

Dr. Whitney Nell Stewart, our new Executive Director, recently participated in a roundtable about Heritage Tourism at the American Association of State and Local History's annual conference. She published a book review in the latest edition of the *Journal of Southern History* and was appointed to the Editorial Board of the *Journal of the Civil War Era*. Dr. Stewart will also serve on the Finance Committee of the National Council on Public History.

Preservation—Windows and Lightning Strikes

Structural preservation and maintenance have been major themes of the summer at the St. Simons Lighthouse and Keeper's Dwelling. At the Keeper's Dwelling, several windows were replaced and one on the east wall was repaired. Any salvageable piece was repaired, and necessary replacements were made, always replicating the original windows. New shutters were also installed on the upper floor's windows, along with new shutter bolts and hinges. Austin Historical ensured that the shutters line up and the hinges work properly so that the shutters can be closed during a hurricane.

In June and July, lightning literally struck twice at the Lighthouse. Following an overnight storm on June 8th, the Lighthouse's beam went dark for a full month. The Coast Guard arrived to inspect and repair the light and its mechanism. It was shining again on July 8th, only for another sudden thunderstorm to have the same effect a mere two days later. A Coast Guard electrician once again repaired the light after the July 10th storm, installing a grounding wire and surge protector. The Lighthouse was once again fully functional by the end of the month. The repair and the process behind it were featured in the *Brunswick News*.

Contributions to CGHS's Preservation Fund help to protect the historic structures under the Society's care. For more information about donations and contributing to the Preservation Fund, contact Sheila VanderWood, the Society's Director of Development, at (912) 634-7096 or svanderwood@coastalgeorgiahistory.org.



Preservation work on windows at the Keeper's Dwelling by Austin Historical.

PLANNED GIVING REMINDER

Maintaining our momentum is dependent on people who understand that preserving our history is a cause that has no end. **Planned giving is a way for you to continue your support into the future.** Your participation in our planned giving program will help us build the reserves that we need to make timely and comprehensive repairs thereby ensuring that future generations can experience the St. Simons Lighthouse and Keeper's Dwelling and the World War II Home Front Museum. We are truly grateful for your partnership, generosity, and consideration of the Historical Society in your estate planning. For more information on planned giving, please contact Sheila VanderWood at (912) 634-7096 or svanderwood@coastalgeorgiahistory.org.

