

*Con't from P. 7***Evening Reception:**

Camera Club, Palmetto Quilt Guild, Pineland merchants. Pineland Station 843-682-3272

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Open House & Historical Presentation

Refreshments, historical presentation tied into HHI 30th Celebration theme. 4:00 – 7:00 Pineland Station Suite 304A. 843-208 – 8239

Jazz, Broadway & Blues \$

The Jazz Corner. Dinner 6:00; concert 8:00. 843-842-8620

FRIDAY OCTOBER 4**Presentation by Jerrold Hilton**

The Hilton Heritage from 1157 CE. 10:30 - 12; also 2 – 3:30 pm. Heritage Library. Call 843-686-6560

Almost 5K Run & Tot Trot

Fun runs on the beach. Run at 5:30 p.m.; Tot Trot at 6:00. Awards; T-Shirts Available. Pre-register at Go Tri Sport, 31 New Orleans Road 843-338 -6175

The Heritage of Jazz ~1900-1960 \$**The Heritage Library Foundation****852 Wm. Hilton Parkway****Hilton Head Island SC 29928**

The Jazz Corner. Dinner 6:00; concert 8:00. 843-842-8620

SATURDAY OCTOBER 5**EcoTour/Talk**

9:00-10:30. Kathy Weatherhead on unique area physical features and ecology including Fish Haul Creek. Mitchelville Beach Park. 843-290-7450

Coligny Sand Castle Competition

Four age divisions. Sign in 10:00 a.m. Coligny Beach 843.338.6175

Grand Finale Begins at 10

10:00 – 2:00 with Monty Jett, Emcee. Cannon Shot. Headliners Perform. Shag Dancing Demo. Food and Drinks for Sale

Official Ceremony Begins at 2:00

Welcome to Organizers Linda Piekut & Leslie Richardson. Mayor's Proclamation Recognition of First Mayor Racusin. Songs by Shore Notes. From 3:00 – 6:00 : Cranford & Sons. At 4:00 Sand castle winners announced. Coastal Performing Arts Academy Dance Performance.



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Celebrate!**350/50 Plans**

The Heritage Library is producing the 350/30 Celebration that will be held from September 30 to October 5, 2013. Vital to its success is the support of our sponsors: the Town of Hilton Head Island, Coligny

Plaza, Hilton Head Hospital, and Palmetto Electric.

Planning for the 350/30 Celebration began in the spring of 2012 when Bill Altstaetter realized the significance of the two anniversaries that would converge in 2013. It is the 350th anniversary of the sighting of Hilton's Headlands by Captain William Hilton (1663), and the 30th anniversary of the incorporation of the Town of Hilton Head Island (1983).

We at the Library decided to contact the Town to explore the idea of collaborating on some sort of program. It was at this point that Board member Beth Mayo asked Leslie Richardson to sit in on a planning meeting with the hope that she would contribute her remarkable planning and leadership skills. She plunged in immediately with characteristic enthusiasm and has been a sparkplug throughout the months of planning, including developing the logo for the event. The logo consists of crossed flags, one with the red ensign of ships of the Hilton era and one depicting the island on a green background symbolizing the environmental consciousness underlying the island's development.

Our first meeting was held on June 27, 2012, with eight members brainstorming—who should participate

**David Lauderdale****Thursday September 19****Heritage Library 5:30 – 7:00**

In anticipation of the 350/30 Celebration, David Lauderdale will speak on "Writing New Chapters in a Very Old Book" on September 19 at the Heritage Library. His talk, at 6:00, will be preceded by a wine reception at 5:30. The talk will be followed, for those who wish to attend, by dinner at nearby Hugo's Seafood and Steakhouse.

Lauderdale is a columnist and associate editorial page editor for the *Island Packet* and *Beaufort Gazette*. He also teaches a popular Sunday School class at the First Presbyterian Church.

An accomplished raconteur with an extensive knowledge of Hilton Head Island's history and personalities, Lauderdale is much in demand as a speaker at local events. We are extremely fortunate to have him for this event. Make plans now to join us for a very interesting evening.

