

Calhoun County Museum & Cultural Center
313 Butler Street
St. Matthews, S.C. 29135

Membership Drive

September 2003

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Special points of interest:

- Membership Drive during the month of September
- Sneak Preview Gala Sunday, November 2, 2003. 5:00 p.m.
- Ribbon Cutting & Open House
Tuesday, November 4th, 2003
10:00 a.m.
- Gift Shop Now Open. Our hours of operation will be Monday-Friday 9:00-4:00
- School Tours Begin January 10, 2003
- Up Coming Events
- Dates TBA
- Dancing Classes:
The Virginia Reel, Line Dancing, The Shag, and Square Dancing will be taught beginning in the Spring of 2004.
- Calhoun County Book Club
- Summer Camp
- Lecture Series
- Appraisal Day
- Barn Again Exhibit
September- October 2004.
- Many more fun events are being planned .

" Sneak Preview Gala" to Be Held November 2, 2003

The contractors have left the building. The museum staff and volunteers are busy getting exhibits ready for Sunday, November 2, 2003, "Sneak Preview Gala". It's a Black Tie Affair, but don't worry we will be glad to see you in a coat and tie as well.

Dr. Walter Edgar will join us for the evening and share his thoughts pertaining to the Calhoun County Museum.

Jack Brantley will be on hand providing his favorite culinary delights for your consumption. We will feature an art show by Mrs. Terry Young, a very talented local painter who has chosen a selection of her work for your viewing pleasure. Mrs. Young has captured many of the local scenes of Calhoun County. Along with her original work, prints will also be on sale.

Mr. and Mrs. Reeves Gressette have put together a special Silent Auction of collectibles, books and other finds for this event.

For your listening pleasure, Skipp Pearson and Jazzology, a super talented group of jazz musicians, will provide music throughout the gala event.

Tickets will be available from Wednesday,

October 1, 2003 through Friday, October 24, 2003. Tickets can be purchased at the Calhoun County Museum. The cost is \$25.00 per person.

The social hour for this all-adult affair will begin at 5:00 p.m. Sunday, November 2, 2003, with special remarks made between 6:00-6:30 p.m.

Calhoun and surrounding communities are invited. Tickets must be purchased in advance. No tickets will be sold at the door. For more information, call 803-874-3964.

Don't Forget to buy your tickets for the Museum's "Sneak Preview Gala" November 2, 2003



**"Skipp" Pearson & Jazzology
Will perform at our Gala.**

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

The Calhoun County Museum & Cultural Center membership drive will take place during the month of September. All memberships will expire at this time. Each member will receive a 10% discount and free gift wrap from our Gift Shop. (This does not include books or pictures.)

As a member of the Friends of the Calhoun

County Museum, you will receive special notices about up coming events. Your membership makes a big impact on our museum programming. All donations are tax deductible, and greatly appreciated. Special memorials in memory or in honor of individuals that we received during last year have now been placed in our Book Of Memories. Thank you, Thank you!

HELPING HANDS REACH OUT TO THE MUSEUM

The Calhoun County Museum has been so proud of the outstanding services that many of you have provided to us over the past several months. Your helping hands, donations, suggestions, special services, and positive input are what have kept us going. Some of the helping hands included: Doris & Julian Fair, Betty Prickett, Jeff Jean, Ainsley & Alexandra Reid, Burwell Brandenburg, Dr. Walter Edgar, Dean & Grace Livingston, Marvin Wimberly, Cameron Rast & Boy Scout Troop 52, David Stack, Roger Darby, Mr. Kentucky, Mike Wise, Mandy Edwards, Frost Wilkinson, Wayne Rast, Ed Rast, Super Sod, James Goodwin, Lyn-Rich, Linda & Drake Perrow, Calhoun County Farm Bureau, Wes Summers, John Felder, John & Sarah Wienges, Xennie Weeks, Horace Harmon, The Roland's, Edward Wimberly, Vordian, Dietrich Foundation, Southern Studies, Tri-County Co-Op., Columbia Energy Center, Nina Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Reeves Gressette, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rickenbaker, Hi Cotton, Dick Watkins, S.C. Arts Commission, Paula Millen, S.C. Humanities, South Carolina Historical Society, Randy Akers, Sarah June Goldstein, Calhoun County Studio of Dance, Margie Cooper, Lee Prickett, Historical Commission Board, John Porth Construction, Anne Watts, Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Ulmer, Jr., Alltel, BellSouth, Reid's Liquors, Inc., Lynn Dukes, Friends of the Museum, Calhoun County Chamber, Clemson Extension, Chris O'Cain, Dick Banks, Tom Brown, Mr. & Mrs. David Adden, Times and Democrat, S.C. Federal Credit Union, S.C. Arts Commission, Lexington County Museum, Hay Hills, Roy Caples, Liz Soult, Mr. Ford, Cindy Quattlebaum, Calhoun County Council, and many more. Thank you for sharing your time and helping hands. As always if you would like to volunteer, we will be more than happy to put you to work..

