

ANNUAL MEETING AND 2019 REPORT TO MEMBERS THE CLOISTER | SEA ISLAND, GEORGIA | JANUARY 19, 2020



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# ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM



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The mission of the Historical Society is to tell the inspiring stories of Coastal Georgia through the collections and historic structures entrusted to its care. Our purpose is to preserve and share these cultural resources, which illuminate our past and give meaning and value to the present and future.

Adjourn

Kevin Lokey

# FEATURED SPEAKER: ED CAESAR



#### THE EPIC HUNT FOR A LOST WORLD WAR II AIRCRAFT CARRIER

On September 15, 1942, in the South Pacific, three Japanese torpedoes slammed into the US aircraft carrier *Wasp*, setting off a series of explosions, followed by uncontrollable fires. Thirty-five minutes after impact, Captain Forest P. Sherman gave the order to abandon ship. The irreparably damaged ship drifted until nightfall, when the destroyer USS *Lansdowne* was ordered to torpedo and sink the *Wasp*. Almost 200 sailors had perished. Among the dead were young men from Atlanta, Dalton, and Tifton, Georgia.

In 2019, the Research Vessel *Petrel* located the *Wasp*, resting at a depth of 13,800 feet in the Coral Sea. British journalist Ed Caesar spent two weeks with the expedition and witnessed the discovery of the *Wasp*. In today's presentation, Caesar will describe the fascinating hunt for the carrier. The *Petrel* was retrofitted by Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen in 2016 to search for historically significant wrecks located in deep waters and challenging conditions.

Caesar is highly acclaimed for his in-depth feature stories on a wide variety of topics, including Russian oligarchs, African civil wars, and Stonehenge. He has contributed to *The New Yorker, The New York Times Magazine, The Atlantic*, and *Smithsonian*. His award-winning book *Two Hours: The Quest to Run the Impossible Marathon* explores the history, science, and psychology of professional marathon running. Named the Foreign Press Association's Journalist of the Year in 2014, he has won nine journalism awards.

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Serving as President of the Coastal Georgia Historical Society Board of Directors is an amazing honor. We have seen the leadership of Executive Director Sherri Jones and curator Mimi Rogers transform the Society over the last ten years into an organization of exceptional distinction. They have assembled an extraordinary staff and a dynamic Board that continues to expand the Society's vision and mission.

As 2019 comes to an end, it is with great pleasure that I share the wonderful successes of the Society. The opening of the World War II Home Front Museum and its first full year of operation exceeded all expectations. More than 19,000 individuals have toured this world-class museum with rave reviews! The vision and determination of Sherri and Mimi to convert the Historic Coast Guard Station on St. Simons Island, Georgia into this unique, one-of-a-kind museum experience has blessed this community with a treasure.

The Society continues to provide amazing programs and entertainment to the community. The Chautauqua Lecture Series was attended by a sold out crowd. Membership meetings and a history course were all at capacity and the Little Light Music Series was a success with the exception of Hurricane Dorian causing the cancellation of our last concert. We are very grateful for the commitment and financial support of our members and corporate sponsors.

The Society's Board and its staff, led by Dr. Valerie Hepburn as our consultant, have spent the last six months discussing and developing a five-year strategic plan to ensure the Society's direction and future. Membership surveys and extensive Board and staff discussions aided in the development of an aggressive, yet achievable, strategic plan that will see the Society into 2025. Some of the plan's highlights include: enriching the collections, expanding our capacity to educate and engage communities, and ensuring the sustainability of our national treasures. We look forward to providing you with a detailed look of the Society's strategic plan in the spring!

I would like to extend a special thank you to Kay Cantrell, Mike Martin, Janis Rodriguez, and the late Sally Hawie for their devotion and commitment to the Society's Board of Directors. Their time, talents, and resources have certainly enhanced this Historical Society. We are deeply saddened by Sally's passing the week of Thanksgiving. She was a wonderful person who will be greatly missed.

