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Volunteer Vision 2020

By Jennifer Blomqvist, Archivist and Volunteer Coordinator

I first became a history volunteer in 2009 at The Columbus Museum in Columbus, Georgia. I started in the gift shop. When visitors weren't shopping, the gift shop was quiet and I got a lot of reading done. I was in graduate school for part of that time, and I was so grateful for the quiet study hours. I also enjoyed helping shoppers when they came in - we had really unique items for them to choose from, and I got to meet wonderfully interesting people! Later, I joined as a volunteer in the collections department. That volunteer experience spurred my keen interest in working with and caring for historical objects; and here I am, over 10 years later, as the archivist AND volunteer coordinator in a historical setting. What a journey it's been! For me, volunteering was its own reward - I met interesting people and

learned job skills that would ultimately put me on the path I am on today.

Volunteering also helped the museum with its mission. Volunteering is a mutually beneficial endeavor.

We are encouraging members to consider volunteering with us in 2020. If you're already a volunteer, we THANK YOU so much for your time at the DeKalb History Center. If you haven't volunteered with us and have been thinking about it, now is the time. We have a variety of shifts and duties available to fit most schedules. If you like it relatively quiet with lots of reading time, we have lobby shifts available six days a week. If you prefer "hustle and bustle", we have one-time per year events such as the Silent Auction or our History Quest for school children. Volunteering could also include board service, other special events, visitor services, clerical, and/or tours (training and materials provided).

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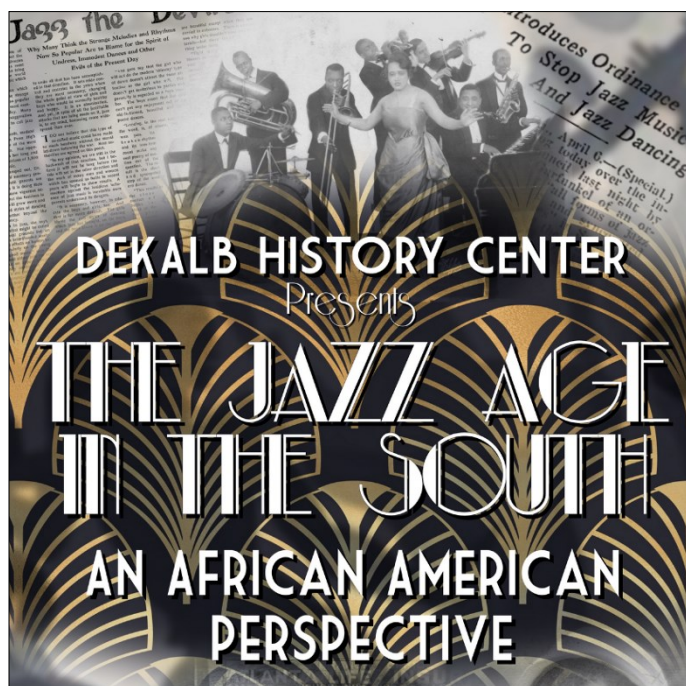
Volunteers prepping the newsletters.

Make it your resolution this year to join us as a volunteer- benefits include an invitation to the volunteer appreciation luncheon each spring as well as a wealth of personal and other benefits to you AND the History Center! Why not set yourself a goal of four hours a month or maybe a yearly goal of 20 hours? Whatever time you can give is greatly appreciated! We look forward to seeing you in 2020.

You can sign up online through our website, dekalbhistory.org, or feel free to contact me directly.

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Black History Month Celebration



Join the DeKalb History Center as we learn about *The Jazz Age in the South: An African American Perspective*. This informative and entertaining program will include dynamic presentations, the award-winning Georgia State University Jazz Band, and an original documentary detailing this fascinating decade.

Thursday, February 13
11:00 am - 1:00 pm
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Tickets are \$30 for members and \$40 for non-members. Registration includes a catered buffet lunch. Order online at www.dekalbhistory.org

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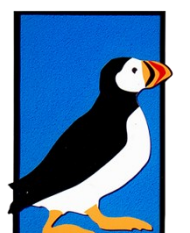
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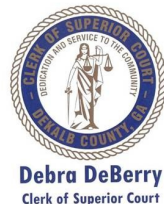
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<p>Volunteer Docent Training: Courthouse Tours</p> <p>February 25</p> <p>Attend this free training session to become one of our volunteer docents! This training will provide you with all the tools and information needed to lead the Historic Courthouse Tour, which is offered every month.</p> <p>10:00 - 11:00 am</p> <p>Historic DeKalb Courthouse</p>	<p>Phoenix Flies Courthouse Tour</p> <p>March 10</p> <p>Explore the Historic DeKalb Courthouse and its dynamic history with fellow history lovers from the Atlanta Preservation Center.</p> <p>12:00 - 1:00 pm</p> <p>Historic DeKalb Courthouse</p>
<p>Lunch & Learn: Atlanta's African American Culinary History</p> <p>February 25</p> <p>Bring your lunch and learn about Atlanta's food history and the major role African Americans played in defining what was sold, eaten, and cooked in this city.</p> <p>12:00 - 1:00 pm</p> <p>Historic DeKalb Courthouse</p>	<p>Phoenix Flies Courthouse Tour</p> <p>March 14</p> <p>10:00 - 11:00 am</p> <p>Historic DeKalb Courthouse</p>
	<p>Volunteer Docent Training: Architectural Walking Tours</p> <p>This training will provide you with all the tools and information needed to lead the Decatur Architectural Tour, which is offered seasonally.</p> <p>March 18</p> <p>1:00 - 2:00 pm</p> <p>Historic DeKalb Courthouse</p>
	<p>Phoenix Flies Courthouse Tour</p> <p>March 19, March 21</p> <p>12:00 - 1:00 pm</p> <p>Historic DeKalb Courthouse</p>
	<p>Annual Meeting & Silent Auction</p> <p>March 27</p> <p>Join the DeKalb History Center for a free evening of food and music while bidding on items donated by generous local businesses.</p> <p>6:00 - 8:30 pm</p> <p>Historic DeKalb Courthouse</p>

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