



# The Heritage Observer

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The Library has partnered with Coastal Discovery Museum, Gullah Museum, Hilton Head Island Land Trust, Mitchelville and Town of Hilton Head Island Office of Cultural Affairs to grow History Day into a weekend event. The Westin Resort & Spa is offering special rates for the weekend. This event is designed to bring history alive and add the magic of the holidays to make it fun for the entire family.

## HISTORIC HOLIDAYS ON HILTON HEAD ISLAND

*A Weekend of Sea Island Traditions*

### Schedule of Events

#### Friday, December 6th

**7:00 PM Lowcountry Food and Traditions at Hudson's Seafood on the Docks** – Come and enjoy a bounty of oysters and shrimp from local waters. Check our website, [www.heritagelib.org](http://www.heritagelib.org) for tickets and details.



#### Saturday, December 7th

**10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Artisan Market at Coastal Discovery Museum** – Fun for the entire family as you shop the wares of local artisans, enjoy music and food, listen to storytellers and meet local authors. \$10 - Adult \$2 - Children under 12.



**9:30 AM – 4:00 PM (Tour schedules vary) Tour Hilton Head's Historic Sites by Trolley** – Immerse yourself in the history of our Island

with stops at Zion Chapel of Ease Cemetery, Fort Howell, Mitchelville and Gullah Museum. \$15 - Adult, \$5 - children under 12.



#### Sunday, December 8th

**10:00 AM Central Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church** - Their weekly service with a traditional gospel choir. Open to everyone with a free-will offering.

**1:00 PM Queen Chapel AME** - The church will host a program with a reading of a Christmas story in the Gullah language followed by Christmas carols and a history of the church. Traditional Gumbo will be available for sale. Open to everyone with a free-will offering.

**5:00 PM Central Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church** - A Candlelight Communion Service. Open to everyone with a free-will offering.

**The Civil War by Bike** – Bike through the historic sites in Port Royal Plantation and enjoy Civil War stories and places. Visit Fort Walker, Fort Sherman, The Steam Gun Cannon and the Headlands. \$25 per person with your own bike \$35 if a rental

bike is needed. Bike helmets are required. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Ticket information and available times available on our website, [www.heritagelib.org](http://www.heritagelib.org)



#### Monday, December 9th

**11:00 AM – 2:00 PM Research Your Roots** – The Heritage Library will offer 30-minute segments of assisted genealogy research free to those who have purchased a ticket to a previous weekend event and \$5 for everyone else.



**5:30 PM Lighting of the Big Oak Tree** – The grand finale of the weekend will take place at Mitchelville Freedom Park. Come and honor the people who first experienced freedom at this historic site and see the Old Oak turn into a glorious Christmas tree. We hope this will become an annual event – a tradition.



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# From the Executive Director



**By Barbara Catenaci**  
*Executive Director*

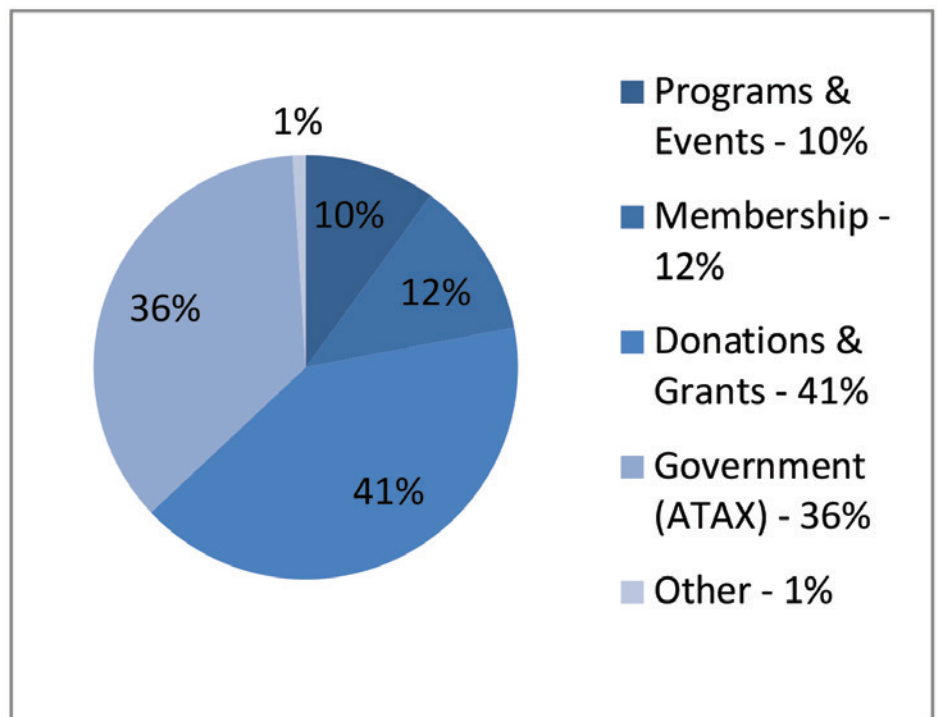
It's hard to believe that we are into the last quarter of the year – so much has happened and so much more is scheduled to happen between now and the end of the year. Each year we grow and each year we add more to our calendar, a testament to the incredible support we receive from our members, volunteers, board of directors, donors, partners and community. As I met with different groups this year, I was always asked to explain how the Library is funded and I would like to share that information with you. The chart below shows sources and percentages of Library income.

