

## *To Be Continued . . .*

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

**May 2024**

### **A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

*Happy Anniversary 2004-2024*

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Our annual Spring Tea held on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, at Brosnan Forest was a success. Once again, the Lodge was beautifully decorated by our hostesses, the food was delicious, and our entertainment was great.

The members of our Events Committee, Sandy Shelly, Chuck Spell, and Priscilla Elledge, as well as Claire Mizell, worked tirelessly to ensure the success of the Tea. Income from ticket sales was \$2,250.00, and the proceeds from the Silent Auction were \$2,619.00, for a total of \$4,869.00. Expenses of \$1,254.00 brought our profit to \$3,615.00. A heartfelt "Thank you!" to our sponsors, donors, members, and everyone who helped to make this fundraiser a success.

In celebration of our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, after researching and recording for nearly 15 years, I am proud to announce, our newest publication, *The History of Dorchester County South Carolina*. The books have been delivered to the DHC and are now on sale.

On May 19<sup>th</sup>, from 3:00 pm-5:00 pm, we will host our next membership meeting at the Koger House, refreshments will be served. The book will be on sale (\$50.00), and I will share little tidbits of history. For the past many years, Mrs. Jean Behling and myself have worked diligently to complete this publication. It was truly a labor of love. Others that helped gather information for the book were: the late Jim Way, Mildred Heatley, Bobbie McKinnon, and Peggy Phalen. The book will be on sale at the Dorchester Eagle Record, the Tri-County Chamber of Commerce in St. George, and the Dorchester Heritage Center.

Please attend the upcoming membership meeting and bring a friend. All monies raised by our society go toward maintenance of the Historic Koger House (1780s).

I am looking forward to seeing you on May 19!

*Phyllis*

## *Annual Spring Tea at the Lodge at Brosnan Forest*



*Jean Behling*



*Alexis, Claire, & Elizabeth Mizell*



*Karen & Barbara McLauchlan*



*William Myers*





*Bobbie McKinnon*



*Brenda Fuller & Kay Wilson*



*Chuck Spell's table*



*Harriet Holman & Sandy Shelley's table*





*Jean Behling, Dotsie Murray, Phyllis Hughes  
and Evelyn Infinger*



*Bobbie McKinnon's table*



*William Myers's table (1)*



*William Myers table (2)  
In Memory of Margaret Allyn Sweatman Spell*



## 2024 Spring Tea

The Dorchester County Historical Society's 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Tea was held April 20 at the Lodge at Brosnan Forest. Because of the support of our friends and community, the "tea" was a tremendous success.

We want to express our sincerest appreciation to Norfolk Southern Railway for the use of their lodge and to Sherrie Benson of Nannie's Kitchen for catering the event. The Lodge at Brosnan was an amazing setting, and the meal was the perfect complement for the event.

Our hosts and hostesses are the very heart of the "tea". We shall be forever grateful to them for sharing their time and talents with us. Our sincerest gratitude to Claire Mizell and her daughters, Elizabeth and Alexis; Karen and Barbara McLauchlan; William Myers; Brenda Fuller and Kay Wilson; Chuck Spell; Bobbie McKinnon; and Harriet Holman and Sandy Shelley for serving as our hostesses this year. You were amazing!

Jack Smith, Poet Laureate of Dorchester County, told the most entertaining stories and shared his poetry with the audience. Layton Wimberly provided musical accompaniment throughout the afternoon. Both did an outstanding job entertaining the audience. Job well done, gentlemen!

Jean Behling and Phyllis Hughes debuted their new publication, *The History of Dorchester County, South Carolina*, graciously signing copies for guests. You are the backbone of our organization, and we all owe you a debt of gratitude.

*We are so very thankful to the following businesses and individuals for their generosity and support . . .*

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# In Loving Memory

*Praise God in the Mornings, Noon days, and Evenings. Praise God in Good Times, Happy Times, Bad Times, Sad Times, and times of Great Sorrow and Great Joy. And above all, Praise God in all things for all things are possible with God.*

The Dorchester County Historical Society acknowledges a gift made in memory of

**Margaret Allyn Sweatman-Spell**

And in honor of her husband

**Charles Hugo Spell Sr.**

**And in Loving Memory/Honor of their brothers and sisters:**

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Our Christian Faith informs us, those who die in Christ are raised to Immortal Life and will reign with Christ for ever and ever, and death and dying will be no more. Halleluiah, Amen! The Bible promises us **we will see each other again, and we will know each other.** And To God be the Glory, for Great Things He Has Done!

