

Hoover Historical Happenings

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Officers for 2014-2015 installed at the May meeting include (left to right): Assistant Treasurer Barbara Clark; Treasurer Anita Dillon; Corresponding Secretary Betty Bagby; Recording Secretary Debbie Burtnett; VP Membership Carolyn Kolar; VP of Programs Inez McCollum; and President Pam Thompson.



The Hoover Historical Society sends condolences to the family of long-time member, Zora Puckett, who passed away July 7.

HOOVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROGRAMS – 2014-2015

Please mark you calendars now to enjoy these outstanding programs at Artists on the Bluff, home of the Hoover Historical Society. No reservations or fee required.

- **September 16, 2014** **Lou Wooster, The Birmingham Madam**
Beth McCord, Actress, former Drama Teacher
- **November 18, 2014** **Antebellum Alabama**
Jim Phillips, Historian, Lecturer
- **January 20, 2015** **Miss Fancy, Queen of the Avondale Zoo**
Jim Baggett, Archivist – Birmingham Public Library
- **March 17, 2015** **Horses and War**
Bill Rambo, Director – Confederate Memorial Park
- **May 19, 2015** **History of Bryce Hospital**
Steve Davis, Alabama Department of Mental Health Historian

The September 16th (Tuesday) General Meeting is scheduled in the Cafetorium at Artists on the Bluff at 1:30 PM in the afternoon. See Page Two for background on Beth McCord.

Membership chair reports on new additions

After some publicity in the Hoover Sun and Hoover Magazine, the Society picked up some new members! Among our new members is a variety of talent and willingness to serve. These new faces include Charles Grant; Charles and Shirley Morris; Jim and Brenda Pritchett; Kathleen Spencer; Charles Trucks; LeAnn and Chris Wood. Currently, there are 108 paid members of the HHS.

Charles Grant wishes to share his knowledge of the Constitution, while Shirley and Charles Morris are interested in increasing membership, publicity, interviews and restoration. Brenda Pritchett is a professional storyteller and plans to work with the Folklore Center. LeAnn would like to work with historical research and printed material. Please welcome these new folks!

A new Membership Guide will be available at the first meeting in September. Members with e-mail will receive copies that way. Please check your entry and contact Carolyn Kolar at rvkpe@yahoo.com or 205-979-7757 or 823-4405 for corrections or additions to the guide.

If you haven't renewed or joined yet, a form is included in this newsletter. Please return to C. Kolar. Remember the benefits of membership—great programs, friendship, and access to our wonderful archives!



Artist: Max Heldman

Lou Wooster to 'appear' at HHS

Beth McCord first walked out on the stage at Town and Gown (now Virginia Samford) when she was three, and she has been acting ever since! Beth holds an MA in Theatre from the University of Montevallo. For thirty years, she was a drama teacher in the Birmingham area, including two educational series for APT. She spent the last eighteen years of her career as the drama teacher at Pizitz Middle School in the Vestavia Hills School System.

Among Beth's favorite roles are Norma in Neil Simon's Plaza Suite, Aunt Em in The Wizard of Oz, Doris in The Cemetery Club, and, of course, Miss Lou Wooster. Beth began playing Lou for Oak Hill's Fall History Tour in 2008, and has performed as Lou for a variety of groups in the Birmingham area. Beth dedicates her performance to Lou, for giving her such a wonderful person to portray!

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BOARD MEETINGS

The Board meets on the second Tuesday for one hour at 10:30 AM on these dates:

September 9, 2014

November 11, 2014

January 13, 2015

March 10, 2015

May 12, 2015

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Annual Scholarships Awarded at Spain Park and Hoover High Schools by the HHS

Two deserving Hoover students were awarded The Vadie Honea Scholarships by Hoover Historical Society. **The awards were funded by Henry King of King Acura and Carlo and Dianne Joseph.**

Lizbeth A. Juarez Espinosa, Hoover High School graduate, was awarded the scholarship to be used toward her studies at the University of Montevallo. Lizbeth's award winning essay about a person or event in American History that impacted her life was about the struggles of Vivian Malone Jones as she attempted to earn her college education.

Jackson S. Cotney, Spain Park High School graduate, was awarded the scholarship to be used toward his studies at the United States Naval Academy. Jackson's essay about a person or event in American History that impacted his life was about the Battle of Normandy and its being the decisive battle of World War II. Jackson is the son of Scott and Jennifer Cotney.



Kolar wins Jack Crouch Award

Each year, the Jack Crouch award is given by the Hoover Historical Society to a member who has contributed to the Society in a significant way. Carolyn Kolar is the recipient for the 2013-2014 club year. The award honors Jack Crouch for his exceptional service and dedication to our historical society, including its founding and the development of the Folklore Center. Carolyn has served as membership chair for several years as well as being active as a volunteer in the library archives. In addition, she serves as an officer in five other civic organizations. She continues in her position as 2nd Vice-President of Membership for another year. Congratulations!!



A letter from our president, Pam Thompson

History is made every day. We are all part of it. Last Spring, I took my 3-year-old granddaughter to the opening of the Chapel Lane Extension—so she could say she had been there. I am glad to be a part of the Historical Society, whose members are committed to preserving the history of our city.

The Board has been busy making plans for the year. Inez McCollum has lined up wonderful programs for our meetings. The Folklore Committee is looking forward to working with teachers to host field trips for our children. We are going to open the **Folklore Center on October 4**, Bluff Park Art Show Day, and we will need plenty of volunteers!

We also plan to **participate in the Moss Rock Festival November 1 & 2**, and the **Celebrate Hoover! Day next May**. Members can assist in promoting the Society at these events.

The Archive Committee has been meeting and making plans to organize what we have in preparation for future donations. We will also schedule training for Archive volunteers. More volunteer will be needed to accomplish our goals.

We are looking forward to another great year!
--Pam Thompson



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