

Chattahoochee Hills Historical Society
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Attendance: Carole Harper, Clifford Blizard, Laurie Searle, Lynne Stradling, Sandra Huffmaster, Paula Anderson, Buddy & Ginny Jarrard, Sara Ann Alford, Ken Langley

Next Meeting

Date: July 17, 2008

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: City Hall

MINUTES

Unfinished Business

1. **New Co-Chair**

Paula Anderson was nominated and voted-in as co-chair, (Lynne Stradling who had been co-chair asked to step down due to other obligations.)

2. **Name Change to Chattahoochee Hills Historical Society**

During a recent meeting of committee chairs and co-chairs, a discussion took place around using the city name to help establish the brand of the city. Sandra and Laurie, who were at that meeting, recommended we change the name of our group from Hill Country Historical Society to Chattahoochee Hills Historical Society. There was no objection from committee members tonight, and so the name has been officially changed.

3. **Website Update • www.chatthillshistorical.org**

Laurie and Paula had previously sent the URL of the new Website so that the committee could review, and they brought print copies tonight as well. The few suggestions offered included: Use Sandra's cell phone number as a contact. Develop a usage policy (Laurie will follow up and send a draft policy to the committee.) The group gave consensus that it was OK to officially launch the Website.

4. **Approved Mission & Vision Statement**

The following mission and vision statement has been adopted by the Society.

Mission: To preserve and share the rural heritage of Chattahoochee Hill Country.

Vision: An active organization that works to preserve, protect, restore, and promote Chattahoochee Hill Country's rich heritage in the context of change.

5. **Guest Speaker – Becky Lewis**

Paula will invite Becky Lewis to speak at an upcoming meeting about the Fayetteville Portraits project she worked on years ago.

New Business

1. **Collection Basket**

There will be a collection basket at each meeting for donations to off-set our operational costs. This month's donation will go toward the new Web site.

2. **Oral History Workshop**

The Atlanta History Center is hosting a workshop on June 28. Information follows:

Learn how to research your family tree at the Atlanta History Center!

Genealogy

June 28, 2008 10:00 AM–12:00 PM

As the summer family reunion season begins, the Genealogy Department at the Kenan Research Center offers a unique and stimulating workshop on collecting and using oral history in genealogical research. The workshop, led by staff genealogist Mike Brubaker, concentrates on collecting and using oral histories in developing and expanding family histories.

3. **Release Form**

Sandra gave a sample Release Form for the committee to review. Please send your comments to Sandra or provide alternate samples. The release form should be signed by participants giving interviews, photographs, oral, or video histories.

4. **Scanner, camera, and recorder at each meeting.**

The committee discussed the possibility of bringing equipment to each meeting so we could invite the public to bring their photos and stories and we could scan them. Laurie mentioned that it recently took her several hours to scan documents and photos at a home recently and that it might be time intensive to do this at meetings. The committee recommended bringing equipment possibly once a quarter and announcing it to the community. Three members said they had scanners available.

Laurie discussed the possibility of purchasing a high-quality scanner with OCR software (in the future) so we could scan paper documents (and photos) and keep the formatting. A potential use would be to scan the Palmetto book that was done many years ago, so we could offer it again to the community. Others mentioned that most scanners can scan documents or text. Laurie mentioned that the scanner she is thinking about also maintains the formatting. She will do some research and update the committee.

5. **Guest Speakers.**

The committee discussed the process of inviting guest speakers. They agreed that we should not announce the name or date until both have been confirmed.

6. **Rambles**

The committee was asked to think about possible locations for rambles. Clifford said that his school is planning a Quest (scavenger hunt-type of event) at Cochran Mill Park in November. He will provide more details in the future.

7. **T-Shirts**

Laurie and Paula collaborated on a t-shirt design for the committee. Paula showed samples of several embroidered letters that might go on the front of the shirt (CHHS) and Laurie showed a mock up of a logo that might go on the back of the shirt as an iron-on transfer. They think they can produce T-shirts for \$10 a piece, so committee members were invited to sign up to receive a t-shirt and pledge to pay them later. They will have the t-shirts by the City Birthday Celebration.



8. **City Birthday Celebration, June 28, 5:30 – 8pm.**

The committee discussed its plans to display at the City Birthday Celebration.

- a. Tables (Sandra will bring four. Others should bring some chairs)
- b. Displays (We had pledges for four displays. Feel free to make more displays or bring artifacts.)
- c. Video Camera (if you know of someone who will bring a video camera let Sandra know)
- d. Camera (Lynn, Laurie, and Paula will bring)
- e. Banner or Sign (Paula will make and bring)
- f. Visitor book for guests to sign and journal in (Carol will bring)

9. **Project / Assignments**

Sandra offered a list of possible projects and assignments. Committee members are encouraged to pick something that interests them and work on it.

10. Show and Tell

- Carol shared her wonderful photos and an update on her research project of the Jeffersons' old school that was near Wilkerson Mill.
- Sara Ann shared her wonderful family photos, taken by an uncle who had worked as a professional photographer for the Atlanta Journal.
- Clifford brought a book of photos that inventoried the homes in the community. Sandra was especially interested in this because there were some home featured that are no longer here.
- Paula gave an update on her family profile she is working on for Uncle Henley. Laurie offered to participate in this project.
- Sandra shared her exhibits on the Hopkins Homeplace and Sardis Baptist Church that she developed for the City Celebration. These were wonderful and featured some original church members.
- Laurie is working on an exhibit of the Jarrad homeplace and will have it ready in time for the City Celebration.

Other Business

- Kay Long has some information and drawings of old cemeteries in the community.
- Buddy has some old tools he will bring to the City Birthday Celebration for display.
- Carol mentioned the following Ramble that is scheduled this fall:

Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation

Fri. - Sun., October 3 - 5

Fall Ramble

Newnan - Coweta County

Join the Trust for this year's Fall Ramble in Newnan-Coweta County. Located south of Atlanta, the area boasts 8 historic districts on the National Register of Historic Places, including beautifully restored antebellum homes. Call 678-860-9481 for more information. For more information see:

<http://www.georgiatrust.org/whatsnew/calendarevents.htm>

Minutes provided by Laurie Searle. Please email corrections to: lsearle@bellsouth.net