What Did You Do During the Summer?

Though Gwinnett Archaeology Research Society (GARS) and Fort Daniel Foundation (FDF) did not meet, that did not mean that members were not giving up their time during the summer.

In June Jim D’Angelo and Delana Gilmore visited the Wynne-Russell House in Lilburn and spoke with Preservation Board representatives, Shannon and David Byers, (now GARS members) about performing an archaeological investigation on the property. A proposal has been written and waiting approved by the city, who owns the property.

Additionally, in August David Coffee, with help from some Fort Daniel Foundation members, started erecting the Blacksmith shop at Fort Daniel. (See Page 4.) Construction efforts will continue until it is completed in time for the Frontier Faire on October 15, when it will be dedicated. The FDF Officers and Board have agreed to dedicate the Blacksmith Shop to the memory of Major Tandy Watts Key.

While the rebuilding of the “fort at Hog Mountain” was due to orders from Major General Allen Daniel, whose name then became associated with the new fort, and Brigadier General Frederick Beall, Commander of the Second Brigade of the Georgia Militia was made responsible for organizing the effort, it was the local Commander, Major Tandy Watts Key, who actually oversaw the construction. Therefore, the FDF Officers and Board thought it appropriate that the Blacksmith Shop at Fort Daniel, where new things will be forged from old, be dedicated as the “Major Tandy Watts Key Blacksmith Shop.”
Dynamic Borders
8th Annual Frontier Faire
Saturday, October 15
10AM–5PM
Fort Daniel Archaeological Site
(2505 Braselton Highway/GA 124, Buford)
Admission: Individual = $2
Family = $5

Fort Daniel Museum ★ Archaeology Lab
ArchaeoBus ★ Trading Post ★ Demonstrations

For information visit www.thefortdanielfoundation.org.

The Frontier Faire is cosponsored by the Fort Daniel Foundation and Gwinnett Archaeological Research Society. Fort Daniel Archaeological Site is owned by Gwinnett County and is managed by the Fort Daniel Foundation.
More Diggin’s

- **Fall Folklife at the Atlanta History Center** (AHC) will be on **Saturday, September 17**. Celebrate all things Southern! The Smith Family Farm provides the ideal backdrop for exploring Southern foodways traditions with chef demos and discussions in our open hearth kitchens. Hands-on demonstrations explore Southern crafts such as basket weaving, woodworking, pottery, food preservation, and candle dipping. Sip local brews while listening to the sounds of Georgia folk musicians, visiting with regional folk artists, and exploring signature exhibitions and the fall foliage. This program is free to members; included in the cost of general admission for nonmembers. For information please visit the [AHC Web site](http://www.atlantahistorycenter.org).

- **Gwinnett Historical Society** (GHS) will be meeting on **Monday, September 19** at the [Historic Courthouse](http://www.lawrencevillega.gov) in downtown Lawrenceville beginning at 7 PM. Guest speaker Carole Townsend will be speaking about the Larry Flynt Shooting in Lawrenceville. For information please visit the [GHS Web site](http://www.ghs.org).

GARS News

- **The GARS Web site has a new look!** ([pictured left](GARS-Web-Site-Image.jpg)) You will be able to download past archaeological project reports, the *Gwinnett Archaeology Bulletin* issues, and handouts from the Fort Daniel Archaeology Lab. Along with these resources you will be able to keep up to date with the ongoing archaeological excavations and GARS events. Go and explore the redesigned GARS Web site.

- **On Saturday, September 10 beginning at 10:30 AM there will be a kick-off for the upcoming archaeology lab season.** Meeting at the Fort Daniel Archaeological Site, volunteers are invited to attend the meeting where we will discuss what we need for the upcoming season. Please indicate on the [Lab Day Kick-off Facebook event page](https://www.facebook.com/events/1720602930807299/) that you will be attending.

- The next **GARS meeting** will be on **Tuesday, September 20 beginning at 7 PM**. The guest speaker Kelly Bradley, the Director of 19th Century Historic Houses at the Atlanta History Center, will be speaking about living history. Born into a long line of teachers, in her teenage years Kelly headed off to college with the intention of one day teaching high school socials studies. Flash forward almost two decades, five major changes, and three universities later, and she has yet to find her way into a classroom. Kelly has made the AHC her home for the last eight years by finding new ways to educate youth and adult visitors about all things history.

