

Altamaha Echoes

Lower Altamaha Historical Society Newsletter

May 2016

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

**LAHS Meeting, Thursday, May 19, 2016
Fort King George Historic Site
Dutch treat supper, 5:45 p.m. at B&J Steak**

Jo Hickson, Executive Director of the Georgia Coastal Greenway Project, will provide an overview of the trail initiative for LAHS members, particularly as it pertains to those portions of the bicycle trail in McIntosh and Glynn Counties. The Georgia component of the Greenway trail is a part of the overall east coast- to the - U.S. effort to establish a Greenway bike trail from Miami to south Florida.

Ms. Hickson received a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture in 1975 from UGA School of Environmental Design. She received the Georgia Planning Association Outstanding Document award in 2004. As a board member of the Coastal Georgia Land Trust, she was project manager for "The Gateway to Coastal Georgia: Connecting the Coast" Master Plan, a project that proposed a 450-mile greenway system in coastal Georgia. Since 1993 she has participated in development of a regional greenway in coastal Georgia. In working with public and private sectors to fund the trail, she has written grants totaling \$3.5 million public funding and \$20,000 in private funding. She has conducted 75 public meetings, developed brochures, a video and web page, and trail and interpretive signs for the ongoing project. In 2009, The Coastal Georgia Greenway, Inc., received IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit status and is incorporated in Georgia.

**LAHS Meeting, Thursday, June 16, 2016
Fort King George Historic Site
Dutch treat supper, 5:45 p.m. at B&J Steak**

Sudy Leavy will provide a program about Hofwyl-Broadfield rice plantation on the Altamaha River, and will portray Miss Ophelia Dent. Miss Dent was the last private owner of Hofwyl who was directly descended from the early 19th century Brailsfords, Troups and Dents who owned the tract. A native of Griffin, Sudy lived on the Georgia coast for almost 50 years before moving to the red clay hills in 2013. Living in Athens has afforded her registry at UGA as a student, participation in a scientific study at the Ramsey Center, and access to the

incredible UGA libraries. With an A.B. and M.A. in English, she hopes to add a degree in Georgia history, her long-held passion which was originally kindled by her seventh grade teacher. In 2008, she authored *Hofwyl-Broadfield Plantation* under the Arcadia series. The gift of a 60-year correspondence of Ophelia Dent's and access to Savannah papers dealing with other members of the family have added depth to her study of Dent.

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

LAHS ANNUAL PICNIC
Thursday, July 21, 2016, 5:30 p.m.
Fort King George Historic Site



LAHS will host its annual summer picnic for members and friends of the Society beginning at 5:30 pm at Fort King George Auditorium. Arrangements are being made for a special musket drill reenactment by a site interpreter to provide entertainment for the event.

Please bring a covered dish or dessert to share with the group. LAHS will provide the entrée and iced tea. The picnic is always a wonderful opportunity to get to know new members, spend time with old friends, and enjoy good food and fellowship! Let's have a great turnout!



LAHS is beginning a new volunteer initiative in partnership with Fort King George. There are many volunteer opportunities to assist the FKG staff, and Society members who are looking for things to do in their spare time are encouraged to contact the Fort and offer their time and abilities – whether it be in the areas of landscaping and gardening, repairs and maintenance, assistance with museum and educational programs and outreach, or donating items for use in the Fort's interpretative activities. For more information, contact Board members Betty Ewing or Yvonne Carter who are coordinating this effort for LAHS.



MEMBERSHIPS WERE DUE ON JANUARY 1, 2016.

PLEASE NOTE: IF DUES HAVE NOT BEEN PAID FOR 2016, THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST ISSUE OF ALTAMAHA ECHOES.

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:

- Annual election will be held at the May meeting. This year we elect a President, Vice President and four Board Members, all of whom are to serve a two-year term, 2016-2018. The proposed slate is -

President: Buddy Sullivan

Vice President: Eunice Moore

Board Members: Betty Ewing, Howard Klippel, Wes Tippins, and Lamar Williamson

Others may be nominated from the floor at election time if the person nominated has agreed to it. Those elected will begin their term of office in June.

Coming Events:

Saturday, May 21, 1 pm -4 pm, FORT KING GEORGE HISTORIC SITE, Colonial Toys and Games-Kids to Park Day. Visit the site and have fun playing various old fashioned hands-on games and activities: tug of war, rolling hoops, and more.

Saturday, May 28, until Monday, May 30, 10 am-4 pm, FORT KING GEORGE HISTORIC SITE, Colonial Memorial Celebrations. Join the Garrison for 3 days of artillery drills, blacksmithing, and soldiers' life activities. Musket and cannon firing demonstrations will be presented during the day. Begin your summer with a bang at FKG.

Sunday, June 5, 3 pm, THE ASHANTILLY CENTER, Historian and novelist June Hall McCash will discuss her new historical novel *Marguerite's Landing* - the story of the DuBignon family that migrated to America during the French Revolution and lived at Sapelo Island before purchasing Jekyll Island in 1794. Dr. McCash is the leading authority on the history of Jekyll. Advance reservations required. For details, go to www.ashantilly.org.

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FORT KING GEORGE STATE HISTORIC SITE

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www.gastateparks.org/fortkinggeorge

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Georgia's coast.*

LAHS Officers

President ((2014-2016)	Buddy Sullivan	912-658-5844
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Secretary (2015-2017)	Harriet Roberson	912-265-6729
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Betty Ewing
Lloyd Y. Flanders
Howard Klippel
Lamar Williamson

Board Members 2015-2017

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Paul Nix

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Buddy Sullivan

Committee Chairpersons

Ft. King George Membership Programs	Valarie Ikhwan
Scholarship	Jim Bruce/Yvonne Carter
Field Trips	Ann Howard
Altamaha "Echoes" Publications/Books	Harriet Roberson
Historian	Carole Williams
Webmaster	Hoyt Carney
Archives	Buddy Sullivan
	Jim Bruce
	Linda Daniels

Life Memberships

Muriel Bell	Cecil & Sandra Hudson
Marsha Certain	Bill Jones III
Bob and Carol Churi	Harriet Langford
Coastal GA Historical Soc	David Miller
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Enterprise Rent-A-Car	Frances Pollard
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Lloyd Y. Flanders	Jeff & Kelly Spratt
Read Gignilliat	Eloise Thompson
Gus & Marg Hallman	Jesse & Glenda Varnedoe

Honorary Life Memberships

Jim & Barbara Bruce	Myrtle Newberry
Mattie Gladstone	Buddy Sullivan

CANNONS ACROSS THE MARSH

Monday, July 14, 2016

10 am – 4 pm

Join the Garrison for a day of artillery drills, musket firings, and soldiers' life activities in honor of Independence Day.

Free watermelon and lemonade will be served.

**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 DECEMBER.**

**OTHER DAYS AND HOURS ARE
AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT.
CALL LINDA DANIELS AT 437-1702.**



July 4, 2016



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