



Heritage Highlights

A PUBLICATION OF THE HERITAGE MUSEUM AT THE
DORCHESTER COUNTY ARCHIVES & HISTORY CENTER

Memorial Day Celebration



Air Force Base Color Guard opened the Memorial Day Ceremonies at the Heritage Museum on May 28, 2018.

The Dorchester County Archives & History Center hosted a moving Veterans' Memorial Day Ceremony in the courtyard of the museum on Ridge Street this past May. Despite the tumultuous weather, the ceremony had a wonderful turnout & did a great job of honoring all Dorchester County veterans & military personnel. The event began with veterans & military personnel from the lower end of Dorchester County meeting at the Dorchester County Service Building where they were escorted in a procession by the Dorchester County Sheriff's Office, the Summerville Police and members of the Patriot Guard Riders to the Dorchester County Courthouse. There upper Dorchester

County vets joined the procession and the St. George Police and Patriot Guard escorted them to the final destination at the Heritage Museum. In true patriotic form, people throughout the community gathered along the procession route (Hwy 78) and in front of the museum to pay tribute & honor the veterans as they passed by, showing the community's support & appreciation of the many sacrifices made by the veterans, both deceased & living.

The ceremony began with Mayor Anne Johnston welcoming all visitors to the ceremony. The Air Force Base participated with a Color Guard & POW/MIA Remembrance Service. Senior members of the JROTC of Woodland High School and Girl Scout Troop 590 assisted in the program as well. The program included participation by the DAR, wherein Herman & Harriet Holman were honored for their excellence in Community Service. Keynote speaker

Brigadier General (Ret) Henry L. "Hank" Taylor spoke on Repatriation, the process of returning those KIA and MIA to their countries of origin. Dorchester County's oldest WWII veteran & last POW were honored & recognized, along with all veterans. To honor the fallen, during the service, the names of those brave souls who were casualties of war or missing in action were solemnly read aloud. There were many family members present of those fallen heroes as we all shed tears & honored their memory. Following the ceremony, the Heritage Museum unveiled the new Veterans' Exhibit and Military Photographic Exhibit which are still on display at the museum. Many local heroes are featured and honored within the exhibit. The ceremony was sponsored by DCA&HC & also funded in part by SC Humanities, a state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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DCA&HC Operating Hours

- ◇ Sunday - Monday = Closed
- ◇ Tuesday - Friday = 9:00am - 4:00pm
- ◇ Saturday = 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Other visiting times can be scheduled in advance. Researchers should call ahead to schedule an appointment. (843) 931-1020 or (843) 931-1021.

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A Message from the Chairman

Dear Member & Friends:

As mentioned in our first story, on May 28th, the Heritage Museum hosted a heartwarming Memorial Day Ceremony with over 200 people in attendance.

Our veterans from the lower end of the county were escorted by county and local police, as well as members of the Patriot Guard Riders, from Summerville, where they were joined with other veterans from the upper end of the county, to the museum.

It was an honor to welcome the last Dorchester County POW, Dickie Vaughan, and the oldest liv-

ing county veteran, George Seago.

After the ceremony, the newly developed Veterans Exhibit was unveiled. The exhibit pays honor to those who served proudly, to those that made the ultimate sacrifice and to those that are still MIA. A photo display portrays these local heroes.

Artifacts, uniforms, weapons and much more are on display. One such rarity is the uniform and memorabilia of Captain Kathryn Dollason, an army nurse captured in the Philippines in 1941 with 62 other nurses and held as a Japanese POW for 3 years during WWII.

As she, and thousands of veterans like her have passed on, may their

stories live on forever and the tragedies of war not be repeated.

God Bless all of those that have served this great country!

Thank you all for your continued support. Your help is needed to continue to research, record and preserve our county's history. Please volunteer when needed and support all the upcoming fundraisers listed throughout this newsletter.



Together we can,
"Preserving Today for Tomorrow."

Phyllis Hughes, Board Chairman

Highlighting a Hero



This volume highlights the bravery & great sacrifice of Staff Sergeant James Arnold Wamer of St. George, South Carolina. He was born on January 8, 1918

and entered into the service of the U.S. Army (Company I, 20th Infantry) on October 14, 1941 at the age of 23. He trained at Camp Wheeler, GA, Fort Leonard, Wood, MO & San Luis Obispo, CA. In 1943 he entered into the Pacific Theatre of Operations & was unfortu-

'Gold Star Boys' are members of the military who make the ultimate sacrifice for their nation.

nately killed in action in Central Luzon, Philippines, on June 25, 1945 when he was only 27. For his limitless bravery, he was awarded 2 purple hearts & is forever a member of the Gold Star Boys. He is buried at Saint George UDC Cemetery. Remember Veterans Day on November 11, 2018.

