

Times of DeKalb

Winter 2026

Showing Our Gratitude (and Holiday Spirit!)

By Jennifer Blomqvist, Archivist & Volunteer Coordinator

Since the beginning, DeKalb History Center has been a volunteer-driven organization. DHC exists because it was started in 1947 (as DeKalb Historical Society) by a group of history buffs who wanted to make sure that DeKalb's history was preserved and shared. We are very fortunate to have so many dedicated volunteers and board members here! These are folks that give their time and energy to: meet and greet visitors to the museum and to our events; help us mail out the quarterly journal; maintain our projects and budgets, fundraise, and so much more. They are educators, librarians, lawyers, architects, artists, and historians – many of them retired, but not all. They've hung out with Sting at a listening party; had breakfast made for them by President Carter; taught English in the Congo; and one

was even a contestant on *Jeopardy!* They travel to places near and far and share their experiences with us. Such a delightful mix of tales and talents!



Volunteers enjoying teas and holiday goodies at the Holiday Tea, December 2025.

In December, we invited volunteers and board members to join us for a holiday tea. We are thankful to all of them, then and now. We look forward to what we can accomplish together in 2026.



Some of DHC's volunteers at the Holiday Tea, December 2025.

If you are interested in becoming a DHC Volunteer, the process is simple:

- 1) Fill out an application
- 2) Wait to hear back from our Volunteer Coordinator
- 3) Volunteer!

Opportunities vary from clerical work to greeting visitors to assisting with special events. Depending on your time availability and schedule—there is something for everyone.

Scan the QR for all the details:



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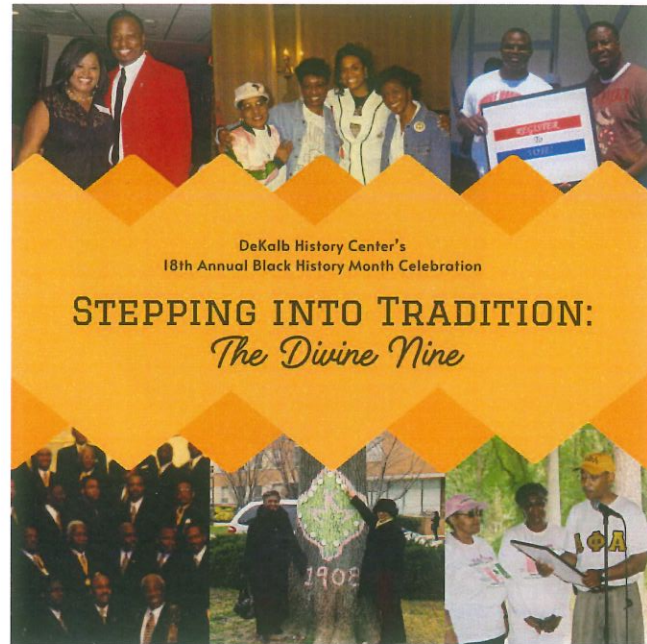
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Black History Month Celebration



Join the DeKalb History Center for our 18th Annual Black History Month Celebration. This year's program highlights the Divine Nine, the nine historically Black Greek Lettered fraternities and sororities of the National Pan-Hellenic Council.

Thursday, February 26, 2026

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Historic DeKalb Courthouse

101 E Court Square

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Tickets are \$45 for members, \$55 for non-members, and both include lunch. Find out more at www.dekalbhistory.org

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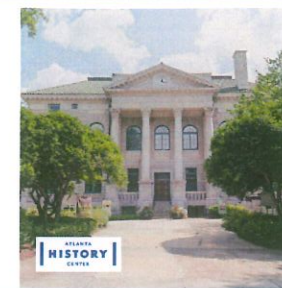
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Upcoming Programs



February 25

Party with the Past with the Atlanta History Center

6:30—9:30 pm

Explore and connect with the vibrant history of our community. There will be games, fun, and tasty beverages.

Free, registration is encouraged



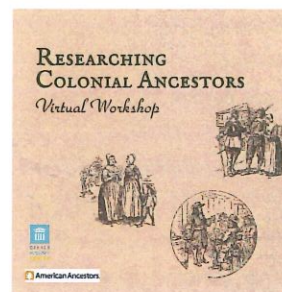
March 26

DHC Annual Meeting + Game Night

6:30—8:00 pm

Join fellow DHC members for an evening of mingling and fun games!

Free to attend (*Open only to Members of the DeKalb History Center*)



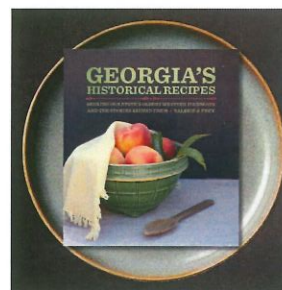
April 7

Virtual Workshop: Researching Colonial Ancestors

6:00—7:00 pm

Learn how to research colonial-era ancestors with David Allen Lambert, Chief Genealogist at American Ancestors.

\$7 for DHC Members / \$12 for Non-members



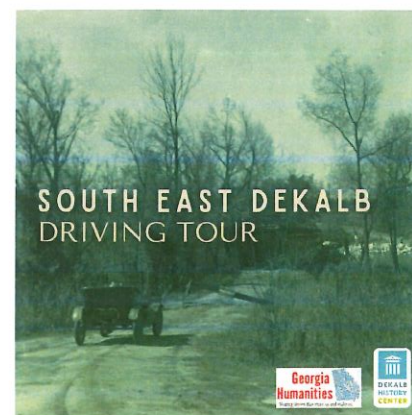
April 14

Hops at the History Center: Historical Georgia Recipes

6:30 – 7:30 pm

Author Valerie J. Frey will be discussing her book, *Georgia's Historical Recipes* which explores our state's oldest recipes from the antebellum period to World War II.

\$5 for Members / \$10 for Non-members



South East DeKalb Driving Tour

Launching April 2026

The South East DeKalb Driving tour, built by the DeKalb History Center and funded by Georgia Humanities aims to connect the stories of South East DeKalb County.

This digital tour will feature photos and audio from our vast collection of Oral Histories to help tell the story of South East DeKalb.

We are partnering with the DeKalb Library system to help share and launch the tour in April 2026.

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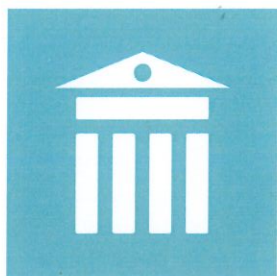
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