I look forward to working with our new Board members Michelle Johnston, Susan Myers, and Mike Hodges in 2020.

The cultural experiences provided by the Society are unparalleled. All of our lives have been and continue to be truly enriched by this organization! We are grateful and appreciative of your continued support. Wishing you all a Happy New Year!

Kevin Lokey President



# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Coastal Georgia Historical Society now oversees not just one, but two self-sustaining stand-alone history museums. The World War II Home Front Museum has both met and exceeded expectations, transforming the Historic Coast Guard Station into a cultural attraction on par with the St. Simons Lighthouse Museum and a truly valuable educational asset. Its successful opening also represents the completion of the Society's 2015-2019 Strategic Plan. As we reflect on the achievements of the past five years, we look forward to the incredible possibilities of the next five years and beyond.

The Home Front Museum has had a wonderful inaugural year, and I am excited to share some of the highlights with you. During the first year, we had 19,577 ticketed visitors, in line with budget figures which assumed half of Lighthouse ticket sales. The new Museum is self-sustaining, with tickets and merchandise sales covering the cost of site operations. Pledge payments due at year-end will eliminate the remaining line of credit on the project.

We are thrilled with the response by locals and visitors! We have received many positive comments and messages from the community thanking the Society for preserving this patriotic and inspiring story and the historic buildings. Visitors love the immersive galleries and interactive exhibits and the recreation of iconic home front scenes such as a bond drive booth and an A&P Food storefront. These experiences are popular with visitors of all ages.

One of my favorite TripAdvisor reviews says, "I learned so much! The interactive exhibits were great and the stories, as told by the participants themselves, were fascinating. This museum shows how our country came together and worked as one body for America. We can learn lessons from that today." (Visitor, TripAdvisor, October 2019)

I am thrilled to report that the Glynn County School System has chosen the new Museum as an approved field trip for 5th, 8th, and 11th grade students, beginning in 2020. This means that potentially 4,000 Glynn County students will visit the Museum every year! In preparation, the Society, Glynn County Schools, and the College of Coastal Georgia have established a partnership to create an exciting new field trip experience. Teacher candidates from the College have created field trip lesson plans for 5th graders in collaboration with the historians and educators at the Society as part of their coursework. The plan is to expand the pilot program to 8th and 11th grades in the future.

In addition to collaborating with local schools, the Museum has created a platform for the Society to build partnerships with museums across the state. We are working with the Museum of Aviation, the National Infantry Museum, the Mighty Eighth Museum, and others to establish a Georgia World War II Heritage Trail. The new Trail was announced at the Governor's Tourism Conference in September and will launch next spring. The member museums will cooperate through programs and marketing initiatives to promote Georgia's rich World War II history and the museums dedicated to preserving and presenting that history.

We sincerely appreciate your belief in our mission, our organization, and the new Home Front Museum. A project of this scale was only possible because of the solid base of support provided by our membership. With your help, not only this community, but also thousands of visitors from across the nation, can now learn how Coastal Georgians joined communities across America to do their part during WWII. The success of the Home Front Museum's first year belongs to you!

After this tremendous achievement, the Board of Directors and staff knew it was important to thoughtfully consider the next steps as we plan for our 60th Anniversary in 2025. To do so, the Board spent the last six months undertaking a strategic review to produce a plan that will focus our efforts during the next five years. The rigorous process included research on peers in the industry, surveying members, visitors, Board, and staff as well as conducting a thorough self-assessment. The Society will unveil the results of this process in the spring with a new, Board-approved strategic plan.

The Society has achieved expansive goals over the past decade – including a fully-functioning headquarters building, a restored historic Lighthouse, a rejuvenated Keeper's Dwelling and Lighthouse Museum, a new Home Front Museum, enhanced collections, successful capital campaigns, new educational offerings, and treasured programs and member services. The future focus will be on Education and Engagement and using our extraordinary resources to touch people across Glynn County, the state, and the nation.

