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Top-notch!

Readers vote for their favorites across the state

Thanks to all our readers who cast a vote for their favorite Georgia people, places and things in the *GEORGIA Magazine* 2009 Readers' Choice Awards contest!

Congratulations to Latrell Heath of Alapaha, winner of our grand prize of a weekend getaway for two at the Blue Heron Inn in Darien. Second-place prize winners Lynn Lord of Richmond Hill, Jan Averhart of Powder Springs, Cathy Santamarina of Dublin and Doris Purcell of Trion also were chosen to win \$100 each.

Mountain destination



Helen, Alpine Helen-White County Convention and Visitors Bureau, 726 Bruckenstrasse, Helen, GA 30545; (800) 858-8027; belenga.org

Other top picks:

★ **Blue Ridge**, Fannin County Chamber of Commerce, 152 Ovin Lance Dr., Blue Ridge, GA 30513; (706) 632-5680; blueridgemountains.com

★ **Dahlonega**, Dahlonega-Lumpkin County Visitors Center, 13 South Park St., Dahlonega, GA 30533; (706) 864-3711; dahlonega.org

★ **Brasstown Bald**, Blue Ridge District, 1881 Highway 515, Blairsville, GA 30512; (706) 745-6928; Brasstown Bald Visitor Information Center, (706) 896-2556; www.fs.fed.us/conf/rec/btb_overview.shtml

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES



Historic site

Roosevelt's Little White House State Historic Site



Roosevelt's Little White House Historic Site, 401 Little White House Rd., Warm Springs, GA 31830; (706) 655-5870; www.fdr-littlewhitehouse.org

Other top picks:

★ **Fort Pulaski**, 15 miles east of Savannah on U.S. Highway 80 East; P.O. Box 30757, Savannah, GA 31410; (912) 786-5787; www.nps.gov/fopu

★ **Andersonville National Historic Site**, 496 Cemetery Rd., Andersonville, GA 31711; (229) 924-0343; www.nps.gov/ande

★ **Stone Mountain Park**, U.S. Highway 78 East, Exit 8, Stone Mountain, GA 30087; (770) 498-5690; www.stonemountainpark.com

★ **Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park**, 900 Kennesaw Mountain Dr., Kennesaw, GA 30152; (770) 427-4686; www.nps.gov/kemo



Alpine Helen

GA DEPT. OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Beach destination

Tybee Island, Tybee Visitors Center, P.O. Box 491, Tybee Island, GA 31328; (912) 786-5444; www.tybeevisit.com. Tybee Island Light Station, P.O. Box 366, Tybee Island, GA 31328; (912) 786-5801; www.tybeelighthouse.org



Tybee Island

Other top picks:

★ **Jekyll Island**, Brunswick and the Golden Isles Visitors Bureau, 4 Glynn Ave., Brunswick, GA 30382; (912) 265-0620; www.bgivb.com

★ **St. Simons**, Brunswick and the Golden Isles Visitors Bureau, 4 Glynn Ave., Brunswick, GA 30382; (912) 265-0620; www.bgivb.com

Annual event



MeccaFest Fine Arts Festival



The Fabulous Fox Theatre

Theater/performing arts venue



The Fabulous Fox Theatre, 660 Peachtree St. NE, Atlanta, GA 30308; (404) 688-3353; www.foxtheatre.org

Other top picks:

★ **Carrollton Cultural Arts Center**, 251 Alabama St., Carrollton, GA 30117; (770) 838-1083; www.cprcad.org

★ **Hart County Community Theatre**, 83 Depot St., Hartwell, GA 30643; (706) 376-5599; www.hartcountycommunitytheatre.com

★ **Springer Opera House**, 103 Tenth St., Columbus, GA 31901; (706) 324-5714; www.springeroperahouse.org

★ **The Holly Theatre**, 69 West Main St., Dahlonega, GA 30533; (706) 864-3759; www.hollytheater.com



MeccaFest Fine Arts Festival, Carrollton; held annually in October; Oct. 10-11, 2009; Carrollton Cultural Arts Center, 251 Alabama St., Carrollton, GA 30117; (770) 838-1083; www.cprcad.org; www.meccafest.com

Other top picks:

★ **Savannah's St. Patrick's Day festivities**, held annually in March throughout Savannah; Savannah Convention and Visitors Bureau, 101 E. Bay St., Savannah, GA 31401; (912) 644-6401; www.savannahvisit.com

