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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy Fall Ya'll.

Our Spring Tea was a huge success. Our profit after expenses was \$4828. Thank you to everyone that helped make this annual fund raiser a success. Special thanks to Frank Thomas for securing the site, Claire Mizell for arranging the catering, Chuck Spell for acquiring the entertainment and to all that hosted a table, donated items for the silent auction and baked a cake. Once again, the tables were beautiful, the food was delicious, but best of all, it was so good to be able to spend quality time with dear friends.

It was announced at our last meeting that Dr. & Mrs. Norman Walsh donated two pieces of furniture to the Koger House. These two pieces, along with the beautiful dining room table, donated a few years back, were part of the Eutaw Plantation. In June 2022, Bart Mullin, from Read & Mullin, LLC, appraised the two newest pieces of furniture. The American Classical Mahogany Secretary Desk and Bookcase (Ca 1840s) was appraised at \$10,500. The American Classical Mahogany Chest of Drawers (Ca 1840s) was appraised at \$7500. All three pieces are absolutely beautiful and fit perfectly in the old Koger House. We are so grateful for such a wonderful gift.

Our upcoming membership meeting is on Thursday, August 18th, 7:00 PM at the Koger House. Our guest speaker will be Andrew Gentry, owner of George's Station Antiques and the Dorchester Eagle Record. He plans to speak about local businesses.

Please come out on the 18th and bring a friend.

Phyllis

**Membership Meeting
Thursday 18 August 2022
7 PM At Koger House**

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THURSDAY 18 AUGUST 2022
7:00 PM
AT KOGER HOUSE
Guest Speaker: Andrew Gentry

A MEMORIAL TO LINDA WAGERS SKELTON

by Phyllis Hughes

On Tuesday, June 21, 2022, the DCHS lost a faithful lifetime member, Linda Skelton. Linda loved history and was considered a Rosinville/Indian Field Historian. She had spent almost 30 years as a public school teacher, was an active member of the Indian Field UMC, a member of the UDC and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Linda will sadly be missed.

THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS

We would like to thank all members who made additional contributions to the Historical Society in 2021.

Additional funds are still needed to repair the windows throughout this historic house and to oil/stain all of the exterior of the house. If you are able to make a contribution toward this restoration, please send or drop off your contribution to the office at 101 Ridge Street. Claire Mizell is the Director of the Dorchester Heritage Center there, but she is also a Dorchester County Historical Society Board Member and receives our mail at the Center's office.

Memoirs of Herbert Thacker Thrower

Herbert Thacker Thrower was born in Ridgeville in 1893. On August 27, 2009, an article written by Jim Way was featured in the Dorchester Eagle Record. Jimmy, in an effort to record local history, was made aware of a collection of memoirs written by Herbert Thrower in his older age. Mr. Thrower covers many topics in his writings and as you read through, his account of growing up in Ridgeville was something out of a story.

In reference to the train, Mr. Thrower begins, "There were three passenger trains a day through Ridgeville, one came at eight o'clock in the morning going to Charleston. Another at five in the afternoon, came from Charleston, and the third, at seven in the evening returning to Charleston. No one bothered to remember the train numbers, they were referred to only as the Eight, the Five, and the Seven.

Old man Sawyer was a conductor on the Passenger train from Charleston to Columbia. At the end of each tour of duty, he would deadhead back home to Ridgeville. He built a large, two-story house with all the scroll work and spires typical of the best architecture of the day. A windmill was set upon a tall steel tower in the back yard, and this ran a pump that supplied water to a kitchen sink. I knew that you could turn a faucet in the kitchen and water would run into the sink, because I saw that with my own eyes. It was said he had a bathroom upstairs with a long tub in it, big enough for a man to get into, and that he actually got in and bathed all over at one time. I never did get a chance to go up there and see for myself. Everybody predicted he would die of pneumonia the first winter, but somehow, he didn't. It was the finest house in town, and the only one that had water works like that."

NEWS FROM THE DORCHESTER HERITAGE CENTER

Exciting things are in store for DHC this fall. The 2022 Class of Leadership Dorchester has chosen DHC as its project. They are constructing a pavilion on our new site near Ridgeville. Prior to the opening of DHC's new facility, we will be able to use the pavilion for events on the site. The Grand Opening Celebration for the new pavilion is scheduled for October 22 at the site.

Also in October, Christine Rice will be leading crochet classes at DHC. Students will learn how to create a Christmas wash cloth and a trivet. A more advanced crochet class will be taught in November where students will create a Christmas wreath project. Check out our website soon, www.dhc-sc.com, for more details.

We are in the process of creating a new website which is also active and has a great introductory video about DHC. Be sure to check it out at www.dorchesterheritagecenter.com.

Our annual quilt show will be held at DHC December 2 through 10. Quilts are needed!!! Check out the website for more information.

DHC's entire genealogical database of 75,000+ names is now available on our research computers and will be updated quarterly. Use of the Research Library is free to DHC members. A nominal research fee is charged for non-members. Please call to schedule a research appointment.

As always, if you have items that you are getting rid of because of downsizing, spring (or fall) cleaning or you just have no more use for, please contact us and see if the items are things that would be good additions to our collections. Please call (843) 931-1021 or e-mail me at director.dhsc@gmail.com to make those inquiries.

Stay safe!

LaClaire Mizell, DHC Executive Director

DORCHESTER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY 5TH ANNUAL LIVING HISTORY & EDUCATION DAYS



Learn about life in the 1800's at
the historic **Koger House**, located at 123 Sandy Branch Road at the
corner of Wire Road & Quaker Road, St. George, SC

Saturday, October 29 2022 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

and

Sunday, October 30, 2022 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

The Koger House will be open with docents

Admission Fees: (tickets are required for each day)

Adults - \$10 per ticket

Students under 18 - \$5 per ticket

Children under 6 - Free

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For more information, contact

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