The Coastal Georgia Historical Society is now recognized as one of the premier history institutions in the state — a lofty position requiring vigilance, innovation, and investment to maintain. We must stay forward-looking to uphold this standard and grow the impact of our sites, services, and programs. In a survey response, one member said, "Be open to the future, while honoring the past." We look forward to sharing a vision that builds on our strengths while challenging us to maintain our relevance and standards of excellence.

Sherri Jones Executive Director

# 2019 FINANCIAL REPORT

(Un-Audited)

Operations	
Revenues	\$ 1,456,190
Transfer from General Endowment	\$ 65,000
Expenses (Excluding Depreciation of \$755,007)	\$ (1,541,150)
Net Profit/Loss from Operations	(19,960)
General Endowment	
Beginning of Year Balance	\$ 1,202,552
Net of Transfer to Operating Account	\$ (65,000)
End of Year Balance	1,348,266
St. Simons Lighthouse Museum Preservation Maintenance Fund	
Beginning of Year Balance	\$ 318,527
Net of Transfer for Preservation Projects	\$ (125,860)
End of Year Balance	\$ 258,231
World War II Home Front Museum Preservation Maintenance Fund	
Gifts and Pledges during the year	\$ 83,065
End of Year Balance	\$ 90,290

During 2019, the Society combined the Keeper's Dwelling and Lighthouse Endowments and reclassified them as the St. Simons Lighthouse Museum Preservation Maintenance Fund. The World War II Home Front Museum Preservation Maintenance Fund was also established. Both funds will be used to complete preservation maintenance for the historic buildings.

# 2019: HIGHLIGHTS OF AN EXCITING YEAR

The Society's primary service to the community continues to be providing stewardship and public access to the St. Simons Lighthouse Museum and the World War II Home Front Museum.

#### **Museum Visitation**

General Admission	60,878
Group Tours	194
Participants	2,065
School Tours	77
Children	3.682

#### **Educational Programming**

Attendees at lectures, special tours, and children's

programs 2,917

#### **Events**

Little Light Music
Concert Series Attendees 4,000
Number of Events 50

#### **Programs, Lectures, and Events**

The A.W. Jones Heritage Center serves as the venue for a full schedule of activities and lectures, as well as providing space for the Society's offices, archives, library, the Museum Store, and event rentals.

A preservation project at the Keeper's Dwelling, coordinated by 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 and painted. Also during January and early February, the ADA ramp at the Lighthouse was brought up to federal standards. The work was funded by the Keeper's Dwelling Endowment established during the 2014 restoration campaign.

- In January, the World War II Home Front Museum introduced the **Storytellers Program** on Tuesdays, which continued throughout the year. Each week, volunteers shared their memories of serving abroad and on the Home Front. Museum visitors heard personal accounts of the war years including serving on Liberty ships, what it was like to be in the Battle of the Bulge as an Army Combat Engineer, serving stateside in Navy hospitals, scrapping for the war effort, and working in the J.A. Jones Shipyard.
- The Society's Annual Meeting was held on January 13 at The Cloister on Sea Island. Keynote speaker Lynne Olson presented a lecture entitled "Citizens of London: The Americans Who Helped Britain Survive Its Darkest Hour." 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. Approximately 400 members and guests were in attendance.
- Patricia Overholt was awarded the Cunningham Bowl for exemplary service to the Society during the previous year. Duane Harris, Linda Heagy, and Gene Rackley received the Rodriguez Service Award for extraordinary service during the fundraising campaign for the World War II Home Front Museum. Four new board members were announced at the meeting: Keith Calhoun, David Furnish, Lucy Glasebrook, and Janis Rehlaender.
- Society Senior Historian Buddy Sullivan, presented his annual six-week course, "An Overview of Coastal Georgia's History," January 15 through February 19. The course attracted 130 participants.
- The Society was honored at the 2019 Golden Isles Hospitality Celebration on January 24. 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 the creation of 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.

