

A.W. Jones Heritage Center

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1:30 p.m. - 5 p.m., Sun
Last climb: 4:30 p.m.

Historic Coast Guard Station

Closed in preparation
for the new World War II
Home Front Museum.

Museum Admission Fees

\$12 for Adults
\$5 for Ages 6-12
Children under 6 free.
No admission charge
for CGHS members.

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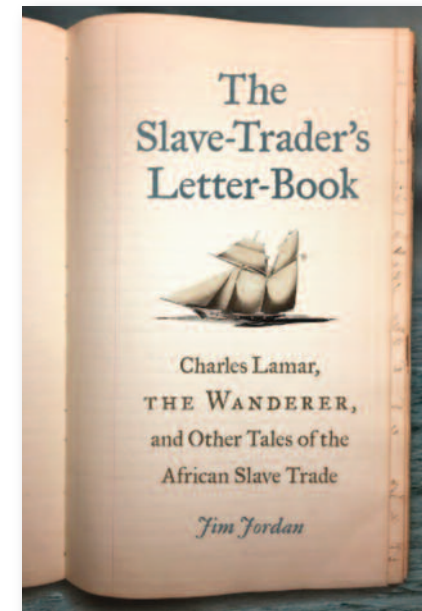
2018 Spring Membership Meeting

The Search for the Missing Letter-Book

In 1858, Savannah businessman Charles Lamar, in violation of U.S. law, organized the shipment of hundreds of Africans on the luxury yacht *Wanderer* to Jekyll Island, Georgia. The four hundred survivors of the Middle Passage were sold into bondage. This was the first successful documented slave landing in the United States in about four decades and shocked a nation already on the path to civil war.

At the Society's Spring Membership Meeting on **May 10, 2018**, author Jim Jordan will discuss his recent book "*Slave-*

Trader's Letter-Book: Charles Lamar, the Wanderer, and Other Tales of the African Slave Trade."



AUTHOR AND SPRING
MEETING SPEAKER,
JIM JORDAN.

taken from his letter book, which describe his criminal activities. However, the authenticity of the letters was in doubt until recently. In 2009, after years of research related to the Lamar

family, Mr. Jordan found a cache of private papers belonging to Charles Lamar's father, stored for decades in steamer trunks in a New Jersey attic. Among the documents was Charles Lamar's letter book, confirming him as the author. The seventy long-lost letters included in Mr. Jordan's book shed light on the lead-up to the Civil War from the remarkable perspective of a troubled, and troubling, figure.

Mr. Jordan donated the collection of ledgers, letters, and other documents dating from 1836 to 1926 to the Georgia Historical Society - which they

described as a "national treasure." He has published articles in the *Georgia Historical Quarterly* and the *Journal of Military History*.

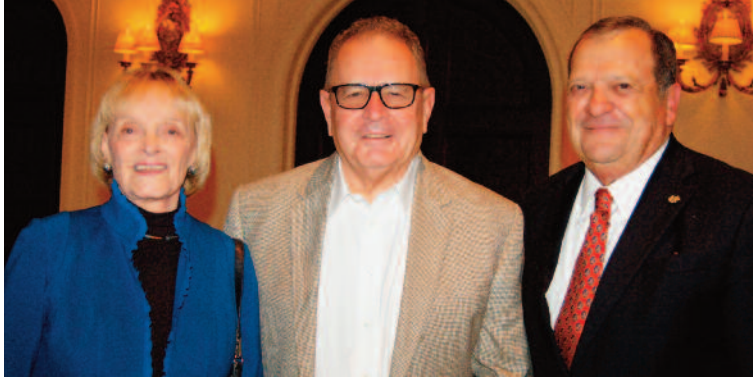
The membership meeting and lecture will be held at the A.W. Jones Heritage Center on Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 6 p.m. Society members attend free of charge. The cost for non-members is \$10.

Registration is required by visiting coastalgeorgiahistory.org or calling (912) 634-7090.

Annual Meeting Review

Donald L. Miller, Ph.D., renowned author and historian, spoke at the Society's Annual Meeting in The Cloister Ballroom on Sea Island on Sunday, January 21.

