

St. Simons Light



A.W. Jones Heritage Center
610 Beachview Drive
St. Simons Island

Offices: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., M-F
Store: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., M-Sat
1:30 p.m. – 5 p.m., Sun

Lighthouse Museum
101 12th Street
St. Simons Island

10 a.m. – 5 p.m., M-Sat
1:30 p.m. – 5 p.m., Sun
Last Climb: 4:30 p.m.

Historic Coast Guard Station
Closed for site work.

Museum Admission Fees
\$12 for Adults
\$5 for Ages 6-15
Children under 6 free.
No Admission charge
for CGHS members

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2018 CHAUTAUQUA LECTURE SERIES

For Better, For Worse:

Exploring History through Four Compelling Relationships

This year's Chautauqua Series will focus on four historically significant couples with ties to Coastal Georgia and will examine the challenges they faced during their lives together.

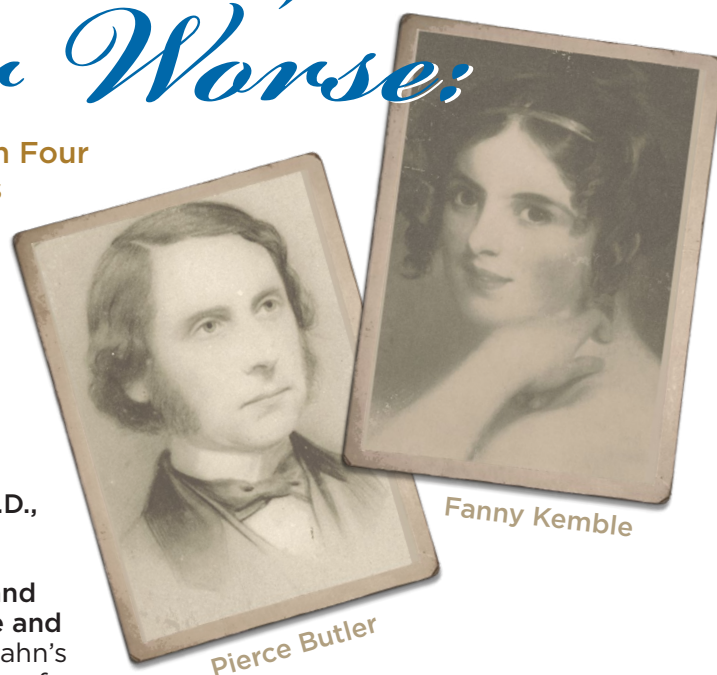
Historian Steven C. Hahn, Ph.D., will kick off the series on **Thursday, August 2, with a program entitled "Branded and Stigmatized: Mary Musgrove and Thomas Bosomworth."** Dr. Hahn's biography, *The Life and Times of*

Mary Musgrove, unraveled the story of one of colonial Georgia's most fascinating characters. Born to a Creek mother and an English father, Musgrove became a key player in the realms of trade and diplomacy, which were typically dominated by men. She and her third husband, Thomas Bosomworth, an agent of Indian affairs for General Oglethorpe who became an Anglican priest, asserted her rights to three islands and other land, and she was eventually granted St. Catherines Island.

Dr. Hahn is a professor of history and department chair at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. He holds a master's degree from the University of Georgia and a doctorate from Emory University.

On August 9, Daniel Kilbride, Ph.D., will present "A Marriage Not Made in Heaven: Fanny Kemble and Pierce Butler." While researching his book, *An American Aristocracy: Southern Planters in Antebellum Philadelphia*, Dr. Kilbride became acquainted with the ill-fated marriage of Fanny Kemble to Pierce Mease Butler. He later wrote the essay on Kemble entitled "Becoming Georgian" for UGA Press's *Georgia Women: Their Lives and Times*.

Dr. Kilbride received his Ph.D. from the University of Florida and is professor of history at John Carroll University near Cleveland, Ohio.



Fanny Kemble

Pierce Butler

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For Better, For Worse:

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Presidential couple Herbert and Lou Hoover will be the subject of the **August 16 lecture**. The Hoovers visited Coastal Georgia as guests of Howard Coffin in 1930. Canadian author **Kenneth Whyte** has recently published a critically acclaimed biography that examines the 31st president's remarkable career. Revered for organizing major relief efforts in Europe during World War I, Hoover was later maligned as president during the Great Depression. At his side in good times and bad was his wife Lou, an accomplished person in her own right. The couple met at Stanford University, where Mrs. Hoover graduated as the only female geology major.

