



**Summer Camp Adventures**  
**Volunteer Spotlight**

**Looking Ahead to Fall**  
**Picture Yourself A Member**

Our history begins here. Let us start you on the journey.

On the cover: Campers explored Laurel Hill Cemetary on Victorian Day at Camp Dawson.

# Camp Dawson Delights

This year, 34 adventurous campers participated in our annual Camp Dawson. Campers immersed themselves in local history through games, crafts, and four field trips.

Each day campers explored a different time period in history and spent time working on research and stories for their exhibit grand opening on Friday. Working in small groups, campers used their newfound knowledge and hands-on experience to craft narratives about the past. With special



instructions from storyteller Sandra Kelley, campers created story “arcs” to map the beginning, middle, and end of their subjects. Exhibit topics ranged from how to make Muscogee Creek style pottery to the work and training of cadaver dogs, inspired by our visit with Suzi Goodhope and her working dogs, Shiraz and



Fletch, at the Civil War P.O.W. Camp site. Perennial favorites like tie-dye, basket weaving, biscuit-making, and ice cream churning were joined by new and reimagined activities like shelling peas, designing quilt squares on paper, and a visit to Laurel Hill Cemetery to explore Victorian-era gravesites. Campers found common symbols and inscriptions on markers and learned about historic Thomasvillians like A.T. MacIntyre and John Triplett.

We are grateful for the assistance our many volunteers provided in making this year’s camp such a success! We also thank the Thomasville Antiques Show Foundation and the Thomasville Town Committee of the Colonial Dames for their generous

underwriting of our summer camp programs.

### VOLUNTEERS & DEMONSTRATORS

Judy Baggett, Leslie Johnson, Rooney Willers, Keri Johnson, John Hand, Barbara Beliveau, Jeremy Petrella, Mary Jo Beverly, Thomas Beverly, Lea Sampson, Sandra Kelly, & Suzi Goodhope

### SPECIAL THANKS

The Thomas County School System Transportation Department for providing a bus and driver, and to the City of Thomasville and Fireman Randy Wood for use and towing of the City’s trolley.

### COUNSELORS & JUNIOR COUNSELORS

Meme Hand, Mack Rosenbury, Alexa Hernandez, Brooklyn Reese, Danielle Sauls, Matthew Slaughter, Drake Lanatta, & Ashley McKay

# The Hopkins Collection

As a part of our ongoing review of the collections, we have identified several archival collections in need of cataloging. The foundation of our archival collection is the Hopkins Collection, compiled by Thomas County historian Elizabeth “Bessie” Hopkins. The Hopkins Collection’s size and scope make it a top priority for review. Researcher and student Jenna Pope has recently begun a thorough survey of the collection.

Born and raised in Norman Park, Jenna studies History at Florida State University and will graduate with a Bachelors degree this December. She previously worked for the Stallion Newspaper at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College and the Institute on WWII and the Human Experience at FSU. Her research interests revolve around race, class, and gender in the 19th and early 20th century American South. Thomasville is the focal point for her senior seminar and honors thesis research. Her previous archival experience and desire to review unprocessed THC collections led to a position organizing the extensive Hopkins Collection.



Thomasville History Center Collection: Elizabeth “Bessie” Hopkins,” date unknown

# Save the Date

A LOOK AHEAD TO THE FALL DINNER

PINING FOR HOSPITALITY:

A MITCHELL HOUSE INSPIRED SUPPER

We invite you to partake in a Resort Era-inspired supper among friends in celebration of the work of the Thomasville History Center. Two years ago we “solved” the mystery of the Piney Woods Hotel Fire, and this year we are celebrating the opening of another “season” at the Mitchell House Hotel.

We’ve scoured our archives for menu inspiration from Mitchell House menus and we will emulate the atmosphere of elegance and respite that the Northern and Midwestern “pleasure seekers” experienced on their visits to Thomasville.

Sponsorships are available now. To learn more, please visit our website.

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2018

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# Project Update

## WEBSTER STREET TREE REMOVAL & THE SMITH HOMESTEAD

A new view of the Webster Street property greets visitors as they enter the backyard. In late June, Thomas Tree Service removed several trees behind the Log House and Metcalfe Courthouse that posed a risk to the structures or were in poor condition. J & J Landscaping then clearcut the underbrush to reveal a wide open space. A portion of this area will become our new Smith Homestead and will feature our collection of farm equipment and a new well house. Intern Meme Hand is continuing her research and interpretation plan of the Smith Homestead this summer as she prepares to enter the graduate program at Florida State University this fall.



