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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 12 p.m.-5 p.m., Sun Last tickets sold: 4:30 p.m.

Museum Admission Fees

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

Second Structure Structure

\$2 Military discount with ID Children under 6 and Society members are admitted free of charge.

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Things New & Strange: A Southerner's Journey through the Smithsonian Collections

A lecture by G. Wayne Clough, Thursday, November 12, at 6 p.m., Presented via Zoom

In 2008, G. Wayne Clough became the first Southerner to serve as Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution. While there, Dr. Clough undertook a search of the Institution's vast collections to find cultural artifacts from South Georgia, specifically the town of Douglas where he spent most of his childhood. *(continued on page 2)*

Cumberland Island: Footsteps in Time

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On Thursday, October 29, at 6 p.m., the Society will host a virtual lecture by author and editor Stephen Doster on his new book *Cumberland Island: Footsteps in Time*, published earlier this year by the University of Georgia Press. (continued on page 4)

Membership Highlights!

Thank you to those who have generously upgraded their memberships.

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Things New & Strange



Things New & Strange

A SOUTHERNER'S JOURNEY through the SMITHSONIAN COLLECTIONS G. Wayne Clough



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After retiring in 2014, he continued his investigations and wrote a book about the results. In Things New and Strange: A Southerner's Journey Through the Smithsonian Collections, Clough

interweaves descriptions of his discoveries with southern history and boyhood memories. Some of those discoveries relate to coastal history, including information about fossils found during the digging of the Brunswick Canal in the 1830s and documentation of Gullah Geechee dialect and songs during the early 20th century.

On Thursday, November 12, at 6 p.m., Dr. Clough will present a virtual program on his personal quest. He will show us how a search through the Smithsonian's resources and collections helped him better understand the region he once called home.

During his tenure at the Smithsonian, Dr. Clough launched a project to digitize the institution's collections to promote public access and education. He oversaw the funding and development of the National Museum of African American History and Culture, as well as renovations of seven other museums. From 1994-2008, Dr. Clough was president of Georgia Institute of Technology. Earlier this year, he was named Georgia Author of the Year in History by the Georgia Writers Association.

This virtual program is free and open to the public. Registration is required by visiting coastalgeorgiahistory.org. After registering, you will receive a link to the Zoom lecture.

This lecture is graciously sponsored by Raymond James.

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Supporting a Community Partner



A Volunteer's Legacy



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of one of our most dedicated volunteers. John (Jack) O'Hagan. He had been a volunteer with the Society for many years, serving not only as a docent at the Lighthouse Museum, but also as a volunteer in the Archaeology Lab. More recently, Jack was the inspiration for starting the Storytellers program at the World War II Home Front Museum. As our first Storyteller, he joined his

friends and fellow veterans in sharing with our visitors their personal experiences of the war. Jack was the recipient of the 2018 Cunningham Award for Volunteer of the Year and left a generous bequest to the Archaeology Lab. We honor Jack for his service to our country and the Society.

On October 8, representatives of the Brunswick African American Cultural Center visited the Lighthouse Museum to view the exhibits on St. Simons history in the Keeper's Dwelling. The Center on Albany Street in Brunswick is being rehabilitated to serve as a location for events and activities that promote an appreciation of the African American experience in Brunswick and mainland Glynn County. Volunteers, led by BAACC Director Aundra Fuller, plan to conduct research and create exhibits on local Black history for display in the Center. They visited the Lighthouse Museum to gather information on exhibit development and design. In early September, Sherri Jones and Mimi Rogers took a tour of the Brunswick facility and met with Aundra to discuss the organization's future plans.

Buddy Sullivan's Local History Course

Buddy Sullivan will present his six-week history course, An Overview of Coastal Georgia History, virtually next year. The course will be offered Tuesday afternoons January 12 - February 16, 2021, at 4 p.m. The cost is \$50 for CGHS members and \$95 for nonmembers. Registration is required.



Funding has been provided by Georgia Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities as part of the CARES Act economic stabilization plan of 2020. For more information, please visit www.GeorgiaHumanities.org.



Cumberland Island: Footsteps in Time

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Richly illustrated with images by local photographer Ben Galland, the book offers a comprehensive history of Cumberland from native occupation to the present.

