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Duluth Historical Society & Museum

President's Report

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What an outstanding year we have had. Our Farmers Market and Community Gardens was our way to try and give back to our community and gave us a feeling of civic pride. We were able to continue our help and it has grown into bringing sustainable fresh organic produce to the elderly, shut-ins, several local food banks, and fed over 200 children during the summer months when school was out. Our local Girl Scouts will be working with their garden plot to learn more about organic sustainable foods and giving back to the community.



We had a wonderful celebration for Earth Day/Plant Sale. There were Dinosaurs and oversized wagons for the children to play while parents shopped for their favorite shrubs and trees sponsored by Woody's Nursery. Mr. Larry Hall, from our farmers market, brought with him some of his pets. Children were able to play with "Ruby" his prized chicken and a cute cuddly white rabbit.

We opened our new exhibit in honoring the Duluth Fall Festival organization for all their hard work and achievements they have done for the city. Our organization, in support of the Silent Auction, donated over 21 original framed pieces of art, helped to make gift baskets, donated the use of a pop-up tent for the payment area, and an additional PA system. We wanted to help the new auction members to achieve their goals. They did a fantastic job!

We were proud to have been a part of helping the children from Coleman School in bringing history alive. They also are going to be making hydroponic gardens.

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Community Outreach

Coming this spring and summer in your backyard, the **Duluth Farmer's Market and Community Gardens!**

Sponsored by the Duluth Historical Society and located at the Historic Train Depot on the campus of the Southeastern Railway Museum. Visit us at 3595 Buford Highway, 1/4 mile north of Pleasant Hill Road.

As spring is right around the corner, it's time to make your reservation to rent one of the affordable Community gardens grow boxes, with premium blend soil, ready for you to begin!

A 4x4 box is \$50.00 and a 4x8 box is \$100.00, for the whole year. Call Candace at 770-403-1795 for more details. We will send you your application.

Plan your first trip to the Farmer's Market, which will be open on Saturdays starting in June from 9 AM to 1 PM at the Depot. Local farmer, Larry Hall has already committed to being with us with his fabulous home grown vegetables.

If you would like to join Larry selling your produce, or homemade goodies, contact Candace at the above cell phone number.

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Future Events for 2017



We will be adding events as they get closer.

We are excited about unveiling new art work from Ann Odum depicting the old history of Duluth coming soon for Duluth Historical Society.

Jan. 1st	Membership Renewals for 2017
March 1st	Women in History exhibit opens
March 1st	Community Gardens open for lease
April 22nd	Plant Sale celebrating Earth Day (Saturday) and Corn Hole Tournament
May 1-30th	Military Exhibit opens
Sept. 1-30 th	Duluth Fall Festival history exhibit opens
Nov. 17th	Festival of Trees opens (Friday)

The Duluth History Brick Program

Recording
your
history one
brick at a
time!

Walk Into History - aka Duluth History Brick Program. Duluth is changing, growing and is moving forward.

You are what makes Duluth what it is today. You may be one who has contributed and participated in

the changing scene. Therefore your hard work, your commitment and your history is important to our future generations. This will be so they can get to know you, remember you and be en-

couraged by you, to follow in your footsteps!

It started generations ago and little has been done to recognize those who have gone before us. But it is not too late to do so! With your help we can bring to light those in your family who have made a difference in Duluth.

We will be starting a Genealogy program to assist families in researching for First Family as well as all families.

Because people are what Duluth is all about, we want to include each one of you. See full information on the

Duluth History Brick Program.

The form is downloadable on our website. It gives the full details of this fine program and a printable form. Click the link below to get form.

[http://duluthhistorical.org/BrickProgram/Walk Into History.pdf](http://duluthhistorical.org/BrickProgram/Walk%20Into%20History.pdf)



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In conjunction with the Art League, we developed an art exhibit to bring history alive. On Train Day on Town Green, we built a ¾ scale stagecoach to bring attention to the type of early transportation that connected the early cities. As time passed the stagecoach gave way to the trains. We presented a new story about the Continental Divide as told by the Cherokee Indians.

In mid-September, Mayor Nancy Harris called upon me to give approximately 200 children from the Coleman School a tour of our downtown cemetery and explain its rich history.

We honored the passing of Lillian Web who was a previous Mayor of Norcross. She was really an outstanding community leader. She will be missed.