Call 686-6560 for reservations for the talk; 785-4846 for reservations at Hugo's.

Costs: For reception and talk: \$15 individual members; \$25 for member couples; \$20 for individual non-members; \$30 for non-member couples

For dinner: \$25 person

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and what we should do. We invited Greg DeLoach, Assistant Town Manager, to join us in a planning meeting. He was enthusiastic about the program and committed a member of his staff, Faidra Smith, to attend future meetings as the Town representative. From then on, we had new committee members at every meeting as the word spread and we invited more and more organizations to join in the fun.

Approximately 35 organizations are now involved, resulting in a remarkable energy that has taken a life of its own. A wonderful volunteer, Heather Rath, our media consultant, is providing our publicity. I encourage you to visit the event website, www.celebrationhhi.org, and read through all of the events that will be available to you during that week. It will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Look also on the website for information on a time capsule that will be buried at the end of the year, to be opened on the town's 50th anniversary in 2033. Everyone is invited to participate as individuals, families, companies, and organizations. Send in your entry and pictures to be preserved for the next 20 years.

LINDA PIEKUT

This dynamic trio presented our 350/30 plans to the Town Council on August 6. From left, Heather Rath, Leslie Richardson, and Linda Piekut.



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Lou Benfante

Benfante Joins The Heritage Board

The Heritage Library Foundation is fortunate to have Ludwig "Lou" Benfante to fill the Board vacancy created by the death of Dr. James M. Rose.

Lou grew up in Valley Stream, Long Island, and attended Lehigh University graduating *magna cum laude*, a Phi Beta Kappa, with a B.A. in history. He began his 40-year career in Supply Chain Management working for several companies in New York City and Long Island, living in Miller Place, Long Island. Lou's daughter still lives in Miller Place where his granddaughters attend the same schools that their mother did. His two sons live in the Atlanta area and the older son has four boys.

In 1984 a new employer brought Lou to New Jersey and in 1992 he moved to Charleston, SC as Materials Manager for Cummins, Inc. In 2001 he married Laurette Dorcher who is currently Membership Chairman for the Heritage Library. When Cummins phased out his division in 2002, Lou's job search brought him to Hilton Head Island to work as Director of Materials Management for Hilton Head National Healthcare. After retiring from that position in 2010, Lou founded L&L Resources, a consulting company specializing in Supply Chain and Operations Management.

In 2011 Lou joined the volunteer staff of the Heritage Library, finally able to use his history degree. Today he is Chairman of the History Department, conducting weekly tours of Fort Mitchel, doing research, and lecturing on the History of Hilton Head Island. Lou says he's not sure how much time he'll have in the future for his hobbies – golf, softball, and reading – but he expects to enjoy giving his time to his Board duties. And the Foundation Board will certainly profit from his expertise.

ELIZABETH HANSON

350/30 Celebration Events

This listing shows only events, location, time, and a contact phone number.. Fuller descriptions may be found at <http://celebrationhhi.org/schedule-of-events>.

Please note: all items are free except where the notation "\$" appears.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 27

Seminar: History of Hilton Head Island

10:30-1:30am, Senior Center, 70 Shelter Cove Lane; 843-785-6444

Deana Sings Dino (also Saturday) \$

Deana Martin sings her father's hits, Friday and Saturday at The Jazz Corner

Dinner: 6:00; Concert 8:00. 843-842-8620

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28

Artisans' Fur Animals

Limited-edition cat and dog sculptures, through Oct. 3. 9:30 – 5:30, M-F; 9:30 – 12:30 Sat. Oct.4 Auction to benefit Palmetto Animal League. All at Picture This Gallery, 78 D Arrow Road, 843 842 5299

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 29

Dixieland Jam \$

2:00-5:00 PM at The Jazz Corner 843-842-8620

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 30

Public Art Exhibition

Outdoor sculptures; continues through Oct. 5, 9-4:30, Coastal Discovery Museum 843-681-9100

Pathways Connect Bike Ride

A community bike ride of volunteers.

