

Guest Artists to Appear at Fall Gala

Horace Ott

Horace Ott, record producer, arranger, conductor, composer, and pianist, was born in St. Matthews, South Carolina. He was educated at John Ford High School and graduated from Wilkinson High School in Orangeburg, where he wrote an arrangement for Duke Ellington's "Satin Doll". Ott matriculated at South Carolina State University, earning a Bachelor's degree.

Ott states, "While I enjoy a life that allows me to perform, compose, and arrange music, this life also allows me to artistically demonstrate my God-given talents to the world in many genres of music. I consider myself a very fortunate musician to have received so many honors for simply doing my job. I also feel a sense of guilt, since I tend to enjoy every minute of this, my self-chosen, but God-given, life's work."

Horace was privileged to arrange, record, and/or conduct with some of his favorite artists. Among them are: Sam Cooke, Nat King Cole, Count Basie, Dizzy Gillespie, Aretha Franklin, Roberta Flack, Johnny Mathis, George Benson, and Little Anthony and the Imperials, among others.

Ott's arrangements range from "You Don't Have to Be a Star", for Marilyn McCoo and Billy Davis, Jr., to "Lush Life" for Joe Williams. His recordings include arrangements for two heavyweight-boxing champions, Muhammed Ali and Joe Frazier.

He has music in a variety of productions, to include 22 Nina Simone albums, 40 Eric Burden, and the Animals albums, 80 albums by Santa Esmeralda, featuring Leroy Gomez, and one song, "YMCA", that is in more than 200 titled albums. Ott's arrangement of "YMCA", performed by the Village People, is now circling the earth in a time capsule.

Leo Twiggs

For the Fall Gala and several weeks following, The Calhoun County Museum & Cultural Center will display selected works by artist Leo Twiggs, all from private collections.

A native of St. Stephens, South Carolina, Twiggs received his degree in art from Claflin University and was the first African American to receive a Doctorate in Art Education from the University of Georgia. Also, he attended New York University, where he received his M.A. Twiggs then served as chair of the art department at South Carolina State University and as director of the I.P. Stanback Museum and Planetarium. In 1981, he became the first visual artist to receive the Elizabeth O'Neil Verner Individual Award, the highest honor presented to a person by the Governor of South Carolina. In 1998, Twiggs retired from teaching and now devotes himself to his studio work.

Twiggs is best known for his medium, batik painting, an ancient process attributed to the Egyptians. Batik painting involves applying hot wax to a fabric and dipping it into a dye solution. Twiggs selects the appropriate fabric, draws the designs in wax, and then applies the colors or dyes which will resist the waxed areas. He continues to overlay colors until he creates the desired effect. His use of the process results in the suggestion of aging artifacts preserved from a time long passed. The images in Twiggs' works reveal the idea of family, the interconnectedness of generations, and the importance of music, poetry, faith, and spirituality in daily life.

These batik paintings are a testament to Twiggs' life in the South, a life driven by powerful beliefs and unwavering opinions regarding the world around him.

Calhoun County Museum Fall Gala

Sunday, November 6, 2005

Social Hour begins at 5:00 pm

Black Tie Optional

\$35.00 per person, advance tickets only

Catered by Jack Brantley owner
"Aberdeen Catering", Camden, SC

RSVP October 28, 2005

What's Happening at the Calhoun County Museum & Cultural Center

is published to inform the community about museum events and programs. Suggestions and comments are always welcome. Please contact us at:

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GIFTS GALORE!

If you haven't visited the Museum Gift Shop, you are missing a real treat. Looking for something that represents South Carolina? Well, give us a try, because we have a large selection. Wedding presents of all sizes and shapes can be yours and we are sure that the price will be right. Don't forget that the museum carries items made by the L. Marion Gressette Center! There is a large selection of South Carolina crafted items. Have you seen something special and can't find it now? Let us know, and we might be able to special order just what you need. Don't forget that all members of the Friends receive a 10% discount (excluding books and pictures) while shopping with us!

A Great Gift Idea

The Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center offers the opportunity to give donations in memory or in honor of friends and family members. The memorials are recorded in the Book of Memories and acknowledgments are sent to specified persons. This year, the following names have been added to our Book:

Donations have been made *in memory of*:

Addie Antley Chandler Mrs. Winifred E. "Jack" Pendarvis
Darrell Cooper Mrs. Jewell A. Summers
Claude O. Dyches, Jr. C.F. Ulmer
Bette Jane Fairey Mrs. Virginia Wienges
J.T. Pearlstine

Donations have been made *in honor of*:

Young at Heart Club
Elizabeth Prickett
Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Reid, Sr.
Debbie Roland

Genealogy Winners Recognized

The winners of the family genealogies project conducted in partnership with Mrs. Sarah Wienges' 2004-2005 U.S. History class included: Bret Clement, Margaret Elliott, Chelsea Fogle, Houston Grubb, Olivia Hair, Brian Keezel, and Stewart Perrow. Congratulations to all winners on this most prestigious honor.