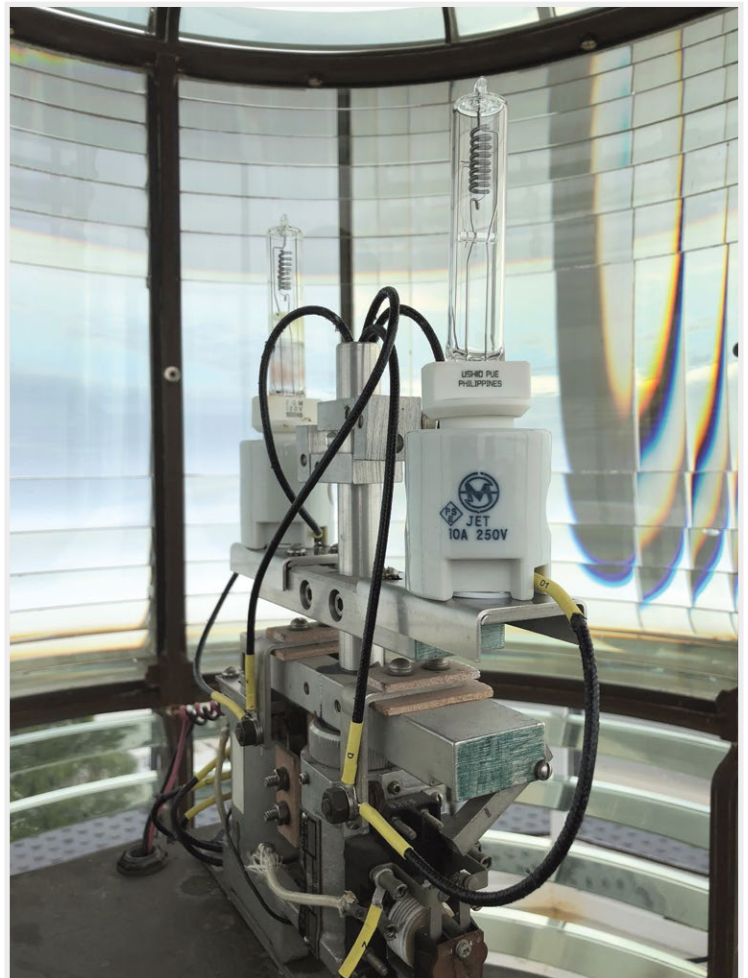
Whyte is the former editor-in-chief of *Maclean's* magazine and author of *The Uncrowned King: The Sensational Rise of William Randolph Hearst*, a *Washington Post* Book of the Year.

The series will close on **August 23** with a lecture on the relationship between American artist Maxfield Parrish and his wife Lydia. In the early 20th century, St. Simons Island became a seasonal refuge for Lydia Parrish. She developed an interest in the preservation of the Gullah Geechee musical heritage, publishing the landmark *Slave Songs of the Georgia Sea Islands* in 1942. The lecture, **"Getting Away from It All: Maxfield and Lydia Parrish, from New Hampshire to Georgia,"** will be presented by **Sylvia Yount**, the Lawrence A. Fleishman Curator in Charge of the American Wing at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Yount organized a major exhibition on Maxfield Parrish, with accompanying catalog, for the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts in Philadelphia. She holds a Ph.D. and an M.A. in art history from the University of Pennsylvania.

Lectures will take place on Thursday evenings, August 2, 9, 16, and 23 at 6 p.m. in the A.W. Jones Heritage Center Event Hall. The cost for the series is \$50 for members and \$95 for non-members. Reservations are required by visiting coastalgeorgiahistory.org or calling (912) 634-7090.



The 2018 Chautauqua Lecture Series is sponsored by Wells Fargo Advisors



Lighting the Future

Ever since electricity replaced the kerosene lantern that fueled the St. Simons Lighthouse in 1934, many different styles of lightbulbs have kept the tower shining bright. If you have been by the Lighthouse at night recently, you might have noticed some slight changes in the appearance of the light. Over the past few months, the Coast Guard Auxiliary Lighthouse Crew has been hard at work testing different illumination options, including LEDs. They needed a new bulb that would replicate the historic look of the light while maintaining the navigational aid for the Harbor Pilots and other mariners. This transition was precipitated by the lack of a source for the traditional 1,000-watt incandescent bulbs.

The Coast Guard Aids to Navigation Team, based at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, connected with our local Auxiliary Crew this past May to offer their solution to the lightbulb issue. They had recently transitioned the Amelia Island Lighthouse to a new system, and brought a pair of 1,000 watt halogen bulbs for our Lighthouse. The St. Simons Crew has since adapted the wiring to ensure that the backup lightbulb system works and that it can be hooked to a generator during electricity blackouts. Thanks to their innovation, the Lighthouse will continue to shine brightly!

