

## CCHA at Agriculture and Conference Center Opening

The dedication of the Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center on Saturday, March 25, 2017, was indeed a special day for the citizens of Chatham. The new facility has been a dream for many years, but is now a reality. More than 1,500 people attended the celebratory event.

The Chatham County Historical Association was proud to be at the opening to exhibit our association. We particularly emphasized CCHA's project to return a 1850s smokehouse to its original location on what are now the Ag Center grounds. Delphine Womack, Lesley Richardson, and Barbara Pugh shared with many people the activities and projects of CCHA and encouraged them to become part of the group in whatever way they felt they could help preserve and share the history of our wonderful county.



*Smokehouse committee chair Kenneth Crabtree talks with a visitor about the smokehouse project.*



*CCHA Board member Delphine Womack with Andrew McMahan, Chair of CCCC's Department of Sustainability, which created the Historic Restoration class that worked on the 1850s smokehouse*



*Mr. John Cooper, former Chatham County Extension Director and CCHA officer, visited the CCHA Exhibit.*



*Barbara Pugh talks with a visitor about CCHA projects.*



*Lesley Richardson engaged a steady stream of visitors during the opening.*



*Grimsley Hobbs, CCHA President and architect for the Agriculture and Conference Center, with Delphine Womack.*