

# Calhoun County Museum/Cultural Center Newsletter

## **DIRECTOR'S NOTES**

The Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center has had a great year! Visitors from 30 states and 10 foreign countries entered our doors this year. School groups from within our county, as well as, throughout South Carolina have kept us busy. We are looking forward to another successful year.

Tomie Brice left our office in December and is now working for the Calhoun County Voter Registration Office. Tomie did a wonderful job for the Museum and we miss her dearly. Good Luck, Tomie!

As the Director of the Museum, I was overwhelmed by the large number of memorials that we received this year, as well as, with the number of people who joined "The Friends." Many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Cooper, who started a special memorial fund in the memory of their son, Darrell Cooper. Darrell was a member of the Class of '72 and a close friend of mine. He dedicated his life to the arts. Darrell will be sorely missed and long remembered. Anyone interested in making a memorial contribution may do so by sending it to The Darrell Cooper Art Fund, c/o Calhoun County Museum, 303 Butler Street, St. Matthews, SC 29135.

The results of our survey will be published in the next newsletter. This is one of the many ways that the Museum seeks to provide unique programming for the taxpayers. We want to thank those of you who have responded to the survey! If you have not taken the opportunity to provide us with that feedback and wish to do so, please call us and we will be glad to mail a form to you.

Best Regards,  
Debbie Roland

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Debbie Roland

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## CALHOUN COUNTY MUSEUM AND CULTURAL CENTER MISSION STATEMENT

"The Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center collects, preserves, researches, exhibits, and interprets, the scope of Calhoun County's Cultural History, while also providing multidisciplinary community oriented arts programming, artistic exhibits, and focused educational outreach, to serve the diverse heritage and cultural interests of Calhoun County."

In seeking to fulfill the above mission, the Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center provides unique educational, recreational, and participatory opportunities for citizen and visitor enrichment and enjoyment. The Museum and Cultural Center seeks to increase public awareness of the importance of the county's common heritage through active preservation and interpretation.

The Museum and Cultural Center works as a community arts agency by offering diverse cultural programming, exhibits, and learning opportunities. The facility seeks to foster greater community arts appreciation and visitor enrichment through the variety of cultural offerings.

### MUSEUM AND SCHOOLS TO PRESENT "A WALK THROUGH 1913 CALHOUN COUNTY"

Using storytellers and musical groups, the 1913 dedication of the Calhoun County Courthouse will be recreated on December 6, 1994. This will include costumes and music of the period and will be a walking tour of the various attractions, which will include choruses from the various schools, who will sing songs in the languages of the people who settled the area: as well as, actual and folklore stories of the rich cultural history of Calhoun County. A video tape recording of the event will be made to preserve the event for the future. This project will enhance the community appreciation of its history and provide a focus for community and student discussions of community-school-home partnerships. Effective partnerships must be established by the attainment of Goals 2000. Periodic emphasis on this project will provide for activities incorporating all of the performing arts, as well as, other humanities and will involve schools and community working together. If you desire to participate, please call the Museum.

### MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL REMEMBRANCES

A contribution given to the Museum is a remembrance that is recorded in the Book of Memory. Contributions may be in any amount and are used only for special Museum projects. If you are experiencing difficulty in finding a gift for someone who has everything, try a contribution to the Museum. It will be a lasting one.

### SMHS CLASS OF 1969 REMEMBERS

Many thanks to the St. Matthews High School Class of 1969 for their generous donation made in memory of their former class mates, Sally Arant, John C. Braxton, and Gene Inabinet. Teddy Weeks, spokesperson for the Class, said "We are glad that the County has such an outstanding facility and we know that ya'll will be able to put it to good use."

### SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO COACH KINARD COMING THIS FALL

The Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center and former class members of St. Matthews High School will pay special tribute to Coach Thomas G. Kinard during the months of September and October. George Stack is heading this project and requests that all interested persons look in their attic for school memorabilia (pictures, uniforms, articles, etc.) from 1929 to 1941. This is a special event that you will not want to miss. The date will be announced at a later time. If you are interested in participating or wish to share information, please contact the Museum or George Stack at 235-0675.