- **GARS will be having a group tour of the 33-acre campus of the Atlanta History Center on Saturday, September 24.** The Atlanta History Center is a unique oasis nestled among one of Atlanta’s most historic neighborhoods. Award-winning exhibitions, historic houses, enchanting gardens, and interactive experiences offer something for everyone looking to explore our Atlanta’s past. **Meet in the main atrium (by the admissions desk) at 10:30 AM. The admission fee for this field trip is FREE for GARS!** The only cost will be for lunch (if you don’t bring your own) and souvenirs from the museum store. If interested, email Delana Gilmore, or indicate that you are going on the [Field Trip Event Page](http://www.atlantahistorycenter.org) on Facebook.
Mark your calendar: The next Frontier Faire Planning Meeting will be on Sunday, September 18 at 2:30 PM in the Fort Daniel Meeting Room. If you want to help in the final preparations for the Frontier Faire, please join us! Additionally, please print copies of the flyer on Page 2 and hand them our to your family and friends.

- Anticipating a future Master Planning process (See GAB 2016 V.5 issue), final touches to Chad Smith’s concept plans for a Fort Daniel reconstruction have been submitted to the County for consideration along with the previously submitted cost estimate for construction from Hearthstone Inc. The proposed fort layout from Sheet A1, which follows the known footprint of Fort Daniel, is pictured left.

Fort Daniel Blacksmith Shop

Construction on the Blacksmith Shop at Fort Daniel began on August 16 with the delivery of the salvaged Jackson Cabin logs by David Coffee. David moved the deteriorated logs from storage at the Elisha Winn property to his logging business, Coffee Bros. Logging, in Flowery Branch back in December 2015 (See GAB 2016 V.1 issue). They were then sorted before David constructed the 10x10 hewn log edifice, which he subsequently disassembled and brought to Fort Daniel.

Based on his estimates of how much could be salvaged, the FDF Board accepted a plan that would incorporate a 10x10 hewn log structure—similar to one Coffee had previously built on his property. (See last photo on Page 5 in GAB V.1 issue.) Wayne Stancel agree to be “clerk-of-the-works” for the project, and Eli Stancel refined the preliminary plans Jim D’Angelo had done to meet engineering standards. The team comprised of Wayne, Eli, Charles Warbington, John Hopkins, and Doc Watson—who will help with construction of the forge component—laid out and put in the subsurface concrete footings on which the structure would be set, and then they helped David erect it during the hot and muggy summer weather.

Below and on the next page are pictures showing the “blacksmith shop raising.”
Charles Warbington helps team with the lower course of the back wall; some of the team admire the completed lower course; using old-fashioned draw knife to take out some high places.

Classic half-dovetail notch construction; John Hopkins gives his approval; a wooden peg piece leftover from when the planks were used in building the Jackson log cabin about 200 years ago.

Team heaves the lintel in place; fine tuning into place—just a smidge; front façade framed out. Next...the roof and stone fill under the sills will be built along with the blacksmith forge.
From Hawaii to Maine and from Puerto Rico to Alaska America’s national parks hold history that literally spans millennia. While not quite as old as the places themselves, the National Park Service has now been watching over these sacred lands and cultural remains for exactly 100 years—which is quite a feat in itself!

On August 25 the National Park Service celebrated its 100th birthday. Celebrating all year long, the centennial kicks off a second century of stewardship of America’s national parks and engaging communities through recreation, conservation, and historic preservation programs.

In celebration of their 100th birthday the National Park Service launched a movement to spread the word about the amazing places they manage, the inspirational stories that the national parks tell, our country’s natural resources, and our diverse cultural heritage. The Find Your Park campaign is about more than just national parks! It’s about the National Park Service working in communities through education programs and community assistance projects. It’s about state parks, local parks, trails, museums, historic sites, and the many ways that the American public can connect with history and culture, enjoy nature, and make new discoveries.

The National Park Service encourages people to “find your park” and discover the national parks and programs in your own backyard! To locate the national parks located in Georgia visit the National Park Service Web site.