

# *To Be Continued. . .*

**A PUBLICATION OF THE DORCHESTER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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

**101 Ridge Street, St. George, SC 29477**

**May 2023**

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## **A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Dear Members,

Welcome Spring! If anyone needs anymore pollen, please call me!

To update everyone, the Board decided to cancel the February membership meeting due to repairs going on at the Koger House. David Dick, the restoration carpenter who restored all the windows during restoration of the house back in 2009, has completed work on two windows that were getting in really back shape. We were afraid that water was going to start coming into the house if not repaired. Board member, Daniel Prohaska, is looking into applying for a grant for the purpose of resealing and painting all of the windows. We will keep you informed.

Our last fundraiser, the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Living History & Education Days, was held October 29-30, 2022. Everyone that attended truly enjoyed touring the house and the demonstrations by our artisans and entertainers, Brandon Stout, Millie Chaplin, Jim Martin, Keepers of the Word, Andrew Gentry, Susan Walters, Sheila Martina, Edisto Natchez-Kusso Tribal Members and Charles Kizer. I would like to thank everyone for their generous support; profit made was \$2174.75.

Our event committee met a few weeks ago in an effort to plan more events during the year to bring in needed funds to maintain the house. If anyone has any ideas of an event that would be fun to host at the house, please contact Sandy Shelley (843) 425-9304 or Chuck Spell (843) 217-2905.

The Spring Tea was held Saturday, April 15th at Brosnan Forest. Once again, the hostesses out-did themselves; everything was beautiful and we had a profit of \$3425. I will give you an update at our May meeting and those that helped make it successful.

Our next membership meeting is on Thursday, May 18, 2023. Please try to attend and bring a friend. I would like to challenge you to recruit new members to join. It is through our memberships, fundraisers and donations that we are able to maintain the old Koger House.

I thank you all for your continued support and look forward to seeing you on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Bring a friend.

Phyllis

**Membership Meeting  
Thursday 18 May 2023  
7 PM At Koger House**

**Memorials**

**In Memory of:**

**William (Bill) Herman      by Phyllis Hughes**

**Margaret Spell              by Mildred Heatley**

**Get Well**

**Linda Baker**

**Joy Kizer**

**### Membership Dues ###**

**Payable by March 1, 2023**

**Annual dues: \$25.00**

**Lifetime Membership: \$250.00**

**Make Checks Payable To DCHS**

**Mail to: Ms. Bobbie McKinnon**

**c/o DCHS**

**101 Ridge St.**

**St. George, SC 29477**

**(Please include current home and email address.)**

**NOTE**

**As of March 31, 2022 all annual (yearly) members who are not current with their dues will have their names removed from the Membership Rolls.**

**THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS**

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

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.

**DCHS 2023 Calendar of Events:**

<b>Membership Meeting</b>	<b>Thursday, May 18</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	<b>Koger House</b>
<b>Membership Meeting</b>	<b>Thursday, August 17</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	<b>Koger House</b>
<b>Living History Fundraiser</b>	<b>TBD</b>		
<b>Membership/Awards Meeting</b>	<b>Thursday, Nov 16</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	<b>Koger House</b>

**Please check our website for updates at [www.scdchs.com](http://www.scdchs.com)**

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**THURSDAY 18 MAY 2023**  
**7:00 PM**  
**AT KOGER HOUSE**  
**Guest Speaker: Ms. Peggy Phalen**

**THE DOORWAY TO OPPORTUNITY 1913**

In last November's newsletter, I recorded part of the history regarding a book that was published on the Town of Dorchester in 1913. I ended the article, *To Be Continued*

Here is the rest of the story. Hope you enjoy. Phyllis

Note: W. D. Garrison had 10 years' experience in farming and was the manager of the Clemson College Coast Experiment Station at Jedburg thirteen miles from Dorchester for five years at the time of this letter.

Another letter included in the book was signed by T. A. Patrick. In this letter written to Albermarle Real Estate Corp., he states that he has been engaged in business in Dorchester for five years and has had considerable success in farming.

The last page in the book states: "Dorchester is an incorporated town, and has a well-organized public school with an able corps of teachers. Churches of several Denominations are located near the Town. A number of Mercantile Establishments. Saw Mills, A Cotton Gin, Grist Mill. Other Business Enterprises and Prospects of a bank in the near future."

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**Chief Petty Officer William "Bill" H. Herman**

June 3, 1928 ~ March 31, 2023 (age 94)

Chief Petty Officer William Henry (Bill) Herman, USN Retired, passed away on Friday, March 31, 2023 of natural causes at Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center, Charleston SC.

William Herman, a WWII and Korean Conflict veteran, served in the US Navy until his retirement in 1966.

Mr. Bill Herman was the first lifetime member of the DCHS. He was also a longtime director and, after his health deteriorated, he became a Director Emeritus.

