

Altamaha Echoes

Lower Altamaha Historical Society Newsletter

November 2017

"The Mission of the Lower Altamaha Historical Society is to Preserve and Disseminate the History of McIntosh County."

LAHS Meeting, Thursday, November 16, 2017, 7:00 p.m.
Fort King George Historic Site
Dutch treat supper, 5:45 p.m. at B&J Steak

The third and final installment of the excellent video by Stephen Doster, "Saint Simons 360," will be shown to members. This segment of the award-winning program will cover the 20th century and beyond of St. Simons Island and the surrounding area, including the World War II years. Mr. Doster, St. Simons Island native and current editor at Vanderbilt University, produced the movie.



LAHS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY
Thursday, December 7, 2017, 5:30 p.m.

The annual Christmas Party will once again be held at the beautiful Belvedere Plantation Clubhouse. Social Hour with Moriarty eggnog and appetizers begins at 5:30 pm, with Dinner at 7:00 pm. The Society will provide the meat course and drinks, and members are asked to contribute appetizers, side dishes and desserts. Please indicate what side dish you will be bringing on the sign-up sheet at the November 16th meeting, or contact Chairpersons Jeanne Klippel at 832-3318 or Jean Hawkins at 832-6588 by December 5th cutoff date. Hope to see you at this joyful annual party!



Trivia Question for the New Year
Georgia on Stamps: What happened in Georgia on January 2, 1788?
(Answer appears on the third page!)

LAHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, January 18, 2018, 4:00 p.m.
Fort King George Historic Site

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LAHS members Ed and Joan Meyer will discuss and show images of their interesting trip earlier this year to Russia, Finland and Norway. Ed will describe the difficult and often tedious preparation required to travel in Russia, a photographic exploration and brief history of the city of St. Petersburg, as well as impressions of life in the second largest city in Russia. He will then show what life is like north of the Arctic Circle by Lapland and the Sami people and their connection to the land and reindeer. The Meyers then boarded a ship on the Arctic Ocean and toured the Norwegian Fjords while visiting their former and present capital cities.

News from the Board:

- Sissy Kammer has been elected by the Board as the new LAHS Archives committee chairperson and coordinator, replacing Linda Daniels. Thank you, Linda, for a job well done. Sissy has spent numerous hours in recent weeks cataloging and organizing the materials, documents and books in the Archives. Paul Nix and Wes Tippins installed gutters on the building to prevent water intrusion into the front entrance and to channel water into the rain barrel that Kaye Traer donated. The water is badly needed to maintain the plants and shrubs around the building. Thanks also to Sissy and Terry Kammer for putting in additional plants. We are seeking volunteers to staff the Archives for several hours on the third Thursday of each month. Those interested may sign up on the list with Sissy Kammer at any monthly meeting.
- Thanks and gratitude are expressed on behalf of the Society to Ed Meyer for the generous donation of a collection of historical books for the Archives; to Chuck Bryan for donating a collection of past issues of scholarly journals; and to Dan Good for several donations in the last year of state and area historic maps. All of these materials make outstanding additions to our growing research collection at the LAHS Archives.
- LAHS made its annual contribution in October of \$500.00 to the Friends of Fort King George in recognition of the ongoing support and facilities use provided the Society by Valarie Ikhwan and her staff at the Fort.

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Spring Field Trip to Ossabaw Island: Thursday, March 8, 2018, total cost \$70.00 per person. Cost includes (1) Round trip boat transportation to the island and (2) An Interpretive (walking) tour of the North End of the island by Ossabaw Foundation personnel, including their recent tabby slave cabin restoration project. (3) Participants will bring their own lunches and drinks – the island clubhouse will be the venue for lunch. After lunch, you'll have free time to explore on your own the marshlands and upland forest paths or relax in rocking chairs on the porch of the Club House with a view of Ossabaw Sound. (4) For those interested in touring the Torrey-West mansion after lunch, there is an

additional fee of \$15 and a two-hour round trip walk. A pontoon boat trip for the group of up to about 32 participants will leave from Skidaway Island to Ossabaw. The trip will include an interpretive ecological tour by the boat captain. The boat will depart Skidaway Island dock at around 9:00 am and arrive back at the dock at 3:45. The dock is approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes from Darien. Mobility: The Foundation does not recommend this walking-only trip for people with mobility concerns. Mobility needs include steep ramps at the docks and walking for four stretches of ¼ - 1/3 mile each. The walks are flat and on dirt roads or grass. Of course, there will be some standing during the walking tour. For reservations and more information, please contact Paul Nix of LAHS at paul.nix@comcast.net.

MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE ON JANUARY 1, 2018

Life Membership - \$250 Family - \$25 Individual - \$20 Student - \$5

Pay with a credit card on the LAHS website at
www.loweraltamahahistoricalociety.org OR make your check payable to LAHS
and mail to P.O. Box 1405, Darien GA 31305,
OR give to Yvonne Carter, Treasurer.

Membership dues are vital to the success of LAHS – they are used to fund the Buddy Sullivan Scholarship Fund, speakers' honorariums, historical markers, postage and printing, and many other worthwhile projects. We value your membership!

Coming Events:

Saturday, November 4, 10 am – 4 pm, DARIEN FALL FESTIVAL. A free breakfast will be served from 10 am – noon in the Burning of Darien Museum.

Please welcome the following new members who have joined during the last quarter (Aug-Oct):

Holly Farmer, Justin Klippel, Velma Estelle Smith

Trivia Answer: Georgia ratified the US Constitution. The commemorative stamp was released on January 6, 1988 to mark the 200th anniversary of the event.



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Jim & Barbara Bruce	Buddy Sullivan
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*The oldest English fort remaining on
Georgia's coast.*

The Debatable Land: A Colonial Reenactment

Saturday, November 11, 2017, 10 am – 4 pm

Sunday, November 12, 2017, 10 am – 4 pm

*Blacksmithing, Scottish Highlanders, music,
cannon firing, cooking demo, and more will take
place.*

First Saturday Fun – Colonial Holiday Seasons

Saturday, December 2, 2017, 10 am – 3 pm

*Come and learn how the holiday season at the fort
differed from today's holiday season.*

A Colonial Christmas

Saturday, December 9, 2017, 7 pm – 8:30 pm

*Join the Friends of Fort King George for a
traditional dinner in the soldiers' barracks and an
evening of colonial style yuletide jollification.*

Program concludes with a cannon firing.

Reservations required. \$40.

OUR ARCHIVES/LIBRARY BUILDING
ON THE GROUNDS OF
FORT KING GEORGE HISTORIC SITE
IS OPEN EVERY THIRD THURSDAY OF THE
MONTH FROM 11 AM - 3 PM EXCEPT DECEMBER.
OTHER DAYS AND HOURS ARE AVAILABLE BY
APPOINTMENT.



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