

Golden Triangle's latest

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Golden Triangle RC&D presents at Andrew College



On August 16th Golden Triangle, was honored to be a guest presenter at the freshman orientation for Andrew College. The presentation was held at Andrew College in Cuthbert, GA and was conducted by Julie Shutters, Implementation Manager for Golden

Triangle RC&D. This was an amazing opportunity to speak with over 60 students about soil diversity, erosion and the importance of land conservation. Thank you to Andrew College for giving us the opportunity to teach the importance of a healthy earth.



Dine and Discover

Dawson Theater
September 17th, 2019
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Dawson, Georgia

Topics

- Healthy Soil and Diversity
- Erosion/Compaction/Soil Moisture
- Pesticides and Fertilizers



Dinner will be provided

To Register call
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Golden Triangle Representatives:

Don't forget to join us for our
Annual Meeting!

Thursday, October 31, Noon

Main Street Theater
Dawson, GA



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If you need a special accommodation to attend this event please contact James Andrews at 229-723-3841 or jandrews@goldentrianglercd.org no less than 14 days prior to the event



Clay County Learn for Life 4

This summer Clay County Family Connections used a Golden Triangle RC&D Community Grant to hold "Learn for Life 4", a swimming and water education program for youth in the area. This year 20 children were provided swimming lessons, water safety classes and canoe instruction. Congratulations to all the participants, Clay County Family Connection and its partners on another successful year.



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Home is where the “Art” is - Popes Museum

In Grady County, just outside of Ochlocknee, sits the historic Pope's Museum. This hidden gem is a shining example of the self-taught artistic heritage in the state of Georgia. The museum is known for its large folk art environment that artist Laura Pope Forester created around her rural Grady county home. At the time of Forester's death in 1953 the Pope Museum consisted of over two hundred concrete statues and busts depicting figures from history and literature, the majority of them being women. Laura Pope Forester was known for using salvaged materials in her works. A great example of this was her statue of James Fenimore Cooper's Uncas. The Mohican Shaman was decorated with a necklace made of rattlesnake vertebrae and hair made from salvaged steel farm blades.

Pope Forester's largest work of art is the fifteen-foot high, one hundred-foot long entry gate at the properties front entrance. The gate was made in the 1940's and is decorated with a lacework fashioned from the legs of cast iron sewing machines. Multiple bust keep watch from atop of the wall, including those of Dwight D. Eisenhower, General Douglas

MacArthur, British and American nurses of World War II, Queen Elizabeth II and Georgia educator Martha Berry. Imbedded on one side of the gate are marble slabs engraved with the names of area soldiers who died in World War II. On the other side another series of Marble slabs pay tribute to the authors of the 1945 Georgia Constitution.

In the garden, a life size statue of a Red Cross nurse pays tribute to women that braved the battlefields of World War I. Next to the nurse is another marble slab remembering the local men that lost their lives in WWI.

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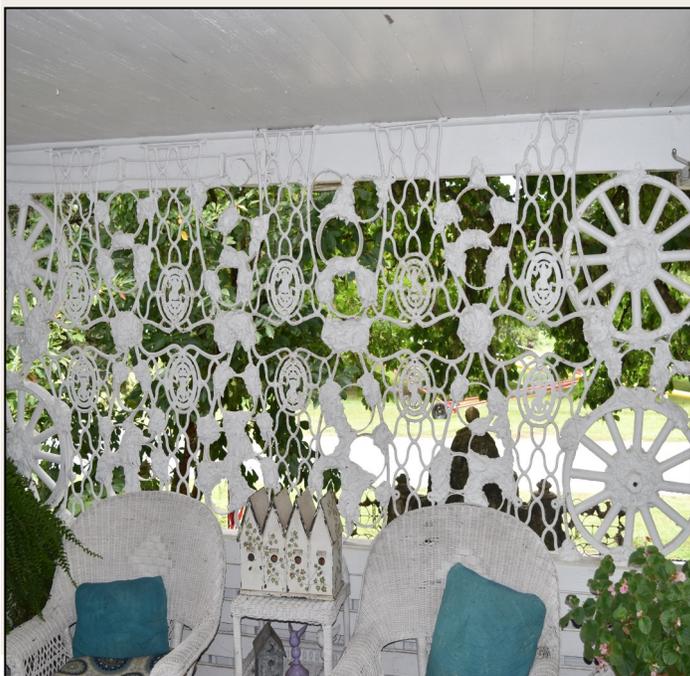
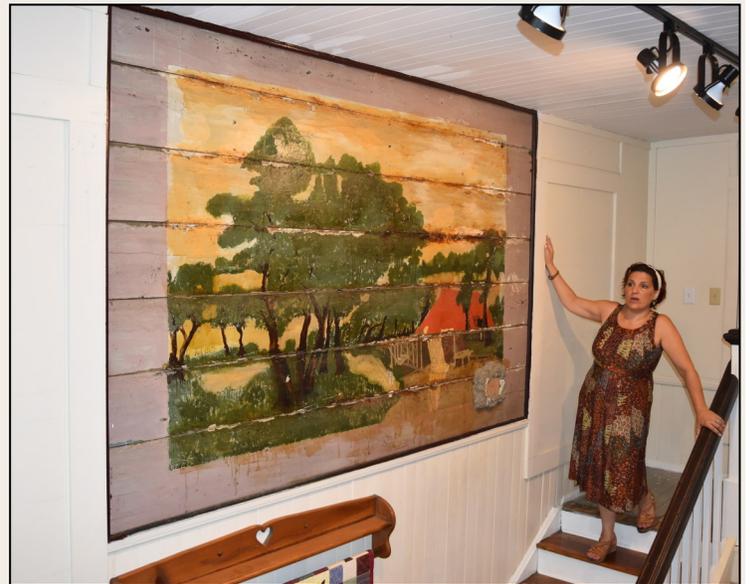
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Popes Museum

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Laura Pope Forester turned her home into its own work of art. The front porch of the home is sculpted with concrete, salvaged car wheels and the bolts that came with industrial fabric. The upstairs balcony is a statement to women's rights and the unfair expectations regarding women in the workforce. Pope Forster created a detailed lacework using parts from sewing machines and other items that were from jobs "expected" of women of that time. Inside the Museum hang recovered paintings that originally adorned Pope Foresters walls. The majority of the paintings are on salvaged flour sacks or the original walls of the home.



After Laura Pope Forster's death, the family maintained the property and for some time it remained a local tourist attraction. When the home was sold in 1970 the majority of the freestanding works were destroyed, leaving only those that were built into the walls.

After purchasing the home in 2017, the current owners have been working toward the goal of refurbishing the site's sculptures, murals, and other works of art. A nonprofit, Pope's Museum Preservation Inc., has since been founded and on July 31st 2017 the museum received preliminary approval from the National and Georgia Registers of Historical Places.

For more information on Laura Pope Forester or tours of Pope's Museum please visit their website at www.popesmuseum.com. Stay tuned to future newsletters for more information on the upcoming Escape Room fundraiser between Golden Triangle and Popes Museum.