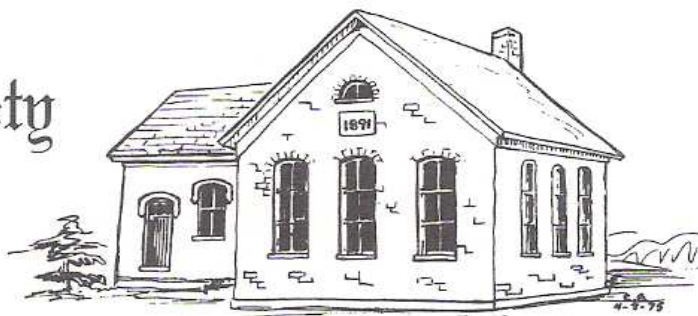


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## President's Message -

You will find an outline of the programs planned for July, August, September, and October in this newsletter. We want to encourage folks to attend one or all of these programs. They offer a varied set of experiences for this year. We are also interested in any thoughts for future programs.

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## FEATURE STORY— THE LEGACY OF GEORGIA'S FIRST RESPONSE SQUAD

May 18, 2013 Georgia lost the founder and president of the Georgia First Response Rescue Squad as a result of a long illness. His name was Arthur T. Carroll, winner of the "Volunteer of the Year Award" this year and presented to him on May 4, 2013 by the Georgia Historical Society, just before his death.

Over twenty years ago, Art started an emergency rescue squad when time after time he saw the need to answer the call.

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L to R: Ernest Bouchard Jr., Art Carroll, Jeff Leete, Donna Cote, Tony Farrier, Diane Bouchard, Martha-Sue Bechard, Gary Cote, Brian Bechard, Chad Conger  
Missing: Keith Baker, Rob Lunn, Walter Krul, William McGrath

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**GEORGIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
2013 PROGRAM LINE UP**

► **WED., JUNE 19th, 7:00 p.m.**

**“SHOW & TELL”**

Location - Georgia Public Library –  
Bring an item of Vermont or Georgia origin  
and share your story about it or just enjoy  
seeing the items and histories of others!

*Light Refreshments*

*Free and open to ALL. Handicap accessible.*

► **WED., JULY 17th, 7:00 p.m.**

**“150th ANNIVERSARY—BATTLE OF  
GETTYSBURG”**

Location - Georgia Public Library –  
Georgia Historical Society's own *Colin Conger*  
will speak about General George Stannard  
who led the charge at this historic battle on  
July 3, 1863. This may have been the turning  
point in the Civil War.

*Light Refreshments*

*Free and open to ALL. Handicap accessible.*

► **WED., AUG. 21st, 7:00 p.m.**

**“GOV. BENNING WENTWORTH:  
Chartering of Georgia and Other VT Towns  
- 250 Years Ago”**

Location – Georgia Public Library –  
Speaker and historian, *Willard Sterne Randall*  
will lecture on Georgia's 250th Anniversary of  
it's charter, Aug. 17, 1763. Gov. Wentworth  
deeded the land to Richard Emery and 64  
associates.

*Light Refreshments*

*Free and open to ALL. Handicap accessible.*

► **WED., SEPT. 18th, 7:00 p.m.**

**“THE HISTORY OF SILOS ON GEORGIA  
FARMS”**

Location – Georgia Public Library –  
Georgia Historical Society's own *David Juairé*  
will speak about Georgia's farm silo's and  
their histories—many of which have  
disappeared from the landscape.

Lots of trivia and photos, too.

*Light Refreshments*

*Free and open to ALL. Handicap accessible.*

► **TENTATIVELY IN OCTOBER—**

**Date & Time—TBA**

**“HAUNTED HOUSE”**

Location - Home of  
José & Lori Ortiz y Pino near the  
Municipal Building Town Hall  
This will be a presentation and  
tour from the Ortiz y Pino  
family with lots of fun history  
and “ghost” stories

*Free and open to ALL*

**More information regarding  
date and time for this program  
will be announced later .**

**For further information please call  
Sara Vester, Program Director,  
at 524-3996**

**President's Message *Continued from Pg. 1...***

The Historical Society will open the Brick School Museum July through September. It will be opened starting on Monday, July 1st through Saturday, September 28th—Mondays and Saturdays only—hours are 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. We are seeking help from anyone interested in being a docent for the days and times the Museum will be opened. The Gordons Mill Museum, which houses our agricultural collection, can be viewed by appointment. Please contact any director to arrange it.