★ **Tybee Island Pirate Festival**, held annually in October on Tybee Island; Oct. 8-10, 2009; TybeeFest, P.O. Box 1326, Tybee Island, GA 31328; (912) 786-5393; www.tybeeisland.com/tybeepiratefest

★ **Dogwood Festival**, held annually in April in Atlanta's Piedmont Park; April 16-18, 2010; Atlanta Dogwood Festival, 887 West Marietta St. NW, Studio S-105, Atlanta, GA 30318; (404) 817-6642; www.dogwood.org

Flea market



Pendergrass Flea Market



Pendergrass Flea Market, 5641 U.S. Highway 129 North, Pendergrass, GA 30567; (706) 693-4466; www.pendflea.com

Other top picks:

- ★ **Keller's Flea Market**, 5901 Ogeechee Rd., Savannah, GA 31419; (912) 927-4848; www.ilovefleas.com
- ★ **J&J Flea Market**, 11661 Commerce Rd., Athens, GA 30607; (706) 613-2410; www.jandjfleamarket.com
- ★ **Smiley's Flea Market**, 6717 Hawkinsville Rd., Macon, GA 31216; (478) 788-3700; www.smileysfleamarkets.com
- ★ **West Georgia Flea Market**, 3947 U.S. Highway 27 North, Carrollton, GA 30117; (770) 832-6551



Golf at Callaway Gardens



Helen, Alpine Helen-White County Convention and Visitors Bureau, 726 Bruckenstrasse, Helen, GA 30545; (800) 858-8027; belenga.org

Other top picks:

- ★ **Stone Mountain Park**, U.S. Highway 78 East, Exit 8, Stone Mountain, GA 30087; (770) 498-5690; www.stonemountainpark.com
- ★ **Callaway Gardens**, 17800 U.S. Highway 27, Pine Mountain, GA 31822; (706) 663-2281; callawaygardens.com
- ★ **Savannah**, Savannah Convention and Visitors Bureau, 101 E. Bay St., Savannah, GA 31401; (912) 644-6401; www.savannahvisit.com

Writer/author

Margaret Mitchell, (1900-1949), Margaret Mitchell House, 990 Peachtree St., Atlanta, GA 30309-1366; (404) 249-7015; www.margaretmitchellhouse.com

Other top picks:

- ★ **Terry Kay**, Athens; www.terrykay.com
- ★ **Mary Kay Andrews**, Atlanta; www.marykayandrews.com
- ★ **Lewis Grizzard**, (1946-1994), The Lewis Grizzard Museum, Interstate 85 South from Atlanta to exit 41, then follow U.S. 29 South about four miles to Moreland. (770) 254-2627 for info/appointments; The Lewis Grizzard Foundation, www.lewisgrizzard.com
- ★ **Flannery O'Connor**, (1925-1964), Flannery O'Connor-Andalusia Foundation Inc., Highway 441 South, P.O. Box 947, Milledgeville, GA 31059; (478) 454-4029; andalusiafarm.org

Golf course



COURTESY CALLAWAY GARDENS

Callaway Gardens, 17800 U.S. Highway 27, Pine Mountain, GA 31822; (706) 663-2281; www.callawaygardens.com

Other top picks:

- ★ **Little Ocmulgee State Park and Lodge**, 80 Live Oak Trail, Helena, GA 31307; (229) 868-7474; www.gastateparks.org/info/liocmulgee
- ★ **Fairfield Plantation**, 1602 Lakeview Pkwy., Villa Rica, GA 30180; (770) 843-7781; www.resort.fairfieldplantationrealestate.com

Day trip



Alpine Helen



Margaret Mitchell

KENAN RESEARCH CENTER AT THE ATLANTA HISTORY CENTER, KENNETH G. ROGERS PHOTOGRAPHS

Place to get barbecue



Williamson Bros. Bar-B-Q



Williamson Bros. Bar-B-Q, 1425 Roswell Rd., Marietta, GA 30062; (770) 971-3201; realpagessites.com/williamsonbros

Other top picks:

- ★ **Fresh Air**, 1164 Highway 42 South, Jackson, GA 30233; (770) 775-3182; www.freshairbarbecue.com
- ★ **Country's Barbecue**, 3137 Mercury Dr., Columbus, GA 31906; (706) 563-7604; www.countrysbarbecue.com
- ★ **Billy Bob's**, 811 South Park St., Carrollton, GA 30117; (770) 830-1217
- ★ **Backstreet**, 290 West Franklin St., Hartwell, GA 30643; (706) 377-6465
- ★ **Sprayberry's Barbecue**, 229 Jackson St., Newnan, GA 30263, (770) 253-4421; sprayberrysbbq.com

