

Newsroom

August 21, 2012

Georgia Southern University

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalcommons.georgiasouthern.edu/newsroom>



Part of the [Higher Education Commons](#)

Recommended Citation

Georgia Southern University, "Newsroom" (2012). *Newsroom*. 1011.
<https://digitalcommons.georgiasouthern.edu/newsroom/1011>

This article is brought to you for free and open access by the Office of Strategic Communications & Marketing at Digital Commons@Georgia Southern. It has been accepted for inclusion in Newsroom by an authorized administrator of Digital Commons@Georgia Southern. For more information, please contact digitalcommons@georgiasouthern.edu.



Newsroom

Georgia Southern University

[Home](#) > [Press Releases](#) > Georgia Southern Museum Closed for Renovations

Georgia Southern Museum Closed for Renovations

AUGUST 21, 2012

Like 0

Tweet

Pinit



Georgia Southern University's Museum will be temporarily closed to the Public until mid-September due to construction and installation of new windows being installed throughout the building. As work proceeds and an official opening date is finalized, the University will announce it.

"Rather than having the Museum remain open and having the construction teams work around visitors and staff, we made the decision to temporarily close to ensure work could be completed as quickly as possible," said Brent Tharp, director of the Georgia Southern Museum. "We're excited about the renovations and look forward to welcoming visitors back in September." Following completion of the renovations, the Museum will feature a new exhibit: **"From Protest to Peace: Northern Irish Murals by the Bogside Artists."** The unique exhibit, curated by Georgia Southern faculty members Steve Engel, Ph.D., Howard Keeley, Ph.D. and Joseph Pellegrino, Ph.D., will provide visitors with the opportunity to learn of the troubled history of Northern Ireland depicted in these stunning murals by three artists known as The Bogside Artists. The artists have used this medium to advance the peace and reconciliation process by producing social and political commentary through their murals. The murals have been reproduced in large format and will be exhibited with photographs and descriptions intended to

transport visitors to Derry, the second largest city in Northern Ireland.

The Georgia Southern Museum, which is accredited by the American Association of Museums, supports the University's mission of teaching, research and service, specifically through unique collections, exhibits and educational outreach. The Museum is one of the area's most popular attractions for tourists, University guests and children of all ages.

Each year, the Museum attracts tens of thousands of visitors to view exhibits including artifacts from Camp Lawton, a Civil War POW camp, the Mosasaur, a 78 million year old fossil skeleton, the Vogtle Whale and more. In addition to attracting tourists, the Museum has also become a popular destination for school field trips attracting visitors from multiple counties each year.

[< Previous](#)

[Next >](#)