Paleographic Highlights

Curator Pat Scally has been diligently transcribing the Historic Summerville Presbyterian Church documents dated from 1839 through 1851. He has already completed the transcription of the 1796 through 1838 records.



A sample of the original documents that are being digitized & transcribed for the museum's collection

Upon completion of this and similar projects, the collection will have been completely digitized and transcribed so patrons will be able to search the collection!

Calling All Veterans & Active Duty Personnel!!!!

The DCA&HC is in the process of compiling a countywide database of all veterans who were born or live(d) in Dorchester County. Forms are available in person at the Center or on the DCA&HC's website at www.dca-hc.com.

This is a major effort being made to record and preserve the history of all local Veterans so that they and their sacrifices will never be forgotten. If you know of a veteran or active duty personnel, please let them know about it. Please share this form

with family members or other veterans, living or deceased, you may know.

The only way we can complete a comprehensive database of Dorchester County veterans and service members is with your help!



Volunteers of the Month are:

The Volunteers of the Month are
Melody Pinckney & Katie Wright.

Melody and Katie are tirelessly working to input the data that has been provided to the DCA&HC on Dorchester County veterans. They each go above and beyond to search out the accurate information, even so far as going to the cemeteries to make sure we have correct dates. A huge thank you to each of them for caring about the project enough to make sure the information is as complete as possible.

Once again, Melody & Katie

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

A HUGE 'Thank You' to

As related to the previous story, DCA&HC would like to send a huge 'Thank You' to all of the volunteers who are reviewing, researching and inputting the information from Dorchester County veterans forms into the DCA&HC's Veterans' Database. It is through your time and dedication to the project that the database now has almost 1,593 names in it! Thank you Linda Baker, Anne Irick, Charles Kizer, Bobbie McKinnon, Frances Metts, Dixie Mizell, Melody Pinckney, Trish Scott, Gayle West and Katie Wright!

Last, but certainly not least, MANY THANKS to David Dement and the tremendous amount of time, effort and items he has contributed to the Veterans' Exhibit that was unveiled this year. We couldn't have done it without you! Thank you Mr. Dement!



We Want YOU to Join Our Volunteer Team!

Would you like to join the Volunteer Team at Dorchester County Archives & History Center's Heritage Museum? If you volunteer only 12 hours per month, you and a guest can get in free at amazing venues throughout the Lowcountry! These locations include — Audu-

bon Center at Francis Beidler Forest, Charles Towne Landing, Charleston Harbor Tours, The Charleston Tea Plantation, Drayton Hall, Gibbs Museum of Art, South Carolina Aquarium, Boone Hall Plantation, Magnolia Plantation & Gardens, Middleton Plantation, &

many, many more! If you would like to volunteer, please contact LaClaire Mizell at 843-931-1021 or go to our website and complete & return the Volunteer Agreement Form to LaClaire Mizell at 101 Ridge Street, St. George, 29477.

What Has Passed...



Last fall on Tuesday mornings in October eager students filled a Beginner's Quilting Class led by volunteers Bettie Berry and Nancy Postell. The students learned the basics of making a quilt and, by the end of the course, were able to make a South Carolina square wall hanging or pillow!

The following month the Heritage Museum hosted its First Annual Quilt Show with quilting demonstrations by Bettie Berry. The museum was thrilled when there were a total of 63 quilt and quilt top entries. Visitors to the Show were able to peruse the quilts on display and then voted on their favorite quilt and the one they felt was the most creative.



Gayle West won the award for the oldest quilt. Her entry was a beautiful hand sewn 1858 Rail Design Quilt.



Margo McMicken's wedding themed quilt with cross-stitch pieces won "Most Creative."



The whole cloth quilt entry by Anne Reeves was the winner of the "Fan Favorite" award.

What is Yet to Come!

This fall will bring the 2nd annual quilt show to the museum. We can't wait to see what this year brings!

The Heritage Museum @ DCAHC is hosting a



DETAILS:

Quilts will be judged by Museum Visitors during the course of the exhibition as well as by three qualified judges.

A winner will be chosen in each category as well as an overall winner for the 'People's Choice' award.

SUBMISSION INFO:

Deadline: **October 27, 2018**

We are looking for entrants in the following categories:

- *Vintage quilts (50+ years)
- *Hand quilts
- *Machine quilts
- *Baby quilts, lap quilts & wall hangings

SPACE IS LIMITED so please get your quilt in to the museum as soon as possible to assure entry.

