




Stone Mountain Historic Society October 2014

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Greetings and Happy Halloween

The photo above shows two excited trick or treaters, Mary Ellen Hewatt Malone and Karen Edwards Eggers, ready to hit the streets of Stone Mountain in 1966. Older residents fondly remember the city's Halloween Festival that was initially held at the Rock Gym then later moved to Main Street which was closed for the annual celebration. Thanks to the Cumbie-Hewatt Family for allowing us the use of this wonderful holiday photograph that celebrates the fall season.



**2014 Officers
and Board**

Stone Mountain's traditional Oktoberfest festival will launch this weekend at the Village Corner. It promises to be lots of fun and will showcase Hilde and Klaus destination restaurant and their stamp upon the city. The Oktoberfest festival will include pretzel-eating contests, stein-holding contests, and German music and beer. This year a Beer Tasting has been added on Saturday from 1-7, for tickets for the beer tasting, go to: <https://www.xorbia.com/e/stonemountain/oktoberfest-beer-tasting->

We had hoped to reprise our 175th Anniversary Cemetery Tour on October 11th but have postponed it until next May when we can unfold a more elaborate tour with costumes and family storytellers. We will keep you posted!

Stone Mountain - One-Place Study

Genealogist Ken Thomas' talk last month on local history and genealogy was well attended. Special thanks to the Stone Mountain Woman's Club for allowing us use of their building!

Besides being generally informative on researching your family's history, his talk was a catalyst for a change in the Society's programs. Mr. Thomas advocated getting like minded community members that have a bent toward the city's history and genealogists together on a regular basis to learn more about Stone Mountain. His idea was expanded in a proposal by board member Theresa Hamby who suggested that we establish a one-place study here in Stone Mountain. Popular in England and gaining popularity here in the US, the aim of the one-place study is to learn the families, places, and events that shape a place. It is a marriage of local history and genealogy. A one-place-study considers your ancestors in their physical and social context, using maps, diaries, memorabilia, high school year books, census data, and more. It looks at what webs us together as a community.

We are hoping to establish a one-place study group that meets at the Wells Brown House the third Thursday of each month. Our organizational meeting will occur on October 16th at 7pm at the Wells Brown House. Let's get started defining our "place" and start researching!

Developing an Interpretive Plan with Help from Georgia State University

We were offered a generous gift this year that made us think hard about our mission to preserve Stone Mountain's history. As we grow our membership and our collections, we need a plan to help guide us. We were fortunate to obtain the services of a number of enthusiastic graduate students in the Heritage Preservation Department of GSU led by Professor Kate Wilson. Their goal is to provide an interpretive plan with recommendations on how best to meet our aims as a society, what stories we need to interpret, and how to encourage and sustain our membership rolls. The students hope to engage with the society members via email or a hard copy survey form to gather information about how we are doing: what you think we are doing well and what we could do better. Your participation is needed to make this endeavor successful!

We will also have a strategic planning session on November 1 at 9:30 AM facilitated by Professor Wilson at the Wells Brown House. All members are welcome.

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Scotch Eggs

A plate heaped with these delicious eggs were devoured at a recent meeting I attended in Barnwell SC.

Everybody went home with the recipe! Typically Scotch eggs are fried, but these are baked in the oven. Great with spicy mustard!

Recipe makes 6

12 ounces of ground pork
breakfast sausage
2 large eggs
1/2 teaspoon coarse salt
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground
pepper

UPCOMING EVENTS

City Cemetery Tour, Saturday, October 11, 2014, Postponed.

Down Dixie Highway, pre-release of a documentary produced by Georgia Public Broadcasting

October 23, 2014, 7:00 pm, Wells Brown House

Proposed as a way to get northern automobile tourists to the sunny beaches of Miami, the Dixie Highway began in 1915 as a privately organized, stitched-together network of existing roads that extended from Michigan to Florida. Referred to as a "wandering pea vine," the Dixie Highway opened up Georgia and helped to shape its early twentieth-century history. Tourists in search of the open road, civic boosters, politicians, local business people, highway engineers, and chain gangs all played roles in its compelling and colorful history. Enjoy this film debut which features interviews conducted at the Wells Brown House at our Fourth Quarterly meeting! Refreshments served.



1 tablespoon chopped fresh flat leaf parsley
1 teaspoon chopped fresh sage
1/4 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
1 cup breadcrumbs

1- Preheat oven to 400 degrees. In a medium bowl, combine sausage, one uncooked egg, salt, and pepper. Form into six patties of equal size. Mold each patty around a hard-boiled egg.

2- Place flour in a small bowl, and set aside. Lightly whisk remaining uncooked egg in a second bowl, and set aside. In a third bowl, combine parsley, sage, nutmeg, and breadcrumbs.

3- Roll each sausage-covered egg in the flour, coating it, and shake off any excess. Dip the coated egg in the whisked egg, coating it, then roll in the herb/breadcrumb mixture to cover completely.

4- Place eggs on a cooking sheet (I cover with non stick spray). Bake until dark golden brown, 30-35 minutes, rotating the eggs several times for an even golden-brown color.

Serve hot or cold and eggs are typically sliced in half when served.

Save the Date!

SMHS CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 20th

Historic Wells Brown House - A Great Event Facility

Functions at the Wells Brown House are always beautiful events. Our Society Christmas celebration has become one of the major social events of the Holiday Season in our village.

The house is bedecked in period decorations, complements of the Morning Glories, and it is a wonderful way to get into the Holiday Spirit. You too can rent the house for your business or family event by calling House Manager Rusty Hamby for reservations. We still have some great dates left in November and December!

Rusty Hamby – 404-771-4406

On Sale Now - Great Gift Ideas

Stone Mountain from the Images of America series.

The price is \$ 20.00 and cheaper than ordering from the company online. These books are wonderful gifts for any person interested in history or our unique village.

Wells Brown Note Cards

These beautiful note cards have a spring view of the house and are wonderful for thank you notes. Price is \$5.00 per pack envelopes included. Wonderful gift!

Wells Brown House Postcards

These beautiful post cards show a winter view of the house. The house and grounds are covered with snow and I used them as Christmas Cards last year. Price is .25 cents per card. Great Christmas post cards.

Contact House Manager Rusty Hamby for availability

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