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AUGUSTA MUSEUM OF HISTORY PRESENTS

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM



AUGUST 13, 2026 6:00PM & 7:30PM
TICKETS: \$100 ADULTS - \$75 MILITARY (ACTIVE OR VETERAN)



TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE NOW!

DRINKS & LIGHT HORS D'OEUVRES SERVED
DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM, PERFORMANCES AT 6:00PM & 7:30PM

Introducing The Historic Characters For 2026
Night At The Museum



Noble Jones- 1746

Presented by Dr. Ben Casella

In 1736 James Oglethorpe sent Noble Jones up the Savannah River to set up a trading post and fort. Jones cleared the land, set up 40 one-acre lots with a big Broad Street right down the middle and named the spot Augusta after the new Princess of Wales. Noble will share about the humble beginnings of our city and about Georgia's impact in the "New World".

Lt. Col. Thomas Brown- 1780

Presented by Eric Odom

America just celebrated 250 years of independence and freedom but back during the Revolutionary War it wasn't so simple. Meet Lt. Col. Thomas Brown. A wealthy farmer near Augusta with a large estate and many indentured servants. When the Sons of Liberty approached his estate, they didn't ask him to declare his loyalty to the idea of independence, they demanded it! And when Brown refused... Well, you'll have to be here to find out why that bandage is on his head.



Gov. John Adam Treutlen-1782

Presented by Gen. Perry Smith

Meet Gov. John Treutlen, an immigrant from Germany that started out his new life in America as an indentured servant. He went to school in Ebenezer, started acquiring land and took an active role in the American Revolution alongside Button Gwinnett and George Wells. And in 1777, Treutlen became the first elected Governor of the new STATE of Georgia. But politics were complicated in those early years just as they are today and Treutlen faced a multitude of foes.

Woman Going to the First Augusta National Invitational Tournament - 1934

Presented by Rebecca Weimar

In 1930 Bobby Jones was given a ticker-tape parade in New York City as the winner of the Grand Slam, and then at the age of 28 he retired. So when it was announced that Bobby Jones would be playing at the First Augusta National Invitational Tournament in 1934, the world was watching and folks from over 38 states and Canada made their way to the beautiful city of Augusta. This is the story of one woman who traveled in on the 302 Steam Engine and has just arrived in Augusta at Union Station.



Martha Stelling at Teen Town- 1954

Presented by Caroline Dial

In the 1950's teens in Augusta found a spot to listen to music, sip a soda and dance the night away. It was called Teen Town and there were multiple ones in the CSRA. The President of the Junior Woman's Club, Mrs. Marguerite Stelling facilitated the opening of these teen hang outs, with the first being in the old



Water Works off of Central Ave. You will meet her daughter, Martha Stelling who is a Senior at the Academy of Richmond County as she greets newbies after the Langford-Tubman football game in 1954.

Billy Dolan, Co-Founder of E-Z-GO- 1961

In 1954 Billy and Bev Dolan, two local brothers, saw an opportunity when they watched Mr. Bobby Jones drive around the Augusta National in a three-wheel golf cart. They took \$200 and motors from B-17 Bombers to transform the cars and produce them on a mass scale. And they did it all right here in Augusta. But that's not the end of the story, find out what happens when business giant, Textron gets involved with E-Z-GO and the Dolan brothers.



Butterfly McQueen- 1980's

Presented by Tera Jackson

She is instantly recognizable because of the part she played in one of the biggest movies of all time, *Gone With The Wind*. But Augusta native Butterfly McQueen wanted to be known for more than just that one role and her sweet voice. After *Gone With The Wind* she found out that Hollywood wasn't interested in her classical training, comedic timing or her incredible dramatic abilities, they wanted her for one role, a maid. How does Butterfly respond? You'll have to come to Night at the Museum to find out.

Octavia Walton Le Vert- 1857

Presented by Ransom Schwerzler

Born on August 11, 1811 near Augusta, Georgia, Octavia Walton, the granddaughter of Declaration of Independence signer George Walton, had her life ahead of her. She learned multiple languages, became acquainted with major figures of the day such as Henry Clay and Washington Irving, and traveled extensively in Europe where she was presented to the Pope and Queen Victoria. In 1836 she married French physician, Henry S. Le Vert and her life began to change with the births of children, the death of her brother and two daughters and then two monumental trips to Europe that inspired her popular book, *Souvenirs of Travel*.

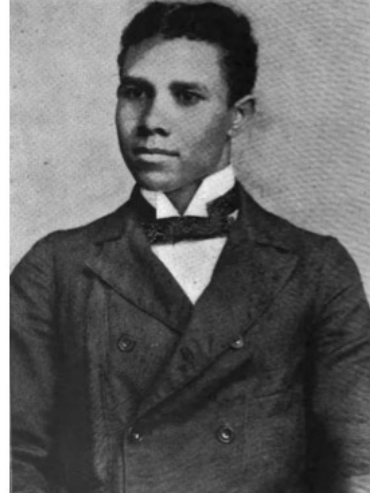


Dr. James Edward Carter Sr. - 1917

Presented by Jay Jefferies

Let's go back to the early 1900's. The country was segregated but one African American doctor saw no color lines. Dr. James Edward Carter Sr. traveled around the two-state area by horse drawn wagon as a dentist for anyone who needed care. He graduated

from Paine College, apprenticed at a dental office at 644 Broad Street and finished his studies at Atlanta Dental College. And in 1898 he opened his own private practice on Broad Street making Dr. Carter Augusta's first Black dentist.



1968, When Mr. James Brown Saved Boston & Made America Proud

Presented by Dr. Deanna Brown Thomas

On April 4, 1968 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was fatally shot at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee. Protests and riots broke out across the nation, especially in large cities. Boston was bracing for the worst on April 5, but that day just so happened to be when Mr. James Brown was scheduled to perform in Boston. Brown together with local politicians, planned to have the concert broadcast on public television, keeping crowds at

home and preventing widespread riots. But that's just one of the incredible moments in the year 1968 when James Brown played a crucial part in America's story.

RESERVE YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

Come experience an evening of mystery and wonder at Augusta's very own Night at the Museum, where history comes alive!

Two tour times are being offered. Please choose either the 6:00pm time slot or the 7:30pm time slot. Doors open for the first group at 5:30pm and for second group at 7:00pm.

Night at the Museum (N@TM) is an annual fundraising event benefitting the Augusta Museum of History's preservation and exhibition efforts. The combination of theatre and museum education turns history into a personal, interactive experience, making history tangible for all ages.

Ticket Info: Adult Ticket - \$100, Military Ticket (Active & Veteran) -\$75 (*Military discount tickets will require verification of identification at the door*) Click the button below to purchase your tickets today

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: \$7 * Senior: \$6 * Child (6-18): \$5 * Child (6 & under): Free

Group tours (10 and up) available all week; must book in advance.

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 Thursday - Friday, & open to the public every other Saturday from 10:00am - 5:00pm with tours starting at the top of each hour. To schedule tours call [\(706\) 722-8454](tel:706-722-8454).

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