

Habersham County Historical Society, Inc.



50th Year

GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION

**A celebration featuring
Habersham's unique towns & citizens:
Alto, Baldwin, Clarkesville, Cornelia
Demorest, Mt. Airy, Tallulah Falls**

**MARCH 11, 2023
PIEDMONT UNIVERSITY
THE COMMONS**

Habersham County Historical Society, Inc.

Looking Backward, Moving Forward

The theme is for citizens, companies and the municipalities to present and show artifacts of historical significance.

A celebration for the entire county, featuring our unique towns & citizens of Alto, Baldwin, Clarkesville, Cornelia, Demorest, Mt. Airy, and Tallulah Falls!

Join the celebration!



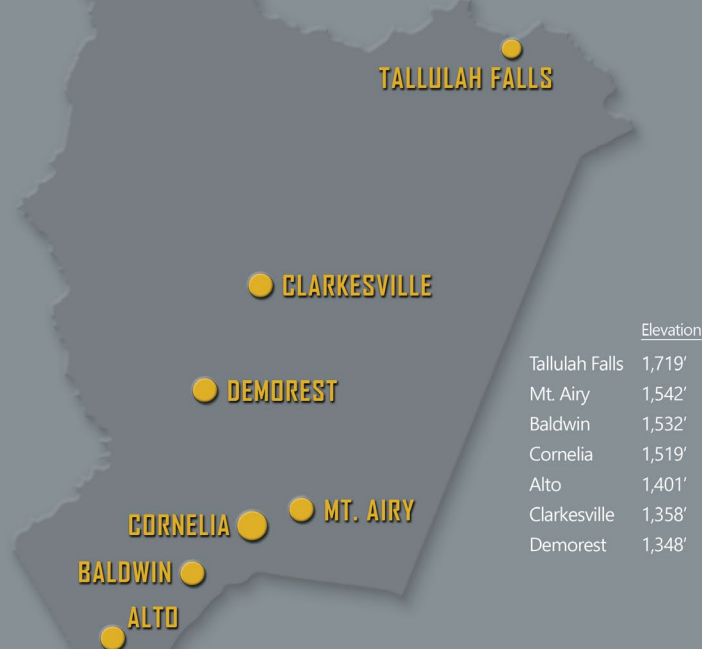
HCHS Brief Overview & Outlook

- 50 Years ago in 1973, twelve citizens and Piedmont College formed the Habersham County Historical Society which quickly grew to over 200 members.
- The Society's logo was developed by famed, area historian and artist **John Kollock**.
- In 2017, the City of Cornelia offered the Society use of 353 Chattahoochee St., to house its Standard Telephone Co. Museum. The [Regional African American Museum](#) of Northeast Georgia, Inc. was housed there from 2017 – 2022. The [Hispanic Alliance – GA](#) now shares the building.
- Audrey Davenport, Executive Director since 2018 has kept the society active along with board members Jackie Hodges, Debby Satterfield, Board Advisor Stewart Swanson, docent Olga Vyrjikovskaia and volunteers.
- In 2019 the Society culminated a multi-year effort to develop a book highlighting Habersham County's Bicentennial (2018). Covid pre-empted the celebration of the book, major donors and writers - until now.
- In April of 2022, the Society's Standard Telephone Company Museum was awarded a grant from the Digital Library of Georgia to bring the company's history online. And in September of 2022, the Society successfully hosted the county's first ever Hispanic Heritage Festival.
- On March 11, 2023 - the Habersham County Historical Society's 50th Year Golden Jubilee will be held at Piedmont University to celebrate the Society and the entire county.
- In the summer of 2023 - an outreach program will be initiated with the citizens and leadership of Habersham County to determine a go-forward approach for the Habersham County Historical Society's future, support and funding.

Commemorative Edition! New Cover Design!

Conceived during Habersham County's Bicentennial Year.

Habersham200: New Thoughts of Old Things is a unique compilation of historical facts, "recollections," and personal stories written by a wide range of dedicated residents throughout our seven beautiful towns, nestled in the mountains of Northeast Georgia. It is the only county in the Southeast region in which a river flows only within its borders. According to the Board of Geographic Names in Washington D.C., the official spelling of this river is "Soquee." Open this book and discover how Habersham County came to be, appreciate what it is now, and envision what it may become over the next two hundred years.