## NEWS FROM THE DORCHESTER HERITAGE CENTER

Hello from the Heritage Center! Just a quick reminder to check out our 2024 Discovery Series. Our esteemed DCHS and DHC President, Phyllis Hughes, will be the guest speaker for our May Discovery Series. She will be giving a brief history of DCHS's new history book, *The History of Dorchester County South Carolina*. The 7:00 pm event on May 9 will be held at the Greater Summerville / Dorchester County Chamber of Commerce at 402 North Main Street in Summerville. Visit our Facebook page and our website [www.dorchesterheritagecenter.com](http://www.dorchesterheritagecenter.com) for updates to future events. You may sign up for Discovery Series events on EventBrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/dorchester-heritage-center-41981285213>

As I reported in the last newsletter, DHC is thrilled to have been chosen to host *The Wall That Heals* on October 17 – 20, 2024. *The Wall That Heals* is a ¾ scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, DC. The exhibit travels throughout the United States annually and will be DHC's property at 964 Highway 78 near Ridgeville during its stay in the Lowcountry. It will be free to the public and will be open 24 hours a day. There will be a huge need for volunteers so please think about volunteering. The dedicated page on our website ([www.dorchesterheritagecenter.com](http://www.dorchesterheritagecenter.com)) has a tab for volunteers. It also tells some of the assignments that need to be filled and physical requirements of the assignments. There is also a tab if you want to donate or be a sponsor of the exhibit. Please visit our website to get more information.

As I mentioned before, one of the things that makes this particular traveling exhibit so special is the *In Memory* Honor Wall. As part of the exhibit, local Vietnam Veterans who died after returning home are eligible to be honored as part of the *In Memory* Honor Roll display. Since the Vietnam War ended, thousands of Vietnam veterans have suffered due to Agent Orange exposure, PTSD, and other illnesses as a result of their service. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) believes all those who served in Vietnam should be honored and remembered for their service. The *In Memory* program enables the families and friends of those who came home and later died the opportunity to have them be forever memorialized. All veterans from South Carolina honored through *In Memory* will have their photos and names on display as part of the mobile Education Center exhibit when *The Wall That Heals* is in Ridgeville. We want to honor as many Vietnam veterans as possible. If your loved one served in Vietnam, returned home and later died – we want to be able to proudly display their name and photo in our community. We're asking for the public's help to identify eligible veterans and get their applications into VVMF so their veteran can be on display in Ridgeville. There is no cost to have a veteran honored and the application process is simple. To honor a loved one, you only need to complete a short application and submit the veteran's DD214 showing their proof of service in Vietnam, a copy of their death certificate and two photographs. Additional information on the *In Memory* program and the application form can be found here: [www.vvmf.org/inmemory](http://www.vvmf.org/inmemory).

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.dhcsc@gmail.com](mailto:contact.dhcsc@gmail.com) to make those inquiries.

Come see us soon!

Submitted by LaClaire Mizell, DHC Director





*Brenda Fuller and Kay Wilson's table*



*William Myers*



*Chuck Spell admiring Claire, Elizabeth, and Alexis Mizell's table themed "Seasons of the Year"*



*Barbara and Karen McLauchlan's table*



*Welcome to our newest members!*

*John B. Kfauber, Thomas H. Elledge, and Charles Schuster*

**!!! Membership Dues !!!**

**Payable by March 1, 2024**

Individual Annual dues: \$25.00 (*\*\$30.00 to mail newsletters*)

Individual Lifetime Membership: \$250.00

Make Checks Payable To: DCHS

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DCHS  
101 Ridge St.  
St. George, SC 29477

(Please include current home and email address)

**DCHS 2024 Calendar of Events**

Membership Reception on Sunday, May 19, 2024 from 3:00 – 5:00 at the Koger – Murray-Carroll House. *Please invite your friends and family to attend also!*

Light refreshments will be served.

Attire: Business Casual

**RSVP** to by May 13, 2024, to either:

Priscilla Elledge at [elledgep1951@yahoo.com](mailto:elledgep1951@yahoo.com) (843) 412-6319

or

Sandy Shelley at [sandyshelley5@hotmail.com](mailto:sandyshelley5@hotmail.com) (843) 425-9304

Copies of *The History of Dorchester County, South Carolina* will be available to purchase (\$50).

**Continued Get Well Wishes ~**

Linda Baker

Jean Behling

Joy Kizer