JENNIFER HEWETT

Place to get seafood

The Crab Shack, 40 Estill Hammock Rd., Tybee Island, GA 31328; (866) 789-2722; www.thecrabshack.com



The Crab Shack

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Other top picks:

- ★ **Uncle Bubba's**, 104 Bryan Woods Rd., Savannah, GA 31410; (912) 897-6101; www.unclebubbas.com
- ★ **Dockside Seafood House**, 94 West Howell St., Hartwell, GA 30643; (706) 376-1571
- ★ **Little Hawaiian**, 206 Rome St., Carrollton, GA 30177; (770) 838-1220; www.littlehawaiianrestaurant.com
- ★ **Atlanta Fish Market**, 265 Pharr Rd. NE., Atlanta, GA 30305; (404) 262-3165; www.buckheadrestaurants.com

Museum



High Museum of Art, 1280 Peachtree St. NE., Atlanta, GA 30309; (404) 733-4444; www.high.org

Other top picks:

- ★ **Fernbank Museum of Natural History**, 767 Clifton Rd. NE., Atlanta, GA 30307; (404) 929-6300; www.fernbankmuseum.org
- ★ **Museum of Aviation**, seven miles east of Interstate 75 at Ga. Highway 247 and Russell Parkway, near Robins Air Force Base; P.O. Box 2469, Warner Robins, GA 31099; (478) 926-6870; www.museumofaviation.org
- ★ **Telfair Museum of Art**, 121 Barnard St., Savannah 31401; (912) 790-8800; www.telfair.org
- ★ **Dahlonega Gold Museum**, 1 Public Square, Dahlonega, GA 30533; (706) 864-2257; www.ga.stateparks.org/info/dablonega

COURTESY HIGH MUSEUM OF ART © JONATHAN HILLIER 2005



High Museum of Art

Small town to live in



Hartwell, Hart County Chamber of Commerce, 31 East Howell St., P.O. Box 793, Hartwell, GA 30643; (706) 376-8590; www.hart-chamber.org

Other top picks:

- ★ **Carrollton**, Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, 200 Northside Dr., Carrollton, GA 30117; (770) 832-2446; www.carroll-ga.org
- ★ **Dahlonega**, Dahlonega-Lumpkin County Visitors Center, 13 South Park St., Dahlonega, GA 30533; (706) 864-3711, dablonega.org
- ★ **Tybee Island**, Tybee Visitors Center, P.O. Box 491, Tybee Island, GA 31328; (912) 786-5444; www.tybeevisit.com.



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Restoration House, 50 North Forest Ave., Hartwell, GA 30643; (706) 377-3704; www.restorationhouse.net



Restoration House

Other top picks:

★ **Scott Antique Market**, 3650 Jonesboro Rd. SE, Atlanta, GA 30354; (404) 361-2000; www.scottantique.com

★ **Jere's Antiques**, 9 North Jefferson St., Savannah, GA 31401; (912) 236-2815; www.jeresantiques.net

★ **Whistle Stop Antique Mall**, 202 North Sage St., Toccoa, GA 30577; (706) 282-1386; www.mainstreettoccoa.com/antiques.html

Weekend getaway

SAVANNAH CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU



Lafayette Square, Savannah



Savannah, Savannah Convention and Visitors Bureau, 101 E. Bay St., Savannah, GA 31401; (912) 644-6401; www.savannahvisit.com

Other top picks:

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Helen 30545; (800) 858-8027; helenga.org

★ **St. Simons**, Brunswick and the Golden Isles Visitors Bureau, 4 Glynn Ave., Brunswick, GA 30382; (912) 265-0620; www.bgivb.com

★ **Tybee Island**, Tybee Visitors Center, P.O. Box 491, Tybee Island, GA 31328; (912) 786-5444; www.tybeevisit.com.

**GEORGIA Magazine
feature article from
2008**



"50 must-see places in Georgia," June 2008, by Mary Ann Anderson



Other top picks:

★ **"From minors to manager,"** a conversation with Braves manager Bobby Cox, featuring a look back at

his career, April 2008, by Bill Shanks

★ **"Faith, family and football,"** catching up with Georgia Bulldogs head football coach Mark Richt, July 2008, by Byron McCombs

★ **"Saving Spitfire and other sea turtles,"** taking a look at the work by Dr. Terry Norton and the staff at the Georgia Sea

Turtle Center at Jekyll Island, August 2008, by Kristine F. Anderson