



# East Point Historical Society



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## President's Note

For the past several years, it has been both an honor and a privilege to serve on the board and as President of the EPHS. I have witnessed this time honored establishment grow and evolve from its noble conception as a focal point of history preservation for the City of East Point, as led by Mrs. Ora Jean Gunnin, to the present. I was happy, as we all were, to see the library and research room at the facility named in honor of both Mr. and Mrs. Gunnin at the annual March membership meeting where we also enjoyed the excellent presentation by Mr. Hal Doby regarding the Fox Theatre and its amazing history.

The board is evolving with new membership and new ideas e.g., the Aerodrome tour in conjunction with the Hapeville Historical Society, and the Gone With The Wind presentation at the East Point Corner Tavern. Diversity is a key factor in the growth and development of any organization, and that is what we have as a group today. The old with the new marches at the EPHS, always remembering our history as we go forward.

—Walter Griffin

## A Fond Farewell to Steven Bramlett



Just as we celebrate the happy event of this newsletter going out containing exciting new events planned, we received the sad and tragic news that our esteemed Curator and Historian, Mr. Steven K. Bramlett had died. His unfortunate passing occurred on

April 29 within the halls of his beloved East Point Historical Society Museum. The news came as a total shock to his family, friends and fellow Board Members of EPHS. Steve was the essential factor,

the key cog, if you will, that enabled our group to function as an entity. As long as there is an EPHS, his spirit will burn brightly within our organization. He will be deeply missed. Our deepest condolences go out to his mother, Mrs. Adele Mcpherson, and to his family and friends.

—Walter Griffin and The Board

## Tri-Cities Historical Societies' Annual Event

The Hapeville Historical Society has planned a daytrip to the Peachstate Aerodrome in Williamson, Ga on Saturday, June 4, 2001 for the Antique Airplane Fly-In event and lunch at the Barnstormer's Grill near by. The trip will be made in reserved vans that will depart at 9:00 a.m. from the Hapeville Recreation Center (aka Hoyt Smith Center), at 3444 N. Fulton Avenue, next to the Hapeville Elementary School (fka Hapeville High) The expected return time is no later than 3:00 p.m. Reservations may be made as long as there is space available up through May 20<sup>th</sup>. Attendees may also choose to drive their own car or to ride in a private automobile with someone else. Either way, indicate your preference when making the reservations.

Transportation cost per person on the rented van will be between \$7.00 and \$10.00, depending on the number of reservations received. The museum is free. Lunch at the Barnstormer Café costs \$6.00 for the salad bar; \$3.00 - \$6.00 for soup & sandwiches; and full dinners cost from \$9.00 - \$20.00. For more questions and to reserve a place, please contact either Bill Whitlock [clouddancer6200@yahoo.com](mailto:clouddancer6200@yahoo.com) 678-428-4065 or Charlotte Rentz [ccrentz@comcast.net](mailto:ccrentz@comcast.net) 404-766-3442 (hm/ofc) or 404-641-5071 (cell).

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## Historic Bethel Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery Clean Up and Restoration



Bethel Primitive Baptist Church began as a burial ground for members of the Thomas Hornsby family before the land was donated for the establishment of a church in the late 1800's or early 1900's at which time it became a cemetery for church member burials. This burial ground for some of East Point's early settlers is located on Stone Road near the corner of Washington Road. The church has been defunct for several years, and while the front lawn is well maintained, the cemetery behind the church, which has at least 100 burials sites, has been neglected and is overgrown. Plans are underway to clean and clear the entire cemetery of brush and to restore the one-room meeting house. Those with family members buried in this historic East Point cemetery may become involved by volunteering on work days and/or donating to the restoration fund. Funds are also accepted from non-family members who wish to donate toward preserving this piece of the city's history. To get involved and for more information, call 770-923-4586.

*Photo by Rhonda Brady Ramp*



East Point Historical Society Board of Directors at the annual membership meeting held in March. From left to right: Dr. Robert Threatt - Vice President, Charles W. Strickland - Secretary and Treasurer, Ora Jean Gunnin (seated) - Exofficio Board Member, Cassandra Ware, D. Gordon Draves, Walter Griffin - President, Holly Keyes, Meg LaFrantz, Olen Gunnin - Exofficio Board Member, and Steven K. Bramlett, Curator and Historian. *Not pictured are Board Members Charles Barlow and Wylie Callahan.* Photo by Jonathan Ware

## “Gone With The Wind” Benefit Event

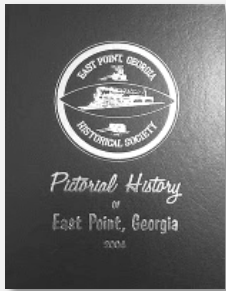
The East Point Corner Tavern is sponsoring an event to benefit EPHS. On Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup> they will run a screening of the 1939 classic movie “Gone With The Wind”, based on the novel by Atlantan, Margaret Mitchell. There are many among younger generations that are unfamiliar with GWTW and its importance to a better understanding of the history and character of the South during the civil war and in particular, the Atlanta area. This is an opportunity to pass along stories and lore about the premier of the movie in Atlanta, and best of all, from 7:00 p.m. to closing, The East Point Corner Tavern will donate 15% of

all proceeds to EPHS! Costumes are encouraged and there will be door prizes. Mint Juleps will be on special to set the mood. The Corner Tavern is located at 2783 Main Street in East Point, and the phone number is 404-768-0007. Come mingle and share your knowledge and memories of this classic film with people who may be seeing “Gone With The Wind” for the very first time.

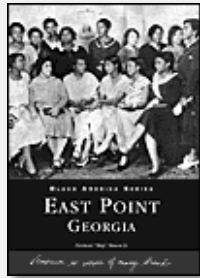


### East Point Historical Society Publications for sale

*Pictorial History of  
East Point, Georgia*



*Black America Series:  
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### Membership Levels

<i>Individual</i>	<i>\$10.00 per year</i>
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Annual Dues are payable in January.

EPHS is a non-profit organization that depends on your memberships and generosity. Please submit your dues today.



Two historic photos of East Point, Georgia, which are available for viewing at EPHS



## **East Point Historical Society**

*Museum and Research Facility*

### **Free Admission**

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