ADMISSIONS:

Admission is only \$5 which grants you access to the quilt show/museum as well as a vote to determine the winner of the 'People's Choice' award!



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Questions?
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Calendar of Events

October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Ghost Walk
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Ghost Walk
28	29	30 Colonial Days	31 HALLOWEEN 			

Mark Your Calendars with these Upcoming Events

-  October 20th & 27th - Ghost Walk
-  October 30th, 31st & November 1st - Colonial Days
-  November 3 - 10th - Quilt Show
-  November 11th - *Patton, Rommel & Me* - Fundraiser @ the Lourie Theatre in St. George
-  November 18th - Wreath Making Class
-  December 1st - Photos with Santa!
-  December 8th - Christmas Craft Fair

November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Colonial Days	2	3 
4 	5 	6 Quilt Show	7 Quilt Show	8 Quilt Show	9 Quilt Show	10 
11 Veterans Day  <i>Patton, Rommel & Me</i>	12	13	14	15	16	17
18  Wreath Making Class	19	20	21	22 	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

Dates Subject to Change

All events occur @ the Heritage Museum unless otherwise noted



PURCHASE A FLAG IN MEMORY OF OR IN HONOR OF A LOVED ONE
THE HERITAGE MUSEUM AT THE
DORCHESTER COUNTY ARCHIVES & HISTORY CENTER IS SELLING
MEMORIAL FLAGS PERSONALIZED WITH YOUR LOVED ONE'S NAME.

THE FLAGS WILL BE DISPLAYED ON THE COURTYARD OF THE
HERITAGE MUSEUM FOR THE MONTHS OF MAY AND NOVEMBER.

PURCHASE A FLAG AND HELP US
FILL THE COURTYARD WITH YOUR PATRIOTISM!

THE COST OF EACH FLAG IS \$25.00.

FLAGS ARE 12" BY 18" AND WILL BE ADORNED WITH A RIBBON WITH
YOUR LOVED ONE'S NAME.

Contact the Heritage Museum on the web at www.dca-hc.com,
e-mail at contact-us@dca-hc.com or call (843) 931-1021
to place your order.

JOIN THE DORCHESTER COUNTY ARCHIVES & HISTORY CENTER FOR AN EVENING WITH



PATTON,



ROMMEL

&



ME

It's December 1945.

At British Army of the Rhine HQ, Field-Marshal Montgomery has just been informed of the strange death of General George S. Patton, Jr.

Monty proceeds to survey his and Patton's parallel lives and loathings, and the part in them played by Erwin Rommel.

A chance to review the three most charismatic generals of World War II in the West.



Written and performed by Howard Burnham as Monty

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2018

5:30 pm

LOURIE THEATRE

206 N. PARLER AVENUE, ST. GEORGE

TICKETS \$25 EACH

(INCLUDES ONE FREE ADMISSION TO THE HERITAGE MUSEUM on Ridge Street)

FOR TICKETS OR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT THE

HERITAGE MUSEUM AT (843) 931-1021,

E-MAIL AT contact-us@dca-hc.com or www.dca-hc.com

Featuring a Museum Acquisition

The Donation Highlight of this newsletter is a donation by Ridgeville Masonic Lodge #361 AFM. Mr. George (Bill) Alexander, Steward and Past Master delivered a George Washington print to the Museum. It is a print of the famous painting, known as Gilbert Stuart's Lansdowne Portrait, saved from destruction by Dolley Madison when the White House was set on fire by the British on August 24, 1814. The fires, known as the 'Burning of Washington,'

were set by the British after they defeated the Americans in



one of the battles of the War of 1812. The original, life-sized portrait was painted in 1796

and is on display at the Smithsonian. Our print is proudly on display when you enter the museum. Come see it!

Thank you, Master of the Lodge Worshipful Brother Steve Staley, Secretary and Past Master A. W. Muckenfuss, Mr. Alexander and all Brothers of the Lodge for making such an wonderful donation to the Heritage Museum!

Just a Reminder

The Heritage Museum has partnered with Roots and Recall, an online website intent on preserving the history of historic buildings throughout the state of South Carolina. In conjunction with the Museum's official photographer, Brandon Coffey, the Museum and Roots and Recall would love to connect your family history to historic buildings that are important to you.

Please contact Phyllis Hughes at 843-209-0644 or the Museum at 843-931-1021 to discuss buildings that you might allow Mr. Coffey to photograph, preferably inside and outside, in order to preserve the building's place in history. More information on Roots and Recall can be found at www.rootsandrecall.com.