Calhoun County Museum receives Grant for "Barn Again" Exhibit Fall 2004

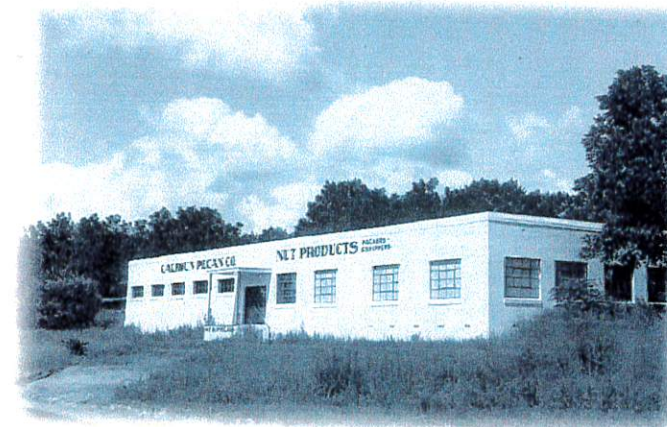
Smithsonian Exhibit comes to The Calhoun County Museum & Cultural Center

"Raising the Loft: The South Carolina Barn Story," a project focusing on the heritage of rural South Carolina, and the exhibit "Barn Again! Celebrating an American Icon." The project, a Smithsonian Institution traveling exhibit, examines the barn from the architectural and cultural perspectives. It can be seen at six museums in the Palmetto State in 2004.

"Barn Again! Celebrating an American Icon" is part of Museum on Main Street, a partnership between the Smithsonian Institution, the Federation of State Humanities Councils and individual state humanities councils that serve small-town museums and residents of rural America.

"We're pleased to sponsor this Smithsonian exhibit to six SC museums. Museums in South Carolina's smaller communities play a very important role in preserving the state's history and culture," says Randy Akers, Executive Director for The Humanities Council SC. Barn Again! Is only part of this state-wide project "Raising the Loft: the SC Barn Story". Each of the six communities will develop local exhibits and events to engage the local community, school children, teachers, and visitors. Focusing on the rich, deep agricultural heritage within SC, this exhibit will be a wonderful chance for people from all parts of the state and other states to see a Smithsonian Institution exhibit and to experience SC rural communities.

Barn Again! can be seen at these museums: Williamsburg Historical Museum, Kingstree, Jan. 23-March 6, 2004; Agricultural Heritage Museum, Blackville, March 13- April 24; Fairfield County Museum, Winnsboro, May 1- June 12; Colleton County Memorial Library and The Colleton Museum, Walterboro, June 19-July 31; Pickens County Museum of Art and History, Pickens, Aug. 7-Sept. 18; and **Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center, St. Matthews, Sept. 25-Nov. 6**. Please visit the following web sites for links: www.schumanities.org and www.museumonmainstreet.org. The Humanities Council SC presents Barn Again! Celebrating an American Icon, Smithsonian's Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES) and the National Building Museum, with assistance from the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Barn Again! is a registered trademark owned by the Meredith Corporation and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.



1950's



1975

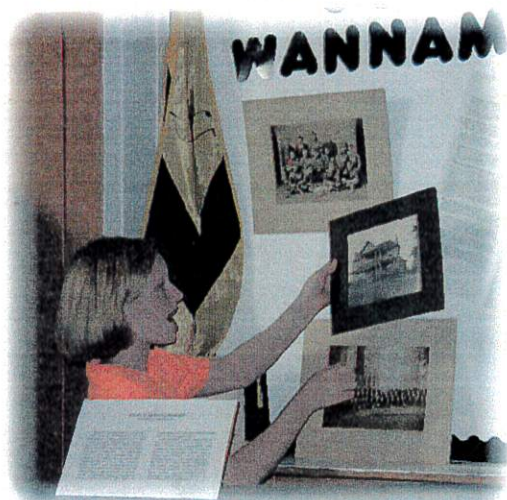


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CHANGING WITH THE TIMES



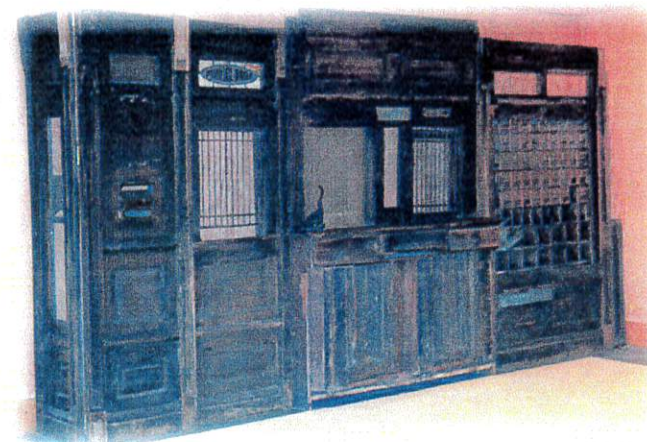
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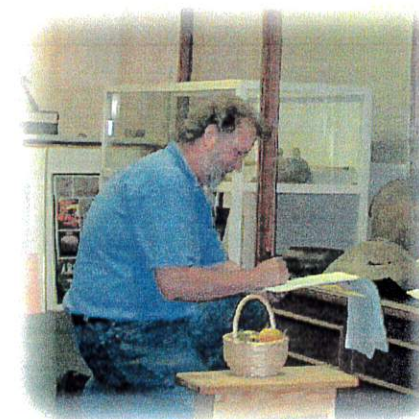
**13 YEAR-OLD AINSLEY REID
BUSY AT WORK**