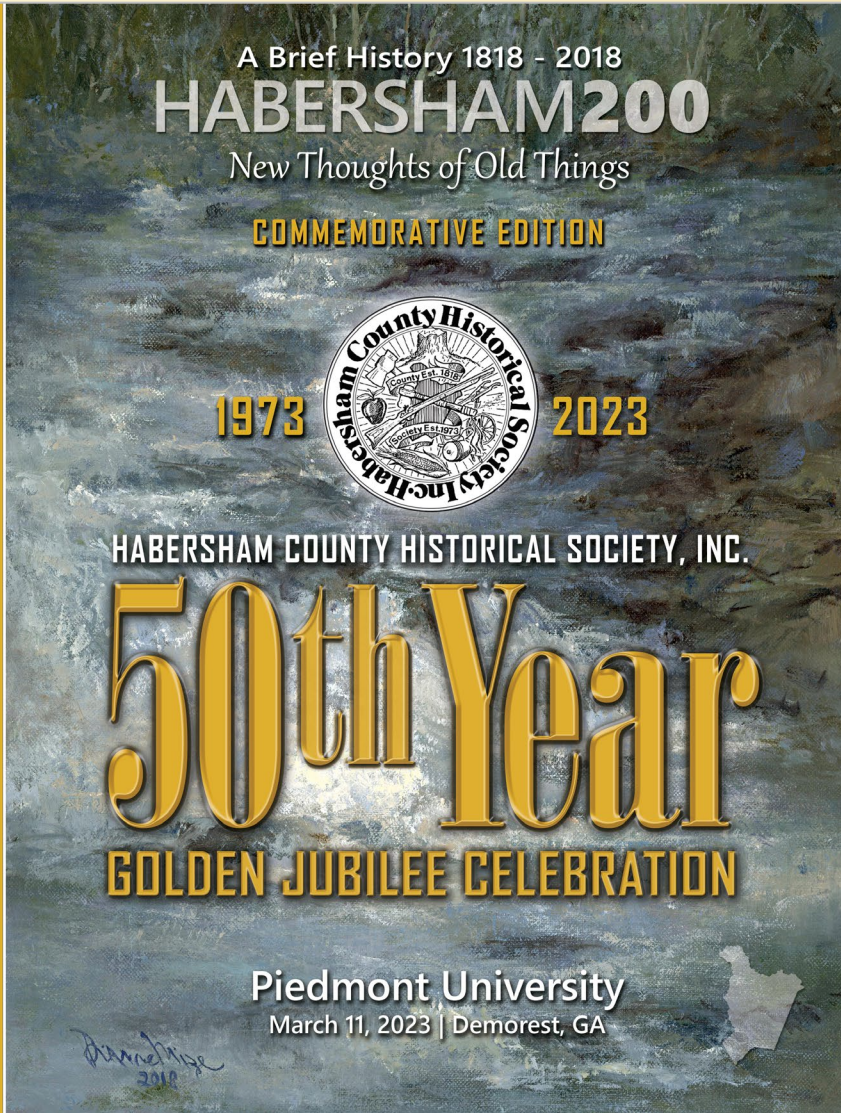
MOUNTAIN ARBOR PRESS



A Brief History 1818 - 2018

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Commemorative Edition



The Voice of Soquee

Dianne Mize - a well-known local artist – was commissioned for the background painting.

March 11th is her birthday! She will be celebrating it with her family.

**Thank you, Dianne!
Happy Birthday!**

Available for purchase during the event!

Let's Celebrate & Reminisce!!!

- 2023**
- Clarkesville Bicentennial
 - Habersham County Historical Society – 50th
 - Tallulah Falls School – 114th

- 2022**
- Morito Scovill – 220th
 - Piedmont University – 125th
 - Habersham Medical Center – 70th

- 2018**
- Habersham County Bicentennial

Are there others that **YOU** know of?



