

## June in Washington D.C.

**H**op on a bus at the Heritage Library on Sunday, June 19, and land at The Westin Alexandria hotel in Alexandria, Virginia that afternoon to begin a great week in D.C.

The Heritage Library is sponsoring a trip to Washington from June 19 to June 25. There will be guided tours of the National Archives, the Library of Congress and the DAR library. The rest of the time is your choice – genealogy research, sightseeing, swimming in the hotel pool, you name it. On Sunday there will be a meet-and-greet pasta bar and the week will end with a get-together, a dinner buffet.

The price includes planned events and bus transportation, including daily trips to D.C. If you register before April 15, a single room will cost Library members \$2,200; non-members \$2,300 and a shared double room, \$1,525 for members and \$2,375 non-members. Then the price will go up for a single room



### *Register for the trip now*

Registration and medical forms for the Heritage Library's Washington D.C. trip can be found online at [www.heritagelib.org](http://www.heritagelib.org)

to \$2,275, members, and \$2,375, non-members, with shared-double rooms costing \$1,625, members, and \$1,700, non-members. Full payment is required at the time of registration. Registration deadline is May 15.

An orientation session will be held on Tuesday, May 24, from 1:00-3:00 pm at the Heritage Library. Information will be given and questions will be an-

swered which will lead to a successful trip.

Why not register now? You will find the registration and medical forms at [www.heritagelib.org](http://www.heritagelib.org). Mail them together with your check to Heritage Library, 852 William Hilton Parkway, Suite 2A, Hilton Head Island, SC 29928. Phone 843-686-6560 if you have any questions.

## Heritage Library Receives Award

**A**t a Martin Luther King, Jr. Day ceremony, Heritage Library won the 2016 Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Service Award.

The plaque, which was presented to the Library and now hangs on the wall opposite the reception desk, reads:

*For pioneering the search for real history as it relates locally, regionally and nationally. For creating a mission of discovery through research-discovery that leads to time, place and self.*

*Martin Luther King Celebration Planning Committee  
January 18, 2016*

*Hilton Head Island, South Carolina*



*Heritage Library Executive Director Linda Piekut holds the plaque the Library recently received at a Martin Luther King Jr. Day ceremony.*

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**FROM THE BOARD:**

# The Class of 2019

**A**t the Heritage Library Foundation Annual Meeting on February 17 at Palmetto Hall, the Class of 2019 was elected. Current Board members, Nancy M. Burke and Ezra "Cal" Callahan, were re-elected and three new members joined the Board. The new members are:

**Alex Brown** — Alex is a sixth generation islander, Camp Hilton Head executive, Chairman of the Town Planning Commission and member of the Central Oak Grove Baptist Church. If he were to write a book, he would call it "Sense of Place." Alex believes that native islanders had a strong sense of place before 1956 when only private boats and a state-operated ferry could access Hilton Head Island.



*Brown*

The values of native islanders are deeply spiritual and focused on family and work. They share the Gullah Geechee language and culture. Their history provides a linguistic, cultural, and historical perspective on freed slaves after the Civil War. The legacy of native islanders is important on a local, regional and national level and Alex believes that their history needs to be preserved and promoted.

**Barrett "Barry" J. Riordan** — Barry holds several advanced degrees, including a Ph.D. from the University of Wales in the U.K., and has held faculty positions with several universities. He has been vice president of an economic consulting firm and has served in senior positions with the Federal government.



*Riordan*

In 2010 the Riordans relocated per-

manently to Hilton Head Island from the Washington, D.C. area. Barry is a committed genealogist and has worked with the Heritage Library since coming to Hilton Head, preparing grants and other types of written applications. He strongly supports the Library's mission and hopes to help preserve and promote local history through his work at the Library.

**Richard Thomas** — Richard is a Princeton University graduate with a degree in East Asian Studies and graduate Cultural Anthropology field work in Thailand. He speaks Chinese-Mandarin and Thai. He is a U.S. Army Vietnam veteran. Richard has held key positions with seven different ventures in four diverse industries and for the past thirty years he has been a management and leadership consultant to Fortune 500 corporations.



*Thomas*

Richard is a member of a four-generation Hilton Head family. He is the Founder and President of Legacy Leadership whose division, Legacy Leadership of the Lowcountry, offers leadership and team development services to local area businesses and organizations. Richard is a founding member of Hilton Head Island Institute, and is a member of the Coastal Discovery Museum, the Santa Elena Foundation and the Lowcountry Civil War Roundtable. He is also an assistant coach for the Hilton Head Island High School Varsity Lacrosse team.

