

# NEWSLETTER

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Meetings are held at the Historic Courthouse on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm. The Society extends a hearty welcome to all.

LAHS Meeting, September 17, 1992

"Discovery of a Sunken Spanish Galleon" presented by Lucky Lowe. Mr. Lowe will be remembered by LAHS when, several years ago, he presented his very interesting views on the results of his work as a Professional Diver. This program is about what every diver and treasure hunter longs for, the discovery of a Spanish Treasure Galleon. A Spanish treasure fleet, in the year 1715 was sunk when caught in the toils of a mighty hurricane, not unlike the recent Andrew. The tragedy occurred in the straits between the Bahamas and the Florida Coast. Efforts were made by Spain to salvage the lost ships after the storm. Careful records were kept in Spanish Archives which has assisted research in preparation for Lucky's expedition, which has been crowned with success. The photographs of Spanish golden doubloons and silver pieces of eight are astounding to see. There will also be other artifacts on view.

LAHS Meeting, October 15, 1992

"Library use for Research" presented by C. Allen Spivey, Librarian, Brunswick College, Brunswick, Georgia.

## *COLUMBUS QUINCENTENNIAL CELEBRATION*

September 25-27, 1992--COLUMBUS and the Land of AYLLON , Seminar

September 26, 1992--Mr. Lonice Barrett, Director of State Parks, will formally open the FORT KING GEORGE special "COLUMBUS QUINCENTENNIAL Exhibit". George Buntyn's model of the Santa Maria will be an added attraction there. This exhibit will be on display through November.

Friday, Oct 9--7:30 pm--Ida Hilton Library, Haynes Auditorium--"THE SOUTH ATLANTIC QUARANTINE STATION, BLACK BEARD ISLAND" presented by Evelyn C. Voelker, Professor, College of Architecture, Clemson University, Clemson, S. C. Professor Voelker, as director of the "Atlantic Port Quarantines" project in 1987, brought Architecture students to BLACK BEARD Island. Her work and the importance of this station is well documented in "Early Days on the Georgia Tidewater"(page 476). Mrs. Voelker, will present a model of this station, which was made by her Architecture Students at Clemson University. The Model will remain on

permanent display at The Ida Hilton Library. A Reception will be held, following the program.

Monday, Oct.12---10:30 am--Columbus Square--Darien, Georgia  
Presentation of the " Newly Landscaped Columbus Square " to the Mayor of Darien, David Bluestein by Darien Historic Preservation Commission, Dyson Flanders, Chairman.

Monday, Oct.12--1:00 pm--Pine Harbor-- "Launch the Memorial Wreath in Sapelo River, in memory and celebration of the 500 YEARS since Columbus discovered America. In the research on the "land of Ayllon" is mentioned the Rio Seco (River Dry). There is a supposition that this location could be, the Sapelo River, low tide, at the present day Pine Harbor. It is therefore appropriate that at Pine Harbor, low tide, the wreath will be presented to the sea by Carolyn Hodges.

Message from the President:

I am taking this opportunity prior to the Columbus Quincentennial to commend the various sub-committee Chairpersons for their accomplishments in behalf of the Lower Altamaha Historical Society. They, including the Land of Ayllon subcommittee, have been autonomous in their planning and funding the various projects. They have invested much time also.

We, especially, commend Mrs. Jeannie Cook for her efforts in finding grants, other funding and the distinguished panel for the Land of Ayllon Seminar in September. Since scholars are "notorious for disagreeing", it will be interesting to hear their views and conclusions.

We, also, thank Mr. Lonice Barrett, DNR Director of Parks and Historic Sites, for the special Columbus Quintencentennial Exhibit for Ft. King George. George Buntyn's model of the Santa Maria will be an added attraction there.

With gratitude to each one,

Mattie R. Gladstone, President