

# NEWSLETTER

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Meetings are held at the Ida Hilton Library, Haynes Auditorium, on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM. The Society extends a hearty welcome to all.

## FOR YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

September 10, Field Trip to Ashantilly

September 15, LAHS Meeting

September 30, Oct. 1&2, "Week-End on Sapelo"

LAHS Meeting, September 15, 1994, 7:30 P.M.: Buddy Sullivan, LAHS vice-president and Manager of the Sapelo Island National Estuarine Research Reserve, will present the program for September 15th. His topic will be "Sapelo Island: Where We've Been and Where We're Going." This talk and slide program will feature the history of Sapelo Island as well as a look at the educational, research and resource stewardship efforts that are currently in place on the Sapelo Reserve, as well as plans for the future. The historical portion of the program will focus on the three primary eras of private ownership of Sapelo, Thomas Spalding, Howard E. Coffin and Richard S. Reynolds, Jr. Selected slides will depict scenes from the island's interesting 19th and 20th century past. Additional slides will focus on what is happening to Sapelo now, including discussion of the new Interpretive Visitors Center planned for the Reserve, as well as the new Nature Trail and the educational and research programs in general. Buddy Sullivan has studiously researched the history of Sapelo Island and McIntosh County for the last ten years. His popular book *Early Days on the Georgia Tidewater*, now in its 3rd edition at 850 pages, is the only comprehensive history of McIntosh County available. It has been acknowledged as one of the most significant recent contributions to the literature of the Georgia coast. Sullivan's other published works include shorter volumes of history about Sapelo Island, McIntosh County and Darien, the Darien Presbyterian Church, the Darien Bank and the "lost town" of Williamsburg, Georgia.

LAHS Meeting, October 20, 1994, 7:30 P.M.: (The programs for these two LAHS Meeting, November 17, 1994, 7:30 P.M.) meetings, will be announced.

LAHS Christmas Celebration, December 10, 1994, FORT KING GEORGE HISTORIC SITE  
The theme of this year's Christmas Party will be *AN ENGLISH YULE*, at the Fort from 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M.. There will be a Yule Log, carols, goodies, the firing of the Christmas guns, and even Saint Nicholas for the young ones. We will also explore the fascinating history of Christmas past.

## SPECIAL EVENTS:

September 10---Field Trip to Ashantilly. LAHS Members will gather at Ashantilly at 10:00 A.M., Saturday morning, September 10 for a tour of the house and grounds to be led by Bill Haynes. A Dutch Treat Lunch to one of our local restaurants could be organized that morning.

September 10, October 1, 2---"WEEK-END ON SAPELO"-- Meals and two nights accommodations in the Big House--Special tours and discussions of Sapelo lead by Lloyd and Dyson Flanders, speakers will be Buddy Sullivan and Cornelia Bailey. \$190 per person. For reservations, contact Lloyd and Dyson Flanders, 437 4504. Reservation deadline September 16, limited space still available.

November 11, 12--Fall Encampment, Fort King George, 10:00A.M.--4:00P.M. both days. Visit the site and learn of the foreign powers that were struggling to control the Georgia Coast. Volunteers and historic site staff will be in period attire of English Independents, Scottish Highlanders, Rangers, Spanish Soldiers, boatmen, and loyal Native Americans. These interpreters will be encamped at the site and will present various demonstrations of 18th century drills and skills.

November 17, 1994, 6:30 P.M., Ida Hilton Library, LAHS BOARD MEETING

April 8, 1995--FIELD TRIP TO OSSABAW ISLAND--Natalie Webb reports that two options are being considered for this Field Trip to Ossabaw. One would be a day trip to the island, where you would tour the big house, the island and have bag lunches (furnished by you) on the beach before returning to the main-land by boat. Cost, \$60.00 per person, including round trip boat fare.

The other option would be an overnight trip, where there would be more time to enjoy the beauty and inspiration of Ossabaw. Round trip boat fare, accommodations in the big house and meals would be included in the \$215.00 cost per person for this trip.

Natalie request that you let her know your interest in a trip to Ossabaw, and choice of options. You can drop her a note to LAHS, P.O. Box 1405, Darien, Georgia 31305.

ALL FIELD TRIPS ARE OPEN TO LAHS MEMBERS.