

Altamaha Echoes

Lower Altamaha Historical Society Newsletter

February 2011

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

LAHS Meeting, Thursday, February 17, 2011, 7:00 p.m.
Fort King George Historic Site
Dutch treat supper, 5:45 p.m. at B&J Pizza

James Conine, national award-winning portrayer of Abraham Lincoln, will return to share more on the life of the 16th President. Mr. Conine closely resembles President Lincoln in his facial features, and his speaking manner and tone of voice will make you believe you are hearing Lincoln himself.

Mr. Conine is a lifelong resident of Georgia. Holding an Associate degree in Civil Engineering, a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics, and a Doctor of Jurisprudence, he managed a successful 30-year career as a land surveyor on the Georgia Coast. He first portrayed Lincoln for his children's scouting and school functions. 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 during Abraham Lincoln Days held in Lincoln's birthplace – Hodgenville, KY.



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As part of the annual Scottish Heritage Celebration, Steven Smith, Superintendent of Fort King George Historic Site, has arranged a musical treat for LAHS.

The program will be an evening of Scottish music. There will be 8-10 songs for our enjoyment. Steven will participate as well as Bill Smith and Patty Strickland.

Please join us for this fine entertainment.

LAHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, April 21, 2011, 4:30 p.m.

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After a decade of research, Savannah's true history is unveiled by authors Barry Sheehy, Cindy Wallace and Telfair Museum's Director of Cultural Diversity Vaughnette Goode-Walker with the release of the first book of the Civil War Savannah Series – in time for the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War in February 2011. Inspired by research, anchored by historic photography, this series is one of the most ambitious and revealing historical series ever written about the "untouched city" of the Old South.

Our program presenter, Mr. Sheehy, will review "Savannah, Immortal City," the first of a four-part series offering a pictorial and textual history of all the important antebellum and Civil War sites in the city of Savannah and surrounding Chatham County. His lifelong passion for history has continued since his early years as a decorated officer in the Canadian Armed Forces.

News from the Board of Directors:

- *A Nominating Committee will be appointed to work up a slate of officers for 2011-2013. We need to elect a Vice-President, Treasurer, and four Board Members. A slate for your consideration will be presented in April, elections are held in May, and those elected will take office in June. If you would be willing to serve or would like to recommend someone else, please call Lloyd Y. Flanders at 437-4504.*
- *The writing topic for this year's scholarship applicants will be: "Choose an historical event and explain why it is significant to you."*

Coming Events:

Saturday, February 12, 11:00 am - DEDICATION OF ARDOCH HISTORICAL MARKER, commemorating the McDonald plantation home, adjacent to U.S. 17 and Rosa Jenkins Road approximately 6 miles north of Darien. Look for the parked vehicles or listen for the bagpipes.

Saturday, February 19, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm - FORT FREDERICA 275TH ANNIVERSARY, Fort Frederica National Monument. Come step back in time and learn the story of Frederica's beginning, with guided tours, crafts demonstrations and historic weapons demonstrations.

Saturday, March 19, 10:00 AM - 4:00 pm - SCOTTISH HERITAGE DAY – SPRING ENCAMPMENT, Fort King George Historic Site. A variety of living history demonstrations devoted to Scottish and colonial culture will be featured.

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE IN JANUARY

Membership rates are as follows:

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

Make your check payable to LAHS, P.O. Box 1405, Darien, GA 31305 or give to
Carol Churi, Membership Chairperson, or Betty Cleveland, Treasurer.

Contact Carol Churi at 912-437-4477 or cchuri@dariantel.net with any questions regarding membership.



goes to Harriet Roberson for arranging our December field trip to Wormsloe Historic Site in Savannah. As you can see from the smiling faces, everyone enjoyed the informative tour of the site led by interpretive guide Jacob Grotheer, pictured at left. We hope to have more fun outings in the spring -- just another reason to renew your LAHS membership! Stay tuned!



“THIS DAY IN GEORGIA HISTORY”
(to coincide with LAHS Meeting Dates)

February 17, 1844: “After receiving orders at Charleston, 1st Lt. William Tecumseh Sherman reported for duty at Marietta, Georgia. For the next six weeks, Sherman helped take depositions in Georgia and Alabama with respect to personal losses of horses and equipment by militia members from the two states that had fought in the Second Seminole War in Florida. During this assignment, the young 23-year-old officer had a chance to familiarize himself with the area of northwest Georgia that he would visit again 20 years later under vastly different circumstances.

March 17, 1933: “Governor Eugene Talmadge signed a joint resolution of the General Assembly allowing the Georgia Bicentennial Commission to place a bronze tablet on the wall facing the main entrance to the state capitol commemorating the 200th anniversary of the founding of Georgia.”

April 21, 1732: “In London, King George II signed the royal charter creating the new colony of Georgia. However, because of the many additional approvals needed by other officials in the British government, final passage of the charter would not occur for more than two more months.”

(compiled by Ed Jackson and Charles Pou, The University of Georgia)

Confederate Memorial Day
April 26, 2011

LOWER ALTAMAHA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

www.gastateparks.org/fortkinggeorge

The oldest English fort remaining on Georgia's coast.

Dinner With The General

Saturday, February 19, 2011

7 pm – 8:30 pm

General James E. Oglethorpe and the Garrison of Fort King George would like to invite members of the public to a quaint colonial dinner in the enlisted soldiers' barracks. Evening entertainment will feature the arrival of General Oglethorpe, musket and cannon firings, as well as interaction between the fort officers, soldiers, and dinner guests. Come share time with the founder of the colony of Georgia!

\$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.**

