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### **80th Anniversary of "Gone With the Wind"**

Jonesboro, Ga. - The 80th Anniversary of *Gone With the Wind* is approaching and the Clayton County Convention & Visitors Bureau and the Road to Tara Museum want to celebrate with fans of the story.

In June 1936, *Gone With the Wind* took the world by storm. Readers were introduced to the fiery and independent Scarlett O'Hara and her on-going turbulent love life with none other than Rhett Butler. Throughout their sweeping romance the Civil War wages on and Reconstruction begins. At the time *Gone With the Wind* was printed, there were many stories of Virginia and other Southern states during the Civil War and Margaret Mitchell wanted to write one on her home state of Georgia. Little did Margaret Mitchell know that her book would become a best-selling phenomenon that 80 years later is still being celebrated.

Margaret Mitchell's world-renowned novel, turns 80 on June 10, 2016. For such a big anniversary, the Road to Tara Museum wants Rhett and Scarlett fans to celebrate with a trip to the Road to Tara Museum. On June 9 and June 10, visitors can enter the museum and take a historic bus tour, both at a discounted admission. The museum will be \$.80 to enter and the bus tour, which includes entrance into the museum, will be \$8.00. Also, as a special treat visitors will receive a gift when they purchase a ticket for either the museum or bus tour. "If you're a fan of *Gone With the Wind*, classic movies, or Civil War history this is a great time to check out the Road to Tara Museum. Whether you've never been or you've visited multiple times, we'd love to celebrate this anniversary with you," says Danielle Conroy, Director of Marketing and Communications at the Clayton County Convention & Visitors Bureau.

The Road to Tara Museum features an exhibit on the 1864 Battle of Jonesboro, *Gone With the Wind* memorabilia, items from the 1939 Atlanta movie premiere, an international wall of book covers and reproductions of Scarlett's most famous dresses. There are two bus tours offered Monday through Saturday, one at 11:00 am and one at 1:00 pm. The Southern Belles and Whistles tour runs at 11:00 am and features Clayton County history and at 1:00 pm the *Gone With the Wind* tour narrates how Clayton County has ties to the world-renowned novel. Call 770-478-4800 to make reservations for a bus tour.

The Clayton County Convention & Visitors Bureau is the official tourism marketing agency for Clayton County. The CCCVB advertises and promotes the area to bring business to hotels, attractions, historical sites and meeting facilities within Clayton County and its neighboring communities. For more events visit [www.atlantastruesouth.com](http://www.atlantastruesouth.com).

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