

**Freedom: Athens' and Georgia's
African-American History**
Sunday, October 21, 2000
**3:00 p.m., Athens-Clarke County
Library Auditorium**

We welcome Michael Thurmond, Georgia's Commissioner of Labor and native Athenian, for our fall meeting. His new book *Freedom: An African-American History of Georgia* is due out in November. Several articles from Dr. Thurmond's first book, *A Story Untold: Black Men and Women in Athens History*, have been included in our *Athens Historian* over the past five years. The second edition of *A Story Untold* is also being issued this fall.

Athens Treasures: A Bicentennial Celebration Wins Award!

Our exhibition at the Georgia Museum of Art (January 21 - March 18) has received an award from the Southeaster Museums Consortium in the category "Exhibits under \$25,000." Museum Director Bill Eiland will receive the award at the October SEMC meeting in Louisville, Kentucky. We congratulate all of those who participated in making this an event to be remembered!

Oral History Project - AHS and several other organizations are working to preserve for posterity the memoirs of the troubled times of desegregation in Athens and Northeast Georgia during the 1960s. If you would like to help interview people or want to be interviewed, please contact Dr. Marion Rice at (706) 549-6304, email mjrice@negia.net or Laura Carter in the Heritage Room of the Athens-Clarke County Library at (706) 613-3650, ext. 350, or email carterl@mail.clarke.public.lib.ga.us. If you like talking to people, you'll enjoy this!

The 2002 Nominating Committee of Marguerite Heery, chair, Dr. Goodloe Erwin and LaGrange Dupree will be preparing our slate of officers for next year. The slate will be published in the December newsletter and voted on at the January meeting. Please say "yes" when they ask you be involved!

The Athens-Clarke County Bicentennial Celebration continues. Watch the newspaper for ways you can participate and learn more about our history and yours.

If you're on the Internet, try **Google** - a wonderfully versatile search engine - to find just about anything! (It even corrects your spelling!) Go to www.google.com and type in several key words about what you're searching for. Here are some sites you might enjoy:

<http://www.achfonline.org/newfolder/bicen/> is the official Bicentennial website, sponsored by the Athens-Clarke Heritage Foundation.

<http://www.clarke.public.lib.ga.us/heritage.htm> takes you to the Heritage Room, headed by our own Laura Carter.

<http://www.athensclarkecounty.com/tour.htm> offers a "Virtual Tour" of the sights to see around town. (This has the "real" story about the Tree that Owns Itself!)

<http://www.onlineathens.com/features/bicentennial/> - The *Athens Banner Herald* website gives us another look at the Bicentennial special edition, in case you missed it. Look for other articles of historical interest on the main website, too.

<http://www.mindspring.com/~tluthman/athens.htm> - and last, but not least, an unusual website with photos of sites around the Athens area, called "Top Ten Weird Sights of Athens" - this person must not have grown up around here! But it is appropriate for the Halloween season.

Details for the AHS Christmas Party will be announced soon!

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