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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:(706)722-8454) for more information or visit 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

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:(706)722-8454) or visit 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:(706)722-8454).

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

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