

Georgia Association of Museums & Galleries

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE- More than 140 museum professionals recently descended upon Clarke County for the annual meeting of the Georgia Association of Museums and Galleries. They arrived from all regions of the state, from Thomasville to Tunnel Hill. The theme of this year's conference was "Creative Spaces: Meaningful Experiences in Museums." Attendees participated in a variety of sessions and workshops ranging from developing education programs to designing eye-catching exhibits and visiting with vendors whose products and services target the field. The highlight of the week was the annual GAMG Awards Luncheon.

This year Dr. Lee Ann Caldwell of Augusta, Georgia was presented the Museum Volunteer award by GAMG President Dr. Catherine Lewis of Kennesaw State University's Department of Museums, Archives and Rare Books and Award Committee Chair Craig Amason of Andalusia.

"We are pleased to present this award to a very deserving recipient," said GAMG President Lewis. "Our members represent a cross section of the museums and galleries in Georgia's communities, large and small," she added. "We are happy to honor institutions, staff members, volunteers, patrons, exhibits, and special projects that have excelled in providing inspiring programs and leadership," she concluded.

Dr. Lee Ann Caldwell was nominated for the award by Historic Augusta, Inc. for her service to the Boyhood Home of President Woodrow Wilson. In their nomination, they wrote, "Dr. Lee Ann Caldwell is the director of the Center for the Study of Georgia History at Augusta State University and serves on Historic Augusta's Board of Trustees as the Wilson House Committee Chair. She has provided invaluable service to the Boyhood Home of President Woodrow Wilson through her expertise, time, contacts, advocacy, and encouragement of others. Her many contributions include the interpretation of the museum, lectures, and text for an introductory video. She is an outstanding volunteer who has raised the profile, awareness, professionalism, and appreciation of the museum by local citizens, tourists, and a national scholarly community."

The Georgia Association of Museums and Galleries (GAMG) is a private, non-profit statewide organization dedicated to encouraging growth and improving professional practices of museums and non-profit galleries throughout the state. The annual conference is an opportunity for museum professionals, board members, volunteers and supporters to share information and build relationships among museums and galleries throughout the state. The conference is hosted by a different community each year. For more information on the Georgia Association of Museums and Galleries, visit [www.gamg.org](http://www.gamg.org).

Historic Augusta, Inc. is a private, non-profit organization whose mission is to preserve historically and architecturally significant sites and structures in Augusta and Richmond County, Georgia. The Boyhood Home of President Woodrow Wilson is owned and operated as a house museum and tourist attraction by Historic Augusta, Inc. and is located at 419 Seventh Street in Augusta, Georgia. For more information about Historic Augusta, Inc. and the Boyhood Home of President Woodrow Wilson, visit [www.historicaugusta.org](http://www.historicaugusta.org) and [www.wilsonboyhoodhome.org](http://www.wilsonboyhoodhome.org).

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