Celebration Day Overview

THE COMMONS 2nd Floor

Family-Friendly Activities, Music, Food &

CAKE ALL DAY!

11a – 4p

**First come,
first served.**

Last day to
sign up for
either space:
March 1st

EXHIBIT SPACE*

8' x 8' | 4' x 6' | 4' x 8'

Display your photos, keepsakes,
memorabilia and history about your
town, business or family!

PRESENTATION SPACE

Ten to 15 minutes to present your historical information. A big, multi-media
screen and microphone will be provided. **Must bring your own laptop.**
First refusal goes to municipalities & businesses.

LIVE MUSIC: 11 – 1
Jake + Grace

LIVE MUSIC: 2 – 4
**Kojo Abawase
+ Guest Vocalist**

5p – 8p

Limited space
and ticket
purchase.
**Register before
March 1st**

GALA CELEBRATION DINNER

Habersham200 Speakers: Emory Jones, Bobby Watson and David Price
Zippering Through Habersham on a Goat-Powered Time Machine!

Habersham200 Speaker: Dr. Audrey Rosser Milo-Turner
Multicultural History in Habersham County

LIVE MUSIC:
Katie Deal & Friends
**The Country River Band
& Kurt Johnston**

ATTIRE: Informal & Comfortable

*The Commons Dining Hall is closed for Spring Break. Exhibit Spaces may be setup on the 1st floor as needed.

What's in *your* box of Old Habersham County photos?

[SIGN UP NOW!](#)

Sign up now to display photos,
keepsakes and memorabilia.



Exhibit Space

Final date to sign up: March 1st!

Take this opportunity to showcase items that highlight the history of your unique town, organization or family keepsakes.

4' x 6' | 4' x 8' (11a – 8pm)

Sizes vary to include as many displays as possible. Displays will remain in place until after dinner celebration.

6' round table (11a – 4pm) *

Display must be disassembled by 4pm. The tables will be used for celebration gala dinner. If you want to stay beyond 4p, let us know. We may have space elsewhere in the building!

8' x 8' (11a – 8pm)

Municipalities will be given first refusal, then businesses. Displays must remain in place until after celebration gala.

DISPLAY SETUP & BREAKDOWN: Setup starts at 8:30 am on Friday, March 10th. Complete details will be emailed to you on or before March 6th.

NOTE: Displays that are not 6' round tables, may choose to leave at 4p, but we hope you stay!

11a – 8p*

THE COMMONS 2nd Floor

Two chairs provided with each display space.