Doster will take us on a chronological journey through the history of the island, outlining the key events and influential inhabitants that have left their mark on Georgia's southernmost barrier island. This includes occupants as diverse as French and Spanish explorers, Catharine Greene Miller, the Thomas M. Carnegie family, and Cumberland's famous wild horses.

Born in Kingston, England, Doster spent his childhood on St. Simons Island and has long been fascinated with coastal history. His book *Voices from St. Simons* captures 20th century life on the island through the personal stories he gathered from longtime residents. He also produced an historical video *Saint Simons 360*. Doster now resides in Nashville, Tennessee.

The lecture will be preceded by a slideshow of Ben Galland's images, which illustrate the island's natural beauty and historic sites. Galland was photographer for the three previous UGA Press books on our barrier islands — Sapelo, St. Simons, and Jekyll.

This program is free and open to the public. Registration is required by visiting coastalgeorgiahistory.org. After registering, you will receive a link to the Zoom lecture.

Doster and Galland will be on hand for the book signing event (see p. 5) on November 21 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

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Calendar of Events

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November 12

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Local Authors Book Signing Event

November 21

12 p.m.–3 p.m. A.W. Jones Heritage Center Event Hall Registration is required

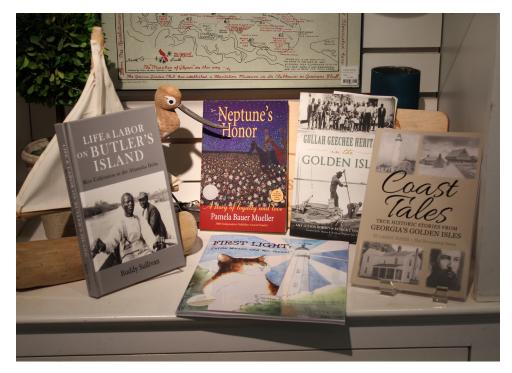
An Overview of Coastal Georgia History

January 12-February 16, 2021

Tuesdays at 4 p.m., Presented virtually CGHS members \$50; non-members \$95

All Society events require pre-registration. For more information on programs and the Society's hours of operation, please visit coastalgeorgiahistory.org.

Celebrating Local Authors: A Book Signing Event



In order to follow social distancing guidelines, the Museum Store will not be able to host our traditional Holiday Open House this year. In lieu of the Open House, we are excited to host a book signing event on Saturday, November 21 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the A.W. Jones Heritage Center Event Hall. Local authors including Jody Butler, Stephen Doster and Ben Galland, Larry Hobbs, Pamela Bauer Mueller, Amy Roberts and Patrick Holladay, and Buddy Sullivan will be on hand to answer your questions and personalize their books. Since space is limited, registration is required by visiting coastalgeorgiahistory.org. Please note that masks are required in our buildings.

Inspecting Our Light



Last month, Jude Kostage (shown left), senior projects engineer at Atlantic Engineering Services, Inc., in Jacksonville, Florida, thoroughly inspected the exterior and interior of the Lighthouse. The Society commissions an inspection every three to four years to ensure that the structure is sound and safe for the 40,000 visitors who climb the tower each year. Kostage noted that continuous maintenance is required to combat the destructive effects of our coastal environment. As recommended in his 2016 inspection report, all exterior metalwork was cleaned and painted to remove rust and the tower was washed to remove mold in early 2017. During the recent inspection, he found minor areas of rust on the main gallery which need attention in the next few months, and he recommends washing of the tower.

Kostage has been associated with our Lighthouse since 2010, when he served as structural engineer for a major restoration project. He has worked on over a dozen lighthouses in Florida and Georgia and reports that the St. Simons Lighthouse is among "the best kept" and in excellent condition.

Don't Miss Out On Society Programs and News!

During the pandemic, we are communicating more frequently through eblasts, so please send us your email address so you can stay up-to-date on programming and other happenings. We have been made aware that our eblasts sometimes end up in recipients' junk folders, so be sure to add the Society to your address book. With our programs moving to a virtual format, we also send notifications via email. If you missed our latest lecture, you can view it on our website under the "Programs" tab. To update your information, please contact Nina Witman at (912) 634-7096 or nwitman@coastalgeorgiahistory.org.



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