Dr. Brent Morris has resigned from the Class of 2017 becoming a member of the Heritage Library Foundation Advisory Board. The Board has appointed Ms. Sellars to fill the vacancy.

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Sellars

**Luana Graves Sellars** — Luana is a graduate of Southern Illinois University with a double major, Journalism/Broadcast Communications and Black History, and a minor in Business. Following graduation she worked in New York City, from 1988 to 1999, with several employers in the advertising/marketing field. She moved to the South, working in TN, GA and FL where, in addition to marketing positions, she worked as a Wedding Coordinator/

Event Planner from 1996 to 2000.

In 2008 Luana co-founded Ronald Coleman Enterprises, Inc. and in 2013 Ronald Coleman Acquisitions, LLC, both early educational services companies in Florida, where she is Chief Operating Officer/Administrator/Director. She lives on Hilton Head Island where she is known as the author of Black History articles in *Hilton Head Monthly* magazine.

## Sharing the Heritage

Continuing our series of historical organizations located in our special Beaufort County Area, we are highlighting the Coastal Discovery Museum, located on historic Honey Horn Plantation.

The Museum was founded in 1985, incorporated as a private, not-for-profit, educational institution. It had several homes until, in 1998, fate brought the Museum to its present location. The Town of Hilton Head Island purchased the 68.62-acre tract known as Honey Horn Plantation from the Hack family, including their house, cottage, and several other structures. The Town wanted to preserve the tract's open space and, in that same year, gave the Museum the opportunity to utilize the property. In 2003 the Coastal Discovery Museum entered into a new partnership with the Town of Hilton Head Island, arranging for a long-term lease of the property.

Visiting the Museum is a not-to-be-missed adventure. The Museum makes a difference in the way people think about and interact with the environment, history, culture, and art through telling the story of the Lowcountry. For visitors and locals of all ages, this is achieved through tours, cruises, educational field trips, exhibits, lectures, and



By Iva Roberts Welton

informal learning via trails and self-guided experiences at Honey Horn. Tours include the Civil War era, the History of Honey Horn, and visits to historical sites.

The Discovery House is home to the Museum's indoor exhibitions. The 6,000-square-foot former plantation home, and later

a hunting retreat for wealthy northerners, was extensively renovated in 2006-2007. The Coastal Discovery Museum opened Discovery House in 2007 and it has been a resounding success.

Dr. Rex Garniewicz became President/CEO in July 2014. The Museum was selected as a Smithsonian affiliate in November 2015.

Honey Horn has a fascinating history here on Hilton Head. William P. Clyde, president of the Clyde Steamship Lines and son of its founder, served in the Union Army during its Civil War occupation of Hilton Head. In 1889, he remembered the tropical environment and beauty of the Island, and started buying Island property, eventually totaling 9,000 acres including Honey Horn Plantation — all for about a dollar or two an acre!

The Honey Horn house was built by William Graham just prior to the Civil War and was the only plantation house on the Island still habitable at

the time of Clyde's purchase. Clyde kept the plantation until 1919. The 9,000 tract was bought by Roy Rainey of New York, for \$10,000, as a hunting retreat. Landon K. Thorne and Alfred L. Loomis, of New York, purchased the Rainey and Hurley Estates, comprising about 15,000 acres in 1931, building duck ponds, hunting lodges, and certainly enjoying the "good life" on their hunting preserve. A fascinating read about Loomis and Thorne is the book, *Tuxedo Park* by Jenett Conant. Highly recommended to me by the late Charles Fraser, founder of Sea Pines.

In 1950, Fred C. Hack Sr., Gen. Joseph B. Fraser, and C.C. Stebbins from Georgia, seeing the potential for timber harvesting on Hilton Head, bought 8,400 acres for \$450,000 and formed the Hilton Head Company in 1951. They also acquired the remaining 11,000 acres, under the name of Honey Horn Plantation from Loomis and Thorne for \$600,000. It became the home of the Hack family. Ask Frederick Hack about playing polo there in one of the open fields.

Why not become a Coastal Discovery Museum member or visit it today? Museum hours are Monday-Saturday, 9am-4:30pm and Sunday, 11am-3 pm. You can visit their website at [www.coastaldiscovery.org](http://www.coastaldiscovery.org) or call 843-689-6767.



