

# *Augusta Museum of History Presents*

# **Augusta Stories!**

## **2025 Brown Bag History Lecture Series**

In 2025 the Augusta Museum of History will focus the Brown Bag History Lecture Series on beginning to collect oral histories from area families. This is the first major initiative of the Museum to preserve individual and family legacies and stories. Through these lectures and interviews, the audience will gain a unique understanding of Augusta's past, and be inspired to gather and share their own stories with their family and friends. Recording family stories will guarantee that your family's stories are not lost.

The Brown Bag History Lecture Series is provided monthly by the Augusta Museum of History and is an ideal lunchtime break for students, downtown professionals, and retirees.

The lectures are free to Museum members and \$5 for non-members, no registration required. Participants may bring a lunch to enjoy in the Museum Rotunda and the AMH will provide water, hot coffee and a dessert. Lunch can begin as early as 11:30am; the lecture takes place in the History Theater at 12:30pm with a short Q&A following. The recorded sessions will be available on the AMH YouTube channel and shared on social media.

## **2025 Brown Bag History Lecture Series Schedule**

**January 15, 2025 – Dr. Lee Ann Caldwell**  
*Augusta Stories: Memories That Matter Overview*

**February 12, 2025 – Brad Usry, Fat Man's Hospitality Group**  
*The Son of a Fat Man, the Usry Family in Augusta*

**March 12, 2025 – Doug Herman, Augusta Brewery Company**  
*The Belle of Georgia, An Irish American's Story in Augusta*

**April 16, 2025 – Phil Wahl, Security Federal Bank**  
*Phillip Wahl Sr. and the Augusta National Golf Course*

**May 14, 2025 – Helen Bissell, Chick-fil-A Evans**  
*Abe's Story, A Holocaust Survivor*

**June 18, 2025 – Flo Carter**  
*This Train Is Bound For Glory*

**July 16, 2025 – Toni Seals-Johnson**  
*The Importance of Education*

**September 17, 2025 – Virginia "Jean" Bowe Strickland**  
*The Four Master Builders Who Changed Augusta's Skyline*

**October 15, 2025 – Dr. Ben Casella, Casella Eye Center**  
*An Italian American's Story in Augusta*

**November 12, 2025 – Alena Rensch, AMH Registrar**  
*Augusta Stories Through the AMH Collection*

### *About Augusta Museum of History and the 1797 Ezekiel Harris House*



**Augusta Museum of History**, the only Museum in the CSRA accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, was established in 1937 for the purpose of preserving and sharing the material history of Augusta and the region. From a 10,000 year-old projectile point to a 1914 locomotive, to James Brown memorabilia the collections chronicle a rich and fascinating past. The museum is located at 560 Reynolds Street in downtown Augusta. Please call [\(706\) 722-8454](tel:7067228454) for more information or visit [www.augustamuseum.org](http://www.augustamuseum.org)

**Hours:** Thursday - Saturday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm; Sunday 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm; Closed Monday-Wednesday

**Admission:** Adult: \$5 \* Senior: \$4 \* Child (6-18): \$3 \* Child (6 & under): Free

**Group tours** (10 and up) available all week; must book in advance. Register here: [https://bit.ly/AMH\\_FieldTripReg](https://bit.ly/AMH_FieldTripReg)

The **1797 Ezekiel Harris House**, said to be "the finest eighteenth-century house surviving in Georgia", is located at 1822 Broad Street and is an excellent example of early Federal architecture. Fully restored in 1964 and listed in the National Register of Historic Places, the Ezekiel Harris House is a reminder of the days when tobacco was the primary cash crop of Georgia. For more information, call [\(706\) 722-8454](tel:7067228454) or visit [www.augustamuseum.org](http://www.augustamuseum.org).

**Hours:** Guided tours by appointment Tuesday - Friday, with the last tour beginning at 4:00 pm; Saturday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, with the last tour beginning at 4:00 pm; Tours by appointment only Tuesday - Friday; Closed Sunday & Monday. To schedule tours call [\(706\) 722-8454](tel:7067228454).

**Admission:** Adult and Senior: \$2 \* Child: \$1

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