

Altamaha Echoes

Lower Altamaha Historical Society Newsletter

November 2016

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

**LAHS Meeting, Thursday, November 17, 2016, 7:00 p.m.
Fort King George Historic Site
Dutch treat supper, 5:45 p.m. at B&J Steak**

Sandy Jensen will discuss the restoration of the historic Coast Guard Station on East Beach at St. Simons by the Coastal Georgia Historical Society. The new museum will feature an exhibition on the history of the Golden Isles during World War II providing a new look into how Georgia's coastal communities were on America's front line, enduring U-Boat attacks and serving as a platform for military and civil defense training. An important component of this initiative will be interpretation of the Brunswick shipyards where 99 Liberty ships were constructed by civilians.

Sandy is the Education Director for the CGHS and has a degree in history from Vanderbilt University and a Masters in Museum Studies from George Washington University. Her interest in museums and history has led her to work at Stratford Hall and Gunston Hall in Virginia, the National Building Museum in Washington D.C., the Flagler Museum in Palm Beach, and currently the St. Simons Lighthouse Museum. In Sandy's work for CGHS, she is responsible for training and scheduling volunteers and docents, leading youth tours and programs, and assisting in expanding the Society's program offerings for all ages.



**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY
Thursday, December 15, 2016, 5:30 pm
Belvedere Plantation Clubhouse (gates will be open for you)**

Belvedere Plantation Clubhouse will once again be the setting for our annual Christmas party. Please notify Jeanne Klippel at 832-3318 if you are planning to attend and sign up for what you are bringing, as this is a set menu. LAHS will provide the Pork Tenderloin entrée, tea, coffee, and "Moriarty Eggnog." Members are asked to bring a side dish to feed at least eight people - choose one of the following: Appetizer, Potato Casserole, fresh Green Beans, Salad, or Dessert. You may bring your own wine if you like. If you need directions to the clubhouse, you can get them at the November meeting or call Jeanne. We will also be raffling an afghan at the party. Remember, you must let Jeanne know if you are coming and what you will bring. Hope to see all of you at this annual festive affair, always a very enjoyable occasion!

LAHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
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Ashby Nix Worley, Satilla Riverkeeper, will speak about the ecological importance of the Satilla River, and its value to the communities that live there. Ashby was named the Satilla Riverkeeper in 2013 and has been busy with her duties to protect, restore and educate about the Satilla River ever since. As the Satilla Riverkeeper, Ashby works with the board of directors, Satilla Riverkeeper members and volunteers from across the 4,000-square mile watershed to protect and restore the habitat and flow of the Satilla River from its headwaters to the Atlanta Ocean, a distance of some 235 miles. The dark water Satilla has been increasingly threatened by agricultural runoff, septic tanks within the flood plain, destruction of adjacent wetland and increased mercury levels. The organization serves as the eyes and ears of the watershed and is the first responder when something is wrong.

While a student, Ashby worked as an intern with the Department of Natural Resources for the UGA Marine Extension Service, conducting coastal water quality monitoring and oyster reef restoration. She received her Master's Degree in order to take a job as a technician at the UGA Marine Institute on Sapelo Island, a post she was in before becoming the Satilla Riverkeeper. Ashby holds degrees in environmental science and biology from Mercer University where she graduated Cum Laude in 2006, as well as a Master of Environmental Science from Louisiana State University, with concentration on wetland studies.

MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE ON JANUARY 1, 2017.

Please note the change in Family and Individual Membership dues.

Life Membership - \$250 Family - \$25 Individual - \$20 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.

Please renew promptly. Our small treasury needs your dues!

News from the Board:

- LAHS has several of the commemorative historic McIntosh County afghans available for \$50 each - they would make outstanding Christmas gifts. Members may obtain these at the November meeting or by contacting any board member. One afghan will be raffled at the annual Christmas party. Tickets may be purchased at the party for \$3 each or 2 for \$5, with winner announced at the end of the party. This is an excellent fundraiser, so we encourage everyone's participation.