- 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 **Georgia 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 classes about the Coast Guard's role during World War II.
- The St. Simons Lighthouse Museum and the World War II Home Front Museum participated in the Georgia History Festival's **Super Museum Sunday** on February 10 where we opened the museums free of charge.
- The Society co-sponsored **National History Day** on March 6 with Georgia Humanities and LaGrange College in partnership with Mercer University. Over the course of the school year, students selected a topic related to this year's theme, "Triumph and Tragedy in History." The Coastal Georgia Regional Competition was hosted at the Liberty County Performing Arts Center.
- For the fourth annual **Journeys**, the Society continued the exploration of Georgia's barrier islands with Little St. Simons. On March 20, Theresa Singleton, Ph.D. presented "Rediscovering Slave Lives Through Archaeology," a lecture about what archaeology reveals about the lives of enslaved peoples, both in the southern United States and the Caribbean. There were 200 people in attendance. Two field trips to Little St. Simons Island were offered on March 21 and April 30, and included tours of the 19th century site known as Quash's House.
- Over 50 Society volunteers attended the annual **Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon** on April 17, organized by Board Member
  Janis Rodriguez. Special recognition was given to those who
  dedicated over 100 hours of volunteer service in 2018. Those
  recognized were Larry Bacon, Jim Barnett, Les Breen, Myrna Crook,

Nancy Jenkins, Pat Overholt, Janis Rodriguez, Mary Shell, Anne Thigpen, and Robin White.

- The **Spring Membership Meeting** was held on April 25. Captain Don Peacock and Troubadour Bill Schustik of the Tall Ship *Lynx* presented "History and Music of the War of 1812 and the Heroic Age." The program explored the War of 1812 and the Battle of Nantucket with the music of the era woven throughout. There were 200 members in attendance.
- The Little Light Music Concert Series opened on May 19 with the Tams, followed by Loose Chain on June 16, and the Funk Brotherhood on July 14. Due to the threat of Hurricane Dorian, the Sensational Sounds of Motown concert on September 1 was cancelled. In lieu of rescheduling the last concert, the Society partnered with Christ Church, Elegant Island Living, and other community businesses to put together a benefit concert to raise hurricane relief funds for the Bahamas.

The Series entertained 4,000 concertgoers and generated around \$32,000 for the Society. We are grateful to our generous sponsors: Ameris Bank, Brown-Rose Wealth Management of Morgan Stanley, Elegant Island Living, Moore Stephens Tiller, Ranco Event Rentals, and Sea Island Landscaping.

- In 1994, the U.S. Coast Guard transferred light-keeping duties for the St. Simons Lighthouse to their volunteer branch, the **Coast Guard Auxiliary**. At that time, our local St. Simons Flotilla, led by Jeff Cole and Bob West, organized a small team to provide weekly maintenance and cleaning of the light. The 25th Anniversary of their service was recognized at a reception at the Lighthouse on May 23.
- This summer, Education Director Sandy Jensen and Home Front Museum Site Manager Kim Campbell presented **pop-up programs** at both museums during the week. They took visitors on deeper dives into historical topics featured in the galleries, with a special emphasis on engaging our younger visitors in these subjects.

■ The **2019** Chautauqua Lecture Series, "Georgia Roots, National Influence: Four Noted Americans who called Georgia Home," explored the lives of four Americans with Georgia roots, whose impact on American life was achieved after they left the South. The series attracted 200 attendees per lecture.

On **August 8**, Andrew Phillips, curator of the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library in Staunton, Virginia, kicked off the series with a program entitled "Ellen Axson Wilson: First Georgian in the White House." Though she died during her husband's first term as President, Ellen Wilson, a Georgia native, was an influential force during his rise to power as president of Princeton University and governor of New Jersey.