1:00-1:45. 843-363-6988

Town of Hilton Head Island Open House

Tours, refreshments, sign birthday card. 1:00- 4:00 pm Hilton Head Island Town Hall 843-341-4640

Palmetto Quilt Guild

Quilts depicting local flora and fauna. Daily thru October 5, 10-4. Pineland Station 843-368-1886

Journey through Jazz \$

Martin Lesch Band, The Jazz Corner.

Dinner 6:00; concert 8:00 843-842-8620

TUESDAY OCTOBER 1

Island History Day Tours

Choose from 3 tours; bus or self-guided island's historic sites. 9:30; 12:00; 2:30pm. *Reservations required for bus tours*. 843.689.6767

Mitchelville – The Exhibit (also Wednesday)

Traveling exhibit on Mitchelville. 10:00 – 2:00
Hilton Head High School, 70 Wilborn Drive
843-255-7300

Gullah Heritage Trail Tours \$

Available through Saturday, 10 and 2, Sunday 12:00.
Visit Native Island communities established long before the bridge. Groups of 10 or more.

(843) 681-7066

Keynote Speaker for the Celebration

Dr. Larry Rowland, celebrated historian, 5 pm First Presbyterian Church 843-785-2767

Celebrating the Golden Age of Swing \$

Bob Masteller's All-Star Quartet, Soulful Vocalist Gina Rene'. The Jazz Corner.

Dinner 6:00; concert 8:00. 843-842-8620

Open Barn Door Event and Fundraiser \$

Wine, cheese, silenet auction benefits Wish Upon a Horse Therapeutic Riding Center. 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Lawton Stables. 843-671-2586

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 2

Genealogy and Life of Capt. William Hilton

Jerrold Hilton at Hilton Head Country Club for club members. 843-681-2582

Note: Also see Jerrold Hilton Friday, Heritage Library

DAR Tour of the Zion Chapel of Ease

Graves include those of Revolutionary Patriots
10:00 – 3:00. Info: Andrea@achelfrich.com

Got Art? \$

Art League's annual auction 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Arts Center. 843-681-2399

Jazz & Blues with Earl Williams Quartet \$

The Jazz Corner. Dinner 6:00; concert 8:00.
843-842-8620

THURSDAY OCTOBER 3

Island Writers' Network Book Fair

Readings and signings from local authors in IWN's anthologies. 10-5. Pineland Station 4:00 – 7:00

LIBRARIAN'S CORNER

New Acquisitions

The Library has recently been the fortunate recipient of several book donations which have added significant depth to our collection.

James McDonald, a member of the Savannah Area Genealogical Association, visited the Heritage Library with SAGA and decided that part of his Scottish book collection should find a permanent home with the Library. Among the titles are *Moidart among the Clanranalds* and *The Clan Ranald of Knoydart and Glengerry*.

The Sun City Hilton Head Genealogy Special Interest Group decided that they had books which would be used more frequently at the Heritage Library and gave us a number of volumes including a set of 18th century church records from Lancaster and Berks Counties, Pennsylvania.

A major donation came from the estate of Lisa Hamilton's parents. Lisa's mother, a serious genealogist and a resident of Sun City Hilton Head, had a collection of more than 200 genealogy books which her daughter generously contributed to the Heritage Library. The collection features a large number of books dealing with Maine, Pennsylvania, and Ohio, as well as books dealing with other states and general research topics. Of special note is the eight volume series of *Maine Families in 1790* and *Maine Wills 1640-1760*.

The Library is most grateful for these valuable gifts.

NANCY BURKE

Pre-Order *Legendary Locals* and Save

Legendary Locals of Hilton Head will be published in late October at \$21.99. You can order your copy now to pick up at the Library and pay only \$20. Barbara Muller, the author, will preview the book in a talk at Tide Pointe October 1.

SCAD Report on Baynard Mausoleum

On September 26 at 7:00 p.m. at the Library, Dr. Taylor and several of his students will present their assessments and recommendations regarding the preservation of the Baynard Mausoleum, the oldest extant structure on the Island. Attendance will be by invitation.

