

Altamaha Echoes

Lower Altamaha Historical Society Newsletter

November 2010

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

LAHS Meeting, Thursday, November 18, 2010, 7:00 p.m.
Fort King George Historic Site
Dutch treat supper, 5:45 p.m. at B&J Pizza

Do you have a family treasure or heirloom that needs bragging about? Share it with us as we bring back -- by popular demand -- our "*SHOW AND TELL*." This program is always a special treat for everyone! In the past, members have shared photos of family members and ancestors, books, old Bibles, family letters, weapons, furniture, china, cutlery, dolls – even a canoe!

Be creative and surprise us! This is a great way to become acquainted with all our members and learn about their special interests. Each person will be allotted about 5 minutes of "*bragging rights*."



LAHS CHRISTMAS PARTY



Tuesday, December 7, 2010, 5:30 p.m.
Belvedere Island Plantation Clubhouse

Our annual covered dish Christmas celebration will once again be hosted by Bob and Jean Hawkins at the beautiful Belvedere Island Plantation Clubhouse. LAHS will provide the entrée – honey-baked ham – and the table-set up and drinks. Everett Moriarty's famous eggnog will kick off the festivities. Sign-up sheets for your contribution to the menu, maps to the location, and other information will be available at the November meeting, or you may call the Hawkins at 832-6588. Please join us for a wonderful evening of fellowship, food, and fun!



LAHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, January 20, 2011, 4:30 p.m.
Fort King George Historic Site
LAHS members are always welcome.

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Our speaker, Jane Walker, makes a return visit with a review of her new novel, *"In the Lion's Paw."* Jane was born in Macon, GA and attended Young Harris and Wesleyan Colleges. She has lived in McRae, GA for the past fifty years and has two children and two grandchildren. After her husband's death in 1994, she began pursuing her dream of writing for publication. Her first book, *Widow of Sighing Pines*, received Florida Publishing Association's President's Book Award for Best Adult Fiction in 2003. She next co-wrote a history book entitled *The Dodge Land Troubles, 1868-1923*, with Chris Trowell, professor emeritus from South Georgia College.

Though *In the Lion's Paw* is a love story, its history is authentic. Believing that most people were like her in not knowing exactly what happened to the Cherokee Indians during their forced removal during the late 1830s, Ms. Walker did research over a period of three years as she wrote the book. She also traveled the thousand-mile route out to Tahlequah, OK before even beginning the book so as to familiarize herself with all that the Cherokees went through on their long trek. The book also expounds upon the work that the missionaries did at places like Spring Place and New Echota in Georgia and Brainerd Mission in Tennessee.

News from the Board of Directors:

- *We would like to welcome new Board Member Ed Cawthon who was chosen to replace Lloyd Y. Flanders as she serves as President.*
- *Mary Virginia and Harry Clark are our new Hospitality Committee Chairpersons. Thank you, Everett Moriarty, for a job well done the past few years.*
- *The Archives Committee would like to thank Everett Moriarty for donating the book "Straughlachlan Plantation" to the LAHS Archives/Library. Also, thanks go to the many LAHS members who have volunteered on Thursdays at the Archives/Library.*

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Coming Events:

Saturday, November 13, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, THE DEBATABLE LAND – AUTUMN ENCAMPMENT, Fort King Georgia Historic Site. 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 re-enactment will take place at 2:00 pm.

Friday, December 3, 7:00 pm– THE BURNING OF THE LIME RICK, Fort Frederica National Monument. Lime ricks were constructed by Frederica's settlers as part of the process to make tabby for building construction. Enjoy an evening of history and storytelling and learn about the lives of the settlers in 1736.

Saturday, December 11, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm, OGLETHORPE'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND OPEN HOUSE, Fort Frederica National Monument. Join park staff and living history volunteers for musket firings, toasts and joviality. Meet Mr. Oglethorpe on his special day and learn the important role of this celebration in lifting the spirits of the settlers.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
(Since April 2010)

- Mrs. Sylvia Trapnell Thompson, Augusta
 - Dr. Kay G. Baxter, Townsend
 - John Metz, Townsend
- Life Member – Harriet Langford, Darien

Special thanks to all LAHS members who renewed their membership in 2010. LAHS values your support! **LOOKING AHEAD: ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2011 WILL BE DUE IN JANUARY.**



If you are looking for that unique Christmas gift, why not give an LAHS membership? A special certificate and hand-crafted card will be available for you to give/mail to that lucky recipient.

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.

FIELD TRIP: WORMSLOE, Thursday, December 2, 2010

We had such a good time on our Fort McAllister State Historic Site field trip in early October (see photo below – with Ranger Talley Kirkland, right, as our interpretive guide) that we wanted to go somewhere else soon! So we have planned a trip to WORMSLOE, which is on Skidaway Road in Savannah. We have a Ranger/Interpreter lined up to give us the “Grand Tour.” Wormsloe was the home of Noble Jones who arrived with Oglethorpe and the first colonists in 1733. Ten succeeding generations of the family lived there. It is the only site in Savannah dating back to the early Colonial era. This is an afternoon trip. We will carpool, leaving Darien at 11:00 am and South Newport at 11:30 am. We will lunch at “The Driftaway Café” before entering the historic site nearby, take the tour, and leave in time to be home well before dark. Cost is \$10.00 per person for the trip, plus your Dutch treat lunch.

Call Harriet Roberson at 265-6729 right away or no later than November 24th, the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, if you want to be part of this fun outing. We need time to organize the carpooling, and we need at least 15 to go.



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.

A Colonial Christmas at Fort King George

Saturday, December 11, 2010

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Join the Garrison for a traditional dinner in the soldier's barracks and an evening of colonial style Yule Tide jollification. \$30.00 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.**



Frances Moore, Oglethorpe's secretary and Keeper of the Stores, now has a FACEBOOK page. You can follow his journal postings as he makes his "Voyage to Georgia." Just go to [Facebook.com/Frances Moore1736](https://www.facebook.com/FrancesMoore1736).



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