Making a Difference

If you don't have an item/artifact to donate or loan to the museum and just can't find the time to volunteer, you can still make a difference and contribute to the preservation of today for tomorrow by making a donation to the museum. Donations can be made using the 'Donate' link on our website or, if you prefer, by sending a check payable to DCA&HC and mail it to 101 Ridge Street, St. George, SC 29477. No matter how large or small, every donation is greatly appreciated! And please remember as tax season approaches, all donations made are tax deductible as the museum is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization.

Heritage Museum Exhibits

The exhibits at the museum are ever changing. We receive new donations/loans from the generous people in our community that wish to share with others the precious items from our past. If you've never been to the museum, you should stop by and see some of the exhibits outlined briefly below. And even if you've already been through once, there's always something new to see so stop on in and see what's new!

- ◇ **Exhibit of the 1600 - 1800's**
See a life-sized Arthur Middleton - Dorchester County Resident & Signer of the Declaration of Independence.

- ◇ **Native Americans**
Kusso-Natchez Indian Village & Native American Artifacts.

- ◇ **Fossils**
Display cases exhibiting fossils found in local quarries and rivers including over 200 new fossils and arrowheads on loan to the museum.

- ◇ **Geology Wall**
- ◇ **Natural Resources**
Four Hole Swamp
- ◇ **Colonial**
- ◇ **Industrial Room 1800-1900**



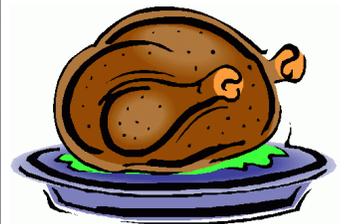
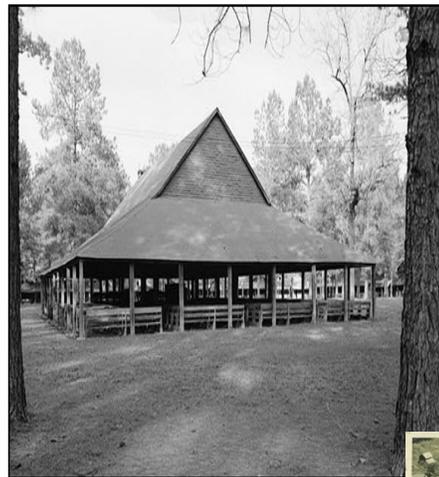
- ◇ **Early Main Street 1900 - 1950**
- ◇ **Veterans' Exhibit**

- ◇ **Photography Display**
Hallway contains numerous photographs of early town life, camp meetings & Churches

Artifacts and items for the museum are always needed. If you have anything to loan or donate to the Heritage Museum, it would be greatly appreciated. Contact Phyllis Hughes at 843-209-0644 or the Center at 843-931-1021 and arrangements will be made to collect the items.

Archivist's Notes...

As we suddenly realize that the calendar has suddenly flipped over to October and the time for Camp Meeting is here, we fondly recall our own memories of days gone by. If you've never been or perhaps want to peruse the memories captured by others, the Center's Archivist, Christine Rice, has recently digitized the 200th anniversary notes, tent histories & pictures for Indian Field Camp Ground. She has also been cataloguing microfilm & CDs to ready the Center's Research Library for public access within the Center.



Aerial Photo of Indian Camp in the 1960's



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This newsletter highlights the activities & current events at the Heritage Museum at the Dorchester County Archives & History Center. The DHA&HC is a Non-Profit Organization that was chartered in 2014. We believe that 'History is Perishable' and that the best way to care for the past is to tend to our future.

Mission - Preserving today for tomorrow.

Our mission is to preserve the county's heritage for future generations through innovative leadership, education, and programs by redefining the effort of preservation as a future-oriented, proactive set of behaviors engineered to intelligently and continually weave our values, stories, lands, and culture into the fabric of future growth.

Vision – Every man, woman and child mentally and emotionally engaged in the effort of preservation.

We believe that the stories of the people and places of Dorchester County should not be lost. We want families to document their roots and we want to interpret how our county has developed. We will base our public programs on research and documentation. We believe history is inclusive and will strive to keep a diverse Board of Directors and offer programs that appeal to all citizens. We will provide preservation oriented education and engagement opportunities and assistance to the people of Dorchester Co. by working with and through existing organizations and institutions.

Values—Our Stories, Our Families, Our Land, Our Culture & Our Future

Learning local history helps children build connections to their community. Similarly, the only way we can understand others is by studying their past. We will provide opportunities for the community to engage in systematically archiving and retelling the story of Dorchester County.

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The Heritage Museum is housed within the walls of the Dorchester County Archives & History Center