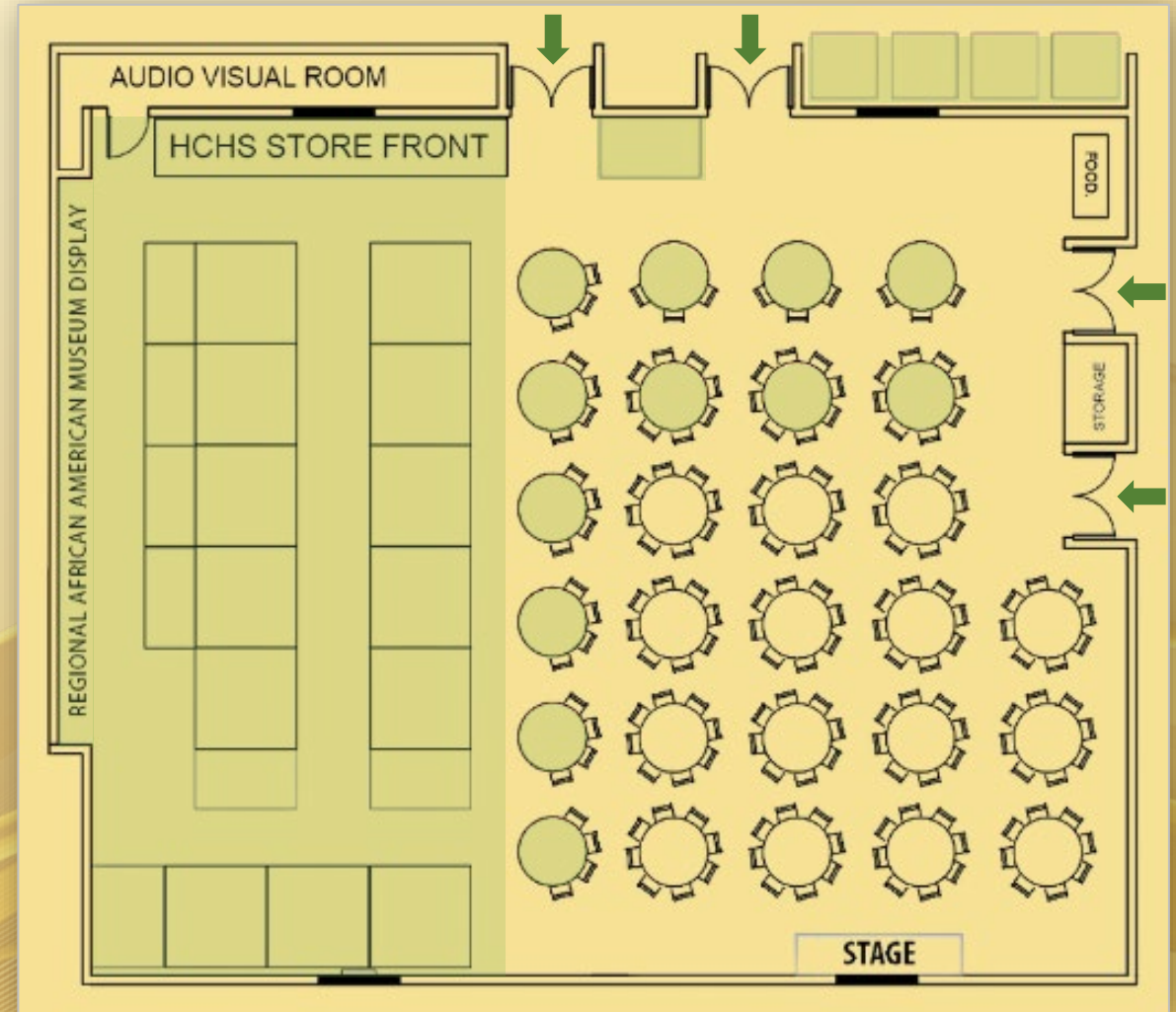


Exhibit Spaces. Presentation & Dinner Space.

Exhibit Space Partial Participants List

Look who's coming!

[SIGN UP NOW!](#)

Sign up today! Last day to sign up for space: March 1st

City of BALDWIN

City of CLARKESVILLE
Bicentennial

City of CORNELIA

City of DEMOREST

City of TALLULAH FALLS

Dr. Audrey Rosser
Milo-Turner

Folk Pottery Museum of
Northeast GA

Habersham Chamber of
Commerce

Habersham County
Veteran Affairs

Habersham Education and
Research

Habersham Medical Center

Habersham Metal

Habersham Mills History

Hispanic - Latino Culture

History of Piedmont University

Laotian - Asian Culture

Miles Through Time
Automotive Museum

Patty Kakes

Piedmont University –
125th Anniversary

Regional African American
Museum of Northeast
Georgia, Inc. final showing

Standard Telephone Company

Tallulah Falls School

Presentation Space

Time slots are limited. Final date to sign up: March 1st!

Open space plan encourages community interaction, participation & gives you access to several activities simultaneously!

Share Your Story with Others!

Speak. Perform. Show a video.

ASSIGNED SPACE: Once spaces are all allocated, we will email your specific space assignment in advance of event day. We are working for additional accommodations to include displays for participants. **No tents permitted.**

DISPLAY SETUP & BREAKDOWN: Setup starts at 8:30 am on Friday, March 10th. Complete details will be emailed to you on or before March 6th.