# Coming Soon

## AUGUST



May 28-September 3, Blue Star Museums  
Free Admission for Active Duty Military Personnel & Family (ends Labor Day)



August 1-31, *Dogust*, Digital Series  
Facebook & Instagram @thomasvillehistory

## SEPTEMBER



September 11, 7:30pm, Lecture, Presented by the Thomasville Entertainment Foundation



September 15, 10am-Noon, Hands-On Heritage: Rug Hooking, led by members of the Wiregrass Rug Hookers



September 20, 5pm, Cocktails & Commerce  
Presented with the Chamber of Commerce



September 22, 10am-4pm  
Smithsonian Magazine Museum Day Live!  
Free Admission, (History Center & LPH)



September 25, 7:30pm, *Do You Remember? The Rose Theater*

## OCTOBER



October 13, 6pm, *Pining for Hospitality: A Mitchell House Inspired Supper*



October 27, Covey Film Festival Screening at the Lapham-Patterson House



October 31, 5pm-7:30pm, Trick or Treat, (History Center & LPH)

## NOVEMBER



November 6, 4:30pm-7pm, Annual Chicken Pilau Dinner



November 11, 3pm, Lecture  
*Dr. John T. Metcalf: From Natchez to Thomasville*, by Randy Rhea



November 29, 2pm, *Debunking the Money Pit*, Workshop presented in partnership with Landmarks. Advanced Registration Required

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# LPH Happenings

## CAMP LPH TAKES FLIGHT

This year at Camp LPH twelve campers immersed themselves in life at the Lapham-Patterson House during the Victorian Era. Campers got to explore the house from top to bottom and enjoyed the many hiding places the house provides for their games and activities. Campers designed marbelized paper, built teleidoscopes, painted with watercolors, crafted buzzsaw toys out of string and a button, built and launched hot air balloons, and picked flowers from the History Center grounds to create bouquets for their Tussie Mussies.

Please join us in thanking the Thomasville Antiques Show Foundation and the George E. Crouch Foundation for underwriting scholarships to Camp LPH. We are grateful for their assistance in providing enrichment opportunities for children in our community.



## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

### NANCY INMAN

We are pleased to have Nancy Inman join us as a volunteer at both the History Center and the Lapham-Patterson House. Nancy and her husband recently moved to Thomasville from Tallahassee where they had lived since 1969.

Nancy has been a fabulous asset to our work here by helping with tours at the Lapham Patterson House and with special events at the History Center. Nancy also volunteers with the Grady County Historical Society and sits on their Board of Regents. If you see Nancy at one of our events, please take a minute to say hello and thank her for her generous time.



We need your help *Deck the Halls* of the LPH this holiday season! For details, email Amelia Gallo, [amelia@thomascountyhistory.org](mailto:amelia@thomascountyhistory.org)



## LPH LANDSCAPING PROJECT

Over the last few months we have been working on a long range landscaping plan for the Lapham-Patterson House. We have begun some of the work on the front yard (removing exotics, re-aligning the original walkway pavers and shoring up the brick underpinnings)...but there is lots more to do. When it's all finished, we hope to improve the curb appeal of the house, make it much easier to maintain, and make the grounds more accessible for rentals.

If you have an interest in landscaping or you want to get "hands on" with history, contact Anne McCudden to see what we're working on next. To contact, call 226-7664 or email [anne@thomascountyhistory.org](mailto:anne@thomascountyhistory.org).

# Memberships

This list reflects Personal and Business members who have joined or renewed their memberships between February 23, 2018 and July 23, 2018. Thank you for your generosity! For questions or corrections, please contact Amelia, [amelia@thomascountyhistory.org](mailto:amelia@thomascountyhistory.org).

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# New Membership Cards

If you received a membership renewal reminder from us recently you may have noticed our new membership information card. Designed by FM Brand & Design, this beautiful new piece helps us in our monthly "asks." You will also see these cards at events, programs, and when we are out in the community as a way to encourage involvement and membership by new audiences.

The card contains statistics and facts about the Thomasville History Center as well as the benefits of membership.

Member benefits include but are not limited to:

- Advanced and priority registration for programs and events including summer camps, workshops, and special events.
- Subscription to our quarterly newsletter, The Hourglass
- Free admission to the History Center and the Lapham-Patterson House for those at the Family level and above.



# Collections Spotlight

This quarter's collection spotlight is a handmade figurine of a wire fox terrier made by United States Women's Amateur Golf Champion and Thomasville resident Beatrix Hoyt in 1955. Hoyt, a New York native, won her first championship at 16 in 1896;

she also won the 1897 and 1898 championships, which is why she is referred to as "the first teenage golf sensation."



She retired from competitive golf at 19, pursuing a career in sculpture and landscaping, spending much of her time in Thomasville. Hoyt passed away in 1963 and is buried in Laurel Hill Cemetery. Several of her late-in-life dog figurines were donated to the Thomasville History Center in 1972 by Ethel Batey.

# Wish List

Thank you to Don Rome and Abbey Watt who fulfilled items from our "wish list" featured in the last newsletter. Please contact us if you can contribute the following items:

Cordless Handheld Vacuum

Blender

Window Air Conditioning Unit for LPH

Bowling Balls (12lbs or less)



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