# History Department

The History Department started the year busy, and each week gets busier and better.

We resumed our Tuesday History Programs on January 19th. By the first week of March, our total attendance was 216. We are again conducting tours of Fort Mitchell on Thursday mornings and new tours of Zion Cemetery on Friday



*By Dee Phillips  
History Co-Chair*

mornings. Iva Welton presented a "Sense of Place" at TidePointe for 35 individuals and General Mitchel, Lou Benfante, appeared with others in a living history presentation at Palmetto Hall. Dee Phillips acted as MC for the program which 80 people attended. Lou also presented Historic Sites to an OLLI class of 80.

Other outside presentations have also been very successful. The Monday night presentations on Historical Sites for Blue Waters guests have had 50 attendees. General Mitchel taught 57 students and teachers from the Legacy Academy in Greenville about Mitchelville at a presentation at the Westin in February. Lou Benfante, Rich Thomas, and Dee Phillips have presented programs, or are scheduled to present, at the Santa Elena History Center in Beaufort. So far, 15 have attended. The numbers build each week as Heritage Library becomes a presence there.

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# Zion Historic Site Update

Our Zion Capital Campaign has some exciting news — we have exceeded our first \$100,000 goal! Thank you to our wonderful donors and future donors. Visit the special website that we developed for you, [www.friendsofbaynard.org](http://www.friendsofbaynard.org), to keep up with the latest information about the site.

There has been a flurry of activity in and on the Baynard Mausoleum which you may have noticed when driving by. The archaeology students from USCB, under the direction of Professor Kimberly Cavanaugh, have been cleaning out the burial chambers and have completed their work at the site. As we have reported before, they continued to find more bones. Dr. Suzanne Abel, a forensic anthropologist for the Office of the Coroner, Charleston County, was asked to review the bones, and she believes that they are all from one older female. In addition, the students have found pieces of cast iron that may have come from the two cast iron coffins, some pieces of wood painted black on one side that may have come from a wooden coffin, and a piece of marble that may have come from the marble doors that hung in the front of the mausoleum. The students' next step will be to sift through the many bags of dirt that they removed from the chambers, looking for smaller artifacts.

We signed a contract with a historic design engineer from Charleston to evaluate the damage to the mausoleum and have just received his report. Here are some interesting facts. The base structure consists



of 9-inch-thick brick side walls with 3-inch-thick brownstone wall panels on the outside. The corner sections are 6-inch-thick projections. The ten bluestone roof slabs, 4 inches thick by 3 feet wide, are all in good condition. Inside, the crypts have brick walls covered with stucco and stone horizontal shelves.

The good news is that the base structure appears to be in excellent shape. The bad news is that the ridge beams that hold up the roof panels are broken and partially collapsed, so the roof is no longer supported from the inside. In addition, the iron bearing plates for the front frieze-level lintel, iron pieces in each corner, and an iron piece above the door have all rusted and are expanding, forcing cracks in the brownstone. The solution will be to remove the roof and gable structure, replace the ridge beams and iron, and put it all back together.

This study has been funded by a grant from the National Park Service, administered by the South Carolina Department of Archives and History.

Please send us your donation to help fund this very special project.

We have put up new signs at the site and added Friday tours of the cemetery at 10:00 am. Why not take a tour one of these Fridays? You can see the great view of Broad Creek thanks to Rotary Rocs members who have been clearing brush the past two years.

# ZION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN DONORS

The Heritage Library has launched this capital campaign to preserve the Baynard Mausoleum and create an outdoor learning center where programs for adults and children will be held. The following donors are helping to achieve these goals.

If you wish to make a contribution, send your check marked "Zion Fund" to Community Foundation of the Lowcountry, Post Office Box 23019, Hilton Head Island, SC 29925.



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THANK YOU  
We've reached \$100,000!



# Heritage Volunteers

## Pat Burke & Susie Marquis

**P**atricia “Pat” Ann Fields Burke was born in Birmingham, Alabama, grew up in Kentucky, graduated from Ohio University and lived in eight states before landing in South Carolina when she and her husband, Richard, retired to Hilton Head Island. Pat and Dick, a Massachusetts native, were married in Ohio. They have two sons and a daughter and five grandchildren.