World War II Home Front Museum

On April 22, at an event honoring the Society's Keepers of the Light, Executive Director Sherri Jones, Board President Lewis Glenn, and Campaign Chairman Duane Harris made a surprise statement revealing they have raised over \$3.6 million, completing the 18-month long capital campaign to fund the new museum. The Society is grateful to our members for their generous gifts and loyal support.

You may notice activity taking place at the Coast Guard Station. The Boathouse porch is being enclosed, the Terry Thomas Education Pavilion is under construction, and restrooms are being built. Behind the scenes, researchers on staff at the Society and Gallagher & Associates have been working to complete the exhaustive research for each content area.



Maxine Lincoln discusses Naval Air Station St. Simons.

Additionally, the Society has been recording oral histories for our archives and for use in the museum. Two recent recordings feature John Fahey and Maxine Lincoln. Fahey, now 95, was an airship pilot stationed at Naval Air Station Glynco. His oral history details his time as a young Navy officer and recounts stories of his war years spent escorting supply convoys along shipping lanes near the southern coast. Lincoln is from Centralia, Missouri. Having seen news of our Museum, she contacted Curator Mimi Rogers to share her story. Lincoln accepted a position as a teacher in Brunswick, and met her husband while he was serving as a pilot in combat simulations at Naval Air Station St. Simons.

Journeys Field Trip to Cumberland Island



As part of the third annual Journeys series, Society members took a field trip to Cumberland Island. The group toured Plum Orchard and had the option of hiking to the Beach or Dungeness. We look forward to where next year's Journeys will take us!

Program Registration Reminder

Since we have limited capacity and our events fill up quickly, early registration is encouraged. If you make a reservation and then cannot attend, please let us know so someone on our waiting list can fill your spot.

Staff News

The Society is excited to introduce our new Events Coordinator, Jessica Aldridge. If you are looking for event space for a wedding, party, luncheon or corporate function, please contact Jessica at (912) 506-0073 or jaldridge@coastalgeorgiahistory.org.



Gifts of Stock

Do you know that the Coastal Georgia Historical Society accepts gifts of appreciated stock or securities? Please contact Marsha Johnson at (912) 634-7090 for account information and instructions. And don't forget to let us know so that we can acknowledge your generosity!

Matching Gifts

Would you like to double or even triple the impact of your gift to the Coastal Georgia Historical Society? Many employers sponsor matching gift programs and will match charitable contributions made by their employees, retirees, and/or employees' spouses. Please contact Marsha Johnson at (912) 634-7090 for more information.

Calendar of Events

Little Light Music Concerts

Lighthouse Lawn • 7-9 p.m. • Tickets \$12
Children under 12 and Keepers of the Light are free

July 1

The Funk Brotherhood

September 2

Sounds of Motown

Chautauqua Lecture Series

A.W. Jones Heritage Center Event Hall • 6 p.m.

Cost for the Series:

CGHS Member \$50; Non-members \$95

August 2

"Branded and Stigmatized:

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Steven C. Hahn, Ph.D.

August 9

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Daniel Kilbride, Ph.D.

August 16

"Herbert and Lou Hoover"

Kenneth Whyte

August 23

"Getting Away from It All:

Maxfield and Lydia Parrish,

from New Hampshire to Georgia,"

Sylvia Yount, Ph.D.

Society 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.

Welcome to Our New Society Members!

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

Patron

Sam Franklin
Brenda and Mac Nease

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Nell and Tommy Bradbury
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Welcome New Members

Keepers of the Light

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Memorials Gifts

In Memory of Lillian Boglione
by Wanda Bernhardt

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by Sara Finch

In memory of Mildred Lines
by Lee Troutman

Matching Gifts

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Honoring our Volunteers



Robin White, Janis Rodriguez, Nancy Jenkins, Myrna Crook, Larry Bacon, Patty Mallicote, and Jack O'Hagan

Society volunteers were honored at the annual volunteer appreciation luncheon on April 17. Special recognition was given to those who dedicated over 100 hours of volunteer service in 2017. The commitment of our volunteers makes so much of what we do possible. Thank you!

National History Day

The Coastal Georgia Regional Competition for National History Day, organized annually by the Society, was hosted this year at the Liberty County Performing Arts Center. Out of the student entries that advanced to the Georgia State Competition in Macon, we had an honorable mention in the Junior Individual Exhibit category for Daisy Clay's Berlin Wall project and second place in Senior Papers for Thomas Bordeaux's "Saving the Shops: The Fight to Preserve the Savannah Railroad Complex"! First and second place entries at State go on to the National competition; this is the third year in a row that a Senior Paper from our region has advanced to the highest level.

NATIONAL HISTORY DAY 2018



Let's Stay in Touch!

Don't miss out on Society news! If you haven't received a newsletter or eblast recently, make sure your mailing and email addresses are current by contacting Marsha Johnson at (912) 634-7090.



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