In a lecture based on his critically acclaimed book, *Supreme City: How Jazz Age Manhattan Gave Birth to Modern America*, Dr. Miller examined the transformative decade of the 1920s when New York City became the cultural and commercial center of the country. Over 250 members and guests were in



ABOVE: SOCIETY BOARD MEMBER SALLY HAWIE, GUEST SPEAKER DONALD L. MILLER, AND SOCIETY MEMBER ED HAWIE.

attendance. If you missed the meeting, you can view the program on our website and pick up the 2017 Annual Report in the Society's administrative office.

Welcome to Our New Society Members!

Thank you to the Keepers of the Light who have generously upgraded their membership.

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Bonney and Billy Shuman
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Welcome New Members

Keeper of the Light Sustainer

Wycliffe DeLong
Alice Glenn

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In Memory of Mildred Lines

by

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Family, Kim Turk, Lee Wilder,
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Mary Lines Thrash

In Honor of Jack Claiborne, WWII Navy Veteran

by

Brenda and Tom Haughney

In Honor of Linda and Tom Heagy

by

Julie and Eric Epstein, Wilma Smelcer

In Honor of David Webster

by

Brett and Molly Nobles

2018 ANNUAL MEETING

Awards

RECIPIENTS

Cunningham Bowl

Since 1978, the Cunningham Bowl has been awarded to a volunteer who has performed exemplary service to the Society in the previous year. **This year's recipient is John J. "Jack"**

O'Hagan. Jack has been volunteering for the

Society for a number of years. As a museum docent, he always greets our visitors with a smile and an interesting story. As a volunteer in the Archaeology Lab, he assists with artifact cleanup and projects in the field. Jack is a World War II veteran, and truly exemplifies the spirit of that generation. The Society is appreciative to Jack for the many hours of volunteer service he performs each year, as well as his service to our country during World War II.



ABOVE, LEFT TO RIGHT: MIMI ROGERS, CURATOR; IRWIN R. BERMAN, MD, RECIPIENT OF THE 2017 RODRIGUEZ SERVICE AWARD; SHERRI JONES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; JOHN J. O'HAGAN, RECIPIENT OF THE 2017 CUNNINGHAM BOWL

been a friend and supporter of the Society for decades. Irwin was on the Board of Directors for many years and his guidance was crucial to the Society receiving its first museum accreditation. He was instrumental in securing the old post office site for the Society's headquarters – the A.W. Jones Heritage Center. And Irwin's affinity for the Historic Coast Guard Station led to his support of its restoration in 2004, as well as his encouragement, help, and support as we create the World War II Home Front Museum. We are deeply grateful for Irwin's passion and enthusiasm for the Society and our projects.

Both awards are on display in the lobby of the A.W. Heritage Center.

Rodriguez Service Award

Established in 2010, the Rodriguez Service Award honors acts of stewardship and service of staff, Board members, and individuals serving in an official capacity to the Society.

This year's recipient, Irwin R. Berman, MD, has

Collection Highlights

Curious about what's in the Society's archives? The Society's archival collection contains over 15,000 items related to Coastal Georgia history and culture. Under the Learn tab on our website, the Collection Highlights page features a brief history of several objects with audio clips narrated by Buddy Sullivan, the Society's Senior Historian.



SURVEYING LEVEL USED BY FERNANDO TORRAS, ENGINEER OF THE BRUNSWICK-ST. SIMONS CAUSEWAY C. 1920. MANUFACTURED BY BAUSCH AND LOMB OPTICAL CO. GIFT OF ROBERT TORRAS, SR., SON OF FERNANDO.

Update: World War II Home Front Museum

Thank you to all our members and friends for their generous support of the new World War II Home Front Museum at the Historic Coast Guard Station. The final design phase is nearing completion and we are working with Gallagher & Associates and 1220 Exhibits, fabricators from Nashville, TN, to bring the designs to life. Currently, Landmark Preservation is working on building modifications, restrooms, and the Education Building addition. The museum is on track to open in October 2018.

Museum Research

An exciting part of the research for the World War II Home Front Museum has been finding fascinating stories of the brave men and women of the military who passed through our naval stations. We connected with Seth Burgess and John Fahey to learn their accounts of military service in Glynn County during the war.

Burgess, now 92 and living in Texas, attended the Naval Radar Training School at the King & Prince Hotel. He has been able to clarify exactly how the training was conducted, who participated, and their roles. With his insight, we are recreating the radar training room complete with an interactive experience.

