

Altamaha Echoes

Lower Altamaha Historical Society

May 2019

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

**LAHS Meeting, Thursday, May 16, 2019, 7:00 p.m.
Fort King George Historic Site
Dutch treat supper, 5:45 p.m. B&J Steak**

Michael Seibert, archaeologist at Fort Frederica National Monument on St. Simons Island, will present our program entitled *"Digging for History at Fort Frederica in 2018."* He will bring us up-to-date on the findings of the first major archaeological dig in 40 years at the former British Colonial outpost established by James Oglethorpe in 1736. This past summer's excavations at Fort Frederica have uncovered many interesting items that are evidence of past inhabitants, various activities, and much more. What did they learn that they did not know before? Come find out!



Monday, May 27, 2019

**LAHS Meeting, Thursday, June 20, 2019, 7:00 p.m.
Fort King George Historic Site
Dutch treat supper, 5:45 p.m. B&J Steak**

Our presentation this month is by Meggan McCarthy who will be speaking about her master's thesis: *The Architecture of Hog Hammock*. The presentation will encompass the vernacular architecture, spatial layout and cultural heritage of Hog Hammock on Sapelo Island, from the time of Thomas Spalding through present day. She will discuss how the effects of the island's "isolation" and interactions with the mainland are demonstrated through the building materials and architectural styles. She will also examine how the residents of the community seek to preserve their Gullah/Geechee heritage. Ms. McCarthy will graduate in May from FSU with a Masters in Art History. In June she will begin work on her PhD in Public History at Middle Tennessee State. She has been affiliated with Ashantilly while doing research on Sapelo.



HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY
Thursday, July 4, 2019

LAHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, July 18, 2019, 4:00 p.m.
Fort King George Historic Site

LAHS ANNUAL PICNIC, Thursday, July 18, 2019, 5:30 p.m.
Fort King George Historic Site

It's time once again for the annual summer picnic for LAHS members. The entrée will be provided by LAHS, and members are asked to bring a yummy picnic dish to share -- salad, side dish, or dessert. There will be exciting games and prizes, and as always it's a wonderful time to get to know new members and fellowship with old friends. We look forward to seeing you there!

NEWS FROM THE BOARD:

- The election of officers and board members will take place at the May meeting. The following slate has been proposed by the Nominating Committee, composed of Paul Nix and Bill Barton:

Secretary:	Paul Nix
Treasurer:	Jeanne Hawkins
Board Members:	Wheeler Bryan, Linda Daniels, Aimee Gaddis, Martha Martin

Other nominations may be made from the floor as long as the nominee has agreed ahead of time. Those elected will take office in June to serve a 2-year term.

- Thanks to your generosity at the April meeting three underprivileged youngsters will be attending the Junior Ranger camping program at Fort King George for a week in June. The total donated was \$203. The Board donated \$150 from the treasury, bringing the total to \$353. Each scholarship was \$75, and each child had to purchase a Ranger vest for \$25. The remaining funds will be used for snacks and extras. The three children are already registered and raring to go. Thanks ALL!
- When Sissy Kammer asks for volunteers to man the Archives/Library on Thursday from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm, please give some thought to signing up. The time flies as you read and look through all the books, maps, hand-written family trees and stories, historical magazines, etc. You will receive instructions so you will know what to do should someone come visiting - you might meet some interesting traveler or researcher. Give it a try - it just might be your "cup of tea." Sissy reports there is a new desk in the building, and she and her husband Terry have

been doing some landscaping around the building, which is just down the way from our meeting room on the grounds of Fort King George.

- We had a most successful dedication of the new historical marker “Weeping Time” on Butler Island. About a hundred people took part in the unveiling in early March, sponsored by the Georgia Historical Society and LAHS. We represented us well in managing our part of the event. If you weren’t in attendance, check it out sometime as you drive across Butler Island.
- Ann Howard, our Scholarship committee chairman, has announced that Kameron Francis, a graduating senior at McIntosh Academy, is this year’s winner of the LAHS annual scholarship. Lloyd Y. Flanders will represent us by making the award at the high school on May 9th Honors Day. A big thank you to all who helped with this project.

MEMBERSHIPS WERE DUE ON JANUARY 1, 2019.

Life Membership - \$250 Family - \$25 Individual - \$20 Student - \$5

Pay with a credit card on the LAHS website at www.loweraltamahahistoricalsociety.org OR make your check payable to LAHS, P.O. Box 1405, Darien, GA 31305, OR give to Treasurer.

YES _____ NO _____ DUES HAVE BEEN PAID

IF DUES ARE NOT RECEIVED BY JUNE 30, THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER.

Please extend a hearty welcome to the following new members. We are happy to have each and every one of you:

Stacy Cole, Bob and Judy Douglas, Bob Korn, Chip Lewis, Mike and Beth Pasakarnis,
Vicky Wallace and Mike Froce, Glen and Pamela Wilson

MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe the holiday by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Did you know that each year on Memorial Day a national moment of remembrance takes place at 3:00 pm local time?

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Independence Day has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution. On July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence.

LOWER ALTAMAHA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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LAHS Officers

President (20180-2020)	Wes Tippins	912-242-1668
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Board Members 2017-2019

Linda Daniels
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Board Members 2018-2020

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Buddy Sullivan

Committee Chairpersons

Altamaha "Echoes"	Carole Williams
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Hospitality	Linda Daniels
Membership	
Programs	Wes Tippins
Publications/Books	Martha Martin
Scholarship	Ann Howard
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Mark Yeager

Honorary Life Memberships

Jim & Barbara Bruce	Buddy Sullivan
Mattie Gladstone	Carole Williams

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.

Monday, May 27, 10 am-3 pm, Memorial Day. Join the Friends of the Fort for a day of craft demonstrations and soldiers' life activities in commemoration of Memorial Day.

Thursday, July 4, 10 am – 3 pm, Cannons Across the Marsh. Join the soldiers for a day of artillery drills, musket firings, and soldiers' life activities to honor Independence Day.

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/HOURS ARE AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT.



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