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GEORGIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY HONORS AFFILIATE CHAPTERS IN WARM SPRINGS AND THOMASTON

Warm Springs | Thomaston, GA – July 16, 2009. GHS President Dr. Todd Groce will present the 2009 Roger K. Warlick Local History Achievement Awards for Affiliate of the Year and Media Project at two separate presentations on Tuesday, July 21, 2009. The recipients for these awards are: the Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute Library for Affiliate of the Year, and the Upson County Historical Society and the Thomaston-Upson Archives for Media Project. The Warlick awards recognize the efforts of historical organizations across the state to collect, preserve, and share the history of Georgia to the general public.

The Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute Library will be honored first at a presentation at **2:30 p.m. in the Meadows Room in Georgia Hall at their headquarters at 6391 Roosevelt Highway in Warm Springs, GA.** The Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute Library is being recognized for their continuing efforts to preserve, and promote the history of Georgia and the Warm Springs institute through a variety of programs and exhibits, including the recent Smithsonian exhibit “Whatever Happened to Polio?,” their contributions to recent GHS publications, and for their continuing support of historical programming in the area.

The Upson County Historical Society and the Thomaston-Upson Archives are being recognized in the Media Project category for their outstanding work in the creation and interpretation of the history of Upson County through a series of *History Radio Spots*. The award presentation will be held at **6:00 p.m. at the Thomaston-Upson Archives at 301 South Center Street in Thomaston, GA.** The award presentation will be preceded by a brief reception starting at 5:30 p.m.

Following the presentation of the Warlick Award for Media Project at 6:15 p.m., Dr. Groce will present a lecture, “Making Georgia Howl: Sherman and the Birth of Modern Warfare.” The program is free and open to the public and will take place in the downstairs Archive Conference Room.

The GHS Affiliate Chapter Program is a growing network of local historical organizations throughout Georgia and beyond. Members include hundreds of historical and genealogical societies, commissions, museums, foundations, archives, preservation organizations, churches, and patriotic organizations. For more information on the Affiliate Chapter Program and to download a membership form, please visit www.georgiahistory.com. The Roger K. Warlick Awards are presented annually to members of the GHS Affiliate Chapter Program, in the following six categories: Affiliate of the Year, Archival Excellence, Exhibits, Media Project, Programs, and Preservation Project.

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