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World's Largest Yard Sale Can Benefit the Library

The Heritage Library will once again participate in next March's World's Largest Yard Sale sponsored by the *Island Packet*.

March seems a long way off, but as the saying goes "Time does fly". This is a project that is comparatively easy to do especially if we have members contribute time and treasures for the event.

Please start saving your items. Remember that one person's trash is another's treasure.

Among items you can contribute

- Paperback books
- Cookbooks —always popular—but no other hardbacks
- Costume jewelry
- Dishes, small appliances that still work
- Knick-knacks and assorted treasures you wish to give to a worthy "cause".

No clothing, **no** hardback books except cookbooks.,

If you can store them it would be great but, if not, please bring them to the Library after January 1. Or give us a call and we will arrange to pick up your items. The more items, the more sales, and more money for the support of your library.

Can you help us? Many hands make the task easier and fun. Some areas to fill are: pick up, pricing, set up and clean up. We have a start on that list, but it is only a start. In the past the worker bees all seemed to have a good (though sometimes hectic) time.

Please join us in making this fund raiser a success! Call the Library at 686-6560 and leave a message or call Gwen at home 689-9558.

GWEN ALTSTAETTER

Open House January 16

Make plans now to attend our Open House on Sunday, January 16, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

And please invite your friends who are interested in history or genealogy. There will be light refreshments plus knowledgeable and helpful guides to answer questions about doing research at our Library.

This is an excellent chance for those interested to look us over and get to know us better.

Other Events of Interest

Victorian Christmas party

December 10 at Colcock-Teel House, 46 Colcock Street, Bluffton. Parking next door at the Oyster Factory Park. Dinner and dancing in the live oak grove across the street (under a tent with outdoor heaters). \$50 per person includes 2011 membership in the Bluffton Historical Preservation Society. Call Maureen Richardson at 843.757.6293 for reservations.

Archaeology Society of South Carolina, Hilton Head Chapter

December 7: Christmas Social. Open to the Public
January 18th- Speaker TBA

January 22nd, 2011 Second Annual "What the Heck is it?" Program. Discovery House at the Coast Discovery Museum at Honey Horn Plantation 1-5 pm. Free artifact identification by leading Archaeologists and a Silent Auction

For further information: George Stubbs- 843-363-5058.

A VERY USEFUL FREE PROGRAM!

Back Up My Tree

Back up My Tree, a new *free* and *easy* program, is available for download. It automatically finds and saves a copy of all family trees found on your hard drive. The program works with GEDCOM files, Family Tree Maker, PAF, Legacy Family Tree, RootsMagic (version 4 or later), Family Tree Builder, Family Tree Legends, Ancestral Quest, Ancestry Family Tree, and GenoPro. (Note: The program says that the Master Genealogist and Reunion for Mac are supported using manual upload through your Web browser, but currently there is no automatic upload for Macs). If you use Family Tree Maker, the photos you add are also backed up as part of the file. For the others, this feature is planned for the future.

Once you download the program and set it to automatically upload, you do not have to do anything else. You are *not* posting your tree for others to see; you are simply creating a backup copy stored safely outside of your computer. As changes are detected, the files are automatically backed up. You can also access your tree from any computer with internet access simply by signing in to your account.

You should always have an up-to-date backup of your tree stored someplace *other than the hard drive* of your computer. Both your computer and external hard drives can crash, CDs can get scratched, and often people just forget to back up. This free program does all the work for you.

I personally have recently started to use this program as another way to safely backup my trees. I strongly suggest that you look at this program and see if it might be helpful to you, too—especially if you currently do not have an automatic backup plan. For more information and to download this free program, go to:

<https://www.backupmytree.com/features>

CAROL CLEMENS

Volunteers:**Tell Us About Yourself**

We think it is a wonderful thing for you to volunteer at the Heritage Library. Our members will want to know more about you, and we'd like to feature you in upcoming issues of *The Heritage Observer*.

Please go to Shareddocs on a Library computer and open the Word file called Volunteer Questionnaire. There will be a series of subjects inviting you to tell us about yourself. You can fill it out right there on the computer. Don't worry about length; the document will expand to include whatever you want to write.

Then please email to your editor. Also please send a photograph of yourself. (We can crop if necessary.) Send all this to barbaraguild@earthlink.net.

Your editor thanks you, the membership thanks you, and we're looking forward to seeing you in our newsletter.

Fort Mitchel Refurbishment

As you doubtless realize if you have visited Fort Mitchel lately, there is quite a bit of work that needs to be done. For safety's sake, pathways and railings need help, and tree limbs need to be removed. Both lighting and signage need to be updated.

We would also like to provide a place for talks and lectures, especially now that the Civil War Sesquicentennial is imminent. We have laid these needs before the local ATAX (Accommodations Taxes) committees; the Beaufort County committee has responded with a grant which will partially cover our request. We have applied to the Town of Hilton Head committee for the balance, and will report when we hear their decision.