Soon we will be opening our outstanding exhibit of "Women in History". We have acquired a private collection of antique linens and lace quilts. This is one that you should not miss.

We are currently in the process of lobbying for a 100-year-old cabin belonging to one of our original Duluthians.

Candace

Earth Day/Plant Sale/Corn Hole Tournament

Spring is here!

That calls for family and fun activities!

The Duluth Historical Society has the place for you, your family and friends to enjoy the great outdoors, right here in town at the Duluth Train Depot, located at the Southeastern Railway Museum, 3595 Buford Highway. Buford, GA.

April 22, 2017, 10:00PM - 3:00PM. Come and Celebrate Earth Day at our 8th Annual Plant Sale, Sponsored by Woody's Nursery.

Meet:

- ☞ Local farmer, Larry Hall who will answer your gardening questions and share some success secrets!
- ☞ Candace Morgan, horticulturist, will demonstrate potting and caring for houseplants

Corn Hole Tournament:

Join us for a Charity/Blind draw Corn Hole Tournament. The Tournament starts at 11:00AM. There will be Cash prizes and Gift cards. Tournament entry fee is \$20.00. Half of the proceeds will be a donation to the Duluth Historical Society under our 501(C)(3). Advanced registration, via our website, is encouraged as space is limited. [Click here](#). If you need further information email us. [eMail](#)

Treats:

Snacks available for purchase

Plan Ahead:

- ☞ Sign up for your own community garden plot. A 4'x4' box is \$50.00 and a larger box 4' x 8' is \$100.00, for the entire year
- ☞ Reserve your spot to sell your wares at the upcoming Farmers Market

Peachtree Road

We are lobbying to get the Historic Peachtree Road reopened as it was part of Main Street. We have the original historic bronze plaque but the name was different in the back history.

In the early days of Duluth, the Native American Indians needed to waterproof their canoes so they would go to the various trees and strip off the bark and gather the sap. They called it resin pitch. As time progressed, when giving directions to someone, they would say "turn by the PITCH tree."

At some point the language changed and people thought they heard PEACHTREE road. After that, the name stuck. For years it was a foot path for the Indians that started at Hog Mountain and continued all the way to Atlanta. However, if you go to the heart of Atlanta, you will see many streets called Peachtree. But, you will not find Peach trees. The roads were not named after peaches. They derived their name after the Pine Trees that were scabbed for their pitch resin for their canoes.

It wasn't until the trains came thru that Peach crops could be grown and shipped to market.



Duluth's First Families

Are you and your family one of Duluth's First Families? Do you want to know if you are? We need your help in identifying these families. This is your invitation to get started. It's as simple as 1, 2, and 3.

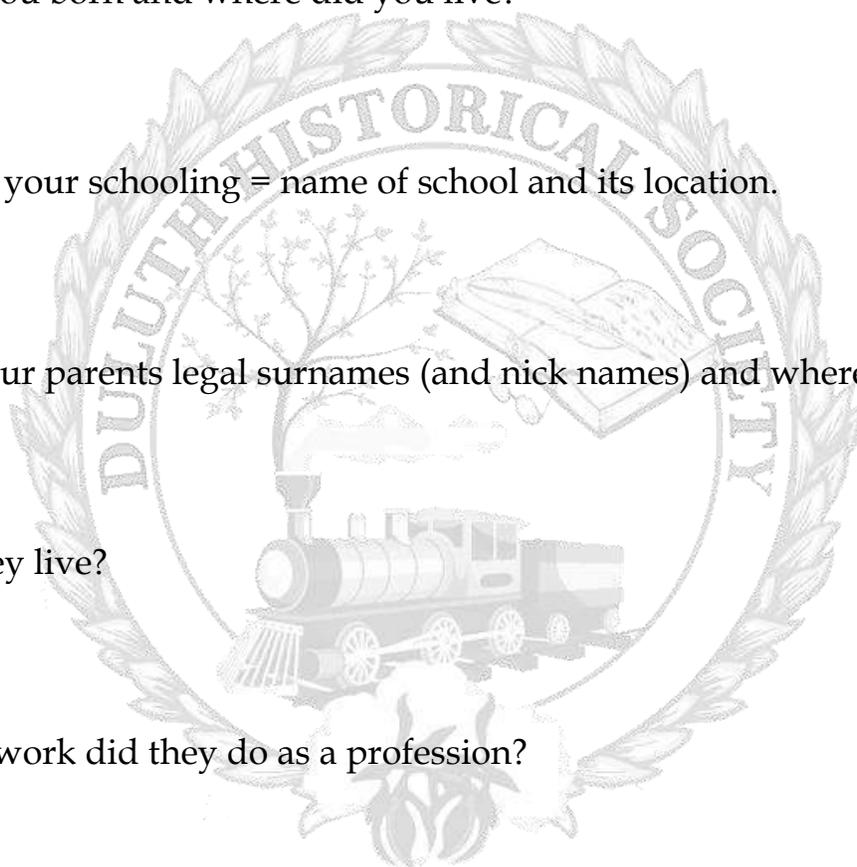
1. Begin by downloading or printing the attached questionnaire (page 4-5), discuss and answer the questions with your family. Then together we can get started!
2. Contact Candace Morgan to make arrangements to either drop off the questionnaire, or mail it to her. Her phone number is: 770-403-1795
3. Set an appointment to meet with Candace to discuss your completed questionnaire.

