



The *CHS* **Newsletter**

Carroll County Historical Society

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MAY 2011

"GONE WITH THE WIND " to be featured at
annual Historical Dinner
May 5, 6:00
Sunset Hills Country Club

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the book "*Gone With The Wind*" by Margaret Mitchell. In celebration, the Historical Society has invited renowned author, lecturer and expert Herb Bridges to speak at the annual dinner of the society.

Having authored six books about the subject of "GWTW", Mr. Bridges has lectured throughout the U.S., Canada, France and Japan . Mr. Bridges is from Sharpsburg and his collection is now on permanent exhibit at the *Road to Tara Museum* in Jonesboro. He will chronicle the early life of Margaret Mitchell, the writing of her epic novel, the trials and tribulations of this best-selling author whose 1936 first novel was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Literature. In addition, Mr. Bridges has agreed to appraise early copies of "GWTW" for free from 6 to 6:30 before the dinner at 6:30. He will help determine if the book on your bookshelf is a first edition and its value. So bring your old copy and come early! Because of time, the appraisal is limited to one book per attendee.

Bring any bit of memorabilia that might be of interest to the group. It will be fun to compare stories of when we first saw the movie or read the book. (One member of the society saw the movie as a small child and emerged from the darkened theater to find that a tornado had blown away a portion of his small town.)

The annual dinner is also the time when the society honors people and/or organizations from our county who have excelled in some area of historic preservation or restoration.

The Historical Society has opened the dinner meeting to the public. It will be held at Sunset Hills Country Club on Thursday, May 5 at 6 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person. Make your reservation by calling Gwyn Chesnut at 770-834-3081, and mail your check to her at 185 Cottage Hill Rd, Carrollton, GA 30117 by the deadline on Monday May 2.



April's General Meeting was co-sponsored with Friends of McIntosh. At left is Dita Pickering, speaker Dr. Thomas Foster II, Gwyn Chesnut, Doug Mabry, and Wendell Hoomes. Dr. Foster brought a very interesting program on how the Creek Indians and their ancestors shaped the plant and animal communities that we see today.

Remember the New Schedule: General meetings on the first Thursday in *February, March, April and May*
No meetings in *June and July*
Picnic meeting on the first Thursday in *August*
General meetings on the first Thursday in *September, October, November*
No meetings in *December and January*

ANNUAL PICNIC - AUGUST 4TH ***Old Carrollton Baptist Church in Sand Hill - 6 p.m.***

Doug Porter, Pastor at Old Carrollton Baptist Church, and the congregation are looking forward to hosting the Society for the Annual Picnic in August. We will eat outside and then move into the church for the program presented by Doug Mabry. We will also have a chance to explore the old cemetery.

The Society will provide the fried chicken, drinks, paper goods and utensils. Please bring a side dish and dessert, also chairs. This is the time for you to bring your children, grandchildren, friends and neighbors for good food and fellowship.

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