

Altamaha Echoes

Lower Altamaha Historical Society Newsletter

November 2009

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

30th Anniversary Celebration, October 25, 2009



SUPER DAY FOR LAHS . . . KUDOS TO ALL

Our big October 25th marker dedication and 30th Birthday Celebration was a resounding success perfect weather..... large crowd of over 100.....and lots of delicious food, drinks, and friendly people!!! Many thanks to: Jeanne Klippel and committee (Kaye Traer and Sandra Williamson for LAHS and Sarah Blocker and her Ashantilly folks) for the planning and execution of the day's events; Howard Klippel and Reece Acklen, bartenders; Carole Williams for her typing skills and time; Bill Merriman and his Ashantilly group for the installation of the marker, the tent, tables and chairs, and the wonderfully groomed house and grounds; Steven Smith for the publicity and loan of the golf cart; Ed Meyer for his photographic talent; Lloyd Flanders and Betty Ewing for the nice flowers and decorations; Jack and Vivian Amason for the delightful ice sculpture; Maggie Toussaint and The Darien News for the extensive coverage we received; all those members of LAHS and Ashantilly who served in some way on Sunday.....as docents, food makers, food servers, setup and cleanup crews; and of course, our own Buddy Sullivan for the idea, his remarks, and his new Ashantilly book, which was a labor of love on his part; and finally, to all who attended!!! You all did your part to make it a VERY SPECIAL DAY. Job well done!! Harriet

LAHS MEETING, Thursday, November 19, 2009, 7:00 p.m. Fort King George Historic Site Dutch treat supper, 5:45 p.m., B&J's Steak & Seafood

Guest speaker is Michael Jordan, who will be presenting the documentary, "Ships for Victory, Liberty Ships of the Georgia Coast." Premiered statewide on GA Public Television, this stirring film chronicles the work of more than 30,000 workers – male and female, black and white – who assembled freighters known as Liberty Ships for the war effort during WWII, as well as the men who sailed aboard them.

Michael Jordan's background includes more than a decade in local television news, primarily at WSAV-TV 3, the NBC affiliate in Savannah, GA. His work at WSAV earned him a coveted Edward T. Murrow Award in the News Documentary category and a GA Associated Press Best Documentary/News Special Programming Award. Michael left full-time employment at WSAV in 2004 to work as the Public Relations Director for the Coastal Heritage Society, and founded Cosmos Mariner Productions in 2007 to pursue his dream of creating quality historical and military television programming and bringing it to a wider audience. He is married to Dr. Krista Wiegand, a professor of International Relations at Georgia Southern University. They share an interest in sea kayaking and spending time with their cat, Zephyr.

LAHS Christmas Covered Dish Dinner Party Wednesday, December 9, 2009, 5:30 p.m. Belvedere Island Plantation Clubhouse

Bob and Jean Hawkins will be our hosts for the annual 2009 Christmas celebration at the beautiful Belvedere Island Plantation Clubhouse. LAHS will provide the entrée, table set-up, and drinks. Everett Moriarty's famous eggnog will start the festivities. Signup sheets will be available at the November meeting, so be thinking about your contribution to the menu. You may call the Hawkins (912-832-6588) for directions or more information. We look forward to seeing you there!



LAHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
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Fort King George Historic Site
LAHS members are always welcome.

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Pamela Bauer Mueller (*"An Angry Drum Echoed: Mary Musgrove, Queen of the Creeks"*) returns to share her third historical novel, the captivating story of *"Splendid Isolation: The Jekyll Island Millionaires' Club."* Told through the voices of four of the longtime employees of the famous Jekyll Island Club, history unfolds with the excitement and suspense of a fairy tale. Join master storyteller Pamela Mueller as she memorably links sleepy Jekyll Island to the birth of modern American industry.

Ms. Mueller was raised in Oregon. She has worked as a flight attendant, commercial model and actress, an English and Spanish teacher, and a U.S. Customs Inspector. She lives on Jekyll Island with her husband and their cat Sukey Spice and kitten Morgan Maurice, named after two characters in her new book. Her children and young adult books have awarded her the **2006/2008** and the **2009 Georgia Author of the Year** titles, three **Mom's Choice** gold medals, the **Independent Publisher Gold Book** award and other national awards with *Writer's Digest* and *Foreword* magazines.

Coming Events:

Saturday, November 7, 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., Darien Fall Fest, a fun celebration with activities from Ashantilly Center to Fort King George to downtown Darien.

Wednesday, December 2, 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Buddy Sullivan will be introducing his new book, *"High Water on the Bar,"* at a Book Signing and Reception, Open Gates Bed & Breakfast. The book chronicles the story of 'Big Darien' during the days 100 years ago when timber was floated down the Altamaha River to the Darien sawmills.

REMINDER: ANNUAL 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. Thank you. We value and treasure each member.

News From The Board:

- Chuck Bryans has been appointed Board Member for 2009-2011
- ^{Help} _{Wanted} President for term beginning June, 2010
- An LAHS brochure has been developed by Harriet Roberson and distributed to the Chamber of Commerce Welcome Center and other sites around the area

IN MEMORIAM:

Jan Schulte

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& Virginia Hicks
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"The Lodge," Little St. Simons Is

**THE DEBATABLE LAND-AUTUMN
ENCAMPMENT**

Saturday, November 14, 2009
10 am – 4 pm

A wide range of living history presentations will be given highlighting all the various cultures and peoples that inhabited our region before Georgia was established in the 1730s. A battle reenactment will take place at 2 p.m.

**A COLONIAL CHRISTMAS AT FORT KING
GEORGE**

Saturday, December 12, 2009
7 pm – 9 pm

Join the garrison for a traditional dinner in the soldiers' barracks and an evening of colonial-style Yule Tide jollification.

\$30 per person for the dinner, RSVP.

**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.**

