

Altamaha Echoes

Lower Altamaha Historical Society Newsletter

February 2009

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

LAHS MEETING, Thursday, February 19, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

**Fort King George Historic Site
Dutch treat supper, 5:45 p.m. at B&J Steaks & Seafood**

Maggie Toussaint, local author, will be speaking on *"Moments in Time, a View from a Contemporary Author."* A scientist by training, a romanticist at heart, Maggie loves to solve puzzles. Whether it's the puzzle of a relationship or a who-dun-it, she tackles them all with equal aplomb and wonder. Writing a book involves creating a timeline of events, a history, if you will, and in Maggie's case that is often a blend of carefully researched fact and fiction. Maggie's cozy mystery, *IN FOR A PENNY*, is about a terrible golfer trying to save her best friend from a murder rap. Her three other published fictions are romantic suspense novels, one of which won Best Romantic Suspense in the 2007 National Readers Choice Awards. Her first book, *REMEMBERING*, an account of life in the sixties, is based on her childhood in McIntosh County. Her day jobs include freelancing for a weekly paper and leading a yoga class. Visit her at www.maggietoussaint.com.

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James Conine, national award-winning portrayer of Abraham Lincoln, will present a program on *"Abe Lincoln's Life Experiences, emphasizing Honesty, Integrity, Ambition, and Patriotism."* Tall and lanky, Conine (below) closely resembles President Lincoln in his facial features including his angular bone structure and deep-set eyes. His speaking manner and tone of voice will make you believe you are hearing Lincoln himself. A lifelong resident of Georgia, Conine first portrayed Lincoln for his children's scouting and school functions. An avid historian, he delved into the life of President Lincoln. Holding an Associate degree in Science in Mathematics, and a Doctor of Jurisprudence, Conine managed a successful 30-year career as a land surveyor on the Georgia Coast. In the mid-1990s, he gradually phased out his surveying practice to devote himself fulltime to his Abraham Lincoln presentations. He won the National Abraham Lincoln Speaking and Look-a-like competition in 1996, 2000 and 2003. This contest is held in conjunction with Abraham Lincoln Days in Hodgenville, Kentucky - Lincoln's birthplace.



LAHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, April 16, 2009, 4:00 p.m.
Fort King George Historic Site
LAHS members are always welcome.

LAHS Meeting, Thursday, April 16, 2009, 7:00 p.m.
Fort King George Historic Site
Dutch treat supper, 5:45 p.m. at B&J Steak & Seafood

Continuing our presidential theme, Jack Ferguson (*“Benjamin Franklin – The Enterprising American and the Founding Father”*) returns with a program entitled *“Happy Birthday, George Washington.”* This presentation is an attempt to present a summary of Washington’s family coming to the New World and a biographical sketch of the life and personality of the youth, the man, the General, and the President. Washington never sought power or any position, but he never refused the opportunity to help his fellow man or his country. His standards are still those to which all presidents aspire and are measured.

Mr. Ferguson was born and raised in Atlanta, attended Emory University for two years and completed his undergraduate work at Duke University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He retired in 1987 after 36 years with Lockheed. He became interested in genealogy and joined the Sons of the American Revolution and several other historical/heritage societies. He makes historical presentations and has currently more than 50 different talks on individuals and events of the Colonial and Revolutionary times.

Nominating Committee: We will elect a Vice-President, Treasurer, and four board members in May. A Nominating Committee has been appointed. It is composed of Sandra Williamson, Chairman, with Jeanne Klippel and Lloyd Flanders as members. They must come up with a proposed slate by April. Please contact one of them to volunteer for one of these positions, or to recommend someone else.

FIELD TRIP: A field trip is planned for Monday, April 13 (day after Easter) to Beaufort and Parris Island. The tour covers the history of the Marines at Parris Island Marine Corps Base and includes lunch on the base. Afterwards a guide will provide commentary as we look around historic Beaufort, SC. The cost is \$85.00 per person on Kelly Tour bus, with pickups in McIntosh. If this sounds like something you would enjoy, bring your money to the February meeting or send a check to LAHS to reserve your spot. We need to know that enough people are interested to finalize the plans.

