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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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History and Music of the War of 1812 and the Heroic Age

This April, the Tall Ship Lynx once again returns to the waters of Glynn County! And this time, her crew will make a presentation at the Coastal Georgia Historical Society. On Thursday, April 25, Captain Don Peacock and Troubadour Bill Schustik of the Tall Ship Lynx will present "History and Music of the War of 1812 and the Heroic Age" at the Society's Spring Membership Meeting. This program will explore the War of 1812 and the Battle of Nantucket with the music of the era woven throughout. Information about the local impact of the war will also be featured.

The Tall Ship Lynx hails from Nantucket and is a non-partisan, educational organization, dedicated to hands-on educational programs that teach the history of America's struggle to preserve its independence. The ship is an interpretation of an actual square topsail schooner named Lynx built by Thomas Kemp in 1812 in Fell's Point, Maryland. She was among the first ships to defend American freedom by evading the British naval fleet then blockading American ports and serving in important privateering efforts. The program on April 25 will describe the dangers of running the blockade, which led to the capture of Lynx after less than a year of service.

Membership Highlights!

Thank you to those who have generously upgraded their membership.

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A bequest from the estate of Laura Wallace

Spring Membership Meeting—Tall Ship Lynx



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The membership meeting will be held at the A.W. Jones Heritage Center on Thursday, April 25 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.

The Tall Ship Lynx is appearing in the Golden Isles to further Maritime education and awareness. For those interested in touring the ship, the Lynx will offer free dockside tours at both the St. Simons Pier and Brunswick Landing Marina. The ship's crew will also offer ticketed daily public afternoon and evening sails. Please visit the Lynx's Facebook page or website, **tallshiplynx.org**, for information on ticket availability and pricing.

A Beacon of Preservation

A preservation project at the Keeper's Dwelling, coordinated by CGHS Board Member Kay Cantrell, was completed during January. All exterior wood and metal elements were cleaned and painted, the interior wood floors were cleaned and waxed, and one of the early 19th century shutters was repaired to remove rot.

Also during January and early February, the ramp leading into the Lighthouse was redesigned to comply with current federal ADA standards and to improve accessibility for our visitors. The ramp was stabilized, the landing was expanded, the handrail was replaced with a metal handrail, and all metal screws were replaced with stainless steel screws.

Both projects were funded by the Keeper's Dwelling Endowment, established during the restoration campaign in 2014.

Heritage Day at Oglethorpe Point Elementary



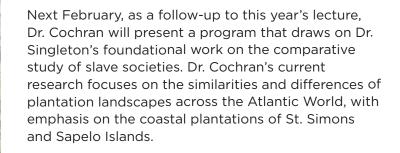
On February 1, Society volunteer Cesar Rodriguez, Education Director Sandy Jensen, and World War II Home Front Museum Site Manager Kim Campbell participated in the annual Heritage Day at Oglethorpe Point Elementary School. Cesar and Sandy spoke to fourth grade students about the St. Simons Lighthouse. Kim spoke to fifth grade students about the Coast Guard's role during World War II.

2019 Journeys, Continued

On March 20, Dr. Theresa Singleton presented "Rediscovering Slave Lives through Archaeology" for our 2019 Journeys Lecture. This program brought together archaeologists with deep backgrounds in the study of coastal history. Attending Dr. Singleton's lecture were the Society's consulting archaeologist Dr. Nick Honerkamp, former CGHS archaeology intern Scott Clark, who is pursuing a master's degree in anthropology at Georgia Southern, and Dr. Lindsey Cochran, anthropology/archaeology instructor at the University of Tennessee.



Pictured above: Nick Honerkamp, Theresa Singleton, Scott Clark, Lindsey Cochran, and CGHS Board Member Myrna Crook.



Pictured to the left: Little St. Simons Island Ecological Manager Scott Coleman described Fanny Kemble's 1839 day trip to the island during the Society's Journeys field trip in March.