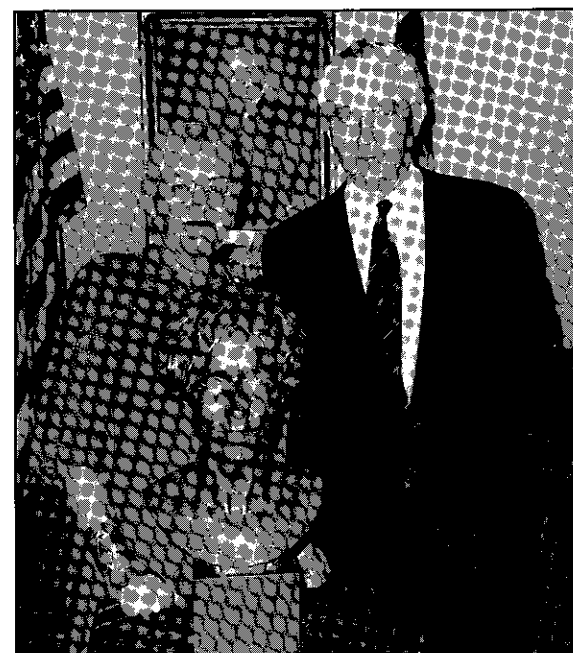
## SPRING GALA IS A GREAT SUCCESS

On May 15, 1994, the Museum hosted the Spring Gala to honor of the late Julia Mood Peterkin and commemorate her induction into the South Carolina Hall of Fame. She was the 1929 Pulitzer Prize recipient for Literature for her novel, *Scarlet Sister Mary*. The keynote address was given by Mrs. Peterkin's daughter-in-law, Mrs. William G. Peterkin, Jr., and was attended by many of "Miss Julia's" descendants.

The capacity audience was treated to a delectable hors d'oeuvre menu and then entertained by the Guinyard Elementary Third Grade Chorus, directed by Fran Culler. The musical program consisting of selections with a South Carolina theme was a very high quality production, which was greeted with a standing ovation by the audience.

The speech, given by Mrs. Peterkin, was the same one she gave when Julia Peterkin was inducted into the South Carolina Hall of Fame. In it, she recounted some of her memories of "Miss Julia" and her life on "Lang Syne Plantation." The personal insights into the woman and her character were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

## SPRING GALA PHOTOS



"Sister" and William Peterkin stand with bust of Mrs. Julia Peterkin



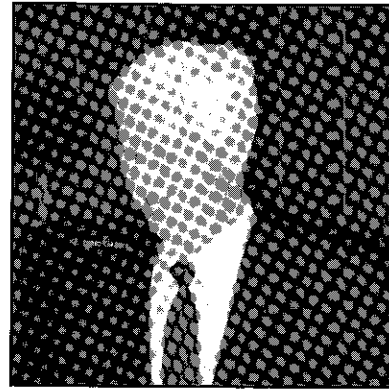
Mrs. Carl Ellsworth (relative of Mrs. Julia) and her father, Alderman Duncan of Columbia with Mrs. Robin (Frances) Wannamaker.



Special Guests: Mr. and Mrs. Randy Akers and Dr. Walter Edgar



**"WE LOVE SOUTH CAROLINA"**  
Chorus, pictured with Debbie Roland, did an outstanding job as they sang special selections about South Carolina. Chorus under direction of Mrs. Fran Culler



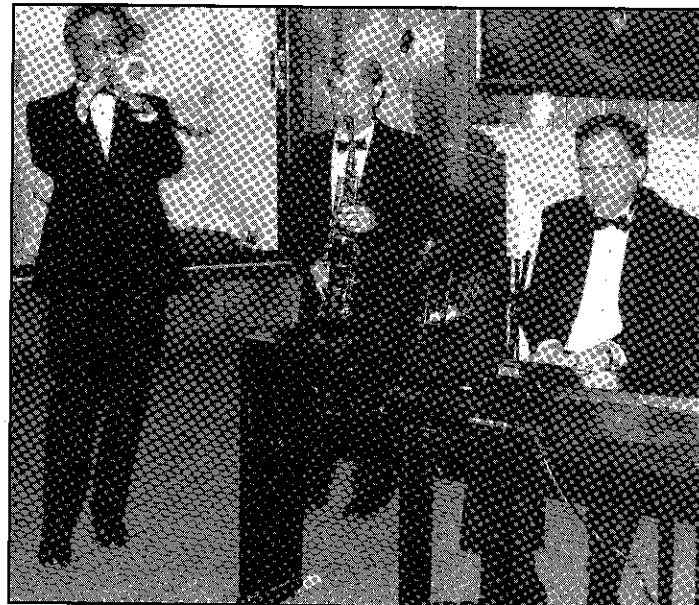
**John David Stack:**  
Friends Award Winner



**Mr. & Mrs. Herschel Cooper**  
C.C. Citizenship Award Winners



**Rep. John Felder introduces "Sister" Peterkin**



**Special Music Tribute: Music from the 1920's provided by Johnny Roland, Dave Buyck, and Elroy Myers.**

### DEBBIE ROLAND ELECTED TO STATE HISTORICAL POSITION

Debbie Roland has been elected to the Executive Council of the Confederation of Local South Carolina Historical Societies. She will serve as the district representative for Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun, and Orangeburg counties.