Pat worked at GE in Marketing for ten years where she was named Headquarters Marketing Representative of the Year. Following GE, she had several different jobs leading to Program Director, state level, with the State of Georgia working in Child Protective Services where she was recognized as Child Protective Services Investigating Supervisor of the Year. Pat worked for Georgia for 18 years before retiring in 2011.

Retirement was an opportunity for Pat to look for an activity, not related to social work, where she could learn, be challenged, and have social interaction. She took bridge lessons and played duplicate bridge, sometimes five times a week. She’s still an avid bridge player but she wanted more variety in her life. Pat had dabbled in genealogical research more than fifteen years ago and she decided to learn more about her family which brought her to Heritage Library. She became a volunteer in 2013. Her interest in history and its cultural implications is recent.

As a volunteer she performed a lot of different tasks when Nancy Burke, Head Librarian, asked Pat to participate in writing a book

**Susie Fitzgerald Marquis** was born on Long Island, New York and grew up in Miami, Florida. She graduated from Miami Dade University and went to work at Southern Bell Telephone Company where she met her husband, Douglas. They were married in his mother’s garden in Coconut Grove, FL by their family minister. The couple has one daughter, Heather Thornburg, who is Director of Nursing at Hospice Care of the Lowcountry. They have one grandson, 12-year-old Evan.

Susie’s 30-year career at Southern Bell is an interesting illustration of recent history.

She started as a Long Distance Operator, spent some time in fraud investigation, worked as an Electronics Annalist diagnosing computer problems, dispatching repairmen, and retired from the department that annualized problems, doing repair work in-house or sending a repairman to the field.

In 2010 they moved to Hilton Head Plantation from Manitou Springs, Colorado — Douglas was tired of coping with snow.



*Volunteers Pat Burke (left) and Susie Marquis*

When one of Susie’s brothers insisted that their family was 100% Irish, she knew that was incorrect. So she, together with her sister-in-law, embarked on a quest to prove him wrong. This project brought them to Heritage Library. In 2012 Linda asked Susie if she would like to be a volunteer and she said, “yes.” Her first assignment was working with spread sheets containing data on the soldiers who died on Hilton Head during the Civil War. This led Nancy Burke to ask Susie to participate in writing a book.

For some years the Library has been collecting pension applications filed by black soldiers, their widows and children, primarily from Hilton Head, who served with the United States Colored Troops in the Civil War. These pension applications have been indexed and are available on the website in a database titled Soldiers of the United States Colored Troops Formed on Hilton Head. The file of applications includes detailed stories about these soldiers and their families and it was decided that this information would make an interesting reference book.

Nancy, Pat and Susie determined a format for each soldier’s story. Then Pat and Susie started working with the files which contain poignant stories of the lives of the soldiers and their families and the hardships they endured both during the war and in their personal lives before and after the war. Pat and Susie have been completing abstracts from these pension files for inclusion in the book. After hours of hard work, Nancy, Pat and Susie are currently performing final editing and determining the book’s title. They plan to publish the book in 2016.

Pat comments, “It is fascinating to learn about the lives of these people, their culture, their hardships, their strength.” Susie says, “The descriptions are touching and sometimes funny. These people did not mince words.”

## Librarian's Corner

Donations are the mainstay of the library collection which includes books, maps, pictures and other materials thanks to the generosity of our patrons. Several especially interesting and unusual items have been received recently.

Beryl LaMotte has given the Library a framed print of the U.S. General Hospital established at Fort Wells/Walker during the Civil War. It is a reprint of an illustration which originally appeared about 1896 in *Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newsletter* and was originally given to Dr. Peter LaMotte, the founder of the modern Hilton Head Hospital. The print shows the exterior of the Civil War hospital and the interior of one of the wards. This hospital is the focus of several of the Library's Civil War databases dealing with the lives of



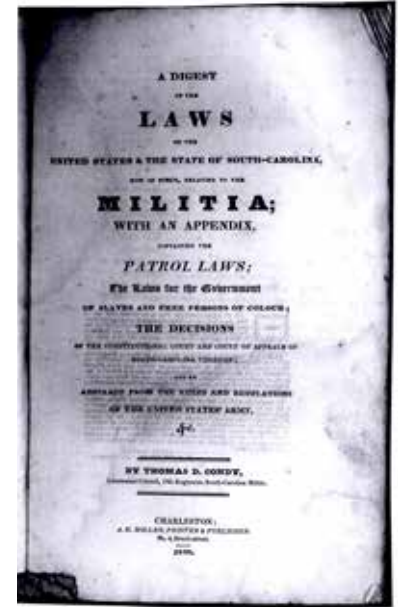
By Nancy Burke,  
Head Librarian

both soldiers and civilians. The print is now on the wall of the classroom along with other framed donations to the Library.