A big, multi-media screen complete with a microphone will be provided. **Must bring your own laptop!**

11a – 4p

 10 – 15 minute time slots

THE COMMONS 2nd Floor

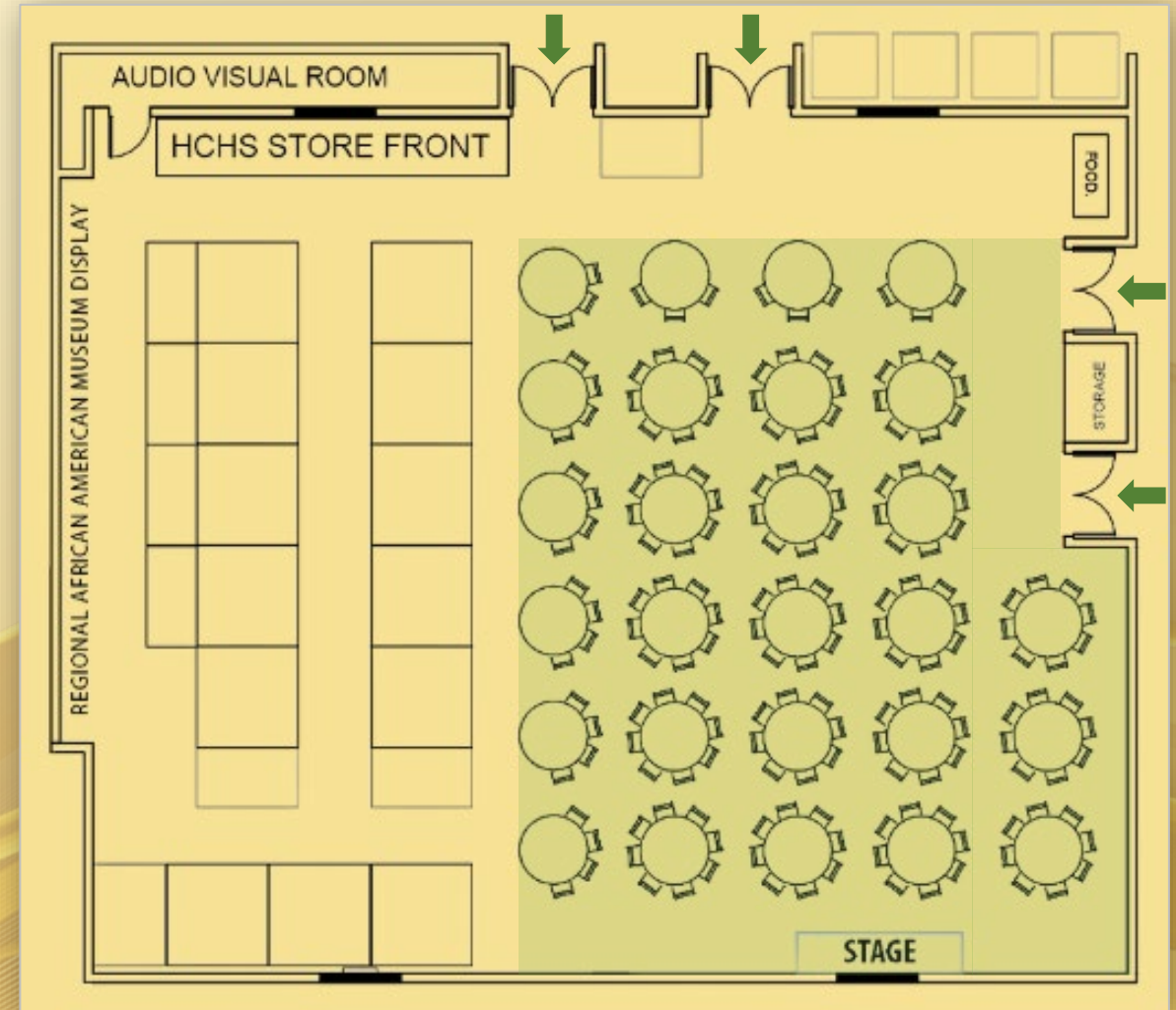


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Featured Presentation

Fon Ouay Pon Thon Hap | Blessing Dance | 11:15 am



The Laotian Community to Honor County & City Officials of Habersham County

“To thank them for welcoming us to the community and allowing us to call it home. As refugees escaping a war-torn country, we were unsure of what the future held. Habersham County allowed us to create a home out of this beautiful area and we are forever grateful.”

