

- Say "Boo!" Lawrenceville Ghost Tours returns for its 10th year of haunting and horror. Every night in October, hear the history they don't teach in school with a 90-minute walking tour from the Aurora Theatre through an old jail, Honest Alley and more macabre sites. Unlike a haunted house, there are no gruesome effects or startling patrons; instead, costumed tour guides use captivating stories to send shivers down your spine, making the tour popular for both the young and young at heart. Group pricing is available. scarystroll.com
- Make an impact. The creatively cool non-profit Atlanta Printmakers Studio promotes the art of hand-pulled printmaking processes through diverse education and events. Each year they showcase their work at no cost to the public and lucky for Marietta readers, this year's showcase is just down the street. Whether enthused or simply curious, visit 2 Rules Fine Art gallery in the Marietta Square Historic District to learn more about this impactful pastime. While cleverly titled "Pressing Matters V," you've actually got plenty of time to see the exhibit for yourself between the Oct. 3 opening reception and Nov. 21. atlantoprintmakersstudio.org
- Cheer for children. Since 1987, the Georgia Center for Child Advocacy has helped more than 7,500 severely abused children. They're building a better world, one child at a time — and you can help. Regardless of whether you choose to don the optional black tie attire or become a VIP sponsor, this year's Cheer for Children Gala offers a party as good as its cause. Eat, drink and dance the night away to the live band, Maxxl, at the Foundry at Puritan Mill on Oct. 17. The fun raising starts at 7:30 p.m., but you'll want to reserve your tickets in advance. cheerforchildren.org
- Let them entertain you. This month at the Cumming Playhouse, everything's coming up roses or so the characters sing in "Gypsy." Produced by BK Productions, this musical is based loosely on the 1957 memories of Gypsy Rose Lee, following her mother's dreams, efforts and hardships of raising two daughters to perform onstage. The curtain rises on the School Street stage on Oct. 17 with performances continuing through Nov. 9. Not only does your ticket guarantee entertainment with songs that have become popular standards, it also supports local arts as the Cumming Playhouse celebrates its 10th anniversary Broadway musical line-up, playhousecumming.com
- Be one of 10,000. After 22 successful years, this year's Book Festival of the MJCCA (Marcus Jewish Community Center of Atlanta) returns for another epic edition on Nov. 1 through 19. The literary extravaganza includes an exciting lineup of today's noteworthy authors, celebrities and thinkers we're talking NY Times bestsellers, Pulitzer Prize winners, funny guy Bob Saget, Bravo star Andy Cohen, famed foodie Mark Bittman, ABC News anchor Dan Harris and the list goes on. More than 10,000 book lovers are expected to attend the author meet-and-greets, panel discussions, engaging speakers and book signings, making this fest one of Durwoody's most anticipated cultural events of the year. atlantajcc.org/bookfestival

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