History Department

Our Historic Sites lectures which are held every Tuesday at 10:30 AM at the Library, have continued to draw interest from Island visitors and from the community.

Possibly because of the high temperatures, we have seen a slowdown in attendance at our weekly Fort Mitchel tours which are done in conjunction with the Coastal Discovery Museum. Through the end of July, attendance for the Historic Sites lectures has been 136 at the Library and 167 offsite. The Fort Mitchel tours have attracted 53 attendees since they resumed on March 7. Bill Altstaetter also presented a lecture on the history of Spanish Wells Plantation to 42 members of the Spanish Wells Club.

The History Department has been working on several additional new presentations. Sondra Shaw Hardy has created a presentation on the Role of Women in the History and Development of Hilton Head Island. Dee Phillips will be presenting an abbreviated version at a Zonta Club meeting on September 5. Dee will also make a presentation on the history of Palmetto Hall Plantation to their members on September 23.

We have been invited to present the Historic Sites lecture to the Sunset Rotary Club in October. We are also scheduled to do a presentation on the Battle of Savannah at the Spanish Wells Club in November. Based on feedback we have received from Historic Sites attendees, we will be working on lectures about the history of Hilton Head Island from 1956 to the present and on the history of Mitchelville.

Our efforts have also been directed towards the 350/30 Celebration and The People of Mitchelville Initiative. In preparation for the 350/30 celebration, we have written six articles for *Hilton Head Monthly* magazine on different historic sites on the island. We have also prepared ten 60-90-second-long radio spots on the historic sites which are being aired daily on the Adventure radio stations.

As always, we appreciate the assistance and continued support of all the officers and volunteers of the Heritage Library Foundation.

LOU BENFANTE

MITCHELVILLE PROJECT



DRAWING BY CAL CALLAHAN

Editor's note: Volunteers at the library are researching available records to try to determine who actually lived in Mitchelville during the Civil War. Some of this is based on similar research already done; some of it will be completely new. Elizabeth Hanson plans a regular feature in the Observer on its progress.

The People of Mitchelville

Barbara Hamberg is returning with her Clemson students for their Second Semester visit to Hilton Head Island Septembt 11-15 to pursue their study of Mitchelville. One of their projects will be to visit the Mitchelville site and recommend aspects of Mitchelville that should be highlighted to make the site a well known and interesting tourist destination.



Elizabeth Hanson

On Sunday, September 13 the students will participate in the "Dawn of Freedom: The Freedmen's Town of Mitchelville" exhibit, currently at Hilton Head High School on loan from the McKissick Museum at USC.

Mitchelville Discussion at Cherry Hill

Monday September 14, 10 a.m.

Open to the Public

On Monday, September 14, the students will go to Cherry Hill School where Mitchelville will be discussed from different viewpoints. Cal Callahan will speak about the history of Clemson's collaboration with The People of Mitchelville project. Kim Harrison from Ancestry.com will tell about their interest in the committee's studies, tracing family histories back to Mitchelville, and Ancestry's collaboration. Family Plaques will be presented to those families whose family trees have been developed by the committee and traced back to very early Hilton Head.

More families are being researched by the committee and more Family Plaques will be given in the future. Monday's event will start at 10:00 AM and the public is invited.

ELIZABETH HANSON

An Inspiring Volunteer



Lyman Wooster and his wife, Anne, moved to Hilton Head in 1988, and together they traveled throughout the Lowcountry taking photos of the churches and their associated cemeteries. When he had a large collection of photos and text to go with them, he and the Heritage Library found each

other. Beginning with the publication of that collection in a Library newsletter, a partnership began. Lyman became a volunteer at the Library and one of its principal researchers, helping preserve data and contributing articles on a variety of subjects. As physical limitations arose, Lyman cut his Library time but continued writing for its various newsletters, and providing valuable services as a knowledgeable copy editor.