Richard Patrick, Jr. donated an original copy of *A Digest of the LAWS of the United States & the State of South-Carolina; now of Force, Relating to the MILITIA;... containing Patrol*

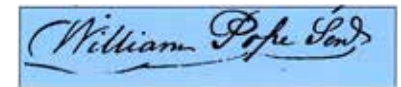
*Laws; the Laws for the Government of Slaves and Free Persons of Color;... and an Abstract from the Rules and Regulations of the United States' Army, &c.*, published in 1830. It is of interest, not only because of its age and content, but because the flyleaf has a signature which appears to be that of Squire William Pope, a major local plantation owner, along with a handwritten date of 1830.

Our thanks to two very generous friends of the Library.



Above: An original copy of a book of laws donated to the Heritage Library by Richard Patrick Jr.

Below: The signature of Squire William Pope.



## Family Tree Maker is Back

As we told you in the January *Observer*, Ancestry announced that it was discontinuing its extremely popular Family Tree Maker (FTM) Software to focus its attention on other areas. After an uproar from the genealogy community,

Ancestry has sold the rights to Family Tree Maker software. Software MacKiev, which has been the developer of Family Tree Maker for Mac for the past six years, has purchased the rights to continue to develop and sell



By Carol Clemens

FTS software. The company states that FTM owners will continue to be able to receive updates, purchase new versions, use hints and search Ancestry.com from the software. They also announced that their first goal will be to improve the speed and reliability of the program. We should not expect to see new versions or features added to the program for at least a year. The current version of the software will be on sale again by March 1st.

Always remember that no software

or technology is permanent. You must be ready for any situation so you do not lose all your hard work. This quote from Dick Eastman's blog on Feb 16, 2016 sums up what you hear at genealogy classes taught at the Heritage Library. Please heed his advice.

*"Never, ever store all of your files in one location. That is an invitation for disaster. Store copies of your files in multiple locations in different geographic areas. For instance, I generally keep one copy in my computer's*

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# Volunteer Luncheon

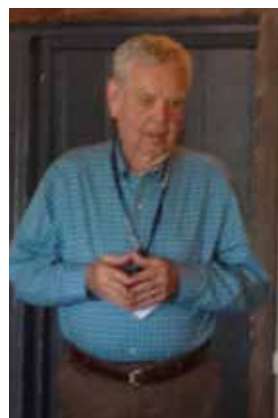


**O**n March 9 the annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon was held at Hudson's by the Docks Seafood House in their recently remodeled dining room overlooking the water.

## President's Award:

### Sheila Buck

Peter Cooper praised Sheila's work as the Library's accountant saying, "the complexity of the Library's finances have increased substantially over the past few years. Sheila records these many transactions with great care and expertise."



### Bill Altstaetter, Founder and Past-President

"Twenty years ago, when the Heritage Library Foundation was created," said Bill, "I never dreamed that the Library would become what it is today. As a Founding Member, I want to thank all of you for your hard work which has made our success possible."



### Lou Benfante, President

Lou praised the Library's volunteers, "their expertise and commitment is fantastic and their dedication and the quality of their work helped us to achieve great success last year." He listed 2015 achievements along with some of the Library's plans for 2016.



## Volunteer of the Year Award:

### Laurette Doscher-Benfante

"Not once but twice," said Linda Piekut when introducing Laurette, "was Laurette, Membership Chair, faced with compiling our membership records after the computer crashed."

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own hard drive, another copy on the same hard drive's/Backups folder, another copy in the external USB drive that sits beside my computer, another copy in a USB flashdrive or two, another copy in Dropbox, another copy in Google Drive, another copy in Amazon S3 storage, and so on. Yes, that is overkill but I do believe I am well protected from data loss."

— Dick Eastman

My advice is to stick with Family Tree Maker, especially if that is what you are currently using. Those new to genealogy should feel safe selecting FTS as their software. I will continue to offer Family Tree Maker programs at the Heritage Library in the fall of 2016.

Have questions? Email Carol at [clemens318@roadrunner.com](mailto:clemens318@roadrunner.com).





