

Altamaha Echoes

Lower Altamaha Historical Society Newsletter

November 2014

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

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION FOR THIS MEETING ONLY!

LAHS Meeting, Thursday, November 20, 2014, 7:00 p.m.
St. Andrews Parish House
Dutch treat supper, 5:45 p.m. at B&J Steak

One of our most popular programs – presented by the membership themselves – will be the highlight of our meeting this month: *"SHOW AND TELL"*!! Here's your opportunity to showcase your heirloom clothing, treasured jewelry, old books or Bibles, wedding and family photographs, weapons, or anything that you claim "bragging rights" for. The items do not have to be specific to the local area – just anything that is of special interest or a favorite memento of yours. It's also a great time to share an interesting "tale" or two about the good 'ole days.

Let's see how creative we can be and make it a fun night for everyone!



LAHS CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 4, 2014, 5:30 p.m.

Belvedere Plantation



HO, HO, HO, our annual holiday celebration will again be held at the beautifully decorated Belvedere Plantation. Our hosts, Howard and Jeanne Klippel and Bob and Jean Hawkins, will be on hand to keep the *"recipe"* flowing and the conversation lively. LAHS will provide the entrée and the table set-up and drinks. Members are asked to provide a contribution to the menu – appetizer, salad, casserole, or dessert – sign-up sheets will be available at the November meeting for your contribution. Maps to the location will also be available or you may call the Klippels at 832-3318 for more information.

Please join us for a wonderful evening. The fellowship is always joyful, the food is mouthwatering, and the decorations are twinkling. It's a terrific way to kick off the holiday season with wonderful friends. See you there!



**A HAPPY
NEW YEAR
2015**

**LAHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, January 15, 2015, 4:00 p.m.
Fort King George Historic Site**

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Lloyd Young Flanders, native of McIntosh County and a retired educator, will talk about the many books and articles about Sapelo Island. She is a Past President of LAHS and with her late husband, Dyson, who was a Past President of the Coastal Georgia Historical Society, led many weekend "Sojourns on Sapelo," staying in the Reynolds Mansion and lecturing on the history and flora and fauna of the barrier island.



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE ON JANUARY 1, 2015

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

Make your check payable to LAHS, P.O. Box 1405, Darien, 31305, or give to Yvonne Carter, Co-Membership Chairperson, or Betty Cleveland, Treasurer.

If you join in November or December, your membership covers 2015.

A membership to LAHS makes a wonderful Christmas gift!

We always like to welcome new members:

**Norm and Elaine Anderson
Hunter and Suzanne Forsyth
Christi Lambert
Miles and Ann Majure**

Field Trip News: Our LAHS field trip to the Mighty 8th Air Force Museum on September 23rd was enjoyed by all, with a delicious lunch included.

News from the Board:

- Yvonne Carter has graciously accepted the Membership Co-Chairperson position. The **Program Chairperson position is still unfilled. We need you!**
 - There are still several beautiful afghans for sale. They would make excellent Christmas gifts, only \$50.00.
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Coming Events:

Saturday, November 15, 10 am-4 pm. Fort King George State Historic Site: "The Debatable Land Autumn Encampment." There will be numerous demonstrations including artillery and musket drills, cooking, music, crafts and domestic skills, merchants, Native Americans, and much more. The highlight of the day's events is the ever popular reenactment at 2pm.

This day in Georgia history (to coincide with LAHS meeting dates):

November 20, 1785: *James Wright, former royal governor of Georgia, died in London. He was the last and ablest of Georgia's three royal governors and generally well respected among the colonists until the Stamp Act of 1765. Georgia was the youngest and least populated of the 13 colonies. Many of its elite had strong ties to England, which meant the movement for independence trailed the other colonies. Some of this reluctance can be attributed to Wright. Georgia was the only colony to allow a shipload of stamps to land and be sold. But as the independence movement grew stronger, Wright was forced into taking arms against the colonists he had ruled. After being placed under house arrest, he escaped to a British ship and convinced the British to recapture Georgia. This was done in Dec. 1778, making Georgia the only colony to have royal government reinstated. But Wright was never again in control, as the Patriots established their own government. When the British finally evacuated Savannah for good in 1782, Wright returned to London.*

December 4, 1862: *In response to a lack of salt in Georgia, the Georgia General Assembly authorized the governor to arrange for salt to be transported to Georgia from Saltville, VA and if necessary "to impress a sufficient number of engines and cars" from any GA railroads and secure the needed salt.*

January 15, 1751: *Following popular elections called by Georgia's Trustees, a Provincial Assembly convened in Savannah. The assembly was an advisory – rather than governmental – body. For instance, it could not pass laws or appropriate money. Rather it was a forum for determining how Georgia colonists felt and for making recommendations to the Trustees on policies and laws for Georgia. Still, it was the first form of representative government for the colony.*

LOWER ALTAMAHA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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FORT KING GEORGE STATE HISTORIC SITE

P.O. Box 711 – Darien, GA 31305 ---- 912-437-4770

www.gastateparks.org/fortkinggeorge

*The oldest English fort remaining on
Georgia's coast.*

Saturday, December 13, 2014

7 pm – 8:30 pm

Colonial Christmas at Fort King George
*Join the Garrison for a traditional dinner in
the soldiers' barracks and an evening of
colonial-style Yule Tide jollification. Menu
consists of traditional colonial Christmas
fare. Event ends with a cannon firing*

\$35 for dinner.

Reservations required.

912-437-4770

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

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