Before coming to Hilton Head, Lyman had already lived a colorful life. Originally from Kansas, his career included stints as a political science teacher at the University of Pennsylvania, a civilian analyst of Soviet military and political affairs in Army Intelligence and Defense Department Intelligence, and later an analyst with the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

Some of the most colorful history of the Island is captured in his work. His articles have included Hilton Head's African-American cemeteries; Huguenot settlements at Purrysburg; the Stoneys, the Baynards, and their mansions; the aftermath of the Battle of Port Royal; the cycle of bloodshed during the American Revolution (was there really a "Bloody Legion"?); and the history of St. Luke's Parish. In his extensive study of General David Wooster (a collateral ancestor active in the Revolution) you can read about some of Benedict Arnold's activities before he defected.

Two more of Lyman's articles are in the pipeline for future issues of *Glimpses*, one on the Draytons and one on Squire Pope.

All of us can take inspiration from Lyman's remarkable record. Consider: In his upper eighties with a stellar career behind him, he began writing for the Library and was able to complete another substantial body of work.

May we all emulate him.

BARBARA MULLER

HISTORY DAY

Lawrence Rowland
Tuesday October 1, 5:00 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church

*Presented by the Heritage Library
 and The Beaufort County Historical Society*



History is essentially what we are celebrating in the island-wide 350/30 celebration and who better to celebrate it with than Lawrence Rowland?

Rowland says "All American history begins with Beaufort County," but one could well say Beaufort County history begins with Lawrence Rowland.

Professor Emeritus of University of South Carolina Beaufort, Rowland is the acknowledged expert on Beaufort County and its place in the Low Country. His Volume I of *The History of Beaufort County*, which covers the period from 1514 to 1861, is one of the most-often consulted references at the Heritage Library. His recently-completed Volume II (with Stephen Wise) and Volume III are scheduled for release soon.

The First Presbyterian Church is located at 540 Wm. Hilton Parkway. The event is open to the public and admission is free. All are welcome

We Are Grateful

for community support and recent donors. The Heritage Library Foundation is especially thankful for these gifts.

Dave Schofield, a Library volunteer, has donated a bike rack and a steel mail box for the Zion Chapel of Ease cemetery. Also, Dave and a friend have removed two tree stumps obscuring one of the ancient graves.

Newcomers Club of Hilton Head Plantation has donated a bike rack for Fort Mitchel.

Todd Waltz, President of GPI Design, Inc has donated landscaping maintenance of Zion Chapel of Ease cemetery for one year. Todd is busy getting the cemetery in great shape for the 350/30 Celebration.

21 U.S.C.T.	
Isaac Seabrook	
Co., 21 Reg't U.S. Col'd Inf.	
Appears on	
Company Descriptive Book	
of the organization named above.	
DESCRIPTION	
Age	16 years; height 5-3 inches
Complexion	Colored
Eyes	dk; hair dk
Where born	Edisto S.C.
Occupation	laborer
ENLISTMENT	
When	May 11, 1863
Where	Hilton Head SC

This record, typical of those researchers at the Library work with, shows one Isaac Seabrook, born on Edisto Island and age 16, joined the U. S. Army at Hilton Head in 1863

United States Colored Troops (USCT) in the Civil War

Soon after the Civil War began, the United State Government issued an order establishing the Bureau of Colored Troops. The purpose was to recruit colored soldiers to help the Union Army fight the Civil War. Regiments of colored troops were formed and made up what was known as the United States Colored Troops or USCT. At the Heritage Library we are painstakingly researching the service and pension records of the USCT men who served here on Hilton Head Island during the Civil War.

Of the colored troops who joined the Union Army, more than 5,000 were recruited from the state of South Carolina, comprising six infantry regiments – the 21st, 33rd, 34th, 103rd, 104th and 128th and one artillery battery – Battery G, 2nd Light Artillery Regiment. A majority of the troops were former slaves on plantations who "joined up" once the war began thus obtaining their freedom. Recruiting stations were established throughout the Low Country and the ones mentioned most in the USCT records which the Library obtained from the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) were based in Charleston and on Hilton Head Island. The genealogical and historical information gleaned from these records is being transcribed into Excel. This information will eventually be placed on the Library's website.