Now 95, Fahey was an airship (blimp) pilot stationed at Glynnco from 1943 to 1946. He wrote a memoir detailing his time as a young Navy officer and recounting stories of his war years spent escorting supply convoys along the Atlantic coast. His experiences will be documented in the museum gallery dedicated to the ZP-15 Blimp Squadron.



History Day at Oglethorpe Point Elementary

On February 2, Society volunteer Cesar Rodriguez and Education Director Sandy Jensen participated in the annual Georgia History Day at Oglethorpe Point Elementary School. Special thanks to Cesar who has represented the Society at Oglethorpe for about 10 years.

The fourth grade students were very interested in their presentation on the history and science of lighthouses, which featured the St. Simons Lighthouse.

Staff News

Curt Smith has retired after 10 years with the Society. Curt held a number of positions including Events Coordinator, Facilities Manager, and Store Manager. He coordinated our annual Holiday Open House, arranged book signings with local authors, scheduled bus tours, was our "in house" floral designer, and was the buyer for all our wonderful store items. We thank Curt for his service to the Society. We wish Curt the best in his retirement!

2018 Little Light Music Concerts



May 13	The Tams
June 10	Loose Chain
July 1	Still Cruzin'
Sept. 2	Sensational Sounds of Motown

Every summer, residents and visitors gather on the oceanfront lawn beneath the Lighthouse for the sounds, sea breezes, and fun of the Little Light Music Summer Concert Series. Bring family, friends, a picnic supper, and lawn chairs for this St. Simons Island tradition! *This season, there will not be an August concert.*

Concerts are from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults; children under 12 and Keepers of the Light are admitted free of charge. Tickets may be purchased in advance in the Museum Store (beginning in April) or at the gate the evening of the concert. Check our website or Facebook page for news and weather updates during the concert season.

The Society is grateful for the support of the following sponsors of the 2018 Little Light Music concerts:

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Calendar of Events

May 10

Spring Membership Meeting
"The Search for the Missing Letter-Book"
Jim Jordan
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Journeys

March 29

Cumberland Island National Seashore:
A History of Conservation Conflict
Lary Dilsaver, Ph.D.
6 p.m. ■ A.W. Jones Heritage Center
CGHS members free ■ Non-members \$10

April 11

Cumberland Island Field Trip
7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Departing from the A.W. Jones Heritage Center
\$115 per person

Most events require pre-registration. For more information on programs and the Society's hours of operation, please call (912) 634-7090 or visit coastalgeorgiahistory.org.



New Society Board Members Elected

At its Annual Meeting on January 21, the Society announced the election of three new Board members: Jan Payne, Bill Stembler, and Mary Schellhorn.

The Society bids farewell and extends special thanks to Ellen Fleming and Bill Jones III who completed their terms of service on the Board.

LEFT TO RIGHT: JAN PAYNE, BILL STEMBLER, AND MARY SCHELLHORN.

Journeys 2018

On Thursday, March 29, Lary Dilsaver, Ph.D., will present a program on the complex and fascinating process of converting a privately-owned refuge into a national seashore, based on his book *Cumberland Island National Seashore: A History of Conservation Conflict*.

The field trip to Cumberland Island is scheduled for April 11. It will include private ferry to both Plum Orchard and Sea Camp Docks. Guided walking tours will be offered at two of the Carnegie family homes on the island, Plum Orchard Mansion and the ruins of Dungeness. The tour of Plum Orchard is approximately 1 hour and offers a glimpse into life on the island at the turn of the 20th century. The tour of Dungeness is approximately 1.5 hours walking from the Sea Camp dock through the picturesque ruins of Thomas and Lucy Carnegie's winter home.



"Cumberland Island National Seashore: A History of Conservation Conflict"

Lecture by Dr. Lary Dilsaver

Thursday, March 29, 6 p.m.

A.W. Jones Heritage Center

Society Members Free ■ Non-Members \$10



Cumberland Island Field Trip

Wednesday, April 11

7 a.m. - 5 p.m. ■ \$115 per person

Includes round-trip motor coach transportation from the A.W. Jones Heritage Center, private ferry from St. Marys to Cumberland Island, park fees, expert guided tours of Plum Orchard and Dungeness, and lunch.

Visit coastalgeorgiahistory.org or call (912) 634-7090 to register for these events.



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