- LAHS made its annual contribution of \$500 to the Friends of Fort King George in October. The contribution is a measure of appreciation to Fort King George for all the support and services it provides to LAHS, including having our monthly meetings on site and enabling us to house our Archives facility on FKG premises.
- In December, when the "skeeters" calm down, a group of LAHS volunteers will be cleaning up the gravesite of Bessie M. Lewis (1889-1983), McIntosh County historian and charter member of LAHS when it was founded in 1979.
- Starting in 2017, Family and Individual membership dues were increased for the first time in 25 years - Family dues now \$25.00 and Individual dues \$20.00.

Coming Events:

Tuesday, January 17, 2017, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Jones Heritage Center (Coastal Georgia Historical Society), St. Simons Island: Buddy Sullivan will present his annual lecture series on the history and ecology of Coastal Georgia. The series runs for six consecutive Tuesdays, January 17 through February 21, 2017. See the CGHS website for registration and fee info. www.saintssimonslighthouse.org

Sunday, January 22, 2017, 3:00 pm, Ashantilly Center: Buddy Sullivan will present a lecture, "The First Conservationists? Northern Money and Lowcountry Georgia, 1866-1930." For reservations, contact www.Ashantillycenter.org.

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LAHS would like to recognize the following new members who joined in 2016:

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| Marshall and Emily Gaddis | Terry and Sissy Kammer |
| Alan and Cheryl Shedd | Elizabeth Braswell |
| Craig Bunge | Don and Lou Burger |
| Louis and Mary Richards Fuentes | Will and Susan Fell |
| Bill and Ginger Hodges | Phyllis Y. Strange |
| Richard and Nancy Van Leeuwen | Friends of Hofwyl. |

Please try to meet and greet all of these you haven't met.

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THIS DAY IN GEORGIA HISTORY
(to coincide with LAHS meeting dates)

November 17, 1732, The first Georgia colonists set sail from England. From Peter Gordon's journal: *....we sail'd from Gravesend, on board ship Ann.....41 men, 27 women, and 28 children."*

December 15, 1989, The movie "*Glory,*" much of which was filmed in Savannah and Georgia's coastal islands, was released.

January 19, 1871, Savannah became the first city in America to celebrate Robert E. Lee's birthday as a public holiday.

LOWER ALTAMAHA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

P.O. Box 1405 – Darien, GA 31305

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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.*

LAHS Officers

President ((2016-2018)	Buddy Sullivan	912-658-5844
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Secretary (2015-2017)	Harriet Roberson	912-265-6729
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Board Members 2015-2017

Dr. Williams Collins
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Aimee G. Gaddis
Paul Nix

Board Members 2016-2018

Betty Ewing
Howard Klippel
Wes Tippens
Lamar Williamson

Past-President
Director Emeritus

Buddy Sullivan
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Committee Chairpersons

Ft. King George Membership Programs	Valarie Ikhwan
Scholarship	Jim Bruce/Yvonne Carter
Field Trips	Ann Howard
Altamaha "Echoes"	Harriet Roberson
Publications/Books	Carole Williams
Historian	Hoyt Carney
Webmaster	Buddy Sullivan
Archives	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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Gus & Marg Hallman	Jesse & Glenda Varnedoe

Honorary Life Memberships

Jim & Barbara Bruce Myrtle Newberry
Mattie Gladstone Buddy Sullivan

**AUTUMN ENCAMPMENT – THE DEBATABLE
LAND**

November 11 -12, 2016, 10 am – 4 pm

Visit the site and witness a tactical demonstration (reenactment) at 3 pm each afternoon. Honor America's veterans with a special Morning Colors ceremony on November 11 at 10 am. A colonial fashion show, blacksmithing, cannon firing, cooking demo, and more will take place every day.

**A COLONIAL CHRISTMAS AT
FORT KING GEORGE**

Saturday, December 10, 2016, 7 pm – 8:30 pm

Join the Friends of Fort King George for a traditional dinner in the soldiers' barracks. Reservations required. \$40. Program concludes with a cannon firing.

**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.**

**HAPPY
NEW YEAR!
2017**



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