

New Programs for Spring

The DeKalb History Center is offering a variety of new programs this spring for the public, children and schools. Find details at www.dekalbhistory.org or by calling 404-373-1088, ext. 20

The **Civil War Walking Tours** started in the fall of 2014. They will continue in March after a pause during the month of February. The History Center will also add regular tours of the Swanton House and pioneer log cabins. The Civil War tour dates, mainly Fridays and Saturdays March 6-June 13, can be found on the DHC website, www.dekalbhistory.org, along with the select Saturdays when the Swanton House will be open for tours. All tours are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children (no charge for 6 and under). The restored Swanton House, located on West Trinity Place, is the original home of prominent local businessman Benjamin Swanton, who moved to Decatur in 1850.

For children, two camps will be offered this spring. **Improv Workshop:**



LaDoris Davis portrays Zenith Twilley, a free African woman who lived in Decatur in the mid-nineteenth century.

Achievements in Medicine

Join our Eight Annual Black History Month Celebration as we recognize outstanding African Americans who have made great contributions to medicine. This event is Tuesday, February 10, from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The DeKalb History Center will honor **Otis W. Brawley, M.D., F.A.C.P.**, the Chief Medical Officer for the American Cancer Society for his many achievements in cancer prevention, research and education. We will also posthumously honor **Roderick Badger** and **Charles R. Drew**.

The event will be emceed by Carolyn Jernigan Glenn, co-publisher of The Champion Newspaper and includes a seated luncheon by Zest Atlanta.

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Comedy and History with actress Sara Gaare will be during Decatur City Schools' winter break, Feb. 16-20. This camp teaches children about the fun and art of improvisation. They will play games, recreate some of their favorite characters, and learn the basics of stagecraft. This camp will be offered again in the summer from July 6-10.

Over spring break, April 6-10, children can learn about life in the mid-nineteenth century at **Frontier House 1850** camp. Campers will play, work and have fun at the Swanton House and pioneer log cabins while simulating the lives of early settlers in DeKalb County.

The DHC has new school programs to engage students in learning about history. School tours called **Life in the 1850s**, **The Civil War** and **Pioneers and Natives** make up the core of these programs. Steve Daniel, a volunteer who participates in many of the school tours, sees how well students respond to these programs, "I am continually impressed with how well behaved the children are and how attentive they are to the presentations. They

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always ask interesting questions, and they are eager to participate in the interactive portions of the tour." In addition to tours, there are several special school programs throughout the year. **Third Grade History Day** is on March 27; and it features Paul Revere, Susan B. Anthony, Lyndon Johnson and Cesar Chavez. The Center's Ranch House exhibit will play an important role in illustrating for students the way people lived during the time of LBJ.

Outreach to schools is a new offering this spring. The play about the Civil War in DeKalb County, **Shadows of the Past**, can be performed as part of a tour at the History Center or at schools. Other outreach programs include **Harriett Tubman** and **Creek Indians of Georgia**.

Correction: In our Fall issue of *Times of DeKalb*, we omitted a volunteer who helped make our History Adventure such a great success. **Wayne Carey** was an invaluable volunteer during the three day event and we regret the omission. ✦



Frontier House campers.



Oak Grove fourth-graders at the Swanton House.

Upcoming Events

Please check our website for additional information!

Lunch & Learn: Southeastern Indians, by Jim Langford on **Tuesday, March 17 from noon - 1:00 p.m.** He will review the history and culture of the Southeastern Indians as expressed through archaeological findings and provide updates on important archaeology sites in Georgia and share insight on how to interpret artifacts. Free - bring your lunch!

Join us for our **Annual Meeting and Silent Auction on Friday, March 20, from 6:00—8:30 p.m.** at the Historic DeKalb Courthouse. Enjoy an evening of wine, beer, hors d'oeuvres and music while bidding on fantastic items donated by generous local businesses. We are currently seeking Silent Auction Donations. For more information, please contact Mallory at donaldson@dekalbhistory.org or 404-373-1088, extension 26. ✦

Achievements in Medicine

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As chief medical officer for the American Cancer Society, **Otis W. Brawley**, M.D., F.A.C.P., is responsible for promoting the goals of cancer prevention, early detection, and quality treatment through cancer research and education. He champions efforts to decrease smoking, improve diet, detect cancer at the earliest stage, and provide the critical support cancer patients need. He also guides efforts to enhance and focus the research program, upgrade the Society's advocacy capacity, and concentrate community cancer control efforts in areas where they will be most effective.

Roderick D. Badger (1834 – 1890) was born a slave on a plantation in the Panthersville district of DeKalb County. Records indicate that he was the son of a white man named Joshua and a black woman named Martha. At the age of 16, he began to study dentistry under the supervision of Joshua and he opened an office in Atlanta in 1856. He was an aide to a Confederate army colonel during the Civil War but evacuated to Chicago from 1864 – 1866 when he returned to Atlanta and continued his dentistry practice.

Charles R. Drew (1904 – 1950) is the namesake of the Drew Charter School in Eastlake and is best known for his research in the field of blood transfusions and his work to improve techniques for blood storage, which helped blood bank development early in World War II. Drew protested against the practice of racial segregation in the donation of blood, as it lacked scientific foundation.

Individual tickets are \$30 or \$35 (discount for DHC members). Tickets are available at the History Center offices during business hours or online via the events page at www.dekalbhistory.org. This event is made possible through sponsorships from these businesses. Our next issue will include additional information on each honoree. ✦

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