**MARVIN WIMBERLY
JACK OF ALL TRADES**



Old St. Matthews Post Office



**Carl Stein
Archeologist**

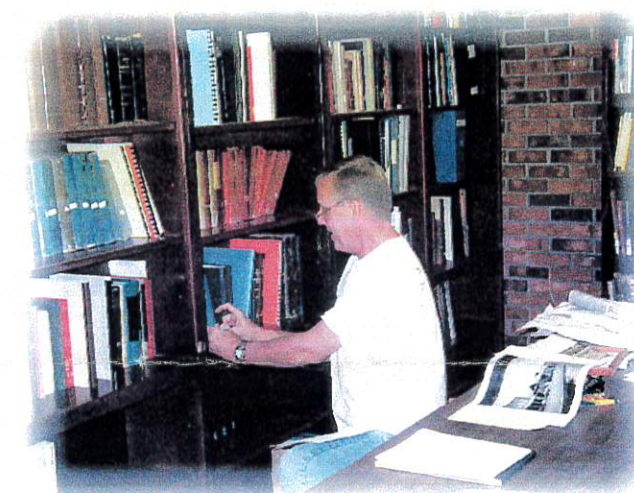
HELPING HANDS IN DIFFERENT AREAS OF THE MUSEUM



**LIZ SOULT
SUMMER INTERN**



Alli Reid works on school exhibit



Jeff Reid Jr. organizes archives



**JEAN REID
DESIGN COORDINATOR**



**NINA SMITH
TEXTILE SPECIALIST**



**John Porth Construction Company
puts up our new flag pole**



**Cameron Rast and Boy Scout Troop 52 revamp
kitchen exhibit as Rast Eagle Scout project**

GIFT SHOP NOW OPEN 9 AM - 4 PM

10% DISCOUNT
given to all
"Friend Members"
along with
FREE GIFT WRAP
(books & paintings not included)



OPEN HOUSE & Ribbon Cutting Planned

Come one, come all! Tuesday, November 4, 2003 the Calhoun County Museum will hold their Open House and Ribbon Cutting and the public is invited to join in on the fun! This all day event will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will continue throughout the day.

There will be no charge for this event. Tell everyone you know about this special event and come explore our new addition and renovations. Children are welcome! Entertainment will be provided by John Ford Middle School Choir. Calhoun County Council Chairman David Summers, Representative Harry Ott and Calhoun County Superintendent, Dr. Shirley Martin, will make brief remarks. For additional information please call the museum 803-874-3964.

Thank you for Caring!



The Calhoun County Museum says goodbye to one of its greatest supporters with the death of Senator Isadore Lourie.

Senator Lourie, with his wife, Susan, during and after his tenure in the Senate, supported programs and projects at the museum.

Words cannot sufficiently express the loss we feel and we extend our heartfelt condolences to his family.

DONATIONS STILL NEEDED

It's never too late to help us with our wish list. Please help us with our on-going efforts to collect new items.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS & MEMORABILIA

The Museum is looking for items from all schools that were ever in Calhoun County. If you have a picture, album, scrapbook, report card, or whatever you treasure from your school days, please bring them to the museum. We truly want to remember all of our schools that have been closed or relocated over the years. If you don't share them, then don't complain.

FARMING PICTURES

A picture is worth a thousand words, as the old saying goes. Your pictures of farming scenes from yesteryear are vital to our collection. Please bring them by, we will make a copy and return it to you within a matter of moments.

OLD SIGNS, CALANDERS, TELEPHONES & PICTURES

We are still looking for things for our 1930's kitchen collection: old phones, community signs, community and church pictures prior to 1950. If you have any of the above that you are willing to donate to our cause, please let us know.

Special Community Project

We are looking for photographs of all Eagle Scouts from Calhoun County. Please contact us if you have a picture you are willing to share. We have a file in our archives waiting to be filled with Eagle Scouts' names, projects and information.. Scouting is such an important program in Calhoun County and The Calhoun County Museum is proud of all of our Eagle Scouts, past and present.. Won't you please help us collect this important information.



Friends of the

CALHOUN COUNTY MUSEUM/CULTURAL CENTER

Yes, I want to share in the activities of the Calhoun County Museum/Cultural Center. Please enroll me as a friend of the Museum!

☐ \$35 Individual ☐ \$500 Corporate Sponsor
☐ \$55 Family ☐ Benefactor
☐ \$100 Patron ☐ \$1000 or more

☐ C. F. Ulmer Endowment

☐ Darrell Cooper Memorial

SHARE SOME FRIENDSHIP!

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

Name

Address

City State Zip

Contributions are tax deductible. Please Make Checks payable to Calhoun County Museum/Cultural Center, 313 Butler Street, Saint Matthews, South Carolina 29135