The
CALHOUN COUNTY MUSEUM
313 Butler Street
St. Matthews, S.C. 29135
IT'S TIME TO JOIN THE FRIENDS

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Sad News

The Calhoun County Historical Commission lost two of their commission members this past year. Linda Whetstone who lived in St. Matthews served on our board for 17 years. Lu Ann Smith from the Sandy Run area served for 2 years. Both of these women were outstanding and played a positive role in our museum’s success. They were loved by many and will be missed by the museum and the community. Our hearts and prayers go out to their families.

Please see story about The Calhoun County Museum in middle section. This was reprinted with permission from the Sandlapper Magazine, August 2002. Sandlapper covers interesting stories about S.C. To find out more about Sandlapper please call 803-359-9954 or you may write them at P.O. Box 1188 Lexington, S.C. 29071

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

When our building is completed we will need some extra hands to help serve the public. If you are willing to lend a hand please let us know. We are looking for people who have knowledge for local and state history, artists, and lots more. If you have the time and would be willing to help us out, please give us a call 803-874-3964

Special points of interest:
The Museum helps many community programs. Last year the museum was a sponsor for the following programs and helped pay for many events:

- Mother Goose: Held at the Calhoun County Library
- First Steps Program: Calhoun County Schools
- Dance Therapy: Calhoun County Convalescent Center
- Calhoun Players: CC High School, Cameron Auditorium
- Chamber of Commerce: Purple Martin Festival
- Clemson Extension: Art Expression Camp
- Cameron Community Club: Cameron
- Fort Motte Community Center: Fort Motte
- Calhoun County Disabilities: L. Marion Gressette Center
- School Programs: Calhoun County Schools
- Local and State Artists: Calhoun County Gift Shop
- Dr. Walter Edgar, Southern Studies: C.C. Museum
- S.C. Arts Com. who receives funding from the N.E.A.

Museum Wish List

Old Phones and Phone Books
Old Wide Board
1930’s Refrigerator
1930’s kitchen stuff
1900-1940 wall calendars
Artist works
Old Photographs
Woodworkers

Museum Archives is closed to the public until renovations are completed. Call us with your questions.

TERRY YOUNG FEATURED ARTIST—FALL 2003

Mrs. Terry Young, a local artist, is busy painting local scenes of Calhoun County’s yester-year. Several of her paintings will be made into prints and will be for sale along with her original works at our 2003 Fall Gala. If you have some interesting old pictures of Calhoun County and would be willing to share them, please give us a call. We will be glad to make a copy for her and return your pictures right away.

EXCUSE OUR MESS: BUILDING IS IN PROGRESS

The museum addition and remodeling is going real well. Parts of our museum are getting a face lift so some sections have been closed off. We think you will be pleased with the end results.

We will be glad to show you what we are doing; just come on in but please excuse the chaos. The construction will be completed by next spring, then it will take us several months to get things back in place. Plans are being made now for the fall of 2003 to hold a gala. As soon as we have a date set, we will fill you in.
MUSEUM WITH A MISSION

The Calhoun County Museum was shaped on an inspiring principle: Everyone—no matter who they are or where they live—has a place in history.

Period clothes (above and top of next page) of all types are among the Calhoun County Museum's most popular displays. Below, museum director Debbie Roland discusses the wood used to build an antique pump organ.

Women of women dressed elegantly for weddings and other special occasions a century ago. Left: a garlanded desk, linen press used by the famous 'Wacamp Fins,' Francis Marion. Roland of company also are involved in outreach programs at schools, a convocation center, and in conjunction with the Clemson University Extension Service. A five-year project has been the videotaping of Calhoun County women. 'The stories they have to tell are stories you don't read in history books,' Roland says. 'Calhoun County is going to be very different 10 years from now, and if we don't capture these things while we can, they'll be lost.'

You're free to roam the rooms and examine the exhibits on your own, but a guided tour by Roland is well worth requesting. With a Mark Twain sense of humor, she makes bygone days real again. She does it with amusing, poignant, and tragic stories, and descriptions of everyday items—chamber pots, storage boxes, fly-catching jars—that might be missed by a visitor who's never seen them. She also apprises guests of interesting Calhoun County information little known to outsiders. For example, St. Matthew's is the highest point between Charleston and Little Mountain—an item not lost on early railroad engineers. The horse that won the 2002 Kentucky Derby was raised in Calhoun County, which also prides itself as 'Home of the Purple Martin.'

Exhibits are varied: large and small, antiques, military uniforms worn by Calhoun County veterans in several 20th-century conflicts, Native American artifacts and information, ordinary household items from a century ago and impressive art and silver collections. Plus a long slide—better yet, several return trips—if you intend to take it all in.

School and church groups frequent the facility. Children learn to sing, line-dance, and do the Charleston. Educational programs include slide shows, film festivals, and presentations of local artists and their work. Meanwhile, the museum draws genealogical researchers from all over America and abroad.

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Roland says the museum's mission is essentially the same as the one her mother launched more than 40 years ago. 'To make every child feel that they have a place in the history of tomorrow.'
Below is a sampling of our gift shop's offerings

JOIN THE CALHOUN COUNTY MUSEUM & CULTURAL CENTER FRIENDS TODAY

EXTRA! EXTRA!

Yes I want to share in the activities of the Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center. Please enroll me as a FRIEND of the museum! (see below for enrollment form)

$35 - Individual ; $55 - Family ; $100 - Patron
$500 - Corporate Sponsor ; $1000 - Benefactor

C. F. Ulmer Endowment Fund
Darrell Cooper Memorial Fund

Donations to Friends of the Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center are tax deductible.

Good friendships are meant to grow and be shared. Help the Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center to make new friends by telling your friends about us!!!

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State ______ Zip ______________________

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