The topic for the **August 15** lecture was the life and influence of Savannah-born Johnny Mercer, who moved to New York in 1927 and became a leading figure in the American music scene. Perhaps best known for the Academy Award-winning song "Moon River," Mercer wrote lyrics for over a thousand songs, often inspired by his Georgia heritage. Author and historian Glenn Eskew, Ph.D., presented "Johnny Mercer: Southern Songwriter for the World," based on his biography of the same name.

In recognition of our series' inspiration, the **August 22** program featured a Chautauqua-style living history presentation. Humanities scholar and founder of the modern Chautauqua movement, Clay Jenkinson presented "A Beautiful Southern Woman: Martha Bulloch Roosevelt through the Eyes of Her Son Teddy." Jenkinson portrayed the character of Theodore Roosevelt and described the life and influence of the President's mother, Martha "Mittie" Bulloch of Roswell, Georgia. A winner of the National Humanities Medal, Jenkinson is host of the nationally syndicated radio program *The Thomas Jefferson Hour* and author of several books on prominent Americans.

The series concluded on **August 29** with a lecture by Ethan Michaeli entitled "Robert Abbott and the Legendary Newspaper that Changed America." A St. Simons Island native, Robert Abbott founded *The Chicago Defender* in 1905, which achieved the highest circulation of any African-American owned newspaper in the world. Members of the Abbott-Sengstacke family and board members of the Robert S. Abbott Race Unity Institute in Brunswick attended the program. Artist Kevin Pullen's sculpture

of Robert Abbott with *Chicago Defender* newsboys was on display for the lecture. The following day, Michaeli presented programs on Abbott to social studies students at Brunswick High and Glynn Academy. Michaeli is author of the critically acclaimed book, *The Defender: How the Legendary Black Newspaper Changed America*.

The Society is grateful to Wells Fargo Advisors for their generous financial support of the Chautauqua Lecture Series.

- On September 26, the Society hosted a **lecture and book signing** with the Ossabaw Island Education Alliance & Ossabaw Island Foundation. Paul M. Pressly, Ph.D., presented "Interpreting the Human Geography of the Georgia Coast," based on his recent book Coastal Nature, Coastal Culture: Environmental Histories of the Georgia Coast. There were 175 guests in attendance.
- The Museum Store hosted a **Holiday Open House** on November 9 with special events including vendor displays and book signings.
- The Fall Membership Meeting was held on November 14.
  Historian Scott Reynolds Nelson, Ph.D., presented "The Secret Meeting at Jekyll Island and the Creation of the Federal Reserve."
  He discussed the personalities and events that shaped the Federal Reserve Act. There were 200 members in attendance.
- The Society, the College of Coastal Georgia, and the Glynn County Board of Education established a partnership to develop an exciting new field trip experience for fifth grade students at the World War II Home Front Museum. Teacher candidates from the College created field trip lesson plans in collaboration with the historians and educators at the Society as part of their coursework before graduation. On Tuesday, December 10, the soon-to-be teachers presented their plans at the Home Front Museum to fifth graders from Oglethorpe Point Elementary School.
- The Society presented "SSI Archives" each month in *Elegant Island Living* magazine. Produced by Mimi Rogers and Sandy Jensen, these articles on local history featured photographs and artifacts from our collection.

# **ACQUISITIONS**

#### **NEW COLLECTIONS**

**2019.001** Documents pertaining to Lucas & Jenkins –

Dixie Theatre Investment Co., Bijou Theater in Brunswick, GA, and Georgia Theatre

Investment Co.

