

Latest Happenings with the...

Butts County Historical Society

Preservers and makers of history!

So, what's been happening??
Lots of efforts to preserve the past for our future.
So much history right here in our little County!

Indian Spring Hotel Museum displays continues to improve and expand ! Looky here:

- Saved the "SHARECROPPER" painting (1940) from Post Office
- Hung the "Butts County Veterans' Portrait Memorial" (1901) saved by David Ridgeway, Sr
- Purchased set of Veteran Research books on display with worktable & assistance to research.
- Purchased authentic and replica Civil War guns, sword and Union and Confederate uniform.
- Installed UV Ray protected curtains and shored up the windows with weather stripping.
- Refurbed Garden & installed sprinkler system & new heritage plants and flowers
- Accepted original pieces from Frances Roberts of the Varner family who lived there for 103 years.
- Diligently performed weekly landscape and maintenance tasks with thanks to BCSSO!



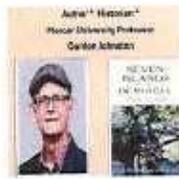
Wonder who came to YOUR Butts County Museum? About 6,000 people! Looky here:

- 35th annual Native People's Festival with more authentic performances
- 16th annual Artifacts Day where a wooly mammoth bone was identified and artifacts dating 10,000 years old!
- 10th annual Tour of Homes adding three churches dating to 1825!
- 600 8th graders, thanks to the commitment of the School Superintendent, Board and Principals.
- 30 kids now in Youth Junior Historical Society being docents, doing plays, parade and "Voices of the Past."
- 2 Junior Ranger Camps for thirty kids, one private camp and Muskogee National College students from OK
- Held 'familiarization dinner at the Hotel for staff of Ind Springs & High Falls State Parks, Dauset Trails Hosted Department of
- Hosted Department of Community Affairs from Atlanta for dinner and tour.



New Speakers and Programs!

- Expanded Speaker's Circuit with the infamous Dixie Mafia, a Medicine Man Show, and 4 historic authors.
- Historic cookbook demonstration where the dishes were cooked and shared.
- Joined Georgia Humanities' Speaker's Circuit, so lots more new and interesting programs to come.
- Feb is "Officer Down" by Jackson Chief of Police, Matt Garrison OF 5 fallen officers in the County.
- Mar is jim Herbert on four huge fires in the County which changed the future of the County.





**Even More
exciting happenings!**



Worshipped three times in the 1890 Chapel with Ed Hoard, Charles Hoard and Carlos Duffey delivering the sermon, and Daniel Edwards and David White making gospel sound like Heaven on the piano!

After 21 years – got the speed limit in front of the Hotel and Chapel to 30 MPH due to the wonderful volume of visitors crossing the street.

Met with the State departments who promote tourism and cultural resources and marketing exposure.

Finalizing details to make Butts County a "Rambler" with the Georgia Trust for Preservation.

Began process of Indian Springs' designation as Historic Overlay District w more properties for the National Historic Registry

Made 2-acre park behind Hotel donated by Hamp Daughtry descendant.

Cleared path to Big Sandy Creek with a place to sit called "Peace Point."

Staged 1820's log cabin moved from Monroe County to show children and visitors the frontier life.



Raised funds to add a 'greenroom' on the back of the Flovilla Schoolhouse Theater for local acting guild permanent home.

Expanded our gift shop offering many more books and gift items.

Wrote a "Land Acknowledgement" approved by Muscogee Nation to place in the Museum and publish broadly.

Researched six Butts County "Historic Rural Churches of Georgia" published in coffee-table book for purchase!

Added history teacher and the UGA Extension Agent/4H Leader to our Board!

Taking the Youth group on our first field trip to Savannah, Darien, Sapelo and Jekyll Island in March.

Producing a book of Dr. Ed Hoard's "Moments in Time" weekly broadcasted on WJGA & Facebook

Producing a coffee table book: "Indian springs Throughout the Years" – a pictorial!



So, what have we been doing? A lot!

How can you get in on the fun?

Follow us on ButtsCountyHistoricalSocietyInc.org or Facebook for upcoming events!

We meet on the 4th Thursday of every month at the Flovilla Schoolhouse at 6pm.

We always have dinner and a lot of old-fashioned fun fellowship.

With a committed, varied, experienced and creative Board,

and an extraordinarily talented group of kids,

The Butts County Historical Society

is making 2026 another incredible year.



Come see what we're about!

Questions?

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