

NEWSLETTER ARCHIVE



April-June 2026 - Second Quarter



THE AUGUSTA MUSEUM OF HISTORY IS
OPEN EVERY DAY DURING MASTER'S WEEK
APRIL 2ND-12TH, 2026
(MONDAY-SATURDAY 10AM-5PM / SUNDAYS 1:00-5:00PM)



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AMH CALENDAR

AMH Master's Week Hours
Open Every Day April 2-12
Monday-Saturday 10am-5pm,
Sundays 1-5pm

Brown Bag History Series
Wednesday, April 15, 12:30pm
A Family of Photographers
Speaker: Frank Christian

Curious Kids Program
Thursday & Friday, April 23 & 24,
10-11am Augusta Golf Edition

Hands On History Workshop
Saturday, April 25, 1-3:30pm
Pine Needle Baskets

"A Funky Good Time!"
Celebrating the Birthdays & Music
of James Brown & Sharon Jones
Saturday, May 2, 1:30-3pm
Birthday Cake, Dancing in the Rotunda

Brown Bag History Series
Wednesday, May 13, 12:30pm
James Brown: The Icon, The Family Man
Speaker: Dr. Deanna Brown Thomas

AMH Closed Monday, May 25
Memorial Day Holiday

Education Programs

- Red, White & Ready For Adventure!
- Hands-On-History Workshop
- 2026 Brown Bag History Lecture Series
- Curious Kids 2026
- Schedule A Group Tour
- Visit the Ezekiel Harris House



Curious Kids Program
Thursday & Friday, May 28 & 29 10-11am, Augusta Fire Fighters Edition

"1776: The Big Bang of Modern Democracy" Rotunda Display
June 4 – August 30, 2026

Brown Bag History Series
Wednesday, June 10, 12:30pm
Augusta Stories: The Nixon Family
Speaker: Cameron Nixon

AMH Closed Friday, June 19
Juneteenth Holiday

Juneteenth Discovery Day
Saturday, June 20, 1:00-3:00pm
Performances, Activities, Special Guests

Great Building Showdown
Free Exhibit, June 25-July 5,
Open Thursday to Sunday

Curious Kids Program
Thursday & Friday, June 25 & 26
10-11am, Petersburg Boat Edition

America 250th Discovery Day
Saturday, June 27, 1:00-3:00pm
Performances, Activities, Book Reading

FROM THE DIRECTOR

How Does the Augusta Museum of History and Other Similar Institutions Influence Today's World?

Museums can have powerful influences on communities, education, and culture. Institutions small and large show how museums can shape how people understand the past and present.

Museums help people learn outside of traditional classrooms. Through exhibits, artifacts, and interactive displays, visitors can better understand topics like history, science, and art. Many schools use museums as educational resources for field trips and research. Museums protect and preserve important objects, documents, and stories. This helps communities remember their heritage and understand how past events shaped the present.

Museums often display artifacts and stories from different cultures. By seeing how other people live and think, visitors can develop greater respect and understanding for cultures different from their own. Local museums can strengthen community pride by telling the stories of a city or region.

Museums often present complex topics—such as social justice,

technology, or environmental change—that encourage visitors to think critically and discuss important issues. Museums attract tourists and visitors, which can benefit local businesses such as restaurants, hotels, and shops.



Why Support Museums?

Museums need funding to maintain and protect artifacts, artworks, and historical items. Monetary support ensures collections are cared for, stored safely, and accessible for future generations. Money allows museums to offer school programs, workshops, lectures, and interactive exhibits, making learning accessible to people of all ages. Museums require funds to operate: building maintenance, climate control for artifacts, security, and technology upgrades all rely on financial support. Donations help create special exhibits, traveling exhibitions, and publications that expand public knowledge. Financial support helps museums tell the stories of local communities, preserve cultural heritage, and highlight regional contributions. Money can help museums reduce ticket prices, and fund outreach programs, making museums accessible to a wider audience.

Nancy J. Glaser

"A Funky Good Time"

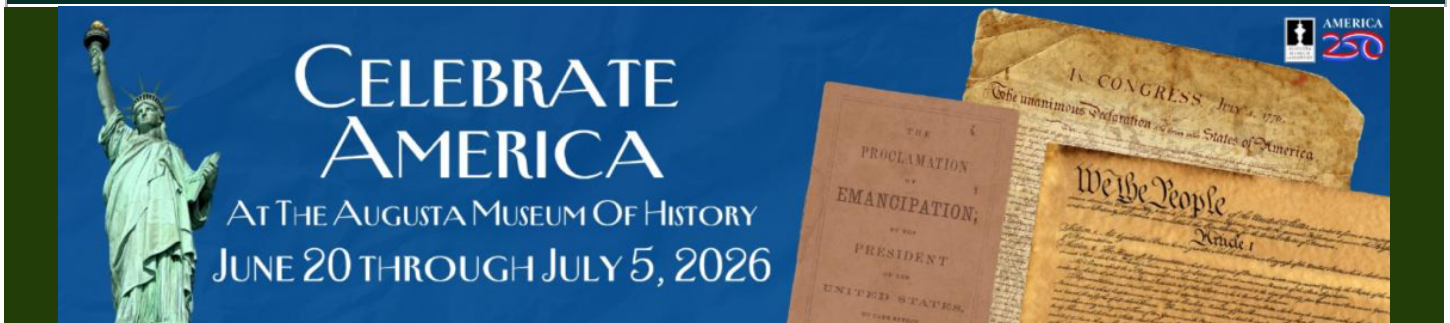
Celebrate the Birthdays & Music of James Brown and Sharon Jones

Saturday, May 2, 1:30-3:00pm, Free Event

Join the Augusta Museum of History as we celebrate the birthdays of Mr.