He was such a wonderful member, always volunteering to help, giving great advise and never complaining.

I had the opportunity to visit him on many occasions and he always enjoyed showing me the newest pictures of his family.

He was a devoted father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He was also a proud Navy Veteran.

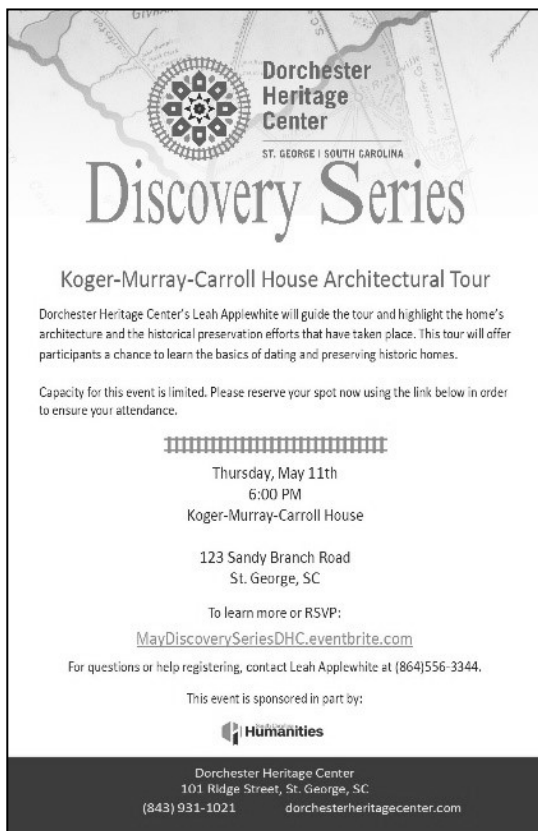
Mr. Herman was a dear friend and will truly be missed.

Phyllis

## NEWS FROM THE DORCHESTER HERITAGE CENTER

Hello from the Heritage Center! So many exciting things are happening at DHC!! We are continuing our Discovery Series. Each event will be held on the second Thursday of each month and at different locations around the County and surrounding areas. In May, DHC's Leah Applewhite will lead a architectural tour of DCHS's very own Koger House on May 11. On June 8, Joseph McGill will be speaking about his slave dwelling project at the Lincolville Community Center. July's event will be on the Golden Age of Summerville and will be held at The Woodlands. Each event begins at 6:00 pm and are free to the public. Because some events are limited in the number of participants, pre-registration is highly encouraged. Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/dorchester-heritage-center-41981285213> to sign up! Keep an eye out for information on future events!!

As you know, DHC has purchased property on Highway 78 near Ridgeville. The property was the location for the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Pow Wow of the Edisto Natchez-Kusso Tribe on April 21 and 22. The event was open to the public and over 800 people attended the celebration of the Tribe's heritage. If you've never been to a Pow Wow before, I would suggest you find one in the area and attend. It's always wonderful to see the dancers and their beautiful regalia.



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# Discovery Series

## Koger-Murray-Carroll House Architectural Tour

Dorchester Heritage Center's Leah Applewhite will guide the tour and highlight the home's architecture and the historical preservation efforts that have taken place. This tour will offer participants a chance to learn the basics of dating and preserving historic homes.

Capacity for this event is limited. Please reserve your spot now using the link below in order to ensure your attendance.


Thursday, May 11th  
6:00 PM  
Koger-Murray-Carroll House

123 Sandy Branch Road  
St. George, SC

To learn more or RSVP:  
[MayDiscoverySeriesDHC.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/o/dorchester-heritage-center-41981285213)

For questions or help registering, contact Leah Applewhite at (864)556-3344.

This event is sponsored in part by:



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# Discovery Series

## The Slave Dwelling Project

The featured speaker for the June Discovery Series is Joseph McGill, founder of The Slave Dwelling Project. The Slave Dwelling Project envisions a future in which the hearts and minds of Americans acknowledge a more truthful and inclusive narrative of the history of the nation that honors the contributions of all our people, is embedded and preserved in the buildings and artifacts of people of African heritage, and inspires all Americans to acknowledge their Ancestors.

This event is hosted in collaboration with the Lincolville Preservation and Historical Society.

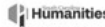
Thursday, June 8th  
6:00 PM

Lincolville Community Center  
141 W Broad Street  
Lincolville, SC 29485

To learn more or RSVP:  
[JuneDiscoverySeriesDHC.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/o/dorchester-heritage-center-41981285213)

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As always, if you have items that you are getting rid of because of downsizing, "spring" 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 us at [contact.dhsc@gmail.com](mailto:contact.dhsc@gmail.com) to make those inquiries.

Stay safe!

Submitted by LaClaire Mizell, DHC Director