The Confederation consists of various historical and preservation organizations in the state. The South Carolina Department of Archives and History supports the Confederation in administrative and advisory roles.

### MUSEUM RECEIVES GRANT FROM SOUTH CAROLINA ARTS COMMISSION

The Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center has received a grant from the South Carolina Arts Commission in the amount of \$10,400. This will allow the Museum to continue with the projects that were begun in the past year. They include visual arts shows for local artists, support for the performing arts, workshops and residences for various age groups in the community and an additional window mural in the county, such as those done at the movie theater in St. Matthews and the bank in Cameron.

### SUPPORT YOUR MUSEUM GIFT SHOP

For convenience and affordable prices, why not try gifts that are special or unique. For the gift for any occasion, visit your Museum Gift Shop. In an effort to make the shop more responsive to your needs and desires, we regularly receive new items that are suitable for weddings, birthdays, or any other occasion during the year. Many of the most desired items are crafted by local artists. We always have cheerful balloon bouquets and have free local balloon delivery for members of Friends of the Museum.

**A Calhoun Fact:** Dr. Harry Raysor of Calhoun County was the first to bring Coastal Bermuda to our state.

### THE MUSEUM THANKS ITS FRIENDS

The Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center thanks all of its "Friends." They are Mildred C. Black, Mr. & Mrs. McKee Boykin, R. Lewis Bozard, Jr., Mr. Webb Carroll, Mrs. Jones Carson, Lucretia R. Christmas, Helena B. Clark, Mr. & Mrs. Herschel Cooper, Mr. & Mrs. Charles C. Crook, Mr. & Mrs. Tally Culclasure, Coan C. Culler, Garrett W. Dietrich, Mr. & Mrs. Clarence F. Evans, Catharine I. Fairey, Mr. & Mrs. J.K. Fairey, II, Rep. & Mrs. John Felder, Susan S. Flintom, Mr. & Mrs. George W. Goolsby, Jr., Mrs. James H. Gressette, Robert E. Gressette.

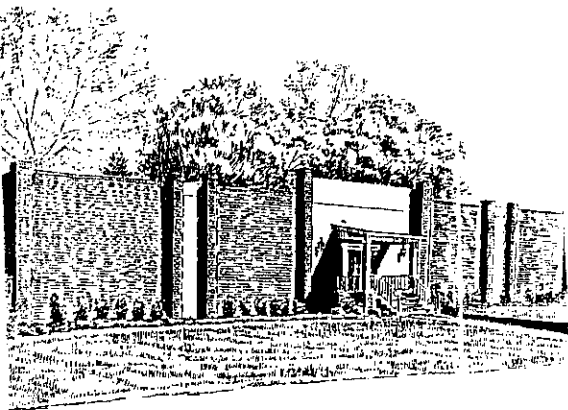
Also, Lawrence M. Gressette, Jr., F. Reeves Gressette, Jr., Mr. Edward S. Griffith, Vera C. Grubbs, Mr. & Mrs. Keitt Hane, Furman Hart, Mr. & Mrs. Roger Hill, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hooper, Sr., Mrs. Margaret Huff, Mrs. Murden R. Huggins, Mrs. Mary Huyck, Mr. Connor A. Isgett, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. John L. Jackson, Mr. & Mrs. Larry P. Jordan, Mr. E. Lawrence Kirk, Dr. & Mrs. M. Tucker Lafitte, Jr., Mrs. Arthur J. Lusty, Jr., Joyce I. McCroskey, Florence B. Mulier, Mr. T.M. Nelson, Miss Hanna Pearlstine, Linda Perrow, Mr. & Mrs. Moss H. Perrow, Mr. & Mrs. W.G. Peterkin III, Mr. & Mrs. C.W. Phillips, Dr. & Mrs. Donald M. Phillips, Mary Pittman.

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