Donor: The Fox Theatre

2019.002 Postcards: St. Simons Coast Guard Station (2),

circa 1937

Donor: Greg Lunsford

**2019.003** Items pertaining to the St. Simons Lighthouse

property, including plats, letters, quitclaim deeds, from the estate of Joe Biletzskov,

land surveyor

Donor: Linda Stewart

**2019.004** Margaret Davis Cate, *Our Todays and* 

Yesterdays, inscribed by Cate to Lydia Parrish; photograph (1) of house, possibly on St. Simons Island; typewritten note about Pierce Butler, Jr., author unknown; hand-drawn copy of 1805 map of land on St. Simons owned by Wm Page and

Benjamin Cater

Donor: Vernon E. Langford

**2019.005** Aviator's Log Book, cigarette ration card,

identification cards (2) of Lieut. James W. Kielt, U.S. Navy; Booklet: "U.S. Naval Air Station Lakehurst, New Jersey," circa 1943; *National* 

Geographic Magazine, July 1943

Donor: Thea Jarvis

**2019.006** Airship control car seat, Naval Air Station Glynco

Donor: Charles W. Oliver

**2019.007** Postcard: St. Simons Island Lighthouse and

Waycross Colony, 1913 Donor: Norbert G. Raith

**2019.008** Items pertaining to the 2004 G8 Summit held

on Sea Island: booklets, schedules, telephone,

newspapers, and other materials

Donor: Linda Clavin

**2019.009** Boxed set of World War II aircraft identification

View-Master cards, produced for the Army Air Force Flying Training Command, used at Spence Army Airfield, Moultrie, Georgia, 1942

Donor: Lee Jackson Powell

**2019.010** Collection of postcards: scenes/buildings of

Brunswick, St. Simons Island, Sea Island, Jekyll

Island, Darien, and Midway Donor: State Library of Florida

**2019.011** World War II Civil Air Patrol Congressional

Gold Medal awarded to Sam Baker (2)

Donor: Samuel Winn Baker

**2019.012** World War II Women's Land Army Patch,

Donor: Paul W. Meschke Sr.

#### ADDITIONS TO EXISTING COLLECTIONS:

**1998.015** Items pertaining to Cassina Garden Club

history

Donor: Cassina Garden Club

**2018.009** DVDs, 2019 Coastal Georgia Historical Society programs

Annual Meeting: "Citizens of London: The American Who Helped Britain Survive Its Darkest Hour" by Lynne Olson

Journey's lecture: "Rediscovering Slave Lives Through Archaeology" by Theresa Singleton, Ph.D.

Spring Membership Meeting Lecture: "History and Music of the War of 1812 and the Heroic Age" by Captain Don Peacock and Troubadour Bill Schustik of the Tall Ship Lynx

Chautauqua Lecture Series (4): "Georgia Roots, National Influence: Four Noted Americans who called Georgia Home"

Lecture and Book Signing: "Interpreting the Human Geography of the Georgia Coast" by Paul Pressly, Ph.D.

Fall Membership Meeting Lecture: "The Secret Meeting at Jekyll Island and the Creation of the Federal Reserve" by Scott Reynolds Nelson, Ph.D.

#### **EDUCATION COLLECTION:**

World War II War Ration Books No. 3 (3), Technical Manual: The Army Cook (1942), Baking Manual for the Army Cook (1943)

Donor: Marianne Owens

#### **RESEARCH LIBRARY:**

**Book:** High Water on the Bar

by Buddy Sullivan Donor: Buddy Sullivan

**Book:** At the End of the Oaks: The

Official History of Sea Island Golf

Club by Gary A. Galyean

Donor: Sue and Charles Henson

**Booklets:** "Georgia-Sea Island Festival: The

Old and the Young...passing down

the tradition," 1993

"On Christmas Creek: Life on Cumberland Island" by Mary Miller

Donor: Jan Payne

**Booklet:** "Great Moments of the War by

Graflex," 1946

Donor: Paul W. Meschke, Sr.

# THE ARCHAEOLOGY LABORATORY

The laboratory at the Historic Coast Guard Station continues to process and preserve local archaeological collections and provide assistance to scholars, researchers, and the general public. Former interns Scott Clark and Marie Meranda returned to assist in the lab at various times throughout the year. Projects associated with the lab were included in presentations at the Society of Historical Archaeology Annual Conference in January and Southeastern Archaeological Conference in November.