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## The Beaufort Branch is Open

The Beaufort Branch of the Heritage Library is open from 10 am-3 pm on Tuesdays and Fridays in the Santa Elena History Center, 1501 Bay Street. Our branch will have its Grand Opening on April 26 and 29 to coincide with the 450th anniversary celebration of Pedro Menendez's founding of Santa Elena on what is now Parris Island.

The branch has a staff of ten wonderful volunteers to help patrons with their ancestry research: Nancy and Carroll Crowther, Barbara Friis, Amanda Hughes, Ruth Ragland, Joan Schor, Weedy Servaes, Mary and Peter Somerville. The new site has all the same databases that we have on Hilton Head and our experienced staff will help patrons with their research or may even smash a brick wall.

Come to the Grand Opening on April 26 and 29 when light refreshments will be served, or visit our branch earlier and keep the staff busy.

## Wish List

We need a desktop printer for our branch in Beaufort.



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# Tax-Effective Ways to Support Heritage Library

The following are ways you can make donations to your Heritage Library that may not put a big dent in your savings. Please be sure to check with your financial institution or accountant to be sure you're taking the necessary steps to help the Library in the most tax-efficient way.



By Peter Cooper

can count toward your required minimum distribution. The transfer needs to come directly from the financial institution that holds your IRA, not from a distribution you have already received. You can deduct the donation as a charitable contribution.

## Donation of Appreciated Stock:

Do you have stock that has appreciated two, three, or even four times what you paid for it? You can ask your financial institution (brokerage firm) to transfer whatever number of shares you designate to the Library's broker. You can take the entire value of the donated stock as

a charitable contribution and not pay any capital gains tax. Please contact me for details: [pcooper67@gmail.com](mailto:pcooper67@gmail.com).

**Join the Legacy Society:** The Library recently established a Legacy Society to recognize people who have designated the Heritage Library as a beneficiary in their estate planning. Simply let Linda Piekut, 843-686-6560, know that we are in your plans so that we can include you in our list of Legacy Society members.

We welcome your support, however you decide to contribute to the Library's mission to document and promote the history of Hilton Head Island and continue its role as a premier ancestry library.

## Tuesday History Programs

10:30 am • \$10 per person • Registration requested: Call 843-686-6560

**April 5:** *Historic Sites of Hilton Head Island:* The history of Hilton Head Island and its historic sites with a map that you can use later for your own self-guided tour of the sites.

**April 12:** *Early Explorers of the South Carolina Lowcountry:* Who was here before Captain William Hilton? Learn about the early explorations by the Spanish, French, and English from 1492-1663.

**April 19:** *The Role of Women in the History and Development of Hilton Head Island:* There were many strong women in Hilton Head Island's history whose roles were defined by plantation life, isolation, and war.

In celebration of Santa Elena's 450th anniversary there will be two sessions in April.

**Tuesday, April 26, and Thursday, April 28 –** *The Story of Santa Elena:* Before Jamestown and Plymouth, there was the Spanish settlement of

Santa Elena, founded in 1566, on Parris Island on Port Royal Sound in Beaufort County, SC.

**May 3:** *Cemeteries of Hilton Head Island:* The history and location of the 16 cemeteries on the Island.

**May 10:** *Sea Pines 1950 to 1983:* Learn about the lumbermen, Gen. Joseph B. Fraser and Fred Hack, and Charles Fraser's development of Sea Pines Plantation.

**May 17:** *Pirates of the Lowcountry:* What were pirates doing in the waters of the Lowcountry before the Revolutionary War? Who were they?

**May 24:** *Pedro Menendez, "The Last Crusader":* Known as the John Wayne of his time, Menendez was an advisor to King Phillip II of Spain and was the founder of the first lasting European settlement in North America at Santa Elena, where he served as Governor of Spanish La Florida.

**May 31:** *The Story of Santa Elena:* Before Jamestown and Plymouth,

there was the Spanish settlement of Santa Elena, founded in 1566, on Parris Island on Port Royal Sound in Beaufort County, SC.

**June 7:** *The Gullah People and Culture:* How the Gullah People came to Hilton Head and the efforts to save their culture and history for future generations.

**June 14:** *The Story of Mitchelville:* Hear the story of Mitchelville, the nation's first self-governed, freed slave village and the reasons why it should be remembered.

