

Altamaha Echoes

Lower Altamaha Historical Society



Summer 2023

“The mission of LAHS is to Preserve and Disseminate the History of McIntosh County.”

A Word from Paul

Dear LAHS friends,

First, I want to recognize our former LAHS President Wes Tippins for his leadership over the last three years. His energy and passion for history will have a lasting impact on LAHS in the years to come. And as we move forward, I feel that LAHS has regained its solid footing from our recent shared experiences, and we are once again hosting interesting speakers at the Fort, every month. We are also planning exciting Field Trips in the months to come, like, to Fort Frederica National Monument and the St. Marys Submarine Museum.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend our meetings to hear the speakers, and support your Historical Society!
*** *Here is where I need your help:* We need members with a little extra time who want to contribute to the success of our Historical Society. Our Program Director needs help finding programs for our meetings and our Field Trip Director needs ideas for places to visit. Please let me know if you are interested in serving in one of these important positions. Your Board cannot do it alone, so please call me to volunteer. We welcome your participation.

(Please feel free to submit any events or ideas for the Newsletter to Donna Claytor at capegoat@comcast.net.)

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming meetings!

Best regards,

Paul

Past Twelve Meetings w/Programs

- June LAHS Annual Picnic
- July James Atwater, History of Fort Stewart, US Army Garrison
- Aug. Claire Shipman, History of Bees
- Sep. Members Show & Tell
- Oct. Peter Martin, Ft Morris/Revolutionary action in McIntosh Co.
- Nov. Chad Carlson, DOT Historian, Mitigation of Darien River Bridge Replacement
- Dec. LAHS Christmas Party
- Jan. Myrna Crook, Director of the Archaeology Lab Coastal Ga Historical Society

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Past Meetings w/Programs, cont.

- Feb. Jingle Davis, author, *FOLLOWING THE TABBY TRAIL: Where Coastal History is Captured in Unique Oyster Shell Structures*
- Mar. Paul Foster, Genealogy-LDS Archives, Brunswick
- Apr. Pam Mueller, author, *The Sky Is My Home*
- May Fred Marland, oceanographer- Sapelo Island, *SAPELO ISLAND: How a Georgia Barrier Island Was Formed*
- June LAHS July 4th Celebration Picnic
- July Michael Putnam, Director-FKG, Timber & Sawmill History, McIntosh County GA

Upcoming Meetings

- Aug 17, 2023: T.M. (Mike) Brown, author, *The Last Laird of Sapelo*
- Sept 21, 2023: Ranger Philip Officer, History of Fort Frederica, Fort Frederica National Monument, SSI
- Oct 19, 2023: Michael Seibert, archaeologist, Fort Frederica National Monument

Upcoming Field trips

- Sept 28, 2023: Fort Frederica National Monument, SSI
- Oct 26, 2023: The Karl Meschke Archaeology Laboratory, Ft Frederica National Monument, SSI
- Nov 16, 2023: St. Marys Submarine Museum, St Marys GA

Coming Events

Saturday, Sept. 2, 10-3: Laborer's Day, Fort King George. Celebrate the history of colonial trades and crafts folk. Featured trades include woodworking, candle-making & blacksmithing. \$4:50-\$7.50

<https://gastateparks.org/FortKingGeorge>

Saturday, Oct. 21, 9-3: Hofwyl-Broadfield Plantation Historic Site. Ophelia's Classic Car Challenge
Classic cars from all over southeast Georgia will be on display vying for the championship in Hofwyl-Broadfield's annual car show. View the cars, vote for your favorite, and then tour a historic rice plantation. \$5 - \$8.
https://explore.gastateparks.org/events?p=48&_gl=1*1lqh7ze*_ga*ODUyMTMyNDcwLjE2ODcwMTE1MTE.*_ga_NY38CG84RB*MTY4NzI2NjY1OC4yLjEuMTY4NzI2Njk4My4wLjAuMA

Saturday, Nov. 4, 9-4: Darien Lions Fall Festival, Vernon Square. See you there!

Noteworthy

Save the Kit Jones! *Work has begun* in front of the Old Jail Art Center to create the Kit Jones Park, where the 84-year-old, 60' historic vessel, Kit Jones now has her permanent home. The non-profit, Friends of the Kit Jones, an all-volunteer committee, has worked for more than five years to make this dream a reality. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association will provide the interpretive signage. Future assets in the park will depend on funding. Commemorative, personalized bricks (and benches) are available for purchase on their website. These bricks and benches will be strategically placed within the park. Donations are tax deductible. For a fascinating history and more information: <https://www.savethekitjones.com/>



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If you haven't already, please remit your dues today. Join with others interested in learning more about this amazing place we get to call home.

Memberships

Annual: Student - \$5 Individual - \$20 Family - \$25

Lifetime: Individual - \$250 Family - \$400

Pay w/credit card or PayPal on the LAHS website at www.loweraltamahistoricalociety.org

Or Make your check payable to LAHS and bring to the meeting.

Or Mail to LAHS, P.O. Box 1405, Darien, GA. 31305

Welcome, New Members!

Alan & Linda Gravitt

Richard Brunnelle and Family

We are happy to have you!

In Memoriam

Howard Klippel (Oct 28, 1928-May 30, 2023)

Howard and Jeanne and extended family have been a huge supporter of LAHS for many years. They live at Belvedere Point overlooking east toward Harris Neck Refuge. Howard was known for always bringing the Yuletide Eggnog to the LAHS Christmas Party, usually at the Belvedere Plantation Clubhouse, smilingly adding a bottle of rum when presenting it to the Party. He was a proud Navy vet and an accomplished sailor. He was a larger-than-life person and a kind man. He will be greatly missed by his LAHS family.

Jingle Davis (March 23, 1942-June 3, 2023)

Jingle's legacy is marked by her love of the Golden Isles and coastal Georgia. She notably authored a series of award-winning and best-selling historical, non-fiction books on the area with photographer, Ben Galland. Jingle presented a slide show of her latest book, "Following the Tabby Trail", a historical guide to some of the southern coast's most enduring architectural sites, to our LAHS meeting this past February. She was beloved by everyone whose life she touched, and will be greatly missed.

Jim Morrison (Dec 10, 1940-July 11, 2023)

Born in Tennessee, Jim was a journalist, a graduate of Henry W. Grady School of Journalism in Atlanta. He became a reporter and broadcaster in Charlotte, NC, then worked for key agencies and organizations concerned with preserving history and the environment, including the US Interior Dept, the Georgia Conservancy and the Georgia Wildlife Federation. He later wrote a column for the Darien News, and particularly enjoyed leading tours of Sapelo Island, where his dedication to local history was evident in the many stories he shared with others. He was a unique voice of local history.

The **Lover's Oak** is a notably historic and large Southern live oak tree in Brunswick, Georgia. Located in the Brunswick Old Town Historic District, the tree is reportedly over **900 years old**. The tree has a trunk **diameter of 13 feet!**



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is available every Thursday from 11:00am to 3:00pm (Call for appointment).