DON'T FORGET OUR GALA!

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ADVANCE ONLY

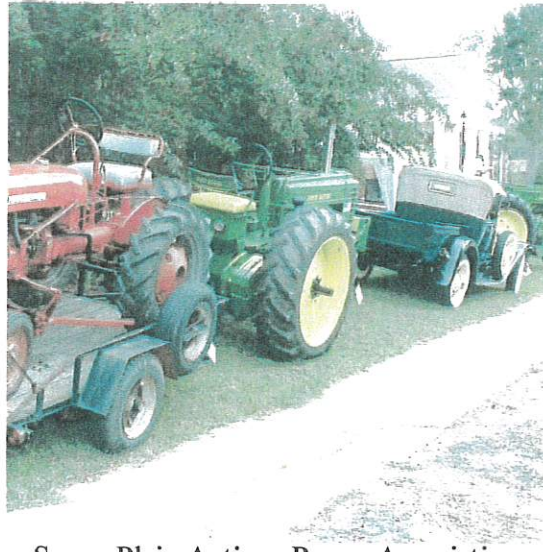
Tickets are LIMITED!
NO tickets will be sold at the door!

CALHOUN COUNTY MUSEUM AND CULTURAL CENTER MISSION STATEMENT

The goal of The Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center is to collect, research, interpret, preserve, and exhibit the scope of Calhoun County's cultural history.

In seeking to fulfill these goals, the Museum & Cultural Center provides unique educational, recreational, and participatory opportunities to serve the diverse heritage and cultural interests of Calhoun County. The Museum provides artistic exhibits and educational outreach programs for visitor enrichment and enjoyment. As a community arts agency, we seek to increase public awareness of the importance of the county's common heritage.