NGS 2011 Family History Conference

This year the National Genealogical Society's annual conference will be in Charleston, SC, May 11-14. The Heritage Library will have an exhibit.

The conference will be packed with fascinating talks and seminars. Look for more details in a later issue.



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THERE'S MUCH TO LOOK FORWARD TO

An Exciting 2011**Volunteers:**

A fascinating group of volunteers has emerged to add to our already solid group. We will meet them all in our newsletters during the year, and hear about the projects which engage them.

Civil War Sesquicentennial:

April 2011 will mark the 150th year since the firing on Fort Sumpter and the opening guns of the Civil War. In November, we will be marking the 150th anniversary of the invasion of Hilton Head which was to change forever life on this island.

This will be a commemoration, not a celebration, for there is little to celebrate in this bloody tragedy. It is nevertheless important, as with all history, to keep its memory alive for the lessons it teaches us.

The Sesquicentennial will actually last through 2015, so we will have ample opportunity to commemorate events. We will keep you posted on planned events around the state, and will welcome contributions from our members and friends to our newsletters.

Interesting Ancestors

We hope to launch a new series of stories about people right here on the island who have found interesting ancestors through their genealogy research.

If you have such a story from your own research, please share it with us. If you know of someone who has turned up such a story, please let your editor know. We hope to feature these stories in future issues of *Glimpses*. We also hope to launch a competition among Island residents with prizes of free membership.

Northern Money, Southern Land

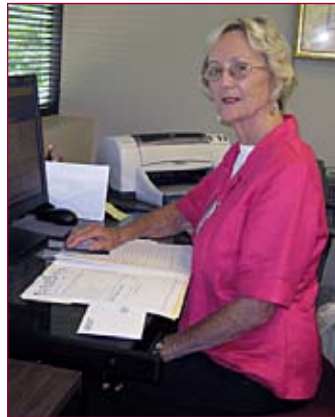
Steve Hoffius, one of the editors of this popular new book, will be here to tell us about it and sign copies. Date to be announced.

Zion Chapel of Ease Site

Iva Welton is preparing an application for this site to be placed on the National Historic Register. The site qualifies in every respect, and Iva plans to submit it in February.

BARBARA MULLER

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

**News of Members and Volunteers**

The holidays are here and we wish all our members a happy time filled with many blessings. The past two months have brought a notable uptick in our membership!

We are delighted to welcome these new members: Robert and Linda Holmes from Maryland, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Love from Delaware; Bluffton is represented by Carl and Wendy Bergmann, Mary Noel, Agnes Marvin and Steffani Walther. Hilton Head Island wins with the most new members: Paul Grazio, Norma McLean, Don and Mary Jo Carlson, Lynne Miller, Kristen Bell, David Hefner and Harry and Terry Moore.

Steffani Walther is already volunteering and we are pleased to welcome Barbara Fleishman to our volunteer staff as well. As you all know we still need volunteers for a variety of positions.

Speaking of volunteers, in March we will need volunteers for the World's Largest Yard Sale sponsored by the Island Packet, probably on the second Saturday in March. (See story on Page 1)

In the past we have had a very nice return from comparatively small amount of work. Volunteers can help us on the day of the event by picking up donations from various storage places, setting up (this is great for early risers), showing and selling the merchandise which can be a bit hectic but also fun.

To prepare, we will need all of you to do some cleaning out of drawers, closets and your own storage areas –see a listing of wanted items on Page 1. If you can store them yourselves until the first of January we would appreciate it, but if that is not convenient we will pick them up or you can drop them at the Library during our usual hours of operation. For pick up or other questions please call the Library at 686-6560 or Gwen at 689-9558.

GWEN ALTSTAETTER

Register Now for Spring Classes

January 12 & 19: Beginning Family Research

With Nancy Burke. A two-part workshop for the first-time family researcher includes nomenclature and suggested research techniques; also for those who wish to brush up their skills. Includes the textbook "Unpuzzling Your Past"

\$45 for non-members, \$40 for members

January 26: Using Family Tree Maker 2010

With Carol Clemens. Whatever version of FTM you are using, this class can be helpful. Learn how to easily prepare and print charts, reports, timelines etc., and instantly add on-line information and sources to your tree without having to enter data by hand. You will need basic computer skills for this class.

\$30 for non-members, \$25 for members

February 2: Effective Use of the Internet

With Linda Piekut. Types of Web sites where genealogical material might be found, what's new, how to identify good from the bad information. Effective

Web searching techniques.

\$30 non-members, \$25 members

February 9: "Pieces of Your Past" Booklet

With Carol Clemens. Requires MSWord 2007. Tools this program makes available for creating booklets, including "print screen," cropping and resizing, and other useful details. (Bring your laptop if you have one.)

\$30 non-members, \$25 members

February 16: Creating Great Gifts

With Carol Clemens. Learn how to make unique gifts to share family research with family members.

\$30 non-members, \$25 members.

All classes are at the Library at 2:00 p.m.

More information: www.heritagelib.org

Call 843-686-6560 for information

or to register.

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