See? It's as easy as 1, 2, and 3.

These are easy steps for you and your family to preserve your history for generations to come! We are anxious to hear from you and learn more about your family.

QUESTION GUIDE FOR INTERVIEWS

1. What is your legal surname? Nick name?
2. Where were you born and where did you live?
3. Tell me about your schooling = name of school and its location.
4. What were your parents legal surnames (and nick names) and where were they born?
5. Where did they live?
6. What type of work did they do as a profession?
7. Did your parents ever tell you stories about their childhood?
8. Did you know your grandparents? If yes, where did they live?



9. Do you have any favorite memories of your grandparents?

10. Have any of your relatives been known for doing something unusual?

11. Tell us about some of your favorite memories growing up in Duluth.

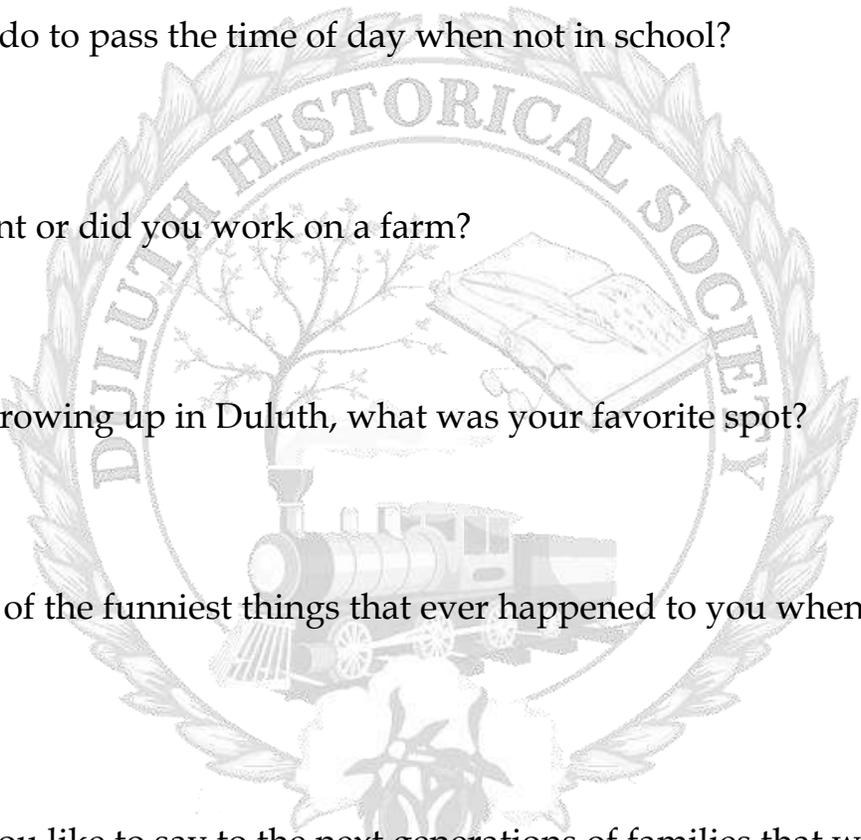
12. What did you do to pass the time of day when not in school?

13. Places you went or did you work on a farm?

14. As you were growing up in Duluth, what was your favorite spot?

15. What was one of the funniest things that ever happened to you when you were young?

16. What would you like to say to the next generations of families that will live or be born in Duluth ?



Date: _____