elevator will be around \$65,000.00 so we have many fundraisers to go. Historic Crawford Foundation President Brenda Carroll gave us an update at the May meeting. The foundation looks to possibly have a Bruns-

wick stew cook off and bingo game the 28th of October at the old Courthouse. We hope that this and our many other fundraisers can earn us enough money to go another step with our old Courthouse. We still have such a long way to go. If you have any ideas for fundraisers, please contact Brenda Carroll at 478-836-3497.

So what do we do next? Heat & Air? Electrical? Plumbing? Elevator? A decision has to be made...



Photo by Kim Gordon



*"So what comes next for the old Crawford County Courthouse?"*

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

The Crawford County Historical Society currently has 45 paid members for 2006. 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 24 paid

members for 2006. 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!**

## SOCIETY MERCANTILE

The society mercantile was open during the Georgia JugFest May 20-21. It was manned by member Ed Gordon who did a great job of selling our wares. Saturday was the busiest giving Ed no time to sit and relax! We have the store open on the first weekend of each month from 10:00–12:00 on Saturday and 3:00–5:00 on Sunday so get the word out to the good folks you know so

they will come and visit us. A total of \$901.25 was earned in the store over the JugFest weekend. Remember that all money earned in the store goes towards the renovations in the old Crawford County Courthouse! If you have any ideas of other things we can sell in our store or would like to donate items, please let us know. An extra big thanks goes out to Faye Parker for making towels and flower

arrangements to sell, they were a big hit and sold well!



Photos by Ed Gordon



Many people visited the mercantile and bought many items.

*"Tired of  
hauling around  
tables for  
Historical  
Society events?  
We have a  
solution"*

## TABLES, TABLES, TABLES...

Tired of hauling around heavy wood tables for historical society events? We have a solution! We are taking up donations so we can have our own Lifetime folding tables. These are the lightweight plastic type that is so much easier to lift and move around. Please send your checks made payable to the Crawford County Historical

Society to CCHS, P.O. Box 622, Roberta, GA 31078-0622. Please mark your envelope "Tables" so we know to use that money towards the tables only. We will probably need more 8 foot tables than 6 foot. We appreciate your support and really look forward to having some lightweight tables!

The prices of the tables are:

Lifetime Folding Tables

6 foot—\$44.84 each

8 foot—\$73.42 each



## 2006 MEETING SCHEDULE

2006 Historical Society remaining meeting dates are:

June 27

July 25

August 22

September 26

October 24

November 28

December—no meeting

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

2006 Historic Crawford Foundation remaining meeting dates are:

July 10

August 14

September 11

October 9

November 13

December—no meeting

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

## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL STUDY OF CRAWFORD COUNTY STONEWARE POTTERY SITES

1. Work with local collectors, historians, potter's descendants and others to locate all of the known pottery/kiln sites in the county. Record these locations on a USGA quadrangle map for field inspection. Please advertise-ments in Farm Bureau publica-tions and at country stores seek-ing information on kiln locations. Contact historical society about locations of known ceramic grave markers.
2. Field visit and document each site. Record each on a Georgia Archaeological Site Form. Pre-pare a sketch plan drawing of each showing the topography, kiln location, waster dump(s), building ruins, water sources, etc. Take a probe and identify the approximate dimensions of the kiln. Make notes on glazes from an examination of sherds in the waster dump. Make notes on maker's marks. Take extensive photographs.
3. Work with local collectors and others who have collected pottery from these sites and identify maker's marks found at each kiln. Photograph examples of both marks as well as intact pieces from private collections.
4. Record notable examples of Crawford County pottery in private collections, to include all signed pieces, all decorated pieces, all unusual forms, and representa-tive common forms. Record each on an inventory form with a digital photograph. This could be done as part of the annual Crawford County pottery exhibit at Georgia JugFest. Monitor eBay, crocker-farm.com, and other major auc-

tions for Crawford County exam-ples. Stress to buyers/sellers that value increases with docu-mentation.

5. Talk to family members about their family histories with pottery and record these interviews with a tape recorder. Collect addi-tional historic documentation on the major pottery lineages of Crawford County, including the Long's, Becham's, Merritt's, Averett's, Yaughn's, Newberry's, Bryant's, and others.
6. Prepare a heavily illustrated cata-log of Crawford County pottery using all of the above, with an emphasis on how pottery was made, glazed, and signed at the various pottery sites.
7. Working with Shelby West, if inter-ested, to experiment with glaze recipes to assess how glazes differed from one potter to the next and their formulas.
8. Depending on the findings of Number 2) above, seek grant funding for archaeological exca-vation of pottery sites and waster dumps with the goals of deter-mining how glazes and forms changed over time as well as the vessel forms made at each site.

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It was discussed at the May meeting that a site is already in danger of per-ishing due to a subdivision going in on Pottery Road.

I think we may need to consider taking Dr. Joseph's suggestions and doing this as soon as possible so we don't loose this wonderful piece of Crawford County's history.



Do we want beautiful artifacts like this to disappear?



Photos by Kim Gordon

WE'RE ON THE WEB!  
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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 (It's here!)

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.

## PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS

Dear Members,

I want to thank each and every one of you that participated in our activities during the month of May. I appreciate each of you!

I would also like to thank Frank & Greg Holmes for their hard work editing our newsletter thus far.

Remember, we need to work on getting our membership numbers up.

Kim Gordon  
President, CCHS

The historic Crawford County Jail and the Knoxville Journal Building are currently open for tours on the first weekend of every month from March through November.

Saturday hours are 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM and Sunday 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

If you are scheduled to work during this time, please be sure that if you can't work to call another member to work in your place.

Thanks much and have a wonderful and safe summer.



**Old Knoxville Journal  
Old Jail**