James Brown (May 3rd) and Miss Sharon Jones. (May 4th) The Museum will have the music of these two icons playing in the Rotunda and there's plenty of room for you to dance the afternoon away. And you can't have a party without Birthday cake! So bring the family, come dance and have some cake and celebrate the lives and music of Brown & Jones.

***All activities in the Museum Rotunda are FREE!**



Celebrate America June 20 - July 5

On this special 250th anniversary for America, the Augusta Museum of History is celebrating with two special Discovery Days, the Great Building Showdown, music from the Ga. Veterans Guitar Ensemble, tours at the Ezekiel Harris House and more. Get all the details below!

*****Please Note***** The Museum is open Thursday through Saturday 10am-5pm and Sundays 1-5pm, We will be closed Monday through Wednesday, June 22-24 & 29-July 1.



Juneteenth Discovery Day

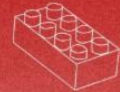
The Augusta Museum of History, in partnership with local organizations is excited to host the Juneteenth Discovery Day on Saturday, June 20th. Come learn the history behind the holiday and celebrate the vibrant African American culture and historical leaders in the Augusta Area. We will do this through a book reading, a tour celebrating African American leaders in the CSRA, special performances from the Jessye Norman School of the Arts and more. Let's honor Augusta's past and celebrate it's bright future in 2026.



THE GREAT BUILDING SHOWDOWN

Special America 250th Edition

JUNE 25 TO JULY 5 2026



Free Event



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The Great Building Showdown

Mark your calendars for the 6th annual Great Building Showdown, June 25-July 5, 2026 at the Augusta Museum of History! This **FREE EVENT** will take place in the Museum Rotunda. This is a great spot to bring your family and friends during the holiday weekend.

This STEAM-event features a special display made completely with building bricks along with the "It Takes A Village" building tables where young architects can design their own buildings and think outside the box. More details to come, keep an eye on the AMH website and social media for all the fun!



THE AUGUSTA MUSEUM OF HISTORY PRESENTS:

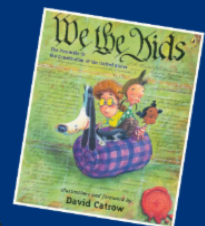
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AMERICA 250TH DISCOVERY DAY

Saturday, June 27, 1:00-3:00pm



Georgia Veterans Guitar Ensemble Concert
Special America Lego Display
It takes A Village Legos for Children
Book Reading, Crafts & Fun!



★ Free Event! ★

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America 250th Discovery Day

Get ready for some red, white and blue fun on Saturday June 27th from 1-3pm. The Georgia Veterans Guitar Ensemble will be in the Rounda at 1:00pm playing patriotic tunes to get you in the July 4th spirit. There will be a reading of the Declaration of Independence and a book reading for kids of "We The Kids." And the Great Building

Showdown will be on display with a fun scavenger hunt of items to find amongst all the different builds. All this plus more is a great start to the July 4th week, So make plans to join us as we celebrate 250 years of America at the Augusta Museum of History!

SO MUCH MORE TO DISCOVER



Silver Mug, 1717

This silver mug belonged to Macartan Campbell, an early resident of Augusta. Made in London in 1717, it is engraved with the boar's head crest of the Campbell Clan. The Campbell family were owners of a trading firm in Augusta. Head to the colonial era section of Augusta's

Story to see this beautifully preserved piece of history.

Donated by the Estate of Helen Fenwick Kollock

First Aid Kit, ca. 1940's

This kit was used by Captain Louis L. Battey. A Navy veteran, Dr. Battey was stationed in Guam during World War II. The kit features multiple compartments and still contains a few medicine bottles and packages of plaster bandages. See this and other items from our area's extensive military history in our second floor galleries.



Donated by Miss Mary Hall

NEW DISCOVERIES

Fitz-Symms Collection

Donated by Kirk and Lora Baxley in memory of Robert Symms, the photographic collection of Fitz-Symms Photography captures the history of the Augusta region between the 1940's and the 1980's. To preserve this history, the Photography Collections Internship Program at the Augusta Museum of History processes this collection by scanning and rehousing its 800,000 photographic negatives. The following images represent just a fraction of the negatives which thus far have been processed.

Imperial Theater

June 1952

An employee stands behind a newly installed candy counter in the recently renovated Imperial Theater lobby.



E-Z-GO Golf Car

December 1955

A promotional image of a three-wheeled E-Z Go golf car at the Augusta National in 1955. The Club House can be seen in the background.



Kroger

January 1958

An exterior view of a newly opened Kroger Grocery store that was located at the Southgate Plaza off Gordon Highway.



Wilkinson Photography Collection

The Wilkinson Photography Studio collection has over 250,000 negatives documenting the CSRA's past. Robert Wilkinson Jr. was a prominent photographer in the Augusta area active from the 1940s-1980s. Donated by Wilkinson family members Linda Askey and Charles M. Askey, Jr., the collection is digitized and cared for through the Photography Collections Internship Program. The following are a few interesting discoveries made during the collection care process.



Train Derailment

November 1948

Bystanders gather around the twisted tracks and overturned cars in the aftermath of a train explosion. The Augusta Chronicle reported that Engine 49 of the C&WC railroad was rounding a curve on its journey from Augusta to Spartanburg when it exploded. The incident resulted in the deaths of the

train's engineer and fireman.

Slot Machine Bust-Up

December 1947

This image depicting the colorful exterior of the Uptowner Inn and Restaurant was taken by Wilkinson in 1970s. The image was taken for Clarence Mobley Contracting Company.



Georgia Railroad Bank & Trust

June 1966

A view from the South Carolina side of the Savannah River showing the skyline of Augusta as the Georgia Railroad



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