

To Be Continued . . .

A PUBLICATION OF THE DORCHESTER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Mission Statement: To Research, Record and Preserve Dorchester County's History

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DON'T FORGET THIS DATE

Thursday, February 14th 7:00 pm

**Membership Meeting At
Dorchester County Archives
& History Center**

NOTE: LOCATION

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

As we begin another year and reflect on years gone by, we can say that God has truly blessed this society.

Born in 2004 from a small group of people with the desire to research, record and preserve our county's history, to a large group of faithful members and supporters that have given their time and efforts to assure that the preservation continues. I can say without a shadow of a doubt, that I for one have been blessed to have met and become friends with so many of you and to have led this project for the past 20 years. Although the society was not chartered until 2004, this small group that organized what is now the Dorchester County Historical Society began with the Dorchester County History Committee formed in 1998. This small group took on big challenges: Writing the history of Dorchester County, creating a new Dorchester County Flag and seal, and undertaking recording oral histories of the county's oldest citizens. All of this led to the organization of the UDCHS chartered in 2004. As the story goes, "the rest is history".

Mrs. Jean Walters Behling was one of the original members of this small group that began this journey in 1998. She has given years of service to this society. She and her husband Harry Behling are now living in Florence due to his health issues. I received a letter of resignation from Mrs. Jean as a director; however, she has vowed to continue working with the society in anyway needed. I for one miss her greatly. She has always been beside me to help with her guidance, talents and just moral support. I will continue to call on her for her help. I want to personally thank her for her many years of devoted service and for being such a dear friend.

Recently the society sponsored two fundraisers: Quilt Raffle (Profit \$996.) and Historic Koger House Living History & Education Days (Profit \$595.). I want to thank Mrs. Bettie Berry for the beautiful handmade quilt that she donated to be raffled and to Mark Clark for organizing the Living History and Mark Clark's daughter, Theresa McKnight, who provided the food. Also to Chuck Spell, Koger House Docent and to all the volunteers that helped at this event.

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Memorials

In memory of George Axson By: Phyllis Hughes

Get Well

Linda Baker Harry Behling
David Sojourner Margaret Spell
Martha Sweatman Jim Way

Membership Dues

Payable by March 1, 2019

Annual dues: \$25.00

Lifetime Membership: \$250.00

Make Checks Payable To DCCHS

Please Use Envelope Provided And Mail To:

Ms. Bobbie McKinnon

c/o DCCHS

101 Ridge St.

St. George, SC 29477

(Please include current home and email address.)

NOTE

As of March 31, 2019 all annual (yearly) members who are not current with their dues will have their names removed from the Membership Rolls.

DCCHS 2019 Calendar of Events:

Membership Meeting	Thursday, February 14	7 pm	DCA&HC St. George, SC
DCCHS Annual Tea	Saturday, May 4	Noon	Brosnan Forest
Membership Meeting	Thursday, May 9	7 pm	Koger House
Membership Meeting	Thursday, August 8	7 pm	DCA&HC St. George, SC
Membership/Awards Meeting	Thursday, November 14	7 pm	Koger House

Please check our website for updates at www.upperdorchestercountyhistoricalsociety.com

MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Thursday 14 February 7:00 pm
DCA&HC
101 Ridge Street, St George, SC
Guest Speaker Mr. Dean McCracken
NOTE LOCATION

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Our Annual Spring Tea at Brosnan Forest will be held on Saturday, May 4th at 12 noon. If you would like to host a table, or could provide an item for the silent auction, please contact me.

Our next meeting is Thursday, February 14th, 7 pm at the Heritage Museum. Our guest speaker is Dean McCracken, Historian, who will update us on the area Rosenwald Schools. Please come and bring a friend. If every member recruited one friend as a new member, the society could continue to grow.

Thank you all for your continued support and efforts in making history.

Phyllis

PS: Please take note of the upcoming fundraisers and help support each one.

In Remembrance:

Mr. George Herbert Axson died on January 2, 2019. His wife Edith was a lifetime member of the society. In 2005 restoration of the Koger House began. In the upstairs bedroom, bees were coming into the house. Mr. Fitzhugh said that they had had a “bee problem” since the 1940s. I asked Mr. George to check out our problem. It turned out to be a massive problem. The bees had made a hive between the interior and exterior walls. The hive was at least 8-10 feet wide and floor to ceiling. I visited the house the day Mr. George was removing the hive. He had tubs of hive and honey in the back of his truck. He said he had never seen anything like it. It took days to remove all of the traces of these bees. The new interior walls replaced the old and we thought our bee problem was over. Guess what? They are back. We will have to address the problem again.

Mr. and Mrs. George Axson were great friends of the society and will truly be missed.

NEWS FROM THE HERITAGE MUSEUM

It’s going to be an exciting year here at the Heritage Museum! January is Membership Drive Month. If you aren’t a member or haven’t renewed as a DCA&HC member, now is the time to do it! New exhibits, expanded exhibits and new events are planned for the Museum for 2019. The year will start with the Member Soirée on February 16 from 5:30 until 7:30 pm. DCA&HC members will be treated to a private showing and the grand opening of a new exhibit of Brandon Coffey’s photographs. That exhibit will be open to the public on February 19. The Museum’s Fossil Exhibit has almost doubled in size with the addition of the private collection of Dorchester County native Lee Taylor. This expanded exhibit will also open on February 16 during the Member Soirée and will be open to the general public on the 19th. A new Inland Rice exhibit is currently on display. Classes and summer camps are being planned. Be sure to check our website, www.dca-hc.com, often for updates! If you haven’t visited the Museum recently, please plan a trip to see what’s new!

NEWS FROM THE ARCHIVES

Calling all researchers! We now have two computers in the research library that are updated weekly. The hope is to have all of our archives searchable by entering keywords. This does take time, scanning each document with software that reads the words and builds an index of each word in each document. Anything hand written must be transcribed in order to be searchable. Mr. Pat Scally transcribes the handwritten documents. We are currently editing the documents and photos donated by Mrs. Peggy Phalen that document the 200th Indian Field Camp Meeting. Each Friday morning, what has been accomplished during the week is compiled and add that to the research computers.

DCHS Spring Tea



**Annual Fundraiser
Saturday, May 4, 2019
We need your support**



Handmade, hand quilted traditional quilt in Aunt Suckey's Choice pattern. Made and donated by Bettie Berry of Reevesville, was raffled off and raised \$996

Brandon Coffey Photo Exhibit



Visit The Heritage Museum
to view a Photographic Exhibit
showcasing the amazing photographs of
Brandon Coffey.

The exhibit will be open for public display on
February 19, 2019

Photos will be available for purchase, with delivery following the close of the exhibition.

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