**June 21:** *Historic Sites of Hilton Head Island:* The history of Hilton Head Island and its historic sites with a map that you can use later for your own self-guided tour of the sites.

**June 28:** *Sea Pines 1950 to 1983:* Learn about the lumbermen, Gen. Joseph B. Fraser and Fred Hack, and Charles Fraser's development of Sea Pines Plantation.



# Ft. Mitchel Marker

**O**n January 24, 2016 the Heritage Library dedicated an historic marker at Ft. Mitchel in Hilton Head Plantation. The marker was awarded to the fort by the South Carolina Department of Archives and History and purchased for the fort by the Beaufort County Historical Society. The ceremony was held at Ft. Mitchel followed by a reception held in The Gallery.



*Left to right: Steve Riley, Town Manager; Harry Eschenbach, Barrett Riordan, Jim Robinson, all Heritage Library Board members; Iva Welton, Heritage Library Board and Beaufort County Historical Society Board; Ezra Callahan, Heritage Library Board; David Bennett, Hilton Head Island Mayor; Linda Piekut, Heritage Library Board and Executive Director; Mary Lou Brewton, Beaufort County Historical Society President; Pamela Ovens, Beaufort County Historical Society Past-President and Executive Board; Bill Harkins, Hilton Head Island Mayor Pro-Tem; Peter Cooper, Heritage Library Board; Dee Philips, Heritage Library History Department Co-Chair.*

Guided tours of Ft. Mitchel are held every Thursday at 10 am, and we're off to a great year. On March 17th, 33 bikers, members of the Long Cove Bike Club, visited Ft. Mitchel — the first biking group to tour the fort.

*At right: Lou Benfante, tour leader, with the bikers.*



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The department decided to add three Sunday programs in February which were well attended. Our total of 73 individuals found Jeff Fulgham's Bluffton Expedition, Thomas Thibeault's The Man Who Stole Himself, and Jackie McFadden's "Carolina Marsh Tacky" presentations interesting and enlightening. Jackie McFadden had friends bring Marsh Tacky horses from the Charleston area to our parking lot at Heritage Library where our Sunday visitors fed them carrots and treats after Jackie's talk.

As you can see, our spring has been full and as summer approaches, the department continues to be excited about

additional opportunities. There are four new presentations scheduled through June: Pirates of the Lowcountry, Cemeteries of Hilton Head Island, Pedro Menendez, and Sea Pines, The Early Years (1950-1983). Sondra Hardy and Georgia West wrote the Pirates presentation. Kathy Smith did the research on Cemeteries and will present it. Rich Thomas has completed his work on Sea Pines and Pedro Menendez and is scheduled to present them. We hope that you will plan to join us for these new presentations.

We are delighted that volunteers, Sam and Barbara Moschella and Randy Tardy, have joined the History Department.



# Heritage Library Membership

Welcome to  
59 New and  
69 Renewal  
Members who have  
joined our Heritage  
Library Family.



*By Laurette  
Doscher-Benfante,  
Membership Chair*

## New Members

### Beaufort

Nancy and Carroll Crowther  
Joan Schor  
Charlene Shufelt  
Mary and Peter Somerville

### Bluffton

Nancy Ashman  
Susan Dobbs  
Sandy and Tom Jerrigan  
Joann Landreth  
Bonnie and Pete Leone  
Barbara and Samuel Moschella  
Carol Murphy  
Karen Stosak  
Nancy Whitworth

### Daufuskie

Jennifer Hersch

### Hilton Head Island

Barbara and Bob Baroni  
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Joan and Michael Burns  
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Henry Schwabrow  
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Maxine and Raymond Servaes  
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Jean Meaney Wheatly  
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Gayle Wingo

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Margaret and Michael Baratto,  
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## Renewal Members

### Beaufort

Dorothy Hood

### Bluffton

Shelley and Terry Block  
Alan Chaput  
Glenda Blakeney  
Nancy and Joseph Burke  
Judy Fox  
Mary and Thomas Martin  
Pre and Gary Moore  
Dedra and Thomas Roberts  
Alexander Whan

### Hilton Head Island

Janet Alpert  
Martha and Paul Anthony  
Lynne and Richard Armfield  
Christine and Terrence Baehr  
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Sara Brennan

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Joe Player  
Bart Ruby  
Kathy Shea and Phil Carney  
William Standen  
Bonnie and David Sudduth  
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Savannah GA  
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