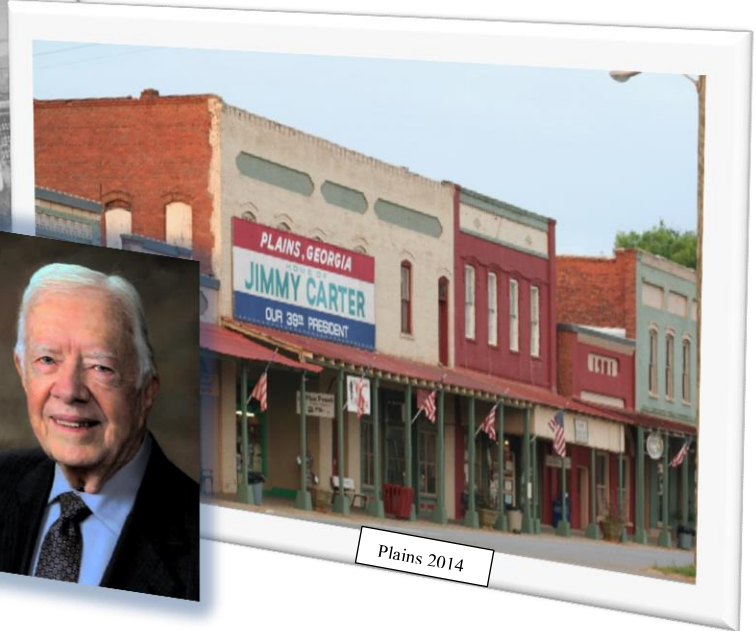


Plains Chautauqua – May 2-4, 2014

A Journey to Plains



Plains Chautauqua – 1900s



Plains 2014

Keynote Speaker: President Jimmy Carter

The first Chautauqua was organized in 1874 by John Heyl Vincent, a Methodist Minister and Lewis Miller, an inventor, industrialist, and Sunday School Superintendent, on the shores of Chautauqua Lake in New York. Chautauquas started as a Normal School Assembly for Sunday School workers which sparked a movement across North America, reaching its high-point in 1907. The Circuit Chautauqua, also called tent Chautauqua or traveling Chautauqua began in 1904. At their peak in the 1920s, circuit Chautauquas appeared in over 10,000 communities, reaching over 45 million people by bringing entertainment and culture with speakers, teachers, musicians, entertainers, and preachers. These programs were presented in tents pitched in or near small towns. Programs would occur for several days, and then the performers would move to the next location.

*Plains, Georgia was included in the Chautauqua touring circuits and performances have long been the talk of Plains' residents. Many credit Miss Julia Coleman for bringing these groups to Plains. Knowing the importance and impact of Chautauqua, the Plains Historical Preservation Trust established the **Plains Chautauqua** in 2008. Many programs have been offered through the years by the Trust including book talks, special speakers, artists, musicians, and plays. We believe these programs entertain, educate, and help preserve the unique history of our community. We will offer our first weekend event, **A Journey to Plains**, May 2-4, 2014. We hope you will make plans to join us for this special event. Registration information is available at www.plainschautauqua.com or call 229-824-4567 to have a packet mailed to you.*

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