Monthly Key Accomplishments – November 2010

I. Oral History Project

Collaborative project of Hart County Senior Center, UGA School of Social Work (Dr. Stacey Kolomer’s class on gerontology), and community members. 26 UGA social work students interviewed long-time Hart Countians about their lives and memories of living in Hart County. Special focus of the interviews was memories of downtown Hartwell. We hope to incorporate some of the interviewee’s memories into the historical downtown walking tour video/podcast that is currently in production - to share local memories of locations on the tour. UGA social work students will create podcasts about their interviewees' lives; recording of their podcasts will be given to interviewees.

II. Walking Tour Brochure

Completed project with ITOS and historic downtown walking tour committee to design/produce paper brochure of walking tour. The walking tour is an effort of the HC Archway historic downtown Hartwell walking tour committee, led by Chair Nancy Clark. The tour is a collaborative of a number of local organizations, including Hart County Historical Society, John Benson Chapter of DAR, Hart County Archway, Hart County Library, Hartwell Downtown Development Authority, Hartwell Historic Preservation Commission, and Georgia Mountains Regional Commission. The HC Historical Society has applied for a grant to print the brochures, and the committee hopes to host a kick-off event for the walking tour in the spring.

III. Annual Hart County Archway Partnership Community Update Meeting

Held a luncheon for 55 attendees to share accomplishments and selected projects from the past year. Community members involved in each of the highlighted projects shared information with the group, and attendees had an opportunity to offer feedback and suggestions for Archway for the year to come.