

Newsletter

OF THE ATHENS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

March 2012

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Courtesy Jean Cleveland, UGA Public Affairs.

Exploring the New Richard B. Russell Special Collections Libraries Staff of the Collections

Sunday, March 18, 2012

3:00 p.m.

**Special Collections Bldg. Auditorium - Room 271
300 South Hull Street, Athens**

The long-awaited Special Collections building is now open! Nestled in a corner of North Campus on a triangle bounded by Waddell Street, South Hull Street and Florida Avenue, this \$46 million structure was dedicated on Friday, February 17, 2012, and named in honor of Georgia Senator Richard B. Russell, who spent half a century in public service.

This program is a special private overview of the new building and collections, organized just for AHS, and will feature talks about the various collections now housed in this lovely facility, including Chuck Barber from the *Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library*, Jill Severn of the *Russell Library for Political Research and Studies*, and Ruta Abolins of the *Walter J. Brown Media Archives* and the *Peabody Collection*. A guided tour of public areas of the building will follow the meeting.

NOTE: The Russell Special Collections Libraries building is not usually open on Sunday. See their website at <http://www.libs.uga.edu/scl/> for hours, parking and other details. We appreciate this opportunity to have a special tour of the facilities!

If you have not renewed your membership for 2012, please fill out the form below and mail with your check. Not sure if you have renewed? Check your mailing label - if 2012 is above your name, your dues are current! We appreciate your continued support of AHS!

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(Please give name(s) as you want it/them to appear in the directory)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

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Choose membership level: _____ Dues cover the calendar year – annual dues effective January 1, 2012!

_____ Individual - \$20

_____ Patron - \$100

_____ Family - \$30

_____ Business - \$250

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_____ Please accept my tax-deductible contribution
of \$_____ to help fund AHS special projects

Please print this form and mail with your check payable to the *Athens Historical Society* to AHS, P.O. Box 7745, Athens GA 30604-7745! Thank you!

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

Welcome to our new AHS Board Members – Janine Duncan and Patrick Mizelle! Janine, UGA's Campus Planning Coordinator, has been instrumental in the restoration of the Old Athens Cemetery on Jackson Street, about which she gave an interesting program for AHS in June 2010.

Patrick graduated from UGA with a BFA in 1973, and retired to Athens in 2007 after a career in the Arts in Atlanta. We look forward to getting to know you better!

2012 AHS Officers

James K. Reap – President
Judy Long – Vice President
Betty Alice Fowler – Secretary
George W. Smith, Jr. – Treasurer

AHS Board of Directors

<i>2011-2013 term</i>	<i>2012-2014 term</i>
Laura Williams Carter	Janine Duncan
A. Blair Dorminey	Patrick Mizelle
Hope Iglehart	TBD

Upcoming AHS Meeting Dates

March 18, 2012
3:00 p.m.

*Exploring UGA's New Russell Library
& Special Collections Building*
Special Collections Staff
Russell Special Collections Bldg.,
Hargrett Auditorium (Room 271)

May 20, 2012
3:00 p.m.

The Making of "The World's Smallest Airport"
Grady Thrasher
Georgia Museum of Art Auditorium

October 21, 2012
TBA

AHS Website & Information

www.rootsweb.com/~gaahs/
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email: ebmayes@windstream.net

Clarke-Oconee Genealogical Society (COGS) Expo, Saturday, March 17, from 10:00 until 4:00 at the Campus View Church of Christ, 1360 South Lumpkin Street, across from the UGA Track. You are invited for a day of genealogy and history vendors, heritage societies, genealogy software demonstrations, and breakout sessions!

Interested in finding out more about your family roots? Come and meet others with similar interests. Learn about local history, genealogical techniques, and resources. Visitors can browse tables for books and other materials from Athens Historical Society, Boyd Publishing, Clarke-Oconee Genealogical Society, Crumpton plats, Faye Stone Poss, Franklin County Historical Society, Heritage Papers, Iberian Publishing, and PK Jones, just to name a few.

Free lectures include: *Civil War Resources at Your Fingertips: The Digital Library of Georgia* at 11:00 a.m. and *All the News That's Fit to Print: Using Newspapers in Your Family History Research* at 3:00 p.m. The COGS Expo is free and open to the public, with free parking behind the church. Hope to see you there!

Wanting to make a difference in preserving Athens history? Do you like to share your expertise with others? We're looking for YOU, then! Put your special skills to work as a part of an AHS committee, such as the Publications Committee, Membership Committee, or the Webpage Committee. See our Facebook page for more info.