2004-2005 Museum Programs



Sunny Plain Antique Power Association



Healing Hearts Farm



Randy Lucas Band and our Director



Dogwood Club

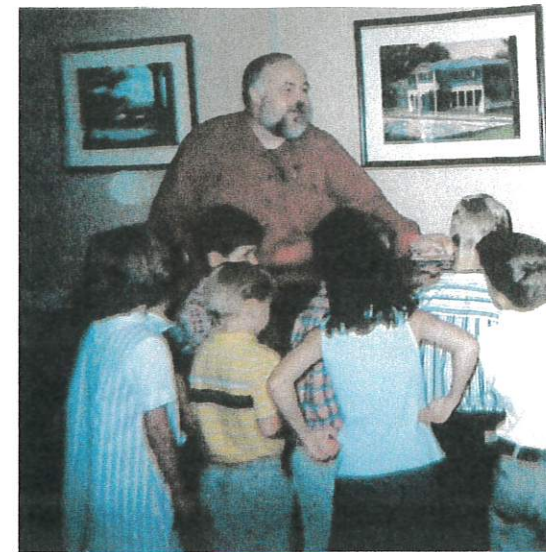


Healing Hearts Returns



Mother Goose Story Time

2004-2005 Museum Programs



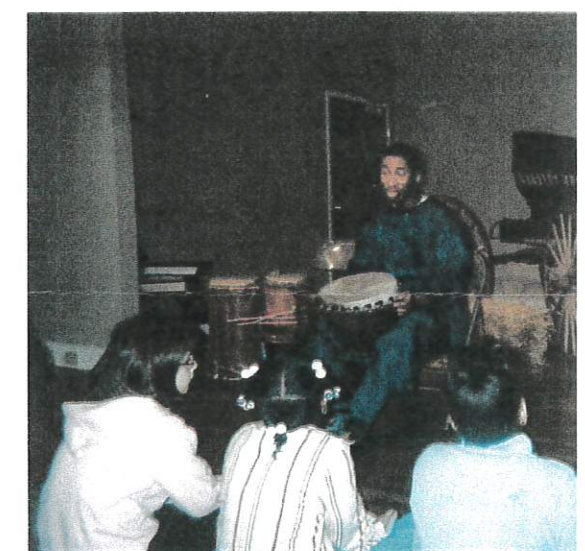
Appraiser Frank Sarnowski



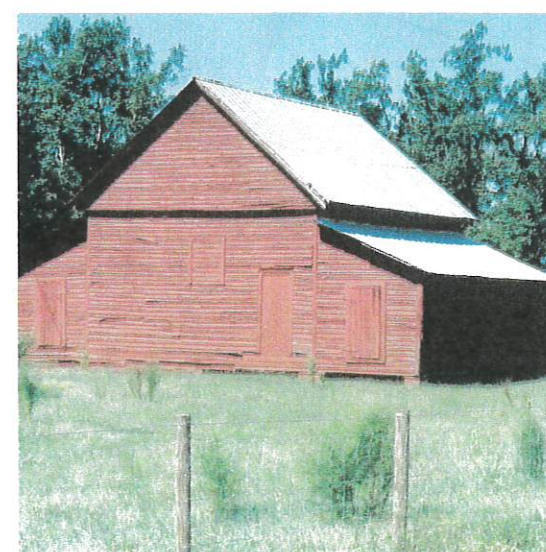
Making candles with Maree Dowdey



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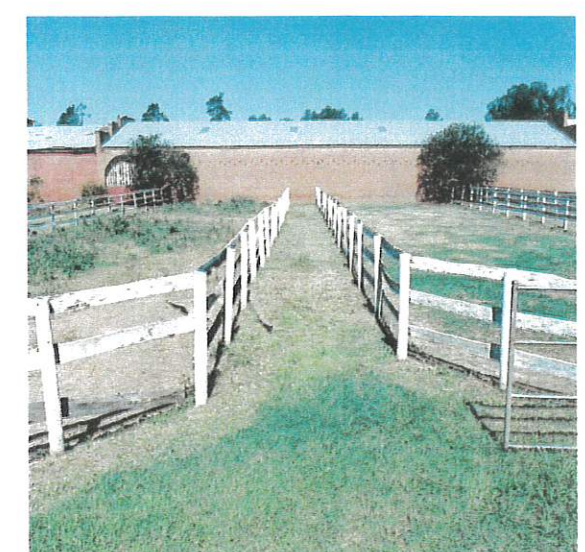


More African No mania



Barn Again

All barn photos
courtesy of Dean
Livingston



What It's All About

2004-2005 Museum Programs



Scenes
From
Past
Galas



Planning Barn Again



Summer Dance Workshop



"Manners Matter" Class



Setting Up Barn Again



Theatre Workshop



Visitors

What's Happening at the Calhoun County Museum & Cultural Center

Membership Drive

It's Time to Join the Friends

It's that time of the year when all memberships have expired. Our Friends drive is now underway and we need your help. Our Friends of the Museum program began several years ago and because of your continued support, we have been able to add special programs and items to our facility. Our membership drive will last throughout the months of September and October. Don't forget that members receive a **10%** discount in our gift shop (excluding books and pictures), as well as free gift wrap and notices of special events throughout the year.

Come reach deep down, we need your help so that we can grow and continue to be "The Best Small Museum in South Carolina". All donations are tax deductible and greatly appreciated. Special memorials in memory or in honor of individuals will be placed in our Book of Memories. Please make checks out to **Friends of The Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center**.

Think that your membership doesn't mean anything? Think again. Here are just a few of the programs that the Museum has been able to sponsor, thanks to **your** continuing contributions:

Mother Goose - Held at the Calhoun County Library and Calhoun County Museum
Dance Therapy - Calhoun County Convalescent Center
Calhoun Players - 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

Cameron Community Choir
Barn Again
Healing Hearts Farm program
Children's Theatre Camp
Adult Shag Lessons
Dance Camp
Lecture Series
African "No Mania"
Media Research
"What in the World is It?", with Frank Sarnowski

Calhoun County Museum Hosts Theatre Workshop

From July 18th through the 28th, the Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center held a week-long Children's Theatre Workshop. Fourteen children participated in the program, learning basic acting techniques throughout the week. The program ended with their performance of, "The Candy Contest" in front of an audience of 80, on the 28th.

Sponsorship of this workshop was provided by the Calhoun County Museum & Cultural Center, the S.C. Arts Commission, and The National Endowment for the Arts. Please contact the museum to let us know what future workshops you and your children might be interested in. These programs are successful with your input. Thanks to Jean Reid, who served as director and drama coach for the duration of the workshop. Congratulations to all who participated, good luck, and we hope to see you again next summer!

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SHARE SOME FRIENDSHIP!

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

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