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

Springing back! *A Word from Wes*

Dear friends,

After the COVID debacle, we are once again in full swing! We are once again hosting speakers each third Thursday of each month and mixing in neat field trips! Please mark your calendars and plan to attend these wonderful meetings with other history friends and support your historical society!

(FYI, If you have not paid this year's dues yet, please do. You can either go to our website and pay by credit card, or you can save us the credit card fees and mail a check to LAHS, PO Box 1405, Darien, Georgia 31305.)

We also have some Officer and Director slots open on our Board if anyone has a little extra time and would like to contribute to the success of our historical society. We have Secretary, Newsletter editor, Program Chairman, and several Director positions available. Please let me know if you may be interested in serving in one of these important positions.

I look forward to seeing you at the meetings!

Best regards,

Wes

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Saturday, March 11 Join us for a field trip to the Coastal Georgia Historical Society Archeology Lab on St Simons Island!!! Mark your calendars and watch for more info in the near future as we finalize plans for this outing!

Up coming Meetings At a glance . .

February

Jingle Davis, author, and Ben Galland, photographer, will speak at our Thursday, February 16th at 7:00 p.m.

Jingle Davis initially wrote children's stories for magazines like *Jack and Jill* and *Children's Playmate*, later moving on to freelancing for magazines and newspapers like the *New York Times* and *Sports Illustrated*. Eventually she moved to Atlanta to work full time for *Atlanta Journal/Constitution* in various capacities, during which time she wrote a weekly column for two years and won first place in its category from the Georgia Press Association both years

In 2006, Davis, a native of St. Simons Island, retired and now lives on property her parents bought in the 1930s which overlooks the St. Simons Sound. Her constant companion these days is Ransom, a big brindle bundle of love who may be an American Staffordshire. And now she is writing books.

Since coming back home, she has written three award-winning nonfiction books, all published by the

University of Georgia Press and all illustrated by Benjamin Galland, renowned local photographer.

Their first book, *Island Times*, is an illustrated history of St. Simons. Their second book, *Island Passage*, is an illustrated history of Jekyll Island. Their third is entitled *Following the Tabby Trail, Where Coastal History is Captured in Unique Oyster Shell Structures*, which was published last year. The southeast chapter of the Association of Architectural Historians awarded this book its top prize in their guidebook category.

We look forward to seeing both Jingle and Ben at a our February 16th meeting at the Fort for a "show and tell"--Ben to show videos of his photos and Jingle to tell us all about her unique history book.

March

Our March speaker will be Paul Foster whose presentation will be, "Exploring the Past and Uniting Family and Community Through Family History Research."

He will share stories of how he has found living descendants of people named in books, etc., that he has found, and how he has returned these items to family to appreciate and treasure as family heirlooms and keepsakes. His experiences will be both uplifting and will inspire you to think of your own love for history and community and lead you to consider how you could use it to bless the lives of others.

He says "Sometimes we happen across something from days gone by (a book, a letter, a photo, etc.) which contains a name and other identifying information inside. When that happens most of us might think "Oh, that is interesting " but our minds may not immediately consider that these items were once a precious possession in the life of an individual...highly valued by an actual living and caring person.

"When we think of our own ancestors with fond affection, we quickly realize that we owe much of our own success in life to their sacrifices on our behalf."

Mr. Foster will discuss how people can use resources like Family Search, Ancestry. com, and often the internet in general to connect with their past. He has taken this process of historical and genealogical research to another level in his desire to be a part of what the Holy Scriptures refer to as the time when "the hearts of the fathers shall be turned to their children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers..." (Malachi 4:6).

Paul Foster is retired from some 40+ years of public service in the U.S.

Navy and Federal civil service. He loves family history research - albeit he says being a self-taught hobbyist, he knows just enough to be dangerous! He and his wife Ann Foster, a retired Glynn County school teacher, run the Family History Center at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on Community Road in Brunswick.”

Come and join us for an interesting night of stories and dialogue.

April

At our April meeting, Pam Mueller will make her sixth visit to LAHS in the last fifteen or so years to tell us about a new book she has written. *The Sky Is My Home* is the ninth and latest in a string of historical novels, each of which brings to life the story of an amazing, unforgettable person.

Hazel Jane Raines, a Georgia girl, is just such a person. She logged 6,400 hours of flight time during her 20 years of service. She was the first female pilot licensed just before World War II broke out. Because the U.S. government did not allow female pilots to fly fighter planes, Hazel moved to England and flew Spitfires and Hurricanes for England's Royal Air Force. Later, back in America, she flew as a WASP and then with the Third Air Force during the Korean War. She learned Portuguese to teach pilots for the Brazilian Air Ministry. She became one of the first female officers in the new United State Air Force and later became a recruiter and advisor to young women entering the military. She followed her dreams, never letting rigid, traditional restraints hold her back.

Pamela Bauer Mueller was raised in Oregon. She has worked as a flight attendant, commercial model, actress, English and Spanish teacher, and a U. S. Customs officer.

Pam's young adult and historical novels earned her acclaim as 2006/2008 and 2009 - Georgia Author of the Year, three Mom's Choice and Children's Choice gold medals, the Independent Publisher's Gold Book Award, and other national awards with *Writer's Digest* and *Foreword Magazine*.

Currently, Pamela lives on Jekyll Island with her husband Michael and their cat, Morgan Maurice. They are long-time members of LAHS. She's an endearing speaker.

LAHS MEMBERSHIP DUES RENEWAL

LAHS expenses continued even as we operated on a limited basis and we're grateful to all who kept their dues current during the pandemic. If you haven't already, please remit your dues today and join with other folks interested in learning more about this amazing place we get to call home.

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