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Trust Company of Georgia Northeast Freeway Branch Listed on the National Register of Historic Places

Last month the Trust Company of Georgia Northeast Freeway Branch was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Trust Company is located in northeast Atlanta close to the I-85 just north of its split from I-75. Built in 1962, the building occupies a one-acre oval-shaped lot formed by the creation of the Buford Spring Connector—then known as the Northeast Expressway.

The Trust Company was listed as significant in the area of commerce, for its association with commercial banking trends and mid-20th century commercial development in Atlanta; and in the area of architecture as an excellent intact example of the New Formalism style. Designed by architect Henri Jova, the building represented the banking industry's evolution to embrace modern architecture during the mid-20th century as one means

of building a progressive corporate image.

Constructed of reinforced concrete and concrete block with brick veneer, the building is composed of a round



two-story main block capped by an undulation of overhanging eaves. Three single-story teller kiosks telescope off the main block to the west. Character-defining features of the building's New Formalism style included its pedestal form, simplified classical features such as symmetrical bays and arches, and smooth finished concrete and glazed brick walls.

The National Register of Historic Places is our country's official list of historic buildings, structures, sites, objects, and districts worthy of preservation. It provides formal

recognition of a property's architectural, historical, or archaeological significance. ■ GADNR HPD

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GARS/Fort Daniel News

- **Meeting:** The next Gwinnett Archaeological Research Society (GARS) meeting will be on Tuesday, April 17 at Fort Daniel Meeting Room beginning at 7PM. Sarah Love from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Historic Preservation Division will be speaking on the economic impacts of historic preservation. Sarah joined HPD in August 2015 as the Archaeology Outreach Coordinator specializing in public engagement efforts, education, and training. In 2012 while interning for HPD, she received her Bachelor's Degree in Anthropology from Georgia State University. She continued her academic career by pursuing concurrent Master's Degrees in Anthropology and Historic Preservation. While Sarah's educational background was based around precontact archaeology and paleoanthropology, she has recently discovered her passion for historic archaeology in the Southeast. Her interests include community engagement, public archaeology, and the intersection of archaeology and preservation of the built environment. Sarah is a member of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, the Society for American Archaeology, the American Association of Physical Anthropologists, and the Association for Preservation Technology.
- **Lithic Identification Workshop:** On March 10 GARS and Fort Daniel Foundation (FDF) sponsored a lithic workshop at Fort Daniel. ERM archaeologist Bill Stanyard (*pictured bottom left*) gave a brief introduction in identifying projectile points and knives to a crowd of about 20 people. The second part of the workshop included the participants practicing in identifying lithics from the Saylor lithic collection from Hoschton, Georgia. Members from Greater Atlanta Archaeological Society (GAAS) and Blue Ridge Archaeology Guild (BRAG) also attended along with members from neighboring communities—even as far away as Birmingham, Alabama! Another workshop cohosted by GAAS and GARS is in the works along with a ceramic workshop.



- **Georgia Archaeology Month** is coming up in May. As part of Gwinnett County's Bicentennial Celebration GARS and FDF will be hosting once again an Open House at Fort Daniel. You can learn how this archaeological site provides fascinating artifacts that help archaeologists and historians discover daily life. Additionally, you can visit the modern-day archaeology lab and participate in hands-on activities. For more information please contact [Delana Gilmore](#) or [FDF Web site](#). (*See ad on Page 3.*) Other upcoming Archaeology Month events are: May 5—New South Associates Archaeology Day in Stone Mountain; and May 19—Society of Georgia Archaeology Spring Meeting in Milledgeville.
- Recently, Fort Daniel have received a donation of shaker screens from ERM. Carrie Tucker (*pictured right*) delivered five screens and screen parts to Fort Daniel on the same day as the Lithic Workshop, which she volunteered to help. (Carrie had been one of Dr. Jeff Glover's students in 2012 when FDF started its student program with Georgia State University.) These screens will become handy in Fort Daniel's expanding educational programs.



Defending the Frontier

Fort Daniel Open House

Saturday, May 12, 2018

10AM-4PM

Fort Daniel Historic Site

(2505 Braselton Highway/GA 124, Buford)

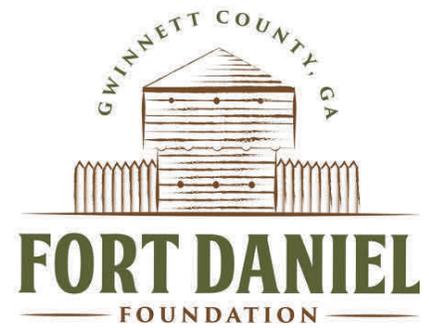
May is Archaeology Month in Georgia! The Open House will focus on how archaeology revealed the ways people lived on the frontier during the War of 1812—including tours of the Fort Daniel Museum, Archaeology Lab, active archaeological digs, and living history tours of the fort. For information go to www.thefortdanielfoundation.org.

More Diggin's

- **Sheep to Shawl at Atlanta History Center will be on Saturday, April 7 from 10:30AM to 4:30PM.** Get a unique view into the process of cloth making through demonstrations and activities ranging from sheep shearing and dyeing to spinning and weaving. Gather for a full day of fun that also includes open hearth cooking, blacksmithing, candle making, and much more at Smith Family Farm. *This is included in the cost of general admission.* For information visit the [Atlanta History Center Web site](#).
- **Blacksmith Day at William Harris Homestead will be on Saturday, April 7 from 10AM to 4PM.** *Special blacksmith guest will be Fort Daniel's own Doc Watson.* Learn how important the blacksmith was to the early settlers. As you walk back through time, see how clothes were washed, soap was made, and meals were prepared over an open fire using many tools and implements fashioned from the forge by the local blacksmith. For more information visit the [William Harris Homestead Web site](#).
- **Arbor Day Tree-tastic Trek hosted by the Gwinnett County Parks and Recreation will be on Saturday, April 28 from 10AM to 2PM. It is free!** There will be several events at McDaniel Farm, Best Friend, Little Mulberry, and Isaac Adair. From planting trees honoring your family tree to tree identification celebrate Gwinnett's bicentennial roots! For information visit the [Gwinnett Parks and Recreation Web site](#).



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Move Over Laura Croft: Pioneering Women Archaeologists

In comic books, games, and movies Laura Croft is referred to as an archaeologist. However, she lacks a scientist's formal training in excavating sites and artifacts. The *Tomb Raider* title of the newest film betrays an approach to archaeology that is considered highly unethical by real archaeologists.

Nonetheless, "there are plenty women who conducted truly groundbreaking archaeological work," affirms a recent article by Mindy Weisberger, Senior Writer for [LiveScience](#). "Some of their pioneering contributions date back more than a century, and women today continue to forge new paths in the field by challenging how scientists investigate and interpret clues from the past." (As pictured above, even women volunteering in public archaeology programs help to forge these new paths.)



Couple of those listed cited by Weisberger are:

- **Margaret Murray** (1863–1963), who famously said, "young males, even though brilliantly clever, should not pit their wits against an organization run by women." She was a pioneer in Egyptology and a leader in the British suffragette movement; and
- **Alexandra Jones**, a modern ambassador for archaeology, using her background in teaching and historical archaeology to perform outreach on platforms such as the PBS archaeology show *Time Team America*. "I am passionate about empowering future generations through the knowledge and perspectives only archaeology can provide."

The complete list of pioneering women archaeologists can be viewed on the [LiveScience Web Site](#). ■

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