

Altamaha Echoes

Lower Altamaha Historic Society Newsletter April 2006

LAHS MEETING APRIL 20, 2006 7:00 P.M. - FORT KING GEORGE DUTCH TREAT SUPPER. 5:30 P.M. at B & J's PIZZA

Our speaker for April will be Pamela Bauer Mueller, an award-winning children's author. She brings valuable messages about relationships, love, loyalty and acceptance to school groups and civic organizations. She now resides on St. Simon Island, Georgia with her husband and cat. She was raised in Oregon and graduated from Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Oregon. She worked as a flight attendant for Pan American Airlines before moving to Mexico City, where she lived for eighteen years, raising two daughters in a bicultural, bilingual environment. After returning to the United States, Pamela worked for twelve years as a U.S. Customs Inspector. She served six years in San Diego and then was selected for a foreign assignment in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

Ms. Bauer Mueller took an early retirement from the Customs Service to become a full-time author. She and her Mexican cat, Kiska, wrote *The Kiska Trilogy: The Bumpedy Road, Rain City Cats* and *Eight Paws to Georgia*, which encompassed their adventurous living in Mexico, Canada and the United States. These middle-reader books delight cat lovers of all ages.

Her newest book, an historical novel entitled *Neptune's Honor: A Story of Loyalty and Love*, portrays the story of two best friends in antebellum Georgia---one born into slavery and the other, the son of the slave's master. Their devoted friendship, which finally evolves into a shared struggle to survive on the Civil War Battlefields, is an inspiring example of how two men from completely different backgrounds can stand united as brothers in times of sacrifice and tragedy. Based on months of extensive research, including interviews with the descendants of Neptune Small, *Neptune's Honor* delivers a powerful lesson about personal courage, bondage and ultimate freedom.

The election of Officers for 2006-08 will be held at the LAHS Meeting on April 20. In addition to the slate of Officers and Board of Directors submitted by the 2006 Nominating Committee, additional nominations for these positions may be accepted from the floor. Nominations will be accepted for any LAHS member in good standing who has given consent for the nomination.

The 2006 Nomination Committee, chaired by Chris Milner, submitted the following slate:

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A report will be given at the April meeting.

PATRIOTS DAY, APRIL 19,2006

Patriots Day Celebration will be Wednesday, April 19,2006 at 10:00am at the Fort Frederica National Monument, St. Simons Island, Georgia. It promises to be a great way to honor our Patriot ancestors as well as have an enjoyable and fun experience.

The ceremony will be conducted near the Magazine ruins on the banks of the Frederica River (about ¼ mile walk from the Visitors Center, under the shade of a beautiful oak tree where seating will be provided.) Musical Selections, Bagpipe and Musket Salutes, and Wreath Presentations will honor those who captured the three British ships on April 19, 1778.

A buffet lunch will follow at 12:30p.m. at the Best Western Island Inn Conference Center, sponsored by Fort Frederica DAR Chapter/ Tickets are \$20 per person and will include a presentation by Coastal Georgian Historian, Gordon Smith from Savannah, who has compiled several books about Revolutionary War Patriots.

Contact Bill Ramsaur at 912-634-1293 for more information.

CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY, APRIL, 26

For several years, LAHS member, Everett Moriarty has honored, remembered and recognized the Confederate Veterans of McIntosh County. Each year on April 26, Confederate Memorial Day, a basket of flowers is placed on the Confederate Monument at the McIntosh County Courthouse, and over 120 Confederate Flags are placed on the graves of McIntosh County Confederate Veterans. Some of the cemeteries where you may observe these flags are St. Andrews, Ebenezer, Upper Mill, Holland, Plum Orchard, Young Island, McIntosh Family, Baillie Plantation, Reynolds Chapel, Robson Family, and others.

LAHS MEETING THURSDAY, MAY 18,2006 BOD MEETING

We will have a combined field trip and meeting. We will meet at 11:15 and car pool from Fort King George to the Brunswick Courthouse. We plan a Dutch Luncheon at the Fox Pizza on Gloucester Street at noon. Following lunch we will tour the Courthouse Exhibit. -The historic (Glynn County Courthouse was selected as one of four venues statewide out of 159 counties, to exhibit this special display for the Month of May 2006. It features the work of Ga. DNR/Historic Preservation Division's (HPD) photographer: James Lockhart.

After our return to Darien, Board members will convene for a short business meeting.

We appreciate our member, Patricia Barefoot, making these arrangements for us.

This issue was edited by Lloyd Young Flanders and assisted by Howard & Jeanne Klippel

Ballad of Cathead Creek

*Down in old Georgia, in the
Heart of the South
In McIntosh County
Is the Altamaha's mouth*

*For this region in folklore
And legends abounds
Through all of its inlets
And marshes and sounds*

*But there is a story in
Sweet simple splendor,
That tells a tale
Heartbreakingly tender.*

*Of a wee colored lad
Living down Cathead way,
Who walked three miles
To Lower Bluff to play.*

*Like all little boys he
Loved to go swimming,
Even though later it might
Mean a trimming.*

*For the river was deep and
The width was great,
While swimming was joyous
He bargained with fate.*

*This luckless lad went
Under three times,
Which gives forth the story
To tell in these rhymes.*

*For the river, though cruel,
Relinquished its dead,
And the tide brought the
Body back home to Cathead.*

*To the very back door of
The grief-stricken home
The lifeless body returned
On the foam.*

*There was mourning and sorrow
From darkness to dawn,
But the Altamaha River
Rolled silently on.*

-Lloyd Harrison Young, 1952

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