

# **Thronateeska Heritage Center**

## **Georgia Museum of Surveying & Mapping**

The Georgia Museum of Surveying and Mapping (GAMOSAM) began with the passion of lifetime surveyor and historian Dan Crumpton of Warrenton, Georgia. A board of directors officially incorporated the museum in 2009. By 2014, however, Mr. Crumpton was retiring from professional surveying and needed a new location for the museum.

Dan Crumpton and the museum's Board of Directors chose Thronateeska Heritage Center in Albany, Georgia as the new home for GAMOSAM. Thronateeska staff relocated the collection to Albany in January 2015 and GAMOSAM became a part of the Center's governing body, the Thronateeska Heritage Foundation, Inc.

The mission of GAMOSAM is to educate visitors on how surveying and mapping has shaped, and is shaping, the world in which we live. They are universal and historic practices and Thronateeska is excited to give its visitors an engaging experience so they leave with a better understanding of the importance and process of surveying and mapping.

Thronateeska Heritage Center receives over twenty thousand visitors a year, particularly young students and families. In combination with the Center's planetarium, history and science museums, and archives, GAMOSAM enlightens the public about a topic of which there is little discussion.

The relationship between GAMOSAM and the Surveying and Mapping Society of Georgia (SAMSOG) allows the museum to host meetings and educational opportunities for regional professionals. This blend of public and professional education makes GAMOSAM a unique resource in Georgia.

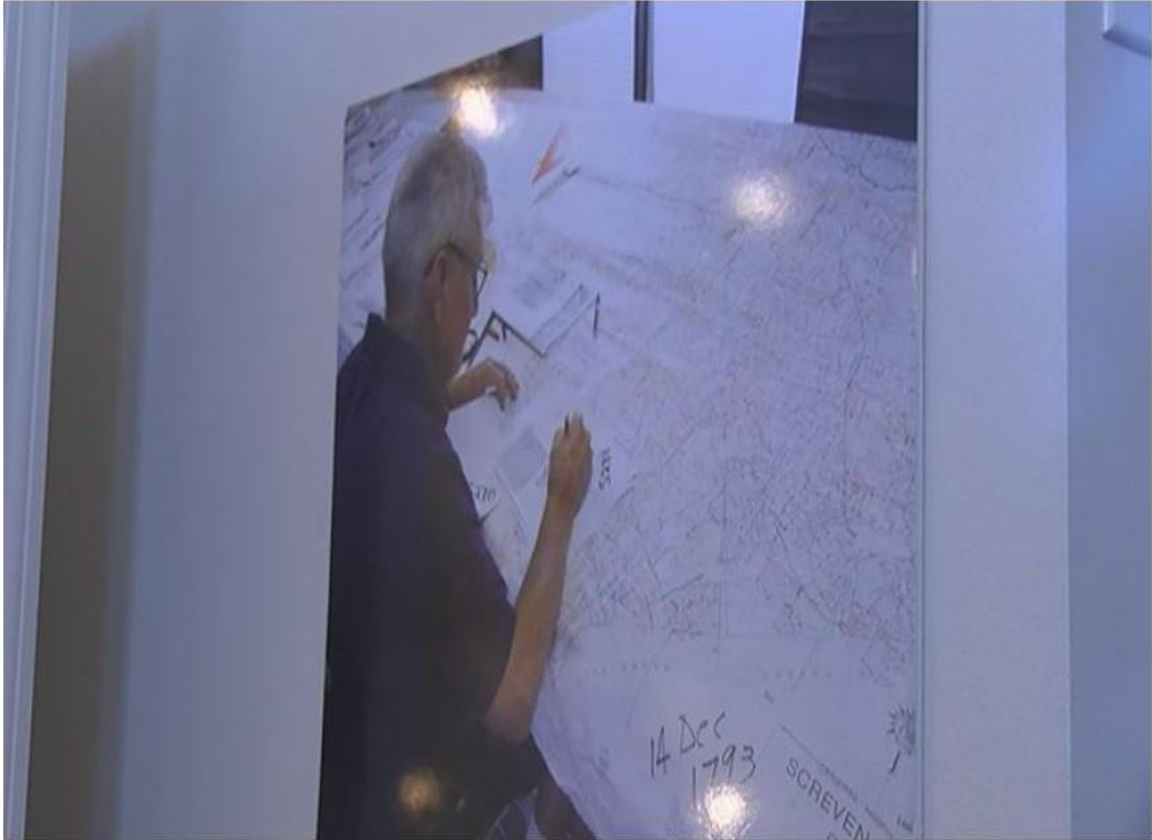
After seven months of design and preparation, GAMOSAM reopened at Thronateeska Heritage Center on September 26, 2015 with a new permanent exhibit. The museum consists of over one hundred surveying and mapping instruments and tools, dating back to the eighteenth century, and a growing collection of surveys and maps from around Georgia.

The opening ceremony for GAMOSAM brought together surveyors from across the state to see the new display and interact with the public at an educational venue. The permanent exhibit is open Thursday through Saturday and is free to the public. Museum staff members are now planning more activities to bring in professional and amateur surveyors to educate the public in 2016.



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ALBANY, GA (WALB) -


Thronateeska Heritage Center opened up their newest museum.

The Georgia museum of Surveying and Mapping is officially open. They received more than a hundred artifacts from Dan Crumpton who retired and ran the museum in Warrenton, GA in 2009. The exhibit also displays maps from local surveyors. Officials hope the museum will teach visitors how mapping and surveying works.

"Well I really don't think a lot of people really understand what goes into surveying and mapping," said Shay Meredith, Curator. "They may see the people on the side of the road conducting surveys, but have no real understanding of what they're doing and the history of that and how its shaped Georgia, shaped Albany, shaped the whole country. So we're hoping that they get a little better understanding of all of those things."

The museum is open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.





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