Donations to the Library through individuals, groups and grant programs are the majority of our income and essential to continued growth. There are a number of ways that you can donate to the Library.

1. Make a donation directly to the Library by mail (PO Box 5950, Hilton Head Island SC 29938) or through our website ([www.heritagelib.org](http://www.heritagelib.org)).

2. Make a donation to our capital campaign (Zion Chapel of Ease History Park) through the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry ([www.cf-lowcountry.org](http://www.cf-lowcountry.org)).
3. Donate through the Heritage Classic Foundation. We are a designated charity and you can contribute two ways through the Heritage Classic Foundation – Birdies for Charity and Champions for Charity. These donations must be made on-line at [www.heritageclassicfoundation.com](http://www.heritageclassicfoundation.com). The Heritage Classic Foundation adds up to 15% to your donation through these programs and that support is important to us.
4. Answer our call next month when we make our annual holiday appeal for donations (watch for more in the mail).
5. Join the Library – new members and returning members are the foundation of the Library. And, last but not least,
6. Attend our classes, tours and programs.

We truly do appreciate all that you do in support of what we do. Thank you – your generosity keeps us going and growing.



# Heritage Volunteers

## Marty and Paul Anthony

Heritage Library had started a project to record Civil War Deaths on Hilton Head and had just received a microfilm with additional names from the Beaufort Library when the Anthony's joined our volunteer staff, late in 2010, and were assigned the project of researching and recording these soldiers. Marty and Paul have worked on this project with careful attention to detail.

Marty and Paul are Ohio natives, meeting when students at Ohio State. Marty majored in Speech Pathology and Paul in Pharmacy. Years later, after Marty had her private practice and Paul owned The Medicine Shoppe, they retired to Hilton Head Island building a home in Shipyard. They have a daughter and a son and four grandchildren.

Starting their volunteer assignment, Paul took over research, with Marty doing some too, and Marty took over the spreadsheets which had been started earlier. The spreadsheets contain the name of each soldier who died on Hilton Head, death date, state regiment company, whether found on the Roll of Honor or Burial Orders or both, hospital information, and the grave location in



Beaufort National Cemetery.

Marty's and Paul's job was to check the accuracy of information already on the spreadsheets and to enter and research the names discovered in the misplaced boxes in Beaufort Cemetery, now on microfilm. And, they continued to find more names. They discovered names of soldiers buried in the 1861-1865 Government Cemetery on Hilton Head but not included in the Roll of Honor or Burial Orders. Paul found additional names in Regimental Rosters and books. This research took a great deal of time and they were determined to make the final product as comprehensive and accurate as possible. They became detectives.

Handwriting was a big problem for them. An example is Wilson Sharp found on the microfilmed records but couldn't be found on any other database. Marty studied the microfilm again and discovered the W was a N and the S was a T and he was on the Ohio 25th regiment roster; Nelson Tharp AKA Thorp.

As Marty works on the editing phase, she continues to discover listings which require more research. For instance, in checking she found that an entry for a soldier named Phillips had two different burial dates; 1/7/1864 and 3/13/1865. Research showed that there were two soldiers, Edward A. Phillips and Edward M. Phillips. Her editing seems to be a never-ending task but she says she sees light at the end of the tunnel.

