

Roswell Historical Society

Preserving & Promoting Our History

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Roswell Historical Society inducts new president, board

2012 shaping up to be big year for Roswell History

ROSWELL, GA.— It's not often the words of Barrington King come alive in such a direct way as the members of the Roswell Historical Society experienced Sunday, Jan. 8 at the annual induction of their new board.

Held at the Roswell Visitor's Center, the ceremony saw outgoing president Barbara Cobb hand over her gavel to the new president, Judy Meer.

Actor Jim Gray portrayed Barrington King, son of Roswell King, the namesake of Roswell. Gray has reenacted King on several walking tours for school groups, using the words Barrington wrote in correspondence as part of his act.

He detailed for the large audience what the King family did during the Civil War, managing the



RHS outgoing President **Barbara Cobb**, left, passed the ceremonial gavel to 2012 President **Judy Meer**.

large Roswell Mill in the production of clothing for the war effort before evacuating the family to Savannah ahead of the attack on Atlanta. While the Union troops did occupy Roswell for two weeks, they left it largely unscathed; King wrote how betrayed he felt upon hearing it



The new RHS board and committee chairs for 2012. They are, from left, **Sally Rich-Kolb, Bowe Lang, Johanna Harned, Mary Lynch, Judy Meer, Bob Hagan, Kristy Kirkland, "Barrington King," Carmen Ford, Sherron Lawson and Stuart Arey.**

was instead the mill workers and residents who did the most looting and destruction visited upon the small town.

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Meer said she was enthusiastic about the upcoming year and hopes it will be a banner year for the RHS.

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"Let's set our imaginations free to accomplish our goals and have some fun making the Roswell Historical Society the place to go to learn about the story of Roswell."

Message From The President



Dear Members,

Well, here we are! A new year, a new Board, and so many new ideas for the Roswell Historical Society in 2012. Your new Board has been hard at work already making plans to have 2012 be our most exciting year ever. We have a new website, the plans for the Georgia Ramble are almost complete and ready to go, we have a new mascot named "Rucker" that you will be hearing about, and plans for fundraising are in progress. We are planning to get more work done on the Hembree Farm house as well as holding our Fourth Annual Great Flea Fling to raise funds for the restoration project. There will be many opportunities for you to help us reach our goals and have a great time doing it. In addition to hearing what is happening in the newsletter, please check the website at www.roswellhistoricalsociety.org regularly to learn about how you can participate. It would also be a wonderful way to invite friends and family to see what the Roswell Historical Society is all about and they can contact us through the website. One of our goals is to increase our membership bringing in another generation of members who want to help us preserve and promote the history of Roswell.

If you missed the Installation, "Barrington King" (also known as Jim Gray) appeared and spoke to us as though we were on the grounds of Barrington Hall as he and his wife, Catherine, had recently returned to Barrington Hall after the Union occupation. I heard Mr. Gray's portrayal of Barrington King as a docent for the Fulton County Historic Roswell 8th Grade Walking Tours. He was one of nine actors who helped teach these students about the history of Roswell during the Civil War. Thanks to Elaine DeNiro's participation in that program using the original source materials we hold in the Library and Archives, the information that was shared with the students was not only interesting, but accurate. What a wonderful way to teach our history! It was truly amazing to see the students realize what really happened here so long ago. Please consider volunteering for that project in the Spring.

I am really looking forward to working with you this year with all the Society has to offer. Please consider what project or committee you would like to be a part of and let us know. Your membership benefits the Society and the community. Your participation will benefit you as you work with and enjoy all the wonderful people we have as members of the Roswell Historical Society. I hope to see you soon!

*Judy Meer,
President*

Be sure to check out our next meeting!

You and your friends are cordially invited **Thursday, Feb. 2**, to attend the next meeting where our guest speaker will be Joe Kirby who is the Editorial Page Editor of the Marietta Daily Journal. Kirby will speak to us about the "Bell Bomber Plant."

We will meet at The Gardens at Great Oaks located at 786 Mimosa Blvd., Roswell, GA 30075 at 7:00 p.m.

Light refreshments afterward.

Spreading the word

2012 looks like a great year for RHS. We are having guest speakers at our general membership meetings that you won't want to miss. We are sponsoring a weekend in April with the Georgia Trust that will bring many people to Roswell, and have exciting events. There will be activities throughout the year as well.

We are asking you, our membership, to help us spread the word.

If you are a member of another civic organization (in Roswell or the surrounding area), or have connections with websites or other media, let us know! You could be a big help in getting RHS information and activities out to more people. Please contact Christy Kirkland at kirklan@bellsouth.net or Mary Lynch at mblynch@bellsouth.net and let us know who we can email or call to tell them of the great happenings with RHS.