We are also looking for Georgia residents interested in joining the Board of Directors. The commitment involves attending six one-hour meetings a year on the first Wednesday of the month from May through October from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. In addition, help with the Museum and the programs during the year is requested. If you are interested, please contact one of the directors listed in this newsletter.

Please consider joining the Georgia Historical Society as an annual or lifetime member. An application form is included in this newsletter, Page 7.

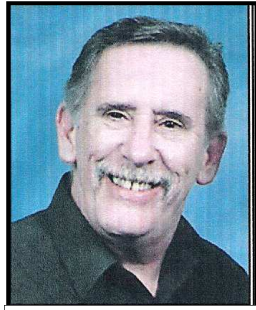
Finally, and most importantly, Georgia is celebrating its 250th year of the Town's chartering. It will take place at the Georgia Beach at the Fall Festival on September 14, 2013. This will be a great and enjoyable event to celebrate Georgia's anniversary!

Remember – attend this year's programs, join the Georgia Historical Society, and volunteer!

Don Vickers, President  
Georgia Historical Society

**Feature Story—Legacy—First Response,**  
*Continued from Pg. 1...*

Georgia was an ever-growing community and the demand for emergency help grew greatly. As a firefighter for Georgia, Art found himself becoming more and more interested and more involved in the medical rescue aspect of firefighting.



Arthur T. Carroll

While serving as a firefighter, he decided to take an Emergency Care Attendant (ECA) course and then went on to attain the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) course, a program that required 120 hours. Art continued to gain experience while serving with AmCare, the ambulance that responds to these emergencies. However, the ambulance had to travel a considerable distance to reach the urgent situations – especially in Georgia. It was becoming obvious to the ambulance crew and to Art that help was needed sooner than the emergency vehicle could get there. By having a first response team consisting of the local, qualified Georgia residents ready to respond to the scene of an emergency the moment the call went out, the patient could be evaluated and cared for in the first, and sometimes, critical few minutes.

A strategy was developed to organize a First Response squad. Art spread the message of the need for a First Response to the Georgia Fire Department and the need for members. Word got around and, not only some of the members of the Georgia Fire Department, but some of the wives and a few of the townspeople joined. The original team now consisted of 14 members - four EMT's - Art Carroll, Pres., Chad Conger, Walt Krul, and Rob Lunn; ten ECA's - Keith Baker, Brian Bechard, Martha-Sue Bechard, Diane Bouchard, Ernie Bouchard, Donna Cote, Gary Cote, Tony Farrar, Jeff Leet, and Bill McGrath. On August 28, 1992, the Georgia First Response received its license from the Vermont State Department of Health. Soon after that, Art was named "**Squad Member of**

**THE GEORGIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR —6th ANNUAL COMMUNITY AWARD**

**MAY 18, 2013, was presented to**

**~ ARTHUR T. CARROLL ~**

Congratulations was awarded to **Art Carroll** for his incredibly numerous contributions to the Georgia Community. As sponsors of this award, the Georgia Historical Society, in recognition of Art's *overwhelming dedication and devotion* through volunteerism over the years, was proud to bestow upon him this prestigious and great honor.

Sadly, Art passed away later on the same day the award presentation was announced to the Town.

See story relating to Art Carroll's leadership in founding the **Georgia First Response Squad**, starting on Page 1's feature story.

This honor is given each year at the annual Memorial Day Parade and Military Ceremony located at the Georgia Municipal Building.

**the Year for the Georgia First Response"** by the Northwest Medical Center.

In the year 2000, the Georgia First Response was awarded "**First Response Award of the Year**" with a plaque presented by then Gov. Howard Dean.

