Monthly Key Accomplishments – February 2011

I. The Clayton Archway Historic Tourism Committee partnered with the Clayton County Convention and Visitors Bureau (CCVB) to create and promote a geocaching program for Clayton County. Geocaching is a virtual treasure hunt where visitors use GPS technology to plug in coordinates for the geocaching site. Geocaching provides an opportunity for families to have fun while searching for historical sites and finding caches in a variety of containers or boxes. The cities of College Park, Forest Park, Jonesboro, Lake City, Lovejoy, Morrow, and Riverdale along with other sites in Clayton County have partnered with the program to host geocaching sites. A total of nine caches are active and ready to be found. According to the CCVB, Clayton County has received a lot of visits from local geocachers who said that they never knew some of these places existed in Clayton County.

II. The Archway African American History Committee was recently created as a subcommittee of the Clayton Archway Historic Tourism Committee. The purpose of the committee is to provide information and education on the contributions of African Americans in Clayton County and the region. The committee is taking strategic steps towards establishing an African American History museum in Clayton. The first step in this effort is partnering with other organizations to promote African American history. In February, the committee partnered with Historical Jonesboro/Clayton County Incorporated to host the “African American Heritage Day” event to showcase the contributions of African Americans and others in the United States and the world. The event showcased African American inventors and provided an opportunity for people to experience life in the 1800’s and early 1900’s. The African American Heritage Day event will be used to create an African American traveling exhibit for Clayton County. The exhibit will highlight the rich history of African American citizens in Clayton County and Georgia and will be available for use by schools, churches, museums and other organizations who seek to learn more about the cultural diversity that makes Clayton County a unique and interesting community.