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> Lighthouse Museum 101 12th Street St. Simons Island

World War II Home Front Museum 4201 1st Street, East Beach St. Simons Island

Museum Hours of Operation 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., M-Sat 1:30 p.m. - 5 p.m., Sun Last tickets sold: 4:30 p.m.

Museum Admission Fees

Single Tickets \$12 Adults \$6 Ages 6-12

Combined Tickets \$20 Adults \$10 Ages 6-12

\$2 Military discount with ID

Children under 6 and Society members are admitted free of charge.

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Journeys 2019 Little St. Simons Island





SPECIAL EDITION

Sometimes the most interesting journeys are not so far from home. With this in mind, our 2019 Journeys program will feature a unique opportunity to venture to a seldom-visited area of our neighboring island to the north. During the 19th century, Little St. Simons Island was part of the plantation system of the Pierce Butler family. A day trip to the island will be combined with a lecture about plantation slavery based on the groundbreaking research of an archaeologist whose distinguished career is rooted in Coastal Georgia.

On Wednesday, March 20, Theresa Singleton, Ph.D., will present a lecture on what archaeology reveals about the lives of enslaved peoples, both in the southern United States and the Caribbean. Dr. Singleton is Professor of Anthropology at Syracuse University, having received her doctorate from the University of Florida. She began her study of slavery in Coastal Georgia and wrote her dissertation on the Butler Island Plantation near Darien.

Two field trips to Little St. Simons will be offered. Dr. Singleton will accompany our group on Thursday, March 21. A second trip is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, and will also be led by an expert. Each trip will include a visit to the maritime forest on the north end of the island and to the site known as Quash's House, which was examined by archaeologists in the 1990s. Quash was an enslaved worker who lived on Little St. Simons when Fanny Kemble visited the island in

Membership Highlights!

Thank you to those who have generously upgraded their membership.

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Memorial Gifts

In memory of Fred H. Pilgrim Jr. Mary and Jimmy Gash

In memory of Amous Norris Patricia and R.M. Roderick

In memory of Edith H. Cook Manson Steuart



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1839. Following lunch, the day will conclude with a trip to the beach, accompanied by a Little St. Simons naturalist.

Please be advised that the tour will include at least one mile of walking on unpaved roads and pathways. We will use Little St. Simons vehicles for transportation, which have open-air seating on benches in the back of a pick-up truck.

We recommend that you consult the weather forecast and dress comfortably for being outdoors. A long sleeve shirt, pants, and comfortable shoes are suggested. Items you may want to bring include a hat, sunglasses, and camera. If you have any dietary restrictions, please let us know upon making a reservation.

Due to the limited capacity of transportation, we expect the tour to sell out quickly, so please book early.

"Rediscovering Slave Lives through Archaeology "

Lecture by Theresa Singleton, Ph.D.

Wednesday, March 20, 6 p.m.

A.W. Jones Heritage Center Society Members Free • Non-Members \$10

Little St. Simons Island Field Trips

Thursday, March 21, 10:15 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 9, 10:15 a.m. - 4 p.m. Departs from Hampton River Marina 1000 Hampton River Club Marina Drive \$85 per person

Includes boat transportation to and from the Island, lunch, and a tour led by an expert and Little St. Simons Staff.

To register, visit coastalgeorgiahistory.org or call (912) 634-7090.

Shared Vision Award

Coastal Georgia Historical Society is thrilled to have won an award at the 2019 Golden Isles Hospitality Celebration! This event recognizes those who go above and beyond and significantly influence and impact the Golden Isles hospitality industry and community as a whole. The Society won the Shared Vision Award for our work on the World War II Home Front Museum. This award honors an individual or group who has not only adopted the community's shared vision statement, but fully embodies that vision in accomplishing collective area success.

Grand Opening Celebration



The World War II Home Front Museum opened on Saturday, December 8. In celebration, the Society hosted a special event that morning for those involved in helping create the Museum. Over 250 people attended, and the program included remarks by Gallagher & Associates President, Patrick Gallagher, and a keynote address by Rob Citino, Ph.D., Senior Historian of the National World War II Museum. This completed a series of opening events, which included a reception for major donors, a preview day for Society members, and an event for Keepers of the Light.

The new museum has opened to rave reviews from members, donors, our local community and the press. An article by AP Reporter Russ Bynum was picked up by 50 media outlets across the country.

The most heartwarming reactions of all have come from those who entrusted their family treasures and stories to the Historical Society to help tell the Home Front story.







1. Patrick Gallagher thanks veterans for their service to our country. 2. Society President Lewis Glenn with his wife Nancy and former Board President Anne Stembler. 3. Guests learn about the sinking of S.S. *Oklahoma* from Mark Daniel (far right), grandson of the ship's captain. 4. Lead donors Pete (far left) and Ada Lee Correll (3rd from left) with campaign committee members (left to right) Linda Heagy, Duane Harris, Gene Rackley, and John Dunham. *Additional photos of the event can be found on our website.*



5. Mimi Rogers and former shipyard worker Ida Mae Lawson, with her granddaughter Dana Beckham, launch the museum by breaking a champagne bottle.
6. Dick and Lucy Glasebrook test their skills at the radar training interactive.
7. Mike Fox, Sherri Jones, and Dave Fox in the Battle of the Atlantic Gallery.
8. Keynote Speaker Rob Citino discusses the Home Front's Arsenal of Democracy.
9. Personal story contributor Emerson Mungin (far right) with his wife Jennifer (2nd from right), James E. Mungin-Bey, and Margaret Holmes.
10. Former Navy officer Seth Burgess describes his radar training at the King and Prince Hotel.

Annual Meeting Review



Jim Rehlaender, Annual Meeting speaker Lynne Olson, New Board Member Janis Rehlaender

On Sunday, January 13, Lynne Olson, renowned author and historian, spoke at the Society's Annual Meeting at The Cloister on Sea Island. In a lecture based on her highly acclaimed book, *Citizens of London*, Olson described Britain during the critical time before America entered World War II.

During the business portion of the meeting, Board President Lewis Glenn thanked outgoing Board Members Ralph Jernigan, Brenda Jones, Cindy Rackley, Janis Rodriguez, and Hillary Stringfellow for their years of service. He also welcomed new Board Members Keith Calhoun, David Furnish, Lucy Glasebrook, and Janis Rehlaender. Approximately 400 members and guests were in attendance. The following awards were presented at the meeting:

Cunningham Bowl

Since 1978, the Cunningham Bowl has been awarded to a volunteer in recognition of exemplary service to the Society in the previous year. This year's recipient is Patricia Overholt. Pat has been an outstanding volunteer, not just this year, but for many years past. She serves as both a regular docent and a school tour docent at the Lighthouse Museum, and is one of our longest serving volunteers. We greatly appreciate her enthusiasm for history and the positive impression she makes on visitors of all ages.



Mimi Rogers, Pat Overholt, Sandy Jensen

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 award was presented to Duane Harris, Linda Heagy, and Gene Rackley for their extraordinary fundraising efforts for the World War II Home Front Museum. Duane served as Victory Campaign Chair and Linda and Gene served as Co-Chairs of the Major Gifts Sub-Committee. We are deeply grateful for their passion and enthusiasm for the Society and the new Museum.



Mimi Rogers, Gene Rackley, Linda Heagy, Sherri Jones, Duane Harris

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



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