

TRUSTEES GALA

Saturday, February 14, 2015

Hyatt Regency, Savannah

Reservations required. To purchase seats visit georgiahistory.com.

VIP Reception sponsored by:



GEORGIA DAY DIGNITARIES' COFFEE

Wednesday, February 18, 2015, 9:00 a.m.

Savannah

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GEORGIA DAY PARADE

Wednesday, February 18, 2015, 10:30 a.m.

Along Bull Street from Forsyth Park to City Hall, Savannah

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Free and open to the public.

2015

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

KICKOFF AT THE CAPITOL

Monday, February 2, 2015, 11:00 a.m.

Georgia State Capitol, Atlanta

Sponsored by: DELTA

Free and open to the public. Please call 404.382.5410 ext. 152 for more information.

GEORGIA HISTORY FESTIVAL KEYNOTE ADDRESS

“Hernando de Soto’s Legacy in Georgia, From Capachequi to Coosa”

Dr. Dennis Blanton, James Madison University

Thursday, February 5, 2015, 6:30 p.m.

Coastal Georgia Center, Savannah

Sponsored by: *The Coca-Cola Company*

Free and open to the public.

COLONIAL FAIRE AND MUSTER

Saturday and Sunday, February 7-8, 2015, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Wormsloe State Historic Site, Savannah

Sponsored by: GULFSTREAM

Free and open to the public.

SUPER MUSEUM SUNDAY

Sunday, February 8, 2015, Noon – 4:00 p.m.

Multiple sites throughout Georgia

(visit georgiahistory.com after January 1, 2015, for museum list)

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SHUMAN CUP CRICKET TOURNAMENT

Thursday, February 12, 2015, 9:30 a.m.

Shuman Elementary School, Savannah

Open to all Savannah-Chatham Public Schools. Call Shuman Elementary School at 912.395.4500 for more information.

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ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BANNER COMPETITION

Sponsored by: CRITZ

In preparation for the annual Georgia Day Parade, schools create original banners inspired by the “Geography of Exploration,” the 2015 Georgia Day Parade Banner Competition theme. Awards for winning banners will be presented at the end of the parade.

HERNANDO DE SOTO EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Sponsored by: Georgia Ports Authority

Available online (after November 1, 2014) at georgiahistory.com and in print through the *Savannah Morning News*’ Newspapers in Education insert, GHS has created engaging classroom resources for students and teachers related to Hernando de Soto and the impact of Spanish exploration in Georgia.

HERNANDO DE SOTO IN-SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS FOR STUDENTS

Sponsored by: BRASSELER USA

In partnership with Massie Heritage Center, GHS will bring the interactive in-school program “Discovering Hernando de Soto and the Impact of Spanish Exploration” to coastal-area elementary schools. Reservations are required.

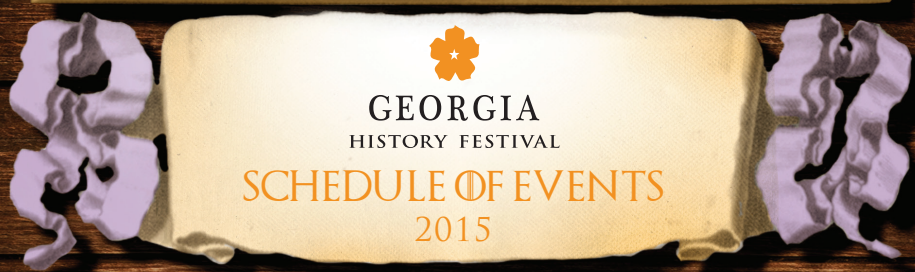
BOOKS FOR SCHOOLS

Sponsored by: DULANY INDUSTRIES, INC.

GHS will provide a copy of *De Soto: Hernando de Soto Explores the Southeast (Exploring the World)* by Ann Heinrichs to schools marching in the Georgia Day Parade.

For more information about these and other Festival events, visit georgiahistory.com and follow the *Georgia History Festival* link! Share your GHF experience on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram with #GHF2015.

Above: Paolo Forlani. *Vniversale descrizione di tvtta la terra conosciuta fin qui.* [Venezia] : F. Berteli, 1565. Library of Congress Geography & Map Division.
Cover image: Hernando De Soto. Engraving by J. Maca. Library of Congress Prints & Photographs Division, LC-USZ62-354.



GEORGIA HISTORY FESTIVAL FEATURED HISTORICAL FIGURE

In observance of the 475th anniversary of Hernando de Soto's journeys in Georgia, the Georgia Historical Society has selected de Soto and the impact of Spanish exploration in Georgia as the focus of study for the 2015 *Georgia History Festival* (GHF). De Soto was born c.1496/97 in Extramadura, Spain. As a young man, de Soto got his earliest experiences as a conquistador in the West Indies with Pedro Arias Dávila in 1514 and then as chief lieutenant to Francisco Pizarro during his conquest of Peru in 1531. After earning great wealth from trading slaves and amassing the spoils of conquest, de Soto set out to lead his own *entrada* in La Florida (now the southeastern United States). Known best as the first Europeans to reach and cross the Mississippi River, de Soto and his men were also the first Europeans to explore the interior of what is now the state of Georgia.

ABOUT THE GEORGIA HISTORY FESTIVAL

The *Georgia History Festival* is the signature K-12 educational program of the Georgia Historical Society. Held annually around the anniversary of the founding of the Colony of Georgia on February 12, 1733, this commemoration brings history to life for students of all ages through a variety of programs, including a series of in-school events and educational resources, the three-day Colonial Faire and Muster living history program held at Wormsloe State Historic Site, and the colorful Georgia Day parade.

THE GEORGIA TRUSTEES

In conjunction with the Governor's Office, the Georgia Historical Society reestablished the Georgia Trustees as a way of recognizing Georgians whose accomplishments and community service reflect the highest ideals of the founding body of Trustees. The original Georgia Trustees, a governing body chartered and appointed by His Majesty King George II of England in 1732 to

establish a new colony in North America, founded Georgia upon the principle of *Non Sibi, Sed Allis*, "Not for Self but for Others." GHS and the Governor's Office reestablished the Trustees in 2009. The Governor annually appoints new Trustees whose history-making accomplishments and service reflect the original Trustees' ideals.

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TRUSTEES GALA PROGRAM INFORMATION

The 2015 Trustees Gala honors the service and accomplishments of the new Georgia Trustees, commemorates the founding of our state, and highlights the richness and diversity of Georgia's history and people. Join us as the 2015 inductees engage in a lively conversation featuring questions on topics ranging from business to philanthropy to history and life philosophies.

Visit georgiahistory.com for reservation information.

2015 *GEORGIA HISTORY FESTIVAL*

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Festival Co-Chairs: Dolly Chisholm and Thomas D. Hills

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