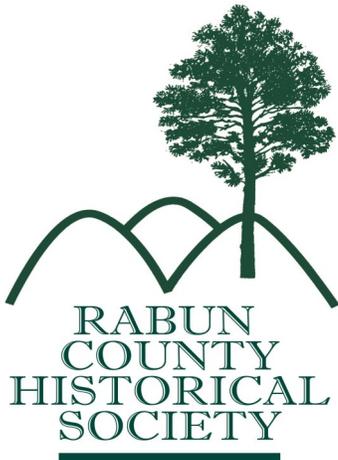


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# The Vintage Rabun Quarterly

## The Gala Re-Opening Of Our Renovated Museum

Following an extensive renovation and development of new exhibits, our museum reopened on Friday, June 11. The museum features a walk through the fascinating history of Rabun County and northeast Georgia. You will see informative exhibits on our Native American heritage, the founding of Rabun County in 1819, the Tallulah Falls Railroad, moonshining, the logging industry, Georgia Power Company's hydroelectric dams, and life in the 18th and early 19th centuries. Inside this publication we have assembled a few snapshots of our remodeled space.

The Rabun County Historical Society museum is dedicated to Mary Elizabeth Law (M.E.) to acknowledge the contributions she made toward constructing the Rabun County Historical Society building and sustaining the Society and its mission.



Before opening to the public, we hosted a private showing for board members, volunteers, local officials, and those who assisted us with the change of direction and renovation of the museum.





Two local collectors allowed us to display their Native American artifacts from the Mississippian and Cherokee cultures. All of the items were collected in Rabun County.



An authentic moonshine still was loaned to us by Foxfire Museum and Heritage Center.



Ticket and freight counters built of wood panels recovered from the interior of the last passenger car on the TF. Restored by Jackie Oliver



A trestle model built by Dess Oliver's students at Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School



Railroad crossing sign from the crossing at Dillard House Road and the semaphores from the Dillard Depot

A large part of the museum is devoted to the Tallulah Falls Railroad memorabilia collected by the late Dess Oliver. Dess, a long-time industrial arts teacher at Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School, founded the Tallulah Falls Railroad Museum that was operated by the school. Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School donated artifacts, photos and models to the Rabun County Historical Society. We are grateful to the school for its generosity and shared vision, making this important exhibit in our museum possible.



Life in Rabun County on the farm and in the home in the late 1800s and early 1900s is the focus of some of the display areas.



This display depicts the effects of industrial scale logging in the early twentieth century.



In the June issue of *The Vintage Rabun Quarterly*, we incorrectly identified the above hotel as the Bleckley House. It is the Earl House. Thank you to our readers who pointed out our error.

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- Please visit our museum and research library on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 11:00 until 3:00.
- Group tours by appointment



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Board Members from 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 pictured here:  
Front row: Mary Elizabeth Law, Pat Coleman and Linda Barden  
Back row: George Prater, Rebecca Peterson, Richard Cinquina and Ron Barden  
Not pictured are Elizabeth Dixon and Wanda Dunn