



# West Georgia Textile Heritage Trail

## Spring 2016 Newsletter

### For More Information

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Brad Hayes spoke about Trion Mill at the Rome meeting.

### Exciting Regional Meetings this Winter!

This year, to reach more of our communities and the wonderful folks who are telling their stories, the Textile Trail staff planned a series of three regional meetings. Thank you to our partners who hosted these meetings: February 5th at The Columbus Museum, February 19th at the Depot in Carrollton, and March 5th at the Chieftains Museum in Rome. Each regional meeting focused on four areas selected by our members, including storytelling, marketing, networking, and partnerships.

### Taking our story to Baltimore

Faculty and students from the Textile Team headed to Baltimore over Spring Break to talk about our project to the National Council On Public History Annual Conference. We received very useful feedback to our poster from other public historians around the country. Textile Trail Website Manager Hannah Givens, who prepared this poster, also won the Graduate Student Travel Award. Check out our Baltimore experience [here!](#)

### New Projects Underway

The Textile Trail staff is currently working with the communities of [Bowdon](#) and Dalton to tell their stories! Funds from the Warren and Ava Sewell Foundation are providing support for the creation of interpretive signage and a walking trail in downtown Bowdon, showcasing the apparel industry that filled the town. In Dalton, we are working with the [Convention and Visitors Bureau](#) to plan, research, and design interpretive signage around the city, which has a rich heritage not only in carpet and chenille but also cotton and hosiery. We would love to work with other member communities to help develop projects! Please [contact us](#) to discuss your ideas.

*Welcome new Individual Members Kaye Minchew and Gail Priest, new Signature Member Mary Walker, and new Institutional Member the [City of Griffin/Griffin Main Street!](#)*

