



COASTAL GEORGIA  
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# NEWSLETTER

Spring 2022

## *Journeys* Jekyll Island



Hollybourne Cottage, home of the Charles Maurice family, circa 1895.  
Southern Historical Collection, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Returning this year is the Society's signature series that explores a topic through both a lecture and a field trip. Journeys 2022 will feature the history of the Jekyll Island Club through people and places.

**On Thursday, April 7 at 6 p.m.**, independent curator and historian Jeannine Falino will set the scene with her lecture



Jeannine Falino

***Dilatory Domiciles: Gilded Age Residences from Tuxedo Park to Jekyll Island.*** The program

will examine the various places where people of wealth, such as the Jekyll Island Club members, escaped for recreation. Along with images of vacation homes built by the Gilded Age elite, Falino will present examples of the attire and decorative arts of the period.

Falino's projects have explored virtually every age of American art, from the colonial era onward. A former curator of American decorative arts at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, she has produced scholarly publications and curated exhibitions on American silver, jewelry, and the Gilded Age. She was co-curator for *Gilded New York: Design, Fashion & Society* (Museum of the City of New York, 2013) and author of *The Newport Experience: Sustaining Historic Preservation into the 21st Century*.

**On Wednesday, April 20**, our journey continues with a **field trip to Jekyll Island's historic district**.

The morning will begin with a tour of Hollybourne Cottage led by Taylor Davis, Jekyll Island Historic Preservationist. The cottage was built in 1891 for Charles Stewart Maurice, a prominent bridge builder from Pennsylvania. The building is Jekyll's preservation work-in-progress, giving an excellent example of the meticulous research and craftsmanship that goes into preserving the historic structures of the Club.

Jekyll Island Museum's expert tour guides will provide commentary and transportation via trolley throughout the historic district during the day's activities. A seated lunch will be provided at the Jekyll Island Club Hotel.

In the afternoon, our tour will take us to Jekyll Island's new museum space, Mosaic. The education staff of the Jekyll Island Museum will provide insight into the lives and working experiences of staff members at the Club. Information on the celebration of the 75th Anniversary of state ownership of the island will be included. There will also be time for self-guided exploration of Mosaic.

Registration is required for both programs. Please visit [coastalgeorgiahistory.org](http://coastalgeorgiahistory.org) to register.

The **April 7 lecture** will be held in-person at 6 p.m. at the St. Simons Presbyterian Church and will also be available virtually. The lecture is free for members, and \$10 for non-members.

The **April 20 field trip** to Jekyll Island is \$60 per person. The trip includes admission to Jekyll's museum sites, a plated lunch, and trolley transportation around Jekyll Island. **Transportation to Jekyll Island will not be included**, but will be the responsibility of the trip attendee. The tour will begin at 10 a.m. and will conclude at approximately 4 p.m.

## Let's Stay in Touch!

Don't miss out on Society news! Please reach out to Sheila VanderWood to make sure your mailing and email addresses are correct in our database. We are using eblasts more frequently to communicate with our members and send notifications regarding programming and Society news. To update your records, email [svanderwood@coastalgeorgiahistory.org](mailto:svanderwood@coastalgeorgiahistory.org) or call (912) 634-7096.

## Spring Lecture: *The British are Coming: Early Years of the American Revolution*



Rick Atkinson

On **Thursday, May 5 at 5 p.m.**, author and journalist **Rick Atkinson** will present a lecture on his most recent book, ***The British Are Coming: The War for America, Lexington to Princeton, 1775-1777***, the first volume of a trilogy on the American Revolution.

Winner of Pulitzer Prizes in both history and journalism, Atkinson is the bestselling author of the Liberation Trilogy, a narrative history of World War II in Europe. During two decades at The Washington Post, he worked as a reporter, foreign correspondent, and senior editor, and served as the Post's Berlin bureau chief.

The program will be held at The Cloister on Sea Island and will also be available via livestream. Society members attend free of charge. The cost for non-members is \$25. To register, visit [coastalgeorgiahistory.org](http://coastalgeorgiahistory.org).

## Little Light Music Concert Series

For over 25 years, residents and visitors have gathered on the oceanfront lawn beneath the Lighthouse for the Society's annual fundraising series. Bring your family, friends, a picnic supper, and lawn chairs for this special summer 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. No cash. We encourage you to purchase tickets in advance in the Museum Store or on the Society's website. For news and weather updates during the concert season, please visit our website or Facebook page.

The Society is grateful for the support of our 2022 concert sponsors.