Kimberly Lattanaxay Habersham200 writer
Cultural Programs Director
[Laotian American Society](#)

Fon Ouay Pon Thon Hap is a traditional Laotian dance often performed at the beginning of an event. Flower petals are sprinkled towards the end of the performance to symbolize the blessings sent down from the heavens. Each time this dance is performed, the event or officials honored are blessed to have a successful and prosperous celebration!



Presentation Space Schedule 11a – 4p

Share Your History!

[SIGN UP NOW!](#)

Sign up today! Last day to sign up for space: March 1st

11:00	Opening Welcome History Loves Company!	Habersham County Historical Society, Inc.
11:15	Presentation to County & City Officials	Laotian Blessing Dance
11:30	The History of Habersham County	County Commissioner Ty Akins
11:45	City of Clarkesville	TBD
12:00	Genealogy Workshop	Evelyn Davis Harmon
12:30	Town of Tallulah Falls	Kristi Early
12:45	City of Demorest	Bobby Watson, Shawn Allen
1:00	Piedmont University	TBD
1:15	City of Cornelia (reserved)	TBD
1:30	Hispanic – Latino Culture	Suany Latty, Dottie Foster
1:45	Town of Mt. Airy (reserved)	TBD

2:00	Town of Alto (reserved)	TBD
2:10	City of Baldwin (reserved)	TBD
2:20	Habersham Medical Center	Video
2:30	Standard Telephone Co.	Stewart Swanson
2:40	Digitize Habersham	Peter Madruga
2:50	Habersham Metal	Keith Stapleton
3:00	Laotian Culture	TBD
3:10	McGahee Griffin Stewart	TBD
3:20	VFW – Wall of Honor	Bill Miles
3:30	WCON	Clayton Foster
3:40	OPEN	
3:50	FINAL WORD	TBD

Celebration Gala Program

Limited ticket purchase event. Final registration: March 1st!

5p – 8p

ATTIRE: Informal & Comfortable

5:00 Welcome

Audrey Davenport

HCHS Executive Director

President Marshall Criser

Piedmont University

Clayton Foster, Chair

Habersham Chamber of Commerce

Ellie Van Doornum, President

Habersham Chamber of Commerce

5:15 Prayer | Blessing

5:18 Musical celebration By

Katie Deal & Friends

6:00 Dinner Served - Buffet

Habersham200 Speakers & Performers:

6:30 Live “Theatrical Performance” By

**Emory Jones, Bobby Watson
and David Price**

*Zippering Through Habersham on a
Goat-Powered Time Machine!*

7:30 **Dr. Audrey Rosser Milo-Turner**

Multicultural History in Habersham County

7:50 The Future of the Habersham
County Historical Society

8:00 Adjourn

Celebration Gala Speakers & Performers!



Live “Theatrical Performance” by
**EMORY JONES, BOBBY WATSON
& DAVID PRICE** Habersham200 writers

*Zooming Through Habersham On
a Goat-Powered Time Machine!*

Time Machine available for all day travel!
“Grade-E The Goat” available for photo opps!

emoryjones.com

Celebration Gala Speakers & Performers!



Habersham200 writer

DR. AUDREY ROSSER MILO-TURNER

Cultural Diversity Connections

Multicultural History in Habersham County

Dr. Audrey Rosser Milo-Turner, consultant and multicultural specialist, did doctoral research in cultural diversity at UGA. While there she was a Teacher's Assistant for a graduate class in multicultural education in the Department of Adult Education in 1994. She taught multicultural counseling from 1995 to 2003 at Clemson University where she retired as Associate Professor.

Founding Member, Regional African American Museum of Northeast Georgia, Inc.

Celebration Gala Speakers & Performers!