Little Light Music Concert Series



Every summer, residents and visitors gather on the oceanfront lawn beneath the Lighthouse for the Little Light Music Concert Series. Bring your family, friends, a picnic supper, and lawn chairs for this fun St. Simons Island tradition!

Concerts are from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$15 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 or at the gate the evening of the concert (cash or check only). Check our website or Facebook page for news and weather updates during the concert season.

May 19	The Tams
June 16	Loose Chain
July 14	The Funk Brotherhood
Sept. 1	Sensational Sounds of Motown

The Society is grateful for the support of the following sponsors of the 2019 Little Light Music concerts:



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Calendar of Events

April 25

Spring Membership Meeting "History and Music of the War of 1812 and the Heroic Age"

Captain Don Peacock and Troubadour Bill Schustik of the Tall Ship Lynx 6 p.m. • A.W. Jones Heritage Center CGHS members free; non-members \$10

Little Light Music Concerts

7-9 p.m. • Lighthouse Lawn Adults \$15; Children under 12 and Keepers of the Light are free

> May 19 The Tams

June 16 Loose Chain

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.

Staff News

Kathy O'Brien, Museum Store Manager, has retired after 10 years with the Society. We thank Kathy for her service, and she will be missed by all! We welcome Ben Sterling as the new Store Manager. Ben graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and has many years of retail management and customer service experience. His focus will be creating an environment that is conducive to the best visitor experience possible. A new mission statement has been adopted: The Museum Stores create a welcoming introduction to Coastal Georgia Historical Society and its Museums by offering thoughtful orientation and compelling, relevant merchandise that are informed by the history and culture of Coastal Georgia.

The Front Lines at the Home Front Museum



Since opening to the public on December 8, we have been busy at the World War II Home Front Museum! Thank you for the years you spent supporting us while the Museum was under development and for your incredible support since opening.

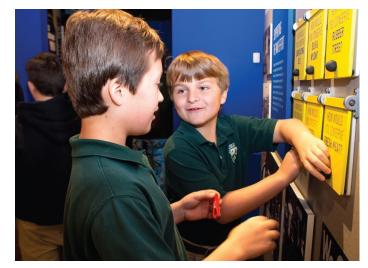
We have seen 6,000 visitors through the end of March! We've also had wonderful support from local community leaders and organizations. The Glynn County Board of Commissioners, Golden Isles Convention and Visitors Bureau staff, and hospitality industry leaders have toured the Museum and are helping spread the word about this new cultural attraction.

The staff is working diligently on new programming, including school tours. Students from Risley Middle,

Frederica Academy (pictured here), and Satilla Marsh Elementary have been some of the first to visit. During the summer, we are offering Glynn County teachers free admission to encourage them to visit the new museum, and bring their classes during the 2019-2020 school year.

Since January 15, volunteer Storytellers have been sharing their memories of serving abroad and on the Home Front during World War II. Museum visitors have been delighted to hear these personal accounts of the war years. Jack O'Hagan has shared what it was like to find himself in the Battle of the Bulge as an Army Combat Engineer, while Jim Atwood recalled serving stateside in Navy hospitals. Other Storytellers remember serving on Liberty ships, scrapping for the war effort, and working in the J.A. Jones Shipyard. Storytellers are in the museum every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon. Please drop by and talk with these incredible individuals.

If you or someone you know would like to take part in our Storytellers program and share memories of World War II on the Home Front or abroad, please contact Kim Campbell, Museum Site Manager, at **(912) 634-7091** or **kcampbell@coastalgeorgiahistory.org.**





Leave a Lasting Mark

Naming opportunities at the World War II Home Front Museum are a meaningful way to honor loved ones, while also celebrating and preserving the history of Coastal Georgia. Benches, trees, exhibits, and museum interactives are available for naming. All proceeds will fund an endowment to maintain the Coast Guard Station and boathouse. Please contact our Membership/ Development Coordinator Nina Witman at (912) 634-7096 or nwitman@coastalgeorigahistory.org if you are interested in learning more.



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