Information about each soldier has been compiled and placed in a binder. These binders are on the Library's shelves, *Civil War Deaths on Hilton Head*. Partial information is online. The whole database will be uploaded when completed.

Marty says, "I am happy that our work will help researchers learn more about their ancestors."

## History Department

### Sign Up Early!

The History Department has great programs for fall and winter. There is something for everyone.

We have eight new programs that the History Department will do for OLLI at the new USCB-HHI campus. Also, we are offering seven programs for Heritage Library also in a USCB-HHI classroom. These courses are featured on the Library's website and sign-up is through our site.

We continue our Ft. Mitchel tours on Mondays and our Zion Cemetery tours on Thursdays. Each will have living history characters to help you visualize those who were here during the Revolutionary and Civil Wars. Check out the Bike Tours on Wednesdays, the docent will help you learn about history and get your exercise.



By Dee Phillips  
History Dept. Co-Chair

It would not be fall without our Halloween programs at Zion, Ghosts & Myths. The spirits of those buried in the Cemetery will visit the weekend before Halloween (October 23, 24, and 25) and share the haunting stories that affected their lives. The Witch is looking forward to seeing you as she and our Docent introduce you to these characters.

Colonial Christmas, our Zion Cemetery program, is part of Historic Holidays this year. We have joined with other community groups to show what life was like at Christmas during Colonial times. Look for more information on our website and save the date, December 7th. The trolley leaves from Honey Horn and will take you to Zion. Your day is going to be fun, enlightening, and educational. The History Department will not let you down.

To make this time even busier, the History Department has booked several group events this fall. We have groups from Indigo Run, Palmetto Hall, Cypress and Bluffton Garden Club coming to Zion or Ft. Mitchel for special tours. On the younger side, the Elementary Schools are bringing seven classes of fifth graders to see what life was like during the building of the Stoney-Baynard Ruins and at Ft. Mitchel during the Civil War. Our living history characters will help them visualize while they compare life today to those time periods. Also, some of our living history characters and a docent will go to the second-grade classes and share some of the activities, clothing, and games in the past, comparing them to the present.

If you are interested in volunteering to help at Ghosts & Myths or Historic Holidays, please let the Library know. We need and love our volunteers.

# ZION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN DONORS

*The Heritage Library has created this capital campaign to preserve the Baynard Mausoleum and create the Zion Chapel of Ease History Park. 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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*Historic*  
**Zion Chapel of Ease  
History Park**

*Home of the Patriots and Planters*



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## Librarian's Corner

We have an exciting schedule of genealogy classes that the Library is offering throughout the fall in the Library and at the new USCB-HHI campus. Check our website, [www.heritagelib.org](http://www.heritagelib.org), for details. In addition to our usual Beginner and Family Tree Maker classes, we will be offering the following classes: Scottish Ancestry; Genealogy Research, Where to Start for Free; Black American Family Research; Genealogy Organizations and Societies; and DNA Testing Options. Remember, Library members receive a discount.

Our OLLI classes include a four-part Beginning Genealogy Research class. To register for that or some of the Library's numerous history classes, check their website, [OLLIUSCB.edu](http://OLLIUSCB.edu).

We will be offering additional classes starting in late January-March. If you have any classes to suggest, please write to me at



**Susan Dobbs**  
Head Librarian

[Librarian@heritagelib.org](mailto:Librarian@heritagelib.org) with your ideas and we will see if we can make them happen.

I was fortunate to attend the FGS Conference in Washington, D.C. in August. While networking with different vendors I learned a success story to share with you.

Family Tree Maker is on the verge of selling their latest 2019 version and is including us in their spring tour through the southeastern US. Tentatively, they plan to provide free training on their new FTM products and promise to have some great door prizes on March 17. More information will be forthcoming as we get closer to that date.

While talking about the Library with top officials of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, they became interested in some of our unique holdings. They asked for more specific information on our original collections; *Hilton Head Cemeteries*,

*They Served...* and other collections which our volunteers have worked on tirelessly. We also have some original manuscripts and family histories which they don't have access to. It is hoped that eventually they will be able to send a team here to digitize these.

Finally, we have a story to share. Sunni Bond, our Monday and Wednesday Librarian, also volunteers at *The Litter Box* thrift store and came upon a group of historic photos which included professionally done pictures, some named. Sunni did some research to identify the family members in the pictures and determined most were from Virginia. While at the conference, I met with a representative from the Virginia Historical Society. I showed her the photos and she agreed to take them and track down family members with whom to share them. As genealogists, we love to see family items shared with their descendants.

