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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

This has certainly been a challenging year for all of us.

Once again, we are going to have to cancel our upcoming quarterly membership meeting due to Covid-19. Our county's numbers are still rising and we feel it is unsafe to gather for a meeting. Rest assured that the board is still working on maintaining the Historic Koger House and writing grants to help sustain.

Due to the virus, we have had to cancel our May meeting, our Annual Spring Tea at Brosnan Forest, and now our August meeting. I am very hopeful that we will be able to have our November meeting. This is the last quarterly meeting of the year and a very special night because this is our Awards Night; a chance for our society to recognize those that have in some way helped to fulfill our mission. I pray that God will heal our nation.

Plans are underway to host our 3rd Annual Living History and Educational Days at the Historic Koger House, the first weekend in November. This will be our only fundraiser in 2020. If you can help, please contact me and volunteer. Having to cancel the tea has been a loss. We depend on that fundraiser each year to help pay insurance costs. Hopefully we can recoup some of the proceeds at our November fundraiser. We will keep you informed.

It is with a great sadness to inform you, that we have lost two very special members; James "Jimmy" Way and Mark Clark. Our sympathies go out to their families. They both will greatly be missed.

Since our birth in 2004, we have lost many faithful members. It saddens me to think of those that have gone. They have all given so much in our pursuit to record and preserve our history. Those of us that remain must continue to move forward and work diligently to fulfill our mission. It is so important to future generations to know their history. I thank you all for your continued support. Be safe and God Bless you and your families.

Phyllis

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August Membership Meeting
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A MEMORIAL TO A DEAR FRIEND,

by Phyllis Hughes



James "Jimmy" Allen Way (1937 – 2020) Jimmy was a founding member of the Upper Dorchester County Historical Society. He was also instrumental in the restoration of the Koger House. For almost 2 years, Jimmy did an archaeological dig under the Koger House. The artifacts that he uncovered are on display in the Koger House.

When the Koger House was donated to the society in early 2004, it was in very bad shape from years of neglect and water damage. It was decided early on, to do a restoration, not a renovation. There were many times a suggestion was made to repair or repaint a tattered area. This did not suit Jimmy.

As I walk through the old treasure even today, I can hear Jimmy saying, "Leave it the hell alone." He loved history and knew that through the history of any old house, there would be updated changes. Ragged or worn, this was its history. He was so right and we did just that; we left it alone. Lucky for us, the old house had very little changes through its years. So much remaining is original.

Jimmy was a historian and a story teller. He loved to dress in period attire whenever an event was being held at the old house. He would share facts about not only the history of the house, but the history surrounding the county. Jimmy drew and sketched mill dams all throughout the county. His drawings were so precise and accurate as he measured each site that you would have thought they were professionally drawn.

Jimmy was a veteran and in the last few years, he was moved to the Victory House in Walterboro. Before he left his beloved home in Dorchester, he told me one day that he had gone to his lawyer and had his will changed. He wanted to leave all of his historical writings, drawings and rare books to the Dorchester County Archives and History Center. After moving into the Victory House all of these items were donated to the center by his family. They will remain in the archives for historians and genealogists to peruse.

I for one miss him greatly. I feel sure he is walking around in his early period attire including his old grey vest with his pocket watch chain hanging out and telling stories to anyone that will listen.

Rest in peace dear friend.

IN MEMORY OF MARK CLARK

by Phyllis Hughes



Mark Jay Clark (1960 – 2020) The recent passing of Mark was such a shock to all and such a loss to his family, friends and the historical society. Mark was a working member of the board. He resided in Grover and was a project manager overseeing the old Koger House.

In the last few years he personally repaired many needed repairs in the old house including taking care of a huge bee problem, repairing the porches damaged by water, painting bedrooms and so much more. He watched over the house like a parent over a child.

In 2018, Mark suggested an annual fund raiser to help raise money to sustain the old Koger House. It was the Living History and Educational Days. It was through his connections that artisans from all over came to help make this event successful. Mark was already working on this year's event. Out of love and respect for Mark, those that helped make this event so successful, have vowed to continue to help in this endeavor.

Mark was a past Commander in the H. L. Hunley SCV Camp 143 as well as the General Manager of the H. L. Hunley traveling exhibit. He drove the exhibit all over the state in an effort to educate children in the true history of the Civil War.

Mark loved his family, friends and history. He will truly be missed by everyone that knew him. I for one will greatly miss him.

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NEWS FROM THE DORCHESTER HERITAGE CENTER

I hope you are all still to manage in these times of continued craziness. The DHC is open! However, because we are in a County building, we are under strict guidelines as to how many visitors can be in the Museum at any one time. Therefore, to prevent unnecessary waiting times, we are asking that visitors make reservations. Please call (843) 931-1021 or e-mail us at contact-us@dhc-sc.com to make your reservations. We would love to see you!

On a much sadder note, I want to reiterate the tributes to Mark Clark. His support, hard work, knowledge and items were instrumental in the establishment of the Heritage Museum and its Veterans' exhibit. He and the traveling Hunley exhibit were also huge hits during the opening of the Museum. Mark's contributions to the goals of the DHC and the DCHS will be felt and on view for years to come. His loss will be felt by many!

Please take care and stay safe!!

LaClaire S. Mizell, Director of the DHC

DORCHESTER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY 3rd ANNUAL LIVING HISTORY & EDUCATION DAYS



Saturday, November 7, 2020 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
and

Sunday, November 8, 2020 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

The historic Koger House is located at 123 Sandy Branch Road, the corner of Wire Road & Quaker Road, St. George

Learn about life in the 1800's with scenarios on:

- The Koger House with docents
- The Hunley Traveling Exhibit
- Candlemaking
- Medical Care
- Uniforms
- Clothing
- Provost
- Artifacts
- Infantry
- Cannons
- Calvary
- Cooking
- Traditionalist / Survivalist
- Georgia Artillery Association



Admission Fees: (tickets are required for each day)
Adults - \$10 per ticket Students - \$5 per ticket

Children under 4 - Free

Food & drinks available for sale

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** Exhibitors subject to change**