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## GEORGIA HISTORY QUIZ

1. What year did the First Response Squad begin?
  - a. 1998
  - b. 1992
  - c. 2001
2. Who was the first settler in Georgia and the first to take the oath of allegiance to the State?
  - a. Rev. Alva Sabin
  - b. Enos Loomis
  - c. William Farrand
3. What is the name of the current chairperson on the Georgia Select Board?
  - a. Paul Jansen
  - b. Ric Nye
  - c. Kirk Waite
4. What historic event occurred 250 years ago?
  - a. First settlement in Georgia
  - b. George Washington became President
  - c. The chartering of Georgia
5. When did the Georgia Public Library formally occupy the building that once was the Regional Library?
  - a. Dec. 15, 1996
  - b. Jan. 16, 1998
  - c. April 1, 1993
6. What is the name of the store that replaced Gaudette's Market?
  - a. East Georgia Store
  - b. Puro's Corner Store
  - c. Georgia Market
7. Who is the Franklin West Supervisory Union Superintendent of Schools?
  - a. Don Collins
  - b. Ned Kirsch
  - c. Francis T. Calano
8. Sue Frost will be retiring this June—2013, after nearly four decades of teaching. What grade did she teach just before leaving?
  - a. Third Grade
  - b. Second Grade
  - c. Sixth Grade

*(Answers in this Newsletter on Page 6)*

## Feature Story—Legacy—First Response,

*Continued from Pg. 3...*

The Georgia First Response Team continues today, always with the goal to arrive at the scene of an emergency whenever AmCare Ambulance Service is called out for Georgia.

A true debt of gratitude is made by everyone here in Georgia for the foresight and effort that was given by Art Carroll in establishing the Georgia First Response Squad. His legacy lives on as the Georgia First Response Team will continue with its mission of saving lives. ■

### *Did you know..?*

When and why did Kamp Kill Kare start? Back in 1906, a Fairfax native, George L. Orton, who was attending medical college in Philadelphia, PA, was hired to coach athletics at a prep school in Pennington, New Jersey, not far from the college. A number of boys from So. Africa and the Caribbean attending the prep school voiced a desire to stay there for the summer rather than go home to the heat. Orton, who wanted to make some extra money for college, saw an excellent chance to make staying possible for the boys. Orton's knowledge of the area around Fairfax, Vermont, enabled him to locate a camp in the Georgia Pines (Kamp Kill Kare) with a good deal of acreage. It was successful enough that the following year the camp became too small for the influx of additional boys so the camp was moved to Lazy Lady Island on Lake Champlain, also in Georgia. The camp continued there for two more years when Dr. Ralph Perry bought the camp (1909) and took it to Rocky Point where it remained until it closed in 1966. Rocky Point is located on the end of Hathaway Point. The camp there, and the camp area at Burton Island were purchased by the State and is now known, today, as Burton Island State Park, St. Albans Town. The hotel or main house that was used for the camp is still at the State Park on Hathaway Point. ■

*This information was taken from Peter Mallett's "The History of Georgia, Vermont" and can be found at the Georgia Public Library. A video was also made of a program on the History of The Pines—presented by the GHS in 2007—also located in the Georgia Public Library.*



### THE ORIGINAL TOWN HALL 1936

This is a photo of the original Georgia Town Hall, also known as the White Meeting House, built and completed on September 5, 1802. That would make it almost 211 years old if it were still standing today. Unfortunately, a huge fire totally burned it down on October 3, 1952, just after celebrating its 150th anniversary. Also, it should be noted that when this building was constructed, it was done so 39 years after the chartering of Georgia Town. Regarding our current Town Hall, construction began on November 15, 1988 and was dedicated August 20, 1989.