Come see us and find some new information about your families.

## Sharing the Heritage

Greetings! This fall weather is so beautiful here on Hilton Head. For this issue I am going to share information about some history presentations that are available this season in the Lowcountry.

Of course you know, you just have to go to our website, [heritagelib.org](http://heritagelib.org), to see the great lineup of classes the Heritage Library is offering, given by our wonderful teacher-volunteers.

The Beaufort County Historical Society (of which I had the pleasure to serve as president for four years) offers these lectures free to the public: "Civil War Views of Beaufort," presented by Dr. Steven Wise, Director of the Parris Island Museum, Thursday, October 17, at noon. "Not Just Gossip: Who Dwelt in Beaufort's Historic Houses?" presented by Maxine Lutz, former Executive Director of the Historic



**By Iva Roberts Welton**  
Board Member

Beaufort Foundation, Thursday, November 21, at noon. Both events will be held at the Beaufort Branch Library, 311 Scott Street. For more information phone (912) 604-3534.

Coastal Discovery Museum presents the intriguing and interesting "Natural History and Archaeology of Beer" presented by Rex Garniewicz, President and CEO of the Museum. Beer is the foundation of civilized life as we know it. Beginning 10,000 years ago, brewing led to the development of agriculture, settled life, and a myriad of inventions. This presentation will take you from Ancient Mesopotamia, China, and Egypt to the jungles of the Amazon to learn some of the science and history behind how beer is made and to see how it has impacted our lives in ways we likely never think about – you will want to share

this history with your friends. Friday, October 4, 2 PM, \$7 per person. For more information phone 843-689-6767, ext. 223.

The Coastal Discovery Museum also presents author Rich Thomas, a Board member and active volunteer of the Heritage Library, to tell long forgotten stories of Beaufort County events and the people who, in their time, dramatically changed the world around them and set the course for the future to follow. The presentation will focus on nine notable events in Beaufort County's past and how each of them constituted a significant first of their kind in American history. The stories of these events and the people involved constitute the core of his book, *Backwater Frontier: Beaufort County, SC at the Forefront of American History*. Wednesday, October 9, 2 PM, \$7 per person. For more information phone 843-689-6767, ext. 223.

# Hilton Head Churches

## Queen Chapel A.M.E.

Established 1865

Much of what is known of the early years of Queen Chapel is based on oral tradition with little documentation to establish exact dates and locations. When the church had its beginning and when the site of the present church was purchased is documented.

The first African Methodist Episcopal church was established in 1794 by Richard Allen and others when they faced racial discrimination by the white American Methodists in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Recognizing that other churches faced many of the same obstacles, Allen helped organize a conference with delegates from Philadelphia, Baltimore and other cities that met in April 1816 and established the African Methodist Episcopal<sup>1</sup> religious denomination.

“The African Methodist Episcopal Church, dormant in South Carolina from 1822 until 1865 because of white hostility toward Blacks, was re-organized” and “had by the end of Reconstruction established themselves as the second largest Negro denomination in the state.”<sup>2</sup>

Queen Chapel had its beginning on May 12, 1865 when the steamship Argo, on the way to Charleston, landed on Hilton Head Island due to a storm. Several A.M.E. ministers were on board and decided to hold a service while they were delayed. The service was held under a large oak tree with prayers and singing, and thus began Queen Chapel A.M.E. Church.

There are differing stories about the time and location of the first building and I have found nothing definitive. Various sources only say that



By Richard Chalk  
Volunteer

a building was built a few years after the service under the large oak tree. While some believe that it was in the Town of Mitchelville, other reports suggest that it was located on the former Pope plantation. What is known is that the property where the church is located today, 114 Beach City Road, was purchased from W.D. Brown in 1886 and a building was built or relocated on the site in or about 1892. The hurricane of 1893 caused significant destruction on the island. A report from the period said that only one of eight church buildings was left standing.<sup>3</sup> The one church is not identified so it is possible that it was Queen Chapel.

A new building was built in 1954 and served the congregation until 2002 when that building was renovated with the addition of a new sanctuary and seating for 300. Today Queen Chapel has an active congregation of approximately 120 members. They are participating in Historic Holidays on Sunday, December 8th.

