



Georgia's Old Capital Museum at the Depot, Milledgeville, GA

Mission:

Our Museum is an integral part of the City of Milledgeville, Baldwin County and State of Georgia's commitment to preserving Georgia's rich history that dates back to 10,000 BC. Since its founding in 2004, the mission of Georgia's Old Capital Museum Society, Inc., is to identify, interpret, preserve, and communicate the historic and cultural heritage of Milledgeville, Baldwin County, and the Oconee River basin through its museums and educational programs.

In 2017, GOCMS relocated the museum from the Old Capitol Building to the former Central State Hospital campus and renovated a new home, "The Just Imagine Cottage" for museum offices and meeting space.

Fundraising Goal:

Following the recent successful completion of **Phase One**, a \$130,000 capital campaign to renovate "The Just Imagine Cottage," (shown below left), we are ready for **Phase Two**: Securing \$1.5 M by 09/01/18 to complete the buildout of a 200-seat theater inside the Depot. (Shown below right, the Depot was built in 1891 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.)



Once the theater in the Depot is completed, future construction at the Depot includes:

- a new and expanded museum with exhibits to include the history of CSH and African American contributions to Milledgeville
- a bookstore/gift shop specializing in Georgia arts, authors, and products
- food and catering services
- meeting space and the museum offices
- exterior repairs and renovation

Our History of Service to Our Community and the State of Georgia:

1999, Georgia's Antebellum Capitol Museum Society (GACMS) was established with the goal of building a museum of regional history on the ground floor of the Old Capitol Building in Milledgeville, GA.

2003, the Old Capital Historical Society merged with GACMS, and the Museum Society took ownership of the 1825 Brown-Stetson-Sanford House (BSSH) in the Historic District of Milledgeville.

2004, the name was changed to Georgia's Old Capital Museum Society (GOCMS), to reflect the Museum's expanded mission and Georgia's Old Capital Museum opened to the public.

2006-2016, the Museum served over 90,000 visitors with an economic impact on this area of \$4,193,482 (2009-2016).

Our 10 galleries recounted regional history from 30,000 BC through the early twentieth century. Events such as the Georgia Day Celebration, "Evenings with History" lecture series, the Anniversary of General Lafayette's 1824 visit to Milledgeville, summer history camps, Artifact Identification Day, rotating exhibits ("Georgia Military College: Duty, Honor, Country", "Cotton: The Common Thread", "Tenting Tonight: Letters from Georgia Soldiers", "From Broomstick to Musket: Women of the South, 1861-1865"), re-enactments of events in regional history, dramas, concerts, educational tours, and "Chipmunk Tours" for the younger set continue to draw crowds. (See photo below.)



2017—Our best year yet! The Museum moved to its new location at the former Central State Hospital campus, renovated "The Just Imagine Cottage," and launched the renovation of the central portion of the Depot for a theater and venue space.

Please consider supporting this exciting project. For more information contact:

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