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A.W. Jones Heritage Center

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World War II Home Front Museum Opening December 8

#### **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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The War on All Fronts galleries will immerse visitors in the civilian experience in Coastal Georgia during WWII, including an interactive plane spotting game.

On December 8, the opening of the new World War II Home Front Museum will mark one of the most significant achievements in the Society's 53-year history. Thank you for your enthusiastic support and generosity which have made this ambitious project possible.

Detailing Glynn County's extraordinary role during the war, the Museum will be the only standalone home front museum told from a community's perspective. Remarkably, Glynn County was the only county nationwide to operate three critical facilities – a Liberty shipyard, an airship base, and naval radar training facilities.

Galleries of immersive exhibits will recreate iconic home front scenes such as a store front and a military recruitment office. Interactive experiences will allow visitors to try their hand at plane spotting, directing fighter pilot squadrons using radar technology, and building and tracking a Brunswick Liberty Ship.



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Installation of exhibits has already begun and will be completed in early November. The design and development of the audiovisual elements and interactives are in the final stages. By mid-October, modifications to the historic buildings, along with the addition of detached restrooms, an education pavilion, and an archaeology dig area will be complete. Finishing touches, such as restoring the monumental flagpole and reinstating the Station's aerial identification marker, are in progress to create a completely refreshed and cohesive museum campus. Finally, during November, Sea Island Landscaping will beautify the site with the addition of landscaping and exterior signage - all in preparation for the Grand Opening on December 8.



Simulation rooms, like this one at the King and Prince Hotel, were used to train Navy officers in fighter direction – the use of radar to direct pilots to intercept enemy aircraft.

# We invite members to preview the new Museum on Friday, December 7, between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., before it opens to the general public on December 8.



The Naval Air Station St. Simons gallery recreates the training simulation facilities on the base, and includes an interactive game where visitors see if they have what it takes to become a Fighter Director.

# WE NEED YOU!

We are recruiting volunteer docents for the World War II Home Front Museum! We are looking for enthusiastic individuals who are interested in learning about and sharing our community's home front history. Interviews will take place in October. Please register on our website or contact Sandy Jensen, Education Director, at sjensen@coastalgeorgiahistory.org.

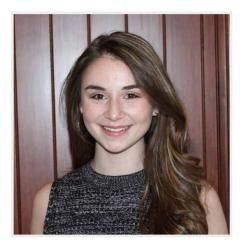
# **Staff Updates**

# The Society welcomes three new members of staff to our professional roster!

In August, Nina Witman joined our staff as Development Coordinator. Nina graduated from the University of Alabama with a double major in Communication Studies and Political Science and served as a Capstone Woman. She has been working at the Birmingham Museum of Art in the Development and Membership Office and has experience working with donor software, grant applications, and planning development-based events/fundraisers. For membership or development assistance, please contact Nina at (912) 634-7096 or nwitman@coastalgeorgiahistory.org.

Sally Parker McLean joined our staff in August as Museum Store Buyer. Sally has over 15 years' experience in retail management in the furniture, home goods, gift, and fashion industries. For the past five years, she has worked as Store Manager at Two Friends in Redfern Village, St. Simons. Sally will be responsible for buying for the Lighthouse Museum Store and the store at the new World War II Home Front Museum. To contact Sally, please email smclean@coastalgeorgiahistory.org.

In September, Kim Campbell began her role as Site Manager for the new World War II Home Front Museum. Kim has as BA in history from Mercer University and an MA in Public History and Historic Preservation from the University of South Carolina. For the past four years, Kim has been working at the Historic Macon Foundation as the Director of Preservation Field Services. As Site Manager, Kim will oversee daily operations at the new museum including visitor services, ticket sales, store sales, programs, housekeeping, safety, and security. She will work with Curator Mimi Rogers to interpret museum collections and oversee collections care and management. She will work with Education Director Sandy Jensen to coordinate visitor and education services including school tours. Kim can be reached at kcampbell@coastalgeorgiahistory.org.





# **Thanks to Our Sponsors**

# Chautauqua Lecture Series: For Better, For Worse: Exploring History through Four Compelling Relationships

The Society would like to thank Wells Fargo Advisors for their sponsorship of the 2018 Chautauqua Lecture Series. Thank you to Kevin Lokey, Marion Moore, and Lucy Thomas for making this year's Lecture Series a success. Lectures are available for viewing on our website or on DVD. You may borrow a DVD by calling Marsha Johnson at (912) 634-7090 or stopping by the Society's administrative offices.



# Little Light Music Concert Series

Another fun-filled Little Light Music Concert Series comes to an end. We would like to thank our wonderful sponsors for the 2018 season. Our sponsors not only help support the concert series, they also partner with us to serve the community.