*Katie
Deal*

REAL DEAL
COUNTRY MUSIC



Piedmont Graduate (2002)

KATIE DEAL & FRIENDS
The Country River Band & Kurt Johnston

Real Deal Country Music

Award-winning entertainer, Katie Deal has performed to sold out houses across the US and Canada. A proud Georgia-born artist, Katie is best known for her authentic country sound. She was the 2016 recipient of the Georgia Country Artist of the Year Award and an honored member of the Atlanta Country Music Hall of Fame.

katideal.com

M E N U

Marinated Flank Steak

Lemon Garlic Chicken

Salmon

Roasted Red Potatoes

Whole Green Beans
& Red Peppers

Garden Salad

Dinner Rolls with Butter

Coffee, Tea, Water

Blueberry Cheesecake

Pecan Pie

Buffet with Music!

Go ahead, shake a leg while
you're in line.

Gala Sponsorship Levels

Limited ticket purchase event. Final registration: March 1st!

[Click Here to Choose Your Sponsorship Level!](#)

• BRONZE:

\$50

- 1 Dinner Celebration Gala Seat

• SILVER:

\$500

- 1 Celebration Gala Table (8 seats)
- Logo or name listed on event program
- HCHS's social media
- 1 copy of Habersham200 - Commemorative Edition

• GOLD:

\$1,000

- 1 Celebration Gala Table (8 seats) with logo/name to identify table
- Logo | Name advertisement:
 - Event program, logo or name listed on dinner (handbill),
 - HCHS's social media
 - 3 - Electronic screen displays on event day
- 2 copies of Habersham200 - Commemorative Edition

Your logo, along with how your name should be listed in print material, social media and on electronic display must be received by **March 1st** email to: **hchs.50years@gmail.com**
Thank you!



Bring an historical center piece for your table!

Gala Table Center Piece

Adorn your table with historical items that speak for themselves, and let the conversations begin.



Oh, did we mention . . .



The Vintage Vehicles are coming!

Jay Corman is bringing his Model T!

Thanks to Miles Through Times Automotive Museum for reaching out to their friends!



Committed to the Success of the 50th Year Golden Jubilee Celebration



D. Stewart Swanson
Audrey Davenport
Jackie Durham Hodges
Debby Satterfield
Olga Vyrjikovskaia
Alex Michelle
Maggie Davenport



Clayton Foster
Chairman

Ellie Van Doornum
President



Marshall Criser
President


Dr. Steve Nimmo
VP, Academic Affairs



Charlie Fiveash
Executive Director



Peter Madruga
President

The background features several gold balloons on the left side, some with white strings. The bottom half of the image is dominated by flowing, wavy gold ribbons that create a sense of movement and celebration. A single gold heart is positioned on the right side, resting on one of the ribbons.

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50th Year Golden Jubilee Celebration**

You!

Volunteer Opportunities

[SIGN UP NOW!](#)

NEEDED NOW:

BEHIND THE SCENE PAID

STAFFERS WITH SKILLS:

- Courier
- Event ambassador
- Historical research
- Organizing & Archiving
- PowerPoint know-how
- Public relations
- Social media management
- Space planning & décor
- Uber eats
- Virtual assistance
- Youth outreach & ally
- Zoom host
- **The list keeps growing!**

PRE-EVENT DAY

MARCH 10 (9 – 6)

- Assist as needed
- Assist participants with display setup
- Decide to participate & Sign up now!
- Follow us and share on social
- Invite family & friends
- Reach out to businesses
- Setup space: mark spaces, arrange tables & chairs, etc.
- Spread the word
- Unload vehicles

EVENT DAY

MARCH 11 - (11a – 4p)

- Accessibility monitor
- Ambassadors
- Assist event manager
- Assist with wheelchair
- Coat check | Exhibit relief
- Craft services monitoring
- Encourage interaction
- General directions
- Livestream & posting
- Meet & Greet
- Musician attendant
- Room monitor
- Setup – early morning
- Silent Auction monitor
- Social media assistant

EVENT DAY

MARCH 11 – (5 – 8p)

Repeat 11a – 4p

- Breakdown displays
- Buffet assist with as needed
- Caterer assistant
- Disassemble displays
- Loading vehicles
- Runner assist with last minute
- Set up space
- Speaker assistant (1 on 1)
- Timekeeper for speakers

Have fun!

Participate Spread the Word!



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Thank You!

See you at the Celebration!



For more info:
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