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Georgia Historical Society to Present Service Awards at 174th Annual Meeting

SAVANNAH, Ga., April 23, 2013- The Georgia Historical Society is pleased to present awards to three outstanding individuals at the 174th Annual Meeting on May 2, 2013. The meeting and Keynote Address are free and open to the public.

The **John Macpherson Berrien Lifetime Achievement Award** recognizes a lifetime of achievement in and service to Georgia history, and is presented this year to **Kenneth H. Thomas, Jr.** From his days visiting the Georgia Archives with his grandparents as a teenager, to his 33-year career as historian at the Historic Preservation Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, to his many years of service on the Georgia Historical Society's Board of Curators and Historical Marker Review Committee, to his current work as co-chair of the Coalition to Preserve the Georgia Archives, Thomas continues to make invaluable contributions to Georgia history.

The **Sarah Nichols Pinckney Volunteer Award** recognizes individuals and groups who have selflessly contributed their time and resources to advance the mission of the Georgia Historical Society, and is presented this year to **Ellen B. Bolch** - for her many years of service and hard work as a member of the *Georgia History Festival* Committee.

The **History in the Media Award** recognizes a journalist or news agency for excellence in reporting on history-related topics and will be presented this year to Tom Barton of the *Savannah Morning News* for his outstanding coverage of events surrounding the *Georgia History Festival*, for his portrayal of John C. Frémont as the 2013 Featured Historical Figure, and for his year-round editorial support of the Georgia Historical Society's mission.

Georgia Historical Society's 174th Annual Meeting and Garden Party

5:00 Business Meeting (free and open to the public)

5:30 Keynote Address (free and open to the public)

6:30 Garden Party (reservations required; call 912.651.2125 ext. 119 for more information)

[Please visit GHS online to find out more about the Georgia Historical Society's 174th Annual Meeting and associated events.](#)

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