Donations to the

Research Library and Archives

Robert Jackels
Darlene Walsh
Tera Morris

Donations to the Society

Bank of North Georgia
Tris, Inc. DBA Sign-A-Rama

Lend a helping hand

The Hospitality Committee is in need of a few volunteers to help with the following at the monthly meetings:

1. Cleanup after the meeting - 15 to 20 minutes to put the chairs/tables in their original places, dispose of food, etc.
2. Refreshments - provide an appetizer/finger food for one of the meetings during the year.

Contact Archie Ricard at 770-594-0677

THE GEORGIA TRUST 2012 ANNUAL MEETING

SPRING RAMBLE
& STATEWIDE PRESERVATION CONFERENCE

ROSWELL, GEORGIA | APRIL 19-22
www.GeorgiaTrust.org



Hembree Farm Update

Happy New Year from the Hembree Farm! 2012 has some exciting things on tap for us so far. We'll be scheduling our Planning Day sometime in the early spring, and we'd love to have your participation when the time comes.

April will find us on the tour of homes for the Georgia Trust Ramble, so we're tidying up around the house. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Ramble in April. Our partners, The Second Chance Crossroads School North is planning their annual garden at the farm, and there's even talk of a pumpkin patch this year in time for our 4th Annual Great Flea Fling at Hembree Farm on Saturday, Oct. 6.

In case you haven't heard, we raised over \$7,500 in funds from last year's Flea Fling, and we plan on raising even more funds this year. Anyone wanting to get a jump on their spring cleaning can go ahead and Fling it!

Just call the office or email us at hembreefarm@bellsouth.net to arrange pick up or delivery of your donations. If you are interested in assisting us in any way this year, please don't hesitate to let us know. There will be more work days out at the farm, and we look forward to seeing you there!

-The Hembree Farm Committee

RHS to host the Georgia Trust Spring Ramble in Roswell

The Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation is one of the country's largest, nonprofit preservation organizations. It conducts two Rambles each year to showcase historic cities in Georgia.

The Roswell Historical Society and The Georgia Trust have partnered to present the Spring 2012 Ramble in Roswell, Georgia.

The Roswell Ramble will take place on April 20-22.

This three-day extravaganza will include tours of historic sites, including private homes never open to the public, fabulous meals, and preservation presentations. Individuals from all over the state will come to our town to participate in this event.

The Roswell Historical Society is asking for volunteers to serve as guides in the homes on tour. Please contact Elaine DeNiro at edeniro@roswellgov.com if you would like to participate.

Tickets for the event will be available through The Georgia Trust. Visit their website at www.GeorgiaTrust.org for information.

CALENDAR

- Feb. 2** Joe Kirby, Editorial Page Editor for Marietta Daily Journal, "The Bell Bomber Plant," The Gardens at Great Oaks - 7 p.m.
- March 1** General Membership meeting - Teaching History Through Partnerships - 7 p.m. at Great Oaks.
- May 7** General Membership meeting in conjunction with Bulloch Hall - Walter E. Wilson and Gary L. McKay will present a program on their just-released book, "James D. Bulloch: Secret Agent and Mastermind of the Confederate Navy." Osage Terrace Room at Bulloch Hall 7 p.m. Opening of the exhibit "Rebel With A Cause."



Wells Fargo Bank on Holcomb Bridge Road received many of the images for the exterior mural from the Roswell Historical Society/City of Roswell Research Library and Archives.

Recent Additions to the Research Library and Archives

- Wooden drain pipe, horse and mule shoes, metal step-on for carriage; donated by W. L. “Pug” Mabry
- Home movies of the Roswell area taken by Randall Brannon Sr., 1940-1960; copy of DVD donated by Dotty Etris, Roswell Convention and Visitors Bureau
- Photographs of the James Jasper Stewart family; donated by Norma Harris
- Archaeological Survey of a 200-Acre Tract at Holcomb Bridge, Fulton County (August 5, 2002); donated by Michael Hitt
- Photographs of Roswell Police Department, Roswell Bank invoices, paperweight with image of Bulloch Hall; donated by Terry Joyner

NEXT MEETING!

What: Joe Kirby, “Bell Bomber Plant”

When: Feb. 2, 7 p.m.

Where: The Gardens at Great Oaks, 786 Mimosa Blvd., Roswell, GA. 30075

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Mon and Thurs, 1p.m.—4:30p.m.

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Roswell Historical Society Membership

NEW MEMBERS

Well we are starting 2012 off to a great start. Please join me in welcoming our nine new members to RHS:

- Reuben & Alice Cannon
- Keith & Elizabeth Crews
- Debbie Doss
- Linda McWilliams
- Janice Metzler
- Andrew & Alice Miller
- Sally Moreland
- Manuela Myrich
- Susan Patterson

If you are interested in joining this organization, we would love to have you. Our mission is to collect, preserve, share, and promote the history of the city of Roswell and environs. We’ve been in business since 1971.

- Individual - \$35
- Family/Dual - \$50
- Contributor - \$75
- Sponsor - \$125
- Business - \$150
- Life Member - \$1,000