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**Coastal Georgia Author Pamela Bauer Mueller Wins
2008 Georgia Author Of The Year Award**

Kennesaw,GA. (June 9, 2008) – During their 44th Annual Award Ceremony on June 7, 2008, the Georgia Writers Association announced that Pamela Bauer Mueller is the recipient of the **2008 GEORGIA AUTHOR of the YEAR AWARD** in the Young Adult category. The GAYA has a long tradition of literary excellence and has honored Ms. Mueller for her historical fiction novel, *An Angry Drum Echoed: Mary Musgrove, Queen of the Creeks*.

As Pocahontas was to Jamestown and Sacajawea was to the Lewis and Clark expedition, so was Mary Musgrove to General Oglethorpe and the burgeoning Georgia colony. Arguably the most important woman in Georgia's history, Mary Musgrove guided the Creek nation through the treacherous waters of international intrigue during the conquest of a hemisphere.

Not much had been written about this leading character in the founding of Georgia until 2007, when Pamela Bauer Mueller, author of seven books for young people, wrote this compelling story that inspires and intrigues.

Mary Musgrove triumphed over savage discrimination, unimaginable personal adversity and an unrequited love for the founder of Georgia. As General Oglethorpe's interpreter and emissary to the Creek Indians, she smoothed the path to cooperation between the Creeks and the colonists, perhaps single-handedly insuring the survival of the colony of Georgia.

2008 has been a banner year for *An Angry Drum Echoed*. In addition to being selected as a 2008 *GEORGIA AUTHOR of the YEAR*, this title won the Silver Medal in the 2008 *Independent Publishers Book Awards/Southeast Regional Fiction*. Ms. Bauer Mueller was also a Finalist in the 2008 *ForeWord Magazine's Book of the Year Awards*.

Two years ago Pamela received the 2006 *Georgia Author of the Year Award for Neptune's Honor*. That book was recently selected as a 2008 *Silver Medal Mom's Choice Award* and was a Finalist in the 2006 *Independent Publishers Book Awards*.

Pamela Bauer Mueller is a writer and speaker who lives on Jekyll Island, GA. Her next title, *Aloha Crossing*, sequel to *Hello, Goodbye, I Love You*, will be released in July, 2008.

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