<sup>1</sup>“Looking Back” by Moses Alexander Grant ISBN: 0944514014

<sup>2</sup> From: “The History of Queen Chapel African Methodist Church” written in August 2015, by Diogenette “Vernie” Singleton and included in the Sesquicentennial Celebration Banquet booklet. Copy in the vertical files at the Heritage Library

<sup>3</sup> Scribner’s Magazine Vol. 15 1894 “The Sea Island Hurricanes” By Joel Chandler Harris

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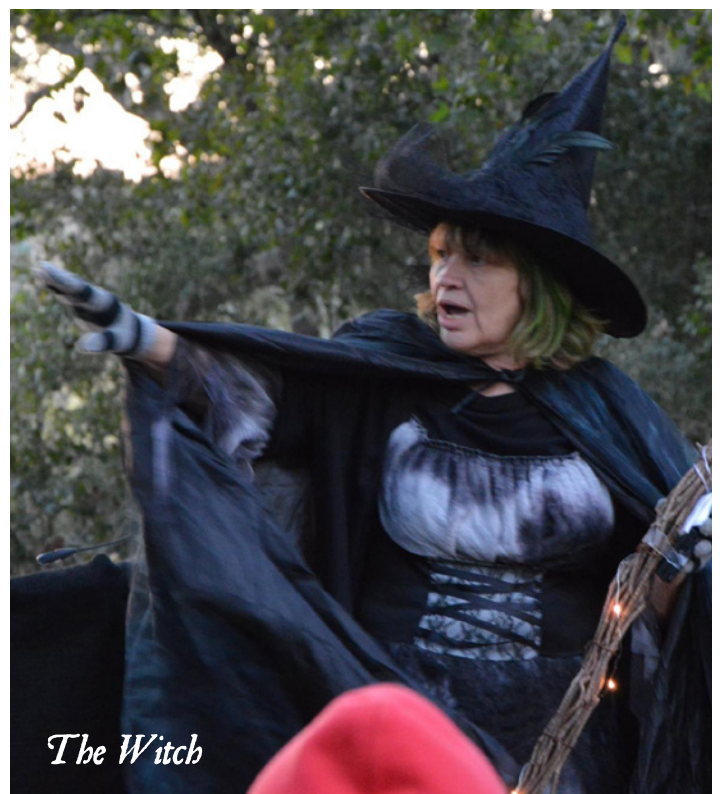
## GHOSTS AND MYTHS OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND

**WHAT:** Experience the chills of the paranormal stories of the Lowcountry as our History Docent and Zion Witch introduce you to the ghosts of times past and lead you through the 18th and 19th century stories of our past as told by our living history costumed characters. You will meet Captain Jack Stoney, Lydia Davant, Mary Kirk, William Eddings Baynard as they tell the firsthand tales of The Baynard Funeral “Procession” and the “Blue Lady of Hilton Head”. Not recommended for children under 10 years old.

**WHEN:** Two nightly performances on Thursday, October 24, Friday, October 25 and Saturday, October 26, at 7:00 PM & 8:30 PM

**WHERE:** Zion Chapel of Ease Cemetery, 574 William Hilton Parkway, Hilton Head Island

**COST:** \$15 per adult \$10 per child (ages 10-16). Advance tickets are required and can be purchased on our website, [www.heritagelib.org](http://www.heritagelib.org).



*The Witch*

# Heritage Library Membership



By **Laurette  
Doscher-Benfante**  
Membership Chair

Welcome to 12 New and 45 Renewal Members who have joined our Heritage Library family.

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## HILTON HEAD ISLAND LANTERN PARADE

November 9, 2019 • South Forest Beach

Created by and featuring artist Chantelle Rytter, the Lantern Parade is a free event and an opportunity for the surrounding community and visitors to celebrate the history, ecology and people of Hilton Head Island. We want to see our whole community as volumes of light! The Heritage Library will be making lanterns on October 17th at the Library and joining the march down the beach on November 9th. Lineup for the parade begins at 6:00 p.m. at the Alder Lane Beach Access. At 7:00 p.m., the parade will step off and travel north along South Forest Beach up to Coligny Beach Park. Participants should park at Coligny Beach parking and a shuttle will run participants down to the Alder Lane Beach Access. We hope you will come out and support this fun event. Please take the time to register for this fun event – it is free but registration is required. You can register at <https://culturehhi.org/lanternparade>.

For more information go to [www.culturehhi.org](http://www.culturehhi.org)



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