#### *Correction—For the record...*

*In our last publication of the Historical Newsletter, Vol. 6, No.2, it stated that the Tour of the Brick School Museum, Page 5, was led by Director, Cindy Ploof. The correct name of the person who guided us on that tour was our Program Director, Sara Vester. Our apologies to both Cindy Ploof and Sara Vester for the discrepancy. This in no way should diminish the work of either of these fine leaders. DRM*



### GEORGIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

**Located at 1697 Ethan Allen Highway, the Library is open Monday and Wednesday from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm, Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, and Saturday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.**

**For information call: (802) 524-4643 or visit the Website:**

[www.georgia.lib.vt.us](http://www.georgia.lib.vt.us)



# 250th ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHARTERING OF GEORGIA!

1763 - 2013



COME CELEBRATE GEORGIA'S  
250th BIRTHDAY!!!

THE **FALL FEST** is at GEORGIA BEACH —

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 14, 2013, - 3 to 8 pm**

Join us for ACTIVITIES, BAND, BOUNCY CASTLE, CRAFTS, FACE PAINTING,  
FIRE TRUCKS, FOOD for SALE, WAGON RIDES, & MORE!

*DON'T MISS THE ULTIMATE DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS EVER*

*@ 8 P.M.!*

THE FALL FEST IS ORGANIZED BY THE GEORGIA RECREATION & COMMUNITY RELATIONS  
COMMITTEES! THE GEORGIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY WILL BE JOINING IN ON THE  
CELEBRATION OF GEORGIA'S 250th ANNIVERSARY YEAR!

ANSWERS – GEORGIA HISTORY QUIZ

- 1. b. 1992
- 2. c. William Farrand (1785)
- 3. a. Paul Jansen
- 4. c. The chartering of Georgia
- 5. b. January 16, 1998

- 6. c. Georgia Market
- 7. b. Ned Kirsch
- 8. b. Second Grade

HOW DID YOU DO?

- 5 Right—You read the paper.
- 6 Right—You know your town.
- 7 Right—You know your town very well!
- 8 Right—You own the Town!
- (8 Right—You will be the next president of the GHS!)

*\*Special thanks to Flora Hurteau for her contribution to this issue of the 2013 Spring Newsletter. Georgia Historical Society Newsletter Editor, Dee McGrath*

**GEORGIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETINGS  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Location: Georgia Municipal Building, Ethan Allen Highway—  
First Wednesday of each month from May through October (included) at 7:00 pm**

***Have you borrowed material from the Historical section of the Georgia Public Library, i.e., photos, books, files, and/or records, etc.? We have found many are missing. If you have overlooked or forgotten about taking these for your research, we would very much appreciate it if you would bring them back. Just place any of these on the top of one of the cabinets in that section and write a note saying that the item(s) is or are being returned (we don't need your name) and we'll see that it gets back to where it belongs. Thank you.***

**MEMBERSHIP FORM** Date \_\_\_\_\_  Renewal  New Member

Membership is \$15.00 ANNUALLY or \$100.00 LIFETIME. Please fill out the information below along with your donation and mail to: **Georgia Historical Society**, Treasurer: Laurie Broe, P.O. Box 2072, Georgia, VT, 05468. If you have any questions, please call **Colin Conger - 524-6311, Dee McGrath-893-4853, or Cindy Ploof-528-5124**.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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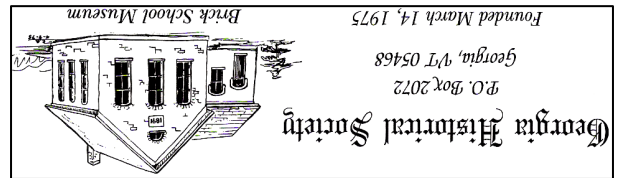
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I am interested in (please check all that apply):

Publicity     Parades     Paper Memorabilia     Assisting with Genealogical Research

Board of Directors     Other: \_\_\_\_\_

I'm able to (i.e., type, write, help in research, etc.)     I'm unable to participate, but I support the Society's efforts and programs.



***DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN  
JOINING THE GEORGIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY?***

***DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO HELP IN  
THE RESEARCH OF GENEALOGY FOR FOLKS  
REQUESTING IT?***

***MAYBE YOU COULD BE THAT SOMEONE!  
GIVE US A CALL— WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU!***

***(See form on reverse side for more information.)***

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