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# **Upcoming Events**

### **Museum Store Holiday Open House**

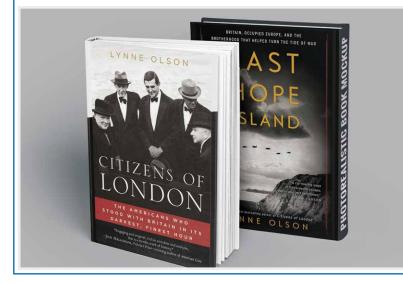
Bring your shopping list and join us for the Holiday Open House from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Saturday, November 17! Our holiday décor will be available for purchase, as well as new gift merchandise.

# An Overview of Coastal Georgia History

Buddy Sullivan will present his six-week history course on Tuesday afternoons January 15 – February 19, 2019, from 4 – 6 p.m. at the A.W. Jones Heritage Center. The cost is \$50 for CGHS members and \$95 for non-members.

## **Annual Membership Meeting**

Lynne Olson will speak at our Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 13, 2019, from 3 - 4 p.m. at The Cloister on Sea Island. Lynne is a *New York Times* Bestselling author of seven books of history, most of which deal with World War II and Britain's crucial role in that conflict. Olson will discuss her books *Citizens of London* and *Last Hope Island*. There is no charge for members. The cost for non-members is \$25.



# **Faithful Volunteers**

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of two of our longest serving volunteers, Jeff Hoffman and Bea Boglione. Jeff was an enthusiastic and loyal school tour docent for many years. He also served as a National History Day judge, providing insightful advice to the performers from his years of experience as an actor. Bea was a steadfast supporter of the Society and was awarded the Cunningham Bowl in 2006. Having volunteered since the 1980s, Bea served in many capacities including treasurer for the Board of Directors, Lighthouse Museum docent and Little Light Music volunteer. Both Jeff and Bea will be dearly missed.



# November 8 Fall Membership Meeting

"World War I: Georgia's Second Great War" Jamil Zainaldin 6 p.m. A.W. Jones Heritage Center Event Hall CGHS members free Non-members \$10

### November 17

## **Holiday Open House**

10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Museum Store

### December 7 Member Preview Day

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. World War II Home Front Museum

### **December 8**

**Grand Opening** 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. World War II Home Front Museum

#### **January 13**

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# January 15- February 19 An Overview of Coastal Georgia History

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All 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.

# Membership Highlights!

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

> John J. O'Hagan Sally and Tommy Stroud

## Welcome New Members

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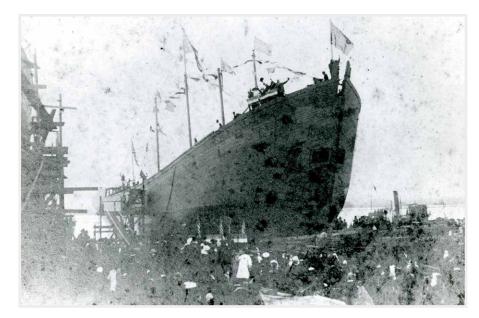
In Memory of Betty Link: Chris Link

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In Memory of Mary Virginia Jones: Betsy and Newell Hamilton

# **Fall Membership Meeting**

## World War I: Georgia's Second Great War



Ship building in Brunswick during World War I.

On Thursday, November 8, Jamil Zainaldin, Ph.D. will present "World War I: Georgia's Second Great War." In commemoration of the 100th anniversary of World War I, Dr. Zainaldin will discuss the impact of the conflict on Georgia.

"For the State of Georgia, the perception of World War I was likely a reminder of the South's experience during the Civil War 50 years earlier," stated Dr. Zainaldin. "Certainly, one connection was the violence and totality of both wars, which marked them as different from all other wars up to that time in history." Dr. Zainaldin's lecture will also examine how the experience of World War I became an occasion for a new creation story that would guide the South, and possibly even the nation, in the new century.

Dr. Zainaldin is the former president of Georgia Humanities. With a Ph.D. in history from the University of Chicago, he has taught at Case Western Reserve, Northwestern University and Emory University, specializing in U.S. history and law. A frequent speaker and writer, Dr. Zainaldin has authored or co-authored two books on the history of American law.

The membership meeting will be held at the A.W. Jones Heritage Center on Thursday, November 8 at 6 p.m. Members attend free of charge and the cost for non-members is \$10. Registration is required by visiting coastalgeorgiahistory.org or calling (912) 634-7090.

# **Membership Update**

On January 1, 2019, new membership benefits will take effect. Please visit our website or contact Nina Witman at (912) 634-7096 or nwitman@coastalgeorgiahistory.org for more details.



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