**MAY 15**  
**The Tams**

**JUNE 12**  
**The Michael**  
**Stacey Band**

**JULY 10**  
**Mainstream Band**

**SEPT 4**  
**Sounds of Motown**



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## Striving for Excellence

At a recent meeting, the Board of Directors reviewed progress against the CGHS Strategic Plan 2020-2025 since we are approaching the midpoint of the planning period. We are excited to report that the organization is performing well on all initiatives and is on track to complete our stated goals. To see a copy of the strategic plan please visit the “About” page on our website, [www.coastalgeorgiahistory.org](http://www.coastalgeorgiahistory.org).

A strategic initiative that we will continue to prioritize during 2022 is learning how to better serve the wider community. Looking back to December 2019, when the Strategic Plan 2020-2025 plan was approved, we remember being excited to reach out beyond our museums and St. Simons Island. In preparation for this shift, we created a new visual identity, launched the refreshed branding to the wider

community, and offered new programs in Brunswick. As you know, we have accomplished these things and they have been well received. But it is important to think for a moment how much the world has changed since December 2019! What was a good idea then is seeming even more urgent now.

The latest issue of the American Alliance of Museums magazine states that “museums are the most trusted institutions in the United States” and “have the power to shape culture in broader society.” What an incredible opportunity—and responsibility-- we have as the only accredited museum in this area! A recent survey of museum professionals indicates that the industry cared most about community building, learning, and supporting people in becoming better world citizens. Being more involved in our communities—through programs, outreach, and governance—is a priority that is shared by museums across the country!

Laura Lott, the President and CEO of AAM, introduced the magazine with an article entitled “Equity and Excellence.” She states that some of the big questions the industry is grappling with are:

- What does excellence in museums mean in 2022 and beyond?
- What steps should we take to ensure that an excellent museum is synonymous with an equitable one?

These are great questions for the industry—and critical questions for us to ask ourselves. We have a lot to do in the coming year and are deeply committed to answering these questions for our organization.

## A Thank You!

The Board of Directors and Society staff extends a special thank you to Myrna Crook who completed her six-year term of service on the Board in 2021. She served on the Collections and Education Committee throughout this time and has managed our archaeology lab with diligence and professionalism since its inception. Although she is leaving the Board, we are thrilled she will continue managing the Lab and archaeological collections and providing invaluable assistance to researchers, students, and the public.

## History Day Returns to Oglethorpe Point

After taking a year off due to COVID-19, Oglethorpe Point Elementary School hosted their History Day program on Friday, February 11. Sandy White, Education Director, and Kim Campbell, Director of Interpretation and Preservation, were invited to participate as speakers. Sandy described the technology of the Fresnel lens and the Lighthouse to fourth graders, while Kim talked to fifth graders about maritime codes and the history of the Coast Guard during World War II. Both presentations utilized hands-on activities, including the portable knot and code table generously funded by the Terry Thomas Foundation.



Sandy White talks about the science of light to fourth graders using prisms.



Kim Campbell works with fifth graders to decode a message using the portable knot and code table.

## Seeking Museum Volunteers

**Coastal Georgia Historical Society is looking for enthusiastic individuals to welcome visitors to our museums.**

- Enjoy an exciting and immersive museum environment.
- Meet great people from all over the country - and the world!
- Share our incredible local history with visitors.
- Receive free admission to our museums, as well as a discount in the Museum Stores.

Contact Education Director, Sandy White, at [swhite@coastalgeorgiahistory.org](mailto:swhite@coastalgeorgiahistory.org) or (912) 634-7093. You can also fill out a Volunteer Registration Form on the Society's website.



## 2021 Affiliate Chapter of the Year



At a ceremony on January 27, the Society received the **2021 Affiliate Chapter of the Year Award from the Georgia Historical Society (GHS)**. The Affiliate program has approximately 100 participating organizations. Each year, GHS recognizes one affiliate statewide for its exemplary leadership in the field of state and local history. Our Society was selected for supporting GHS's mission to share Georgia's diverse history by sponsoring a Georgia Historical Marker, serving on the Marker Committee, partnering to provide a webinar for educators, and participating in Super Museum Sunday.

(L-R): Mimi Rogers, CGHS Curator; Jan Payne, CGHS Board Member and Chair of Collections and Education Committee; Elyse Butler, GHS Marker Manager; Sherri Jones, CGHS Executive Director; Lisa Landers, GHS Education Manager; Kim Campbell, CGHS Director of Interpretation and Preservation; Sandy White, CGHS Education Director; Duane Harris, CGHS Board of Directors President.