Our dedicated volunteers have contributed both time and financial support. Society board member Myrna Crook donated countless hours to managing the lab according to professional standards and providing educational and research services. Our consulting archaeologist Dr. Nicholas Honerkamp provided guidance throughout the year.

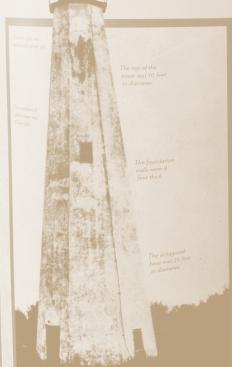
#### Projects during the year have included:

- Administration of an excavation at the 19th century site known as Quash's House, in partnership with Little St. Simons Island. Marie Meranda served as principal investigator on this project to preserve an extant chimney.
- Providing lab facilities and research assistance to Scott Clark, who completed his master's thesis for Georgia Southern University on Native American subsistence strategies, based on an excavation at Cannon's Point Preserve.
- Processing of materials found during University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, field schools investigating an area near the James Oglethorpe home site at Fort Frederica and attempting to locate an enslaved workers' cemetery on Sapelo Island. Students received instruction in lab methods.
- Providing field and lab support for an additional Sapelo Island project to survey an area near the lighthouse.
- Continuing the metal preservation program, including the cleaning of a cannon ball at the request of Fort Frederica.

- Maintaining and expanding the database of all artifacts.
- Updating portable display cases, which were shown at a number of educational programs.
- Providing research assistance to two graduate students, a historian, and an author.
- Assisting with a mock dig for Frederica Academy students.
- Working with Cassina Garden Club on Girl Scout projects.
- Liaising with several southeastern universities and providing educational services to local organizations, including Cannon's Point Preserve, Guale Preserve, and Fort Frederica. Marie Meranda and Scott Clark presented programs at the Golden Isles Archaeological Society.



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# SOCIETY VOLUNTEERS

Since the Society's founding, volunteers have worked diligently to bring our mission to life as the front-line connection with visitors to our Museums. Our successes are due to the dedication, commitment, love of history, and support demonstrated by these faithful stewards. We extend our appreciation to these individuals who continue to devote their time and talent to the work of the Society serving as Museum docents, school tour guides, archives registrars and researchers, event volunteers, administrative volunteers, archaeology lab volunteers, and members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary Lighthouse Crew.

Donna Ainger	Jeff Cole	Kay Holmes	Natalie Messelt	Tish Searcy
Ralph Ainger	George Cressman	Nick Honerkamp	Ed Meyer	Mark Semmelmayer
Pam Allred	Myrna Crook	Grace Hopper	Christine Mulligan	Pamela Sergey
Stanley Altman	Jim DeLong	Billie Huggins	Claudia Mullis	Sara Sheffield
Jim Atwood	Al Dixon	Virginia Jackson	Jack O'Hagan	Bob Shell
Larry Bacon	Dennis Espenschied	Bruce Jacobs	Linda Olsen	Mary Shell
Susan Bacon	John Farmer	Carolyn Janssen	Pat Overholt	Deane Sills
Judith Bagnarozzi	Gail Feddersen	Nancy Jenkins	Jan Payne	Michael Sizemore
Jim Barnett	Jo Fraser	Robert Jenkins	Mike Peck	Brent Taylor
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Jack Brodhag	Joan Harris	Joan Lee	Janis Rodriguez	Billy Wiggins
Linda Bullock	Debby Harrisberger	Bill Leuckle	John Rose	Katelyn Woodford
Steve Bullock	Susan Hartman	Chip Lewis	Marilyn Rose	Frank Worley
Nancy Butler	Randy Hires	Tom Luckstone	Jim Russell	
Nancy Chastain	Deborah Hoffmann	Patty Mallicote	Sallie Sasser	
Scott Clark	Claude Hollis	Richard Mallicote	Becky Schanding	
Lindsey Cochran	Jackie Hollis	Marie Meranda	Paul Schanding	

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