

GEORGIA HISTORY 2009 ESSAY CONTEST

The 2009 Topic for Students Grades 4-12:

Georgia's History in your own Backyard



History Happened
Everywhere in Georgia.
What Happened
Near You?

Historic buildings and churches...birthplaces and cemeteries...
battlefields and forts...men and women...Native Americans and
African Americans...railroads and crossroads...courthouses and
schools...mills and missions...lighthouses and land grants...
monuments to courage...milestones of ingenuity.

**Georgia's rich heritage isn't just in museums.
It lives in every corner of our state—including yours!**

Look around you. Chances are a fascinating and historically
significant part of Georgia's history—large or small—lies nearby
waiting for your rediscovery and re-telling! This is your chance to
write about a chapter of our state's history that's in your backyard
(or near your hometown) and why it was (or is) important
to Georgia's 250-year history story!

Send your essay (1-2 pages, maximum 300 words) about:

Georgia's History in Your Own Backyard

To: **Georgia Voyager Magazine,**
PO Box 48389 Athens, GA 30604.

Essays may be e-mailed to: gvoyager@bellsouth.net.

Or, call 800-243-6991. Go to gavoyager.com for more contest details. Please do not send
originals as submissions cannot be returned.

DEADLINE: January 12, 2009

All participants will receive recognition!

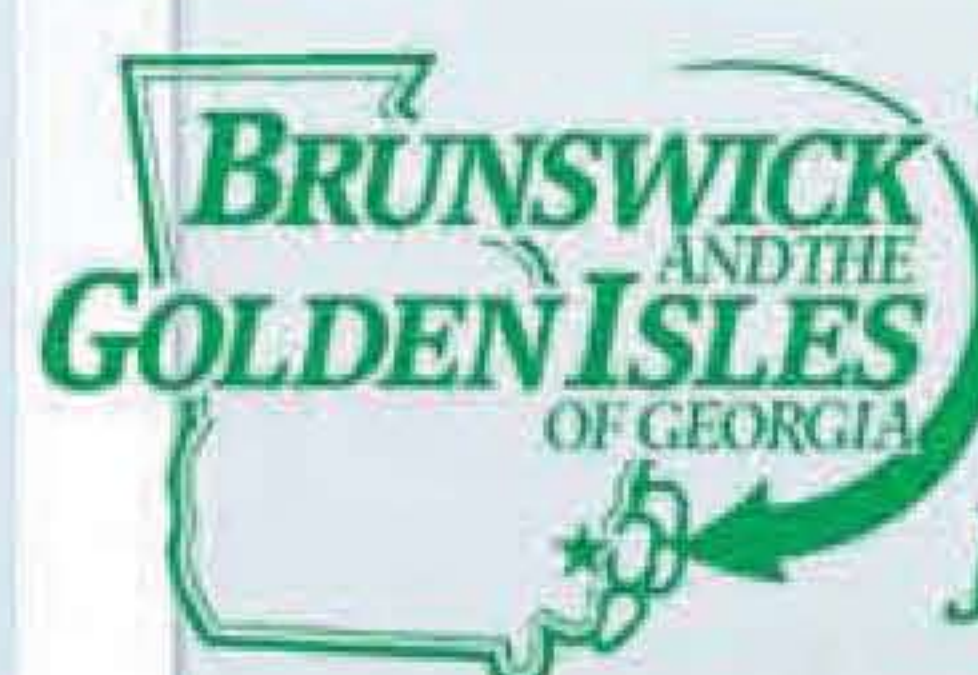
Winners will be announced during the 2009 General Assembly session at the Capitol in Atlanta,
and published in the Fall 2009 issue of *Georgia Voyager Magazine*.

**SPECIAL AWARDS FOR SCHOOLS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOOL SYSTEMS
WITH THE MOST PARTICIPATION! CASH PRIZES FOR STUDENTS!**

The Georgia History Essay Contest is sponsored by:

**GEORGIA
VOYAGER**
magazine

Sea Island



**ST. SIMONS ISLAND
SEA ISLAND
LITTLE ST. SIMONS ISLAND
JEKYLL ISLAND**

▲ This Georgia historical marker (about historic Needwood Baptist Church in Glynn County) is one of the nearly 2,600 markers found throughout Georgia (only two states in the nation have more!). These markers indicate the location of historically significant sites and events and may be of help to you in choosing your essay subject. To learn more about Georgia's historic markers (including those in your area), visit www.cviog.uga.edu/Projects/gainfo/gahistmarkers