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Blessing of the Fleet
Darien, Georgia
March 27-29, 2009

Coming Events:

The following are part of this year's Georgia Historical Society's Annual GEORGIA DAYS:

Friday, February 13, 2009, 10:00 a.m. – GENERAL JAMES E. OGLETHORPE arrives in Darien. A reenactment of his landing and the speech he made to the New Highland settlement in 1737 will be presented.

Saturday, February 21, 2009, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., FREE DAY AT FREDERICA NATIONAL MONUMENT. The Annual Commemoration of the Founding of Frederica in 1730 with tabby making, musket drills, Colonial children's games, journal making, and archeology programs.

Saturday, February 21, 2009, 7:00 p.m. – GENERAL JAMES E. OGLETHORPE hosts a Scottish Highland Dinner in the Fort King George Barracks. Reservations are required. Please call (912) 437-4770. \$30.00 per person.

Excerpt from *"Early Days On the Georgia Tidewater,"* by Buddy Sullivan: "An extract of an anonymous letter notes that Oglethorpe had only recently returned to the colony from a visit to England *When Mr. Oglethorpe arrived, he found about 2000 persons in Georgia, most of the old standard having good houses, cattle, poultry and other necessaries. He sent a company of Rangers on horseback to find a way through the woods from Savannah to Darien (being about 100 miles distant). They succeeded and came back again, and now above 100 men are employed in making a road wide enough for carts to pass Oglethorpe (later) paid a visit to the Highlanders at Darien, whom he found under arms, with their plaids, broadswords, targets and muskets, making a fine appearance. They had provided for Mr. Oglethorpe a fine soft bed, with Holland sheets, and plaid curtains. But he chose to lie out of doors upon the ground in his cloak between two gentlemen, which example they followed by lying 'round him.'*"

Want to go on SHERMAN'S MARCH TO THE SEA – the sites in East Central Georgia – a fascinating journey into our Civil War past? Dr. John Derden, Professor Emeritus of History at East Georgia College, will narrate this full-day tour, including Union campsites, Camp Lawton, and Big Buckhead Church, with lunch and transportation included in the trip fee. A pre-trip orientation in Room B112 of the Student Services Complex at East GA College at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 21, starts the tour, which lasts until 6:00 p.m. You must call the Continuing ED DEPT at 437-289-2108 by February 13 to register and/or get more information. This is a new and expanded tour.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE IN JANUARY

Life Membership - \$250 Corporate - \$100 Individual - \$15 Family - \$20 Student - \$5

Please send your annual dues to LAHS, P.O. Box 1405, Darien, GA 31305, and include name, full address and telephone number. If you joined in November or December, 2008, it will be credited for the year 2009.

LAHS membership makes a wonderful gift. In addition to the quarterly newsletter, we have 10 wonderful programs, summer picnic, a beautiful Christmas party, and field trips.

Thank you. We value and treasure each member.

LOWER ALTAMAHA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

P.O. Box 1405 – Darien, GA 31305

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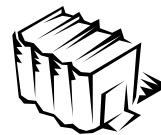
www.gastateparks.org/fortkinggeorge

Living History Programs for students and guests are a daily activity at the Fort. Reenactors allow an eighteenth century experience for the observer.

*Scottish Heritage Day Encampment
Saturday, March 21, 2009*

A variety of living history demonstrations devoted to colonial and Scottish culture will be presented. A battle reenactment will take place at 2 p.m.

**OUR ARCHIVES/LIBRARY BUILDING,
ON THE GROUNDS OF
FORT KING GEORGE HISTORIC SITE,
IS OPEN EVERY THURSDAY
FROM 11:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.**



*Confederate Memorial Day
April 26, 2009*

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