## Gifts of Stock

Did you know that the Society accepts gifts of appreciated stock? Please contact our Office Manager, Heather Cason, at (912) 634-7090 for account information and instructions for your brokerage firm to make an electronic transfer of stock certificates. ***Once you have requested the transfer from your broker, please contact Heather so that we can properly identify and acknowledge the gift.***



### A Year to Celebrate!

The current St. Simons Lighthouse was first illuminated on September 1, 1872. That means 2022 marks its 150th birthday. We hope you will join us to celebrate this beloved Golden Isles icon. A schedule of events will be available in the near future.

# Membership Highlights

**Thank you to those who have generously upgraded their membership or increased their level of annual giving.**

## Keepers of the Light

Frances\* and Millard Allen – Sustainer  
Mike and Dave Fox – Luminary  
Lasse Gammage – Sustainer  
Mary and Jimmy Gash – Sustainer  
Lucia Gumaer – Sustainer  
Susan Imhoff – Sustainer  
Pam and Ferrell Scruggs – Patron  
Bonney and Billy Shuman – Sustainer  
Ann and Don\* Meaders – Sustainer  
Diana and Reg Murphy – Patron

## General

Lynda and Furman Bisher – Family  
George and Michelynn Carellas – Curator  
Leslie and Glenn Carson – Curator  
Donna and Pat Godbey – Assistant Keeper  
Mitzi Grubb and Jim Flanagan – Curator  
Daniel V. Hagan, Ph.D. – Lamplighter  
Gary Lee – Family  
Lance Lipman and Gail Cook – Curator  
Judith Miller – Family  
Bette and Victor Peirce – Family  
Ann Pequigney – Curator  
Keith Post – Family  
Shelley and Jim Renner – Curator  
Lynne and Lawrence Sechler – Family  
Charles Spalding – Curator  
Cary and Herron Weems – Lamplighter

## Welcome New Members!

### Keepers of the Light

Beckham Insurance Group,  
Marshall and Jane Beckham – Sustainer  
Jennie and Mark Bishof – Sustainer  
Julia and Kevin Chase – Sustainer  
Cathy and Ed Farley – Sustainer  
Laura and Dan Hannon – Sustainer  
Debbie and Steve Kerr – Sustainer  
Amanda and Tom Lister – Patron  
Joan and Dan Pattillo – Sustainer  
Judy Powell – Sustainer

### General

Lindsey and Josh Adkison – Family  
Erin Benedetto – Individual  
Tom and Renate Bruder – Family  
Kathy Collins – Individual  
Ray A. Daniel – Assistant Keeper  
Nancy and Will Dorn – Family  
Cheryl and Terry Dortch – Family

Alice Dunick – Individual  
Vickie Enloe – Family  
Gail and Jim Eskew – Family  
Glen Evans – Individual  
Ann and Bill Friedrich – Family  
Sally and William Gilson – Family  
Oragail and Steve Glenn – Family  
Jennifer Hagfors – Family  
Kim and David Harris – Family  
Wendy and Jeff Henderson – Family  
Mary Alice Isele – Individual  
Christopher Jones – Individual  
Debra and Douglas Lahey – Family  
Marsha McCauphey – Individual  
Carol Moeckel – Individual  
Amy and Clark Mulford – Family  
Milly and Greg Mullins – Family  
Jeannie Otwell – Family  
Julia and David Owens – Family  
Chris Phelps-Thiry – Individual  
David Pointon – Individual  
Marian Pool – Individual  
Sydney Pool – Individual  
Clifford Preston – Individual  
Regina Quick – Individual  
Lydia and Wayne Richard – Family  
Philip Saussy – Family  
Linda and Rusty Sewell – Lamplighter  
Ashley Shanks – Individual  
Deborah Squires – Individual  
Tripp Stephens – Individual  
Ida and Bill Walker – Family  
Sabrina Whitfield – Family  
Tom Wilfong – Individual  
Olivia Wood – Individual

## Memorial and Tribute Gifts

In Honor of Mr. and Mrs. William  
Burdell, Jr.  
By Felton Jenkins Conservation and  
Education Fund

In Memory of Frances Allen  
By Rayea and Paul Pieschel

In Memory of Louise and Ed Frank,  
who met and fell in love on St. Simons  
Island after WWII and returned often  
throughout their many happy years of  
marriage.  
By Nell Mathis Black and Carol  
Mathis Cartus

\*Deceased

# Calendar of Events

## Journeys

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