Many local families surnames are found in the USCT files as well as references to nearby plantations and their owners. An interesting fact found in the records is that the slaves had their owners' surnames when joining the Army but after they were mustered out, they often took different surnames as a way of establishing their independence and distancing themselves from their former slave owners.

NANCY BURKE, JOHN GRIFFIN, DIANA LUELLEN
 AND JANE MICHEL.



Laurette Doscher-Benfante

From the Membership Desk

Our membership this last quarter has been fruitful with thirteen new memberships and thirty-one renewals.

New Members

Academic: Matthew Pheiffer, Bluffton SC.

Regular Members: Robin White; *Bluffton* • *Hilton Head Island:* Clare and James Mackie; Deborah Pepe; Karen and Melvin Slotnick; Joanne Voulelis.

Premier Members: *Beaufort:* Mary Holloway and Patrick McGill • *Bluffton:* Barbara Friis and Janis Schlossberg • *Hilton Head Island:* Gina Tjersland; Cecil Weestra; Elizabeth Zimmerman

Renewals

Premier Members: *Bluffton:* Shelley and Terry Block; Janis Gatschet; and Margaret Pickett • *Hilton Head Island:* Thelma Wood; Chris and Terry Baehr; Joseph Buckingham; William Gilbert; Marilyn Hayes; Catherine and Daniel Hofmann, Sr; Carolyn and Jack Molloy; Barbara Young • *Out of State:* Dorothy Arwe, Keene OH; Wesley Argo, Newtown Square PA; Donna and Ronald Goady, Turlock CA; James Lee, Cary IL; Jean and John Ward, Atlanta GA

Regular Members: *Bluffton:* Carol Gorn; Stephen Larimer; Carole and Ron Rossi; Cassie and Mike Sanders • *Hilton Head Island:* Marianne and Maynard Barker; Isobel Bitner; Mary and Richard Goodrich; Carol Gordon; Jane Hill; Darlyne Maranto; Carol Pfeifle; Carole and James Robinson; George Stubbs; Donna Waller • *Out of State:* Barbara and Dalton Parker, Columbia SC.

Thank you to our new members for joining our Heritage Library family. To all our members who continue to support us through their renewals, bravo!

LAURETTE M. DOSCHER-BENFANTE
 Membership Chairman



Library Volunteers Visit the Family History Library

The dream of every genealogist is a trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, the world's largest repository of genealogical resources.

Last fall, five volunteers from the Heritage Library—Nancy Burke, Diana Luellen, Ken and Jane Michel, and Sunni Winkler—made that dream a reality with a week-long trip to research their family histories.

The trip was organized by Sunni Winkler who had made three earlier visits. She thoroughly instructed the group on the layout of the Library and gave suggestions on how best to organize research there. The Family History Library spreads out over five floors and has a collection which includes 356,000 books, over 2.4 million rolls of microfilmed genealogical records, and 3,725 electronic databases. Advance preparation is essential to make the most of time spent there. However, there are on-site volunteers to give additional assistance.

All the participants made some new discoveries and some were also finally able to confirm that some "brick walls" will be nearly impossible to penetrate. As Diana noted: "I came away knowing that my 'brick wall' was still standing and not likely to be breached." Sunni's investigations included research for some of the patrons of the Library and for prospective DAR members. Her results were also mixed, with the discovery of a vital link in one DAR application and the sad news that another prospective member did not have the Patriot ancestor she had hoped to claim. Every one, however, came away with positive results and a greater understanding of the range of genealogical materials available.

We found Salt Lake City to be an interesting town to explore, from the Church monuments on Temple Square to the dry mountains surrounding the valley in which the city is located. Rehearsals of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir are open to the public, as are daily organ recitals. The more adventurous can venture to the Great Salt Lake or Park City, a historic mining town as well as a ski resort.

NANCY BURKE

Sunni Winkler and Diana Luellen contributed to this report.