

Altamaha Echoes

Lower Altamaha Historical Society Newsletter

February 2016

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

LAHS Meeting, Thursday, February 18, 2016
Fort King George Historic Site
Dutch treat supper, 5:45 p.m. at B&J Steak

Valarie Ikhwan, Superintendent of Fort King George Historic Site, will present information on the latest educational and programmatic initiatives ongoing at the Fort, as well as plans for the upcoming year.

Valarie has been site superintendent since 2014. She and her staff have been busy developing new outreach projects and on-site programs both for the general public and the growing number of school groups from all over the state utilizing FKG for educational opportunities. She will also provide an overview of Fort King George's history, which should be of particular interest to visitors and new members of LAHS.

LAHS Meeting, Thursday, March 17, 2016
Fort King George Historic Site
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LAHS President Buddy Sullivan will present a slide lecture on the history of Sapelo Island. The talk will provide context for LAHS members participating in the field trip to the island on March 31, and also serve as a "preview" of Buddy's forthcoming new book, *Sapelo: People and Place on a Georgia Sea Island*, to be released by the University of Georgia Press in early 2017. The talk will focus on several aspects of Sapelo's history, including the African American communities, Thomas Spalding and tabby architecture, the mansion, the lighthouse and the scientific research at the Marine Institute.

LAHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, April 21, 2016, 4:00 p.m.
Fort King George Historic Site

**LAHS Meeting, Thursday, April 21, 2016, 7:00 p.m.
Fort King George Historic Site
Dutch treat supper, 5:45 p.m. at B&J Steak**

Christi Lambert, Director of the Altamaha River Bioreserve of The Nature Conservancy, will address a number of topics related to the Conservancy's ongoing initiatives with the river corridor. Some of these will include the ongoing Living Shoreline project and the Conservancy's important role in the acquisition, protection, and conservation of land tracts contiguous to the Altamaha. Of special interest in this regard is the recent (2015) acquisition by the State of Georgia of the 4,000-plus acre Altama tract on the Glynn County side of the Altamaha, in which The Nature Conservancy played a key part.



MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE ON JANUARY 1, 2016.



**LAHS ENCOURAGES THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SENT IN THEIR
DUES TO PLEASE DO SO RIGHT AWAY.**

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

Pay with a credit card on the LAHS website at

www.loweraltamahahistoricalociety.org

OR

Make your check payable to LAHS, P.O. Box 1405, Darien, GA 31305,
or give to Yvonne Carter, Treasurer.

NEWS FROM THE BOARD:

- The Board wishes to thank the following persons for their willingness to assume the vacancies on the Board due to the resignation of one Board member and the relocation of two members. These persons will fill the unexpired terms:

2014-2016	Betty Ewing
	Lamar Williamson
2015-2017	Paul Nix
- New operating days for the Archives are now in effect. The Archives will be open for research on the third Thursday of each month from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Other days and hours are available by appointment. Contact Linda Daniels at 437-1702.
- A Nominating Committee has been formed to work on a slate of officers and board members for election at the May meeting. We will need a President, Vice President, and four Board Members. The Nominating Committee will report at the April Board Meeting.

Field trip news:

Thursday, March 31: SAPELO ISLAND GUIDED TOUR AND LUNCH AT THE BIG HOUSE. The ferry leaves at 8:30 am (and waits for no one) so be there to check in by 8:15 am please. Fee for the ferry, tour, lunch and tip (all inclusive) is \$35.00. Payment must be made ahead, so pay at the February or March meeting. Spaces are limited. Call Harriet Roberson at 265-6729 if you have not already reserved your space. We will return on the 2:30 pm ferry. We have our order in for lovely weather. Hope that it pans out!

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If you have not looked at the LAHS website lately, please do so. You can find it at www.loweraltamahistoricalociety.org. It is a treasure for those that are long-time members and for new members that want to know more about the organization and how to get involved. In addition, please check out Buddy Sullivan's website at www.buddysullivan.com. A native of Savannah and McIntosh County, Buddy has a wealth of knowledge about the area and various resources for you to explore.

Coming Events:

Friday, February 19, Georgia Center in Savannah. LAHS President Buddy Sullivan will read his paper as part of the Symposium *Coastal Nature, Coastal Culture: Environmental Histories of The Georgia Coast*, sponsored by the Ossabaw Foundation. Buddy's lecture is titled, "The First Conservationists? Northern Money and Lowcountry Georgia, 1866-1930," focusing on the impact Northerners had on coastal Georgia after the Civil War with the purchase of extensive lands on the Altamaha River and the barrier islands. His argument is that the islands were held by several generations of Northerners and led to their conservation as public and private trusts in the second half of the twentieth century. Nine other speakers will present papers, including the popular naturalist Janisse Ray who will speak about William Bartram and other writers who have influenced her writing. The talks by Buddy and Janisse are at 2:45 and 3:45, respectively. The complete schedule of the Symposium can be seen at www.gacoast2016.org.

In Memoriam 2015

Everett Moriarty

The Rev. George Bowers

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Committee Chairpersons

Ft. King George Membership Programs	Valarie Ikhwan
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Field Trips	Ann Howard
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Jim & Barbara Bruce	Myrtle Newberry
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SCOTTISH HERITAGE DAYS

*Friday, Saturday, and Sunday,
March 18, 2016 – March 20, 2026
9 am – 4 pm*

A showcase of Georgia’s Scottish and colonial history, weapon demonstrations and cannon firings, re-enactors, blacksmithing, weaving, period cooking and music, and fort tours. Friday is Student Day. Battle re-enactment is at 2 pm Saturday. Scottish “Kirking of the Tartans” is at 10 am Sunday

OUR ARCHIVES/LIBRARY BUILDING ON THE GROUNDS OF FORT KING GEORGE HISTORIC SITE IS OPEN EVERY THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 11 AM-3 PM EXCEPT FROM THANKSGIVING THROUGH NEW YEAR’S DAY. OTHER DAYS AND HOURS ARE AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT. CALL LINDA DANIELS AT 437-1702.



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