

Calhoun County Museum & Cultural Center

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Arts in Calhoun County

The arts are alive and well in Calhoun County! The Museum received a small grant from the South Carolina Arts Commission, for 2011 through 2012, to be utilized for upcoming cultural events.

In November, the Calhoun Players will produce "An Evening with the Stars". It will run from November 3, 2011 until the 5th, with the shows starting at 7:00 PM.

In December, the Christmas Cantata at Resurrection Lutheran Church, will be held on December 4, 2011, with performances at 5:00 PM and 7:30 PM. The Cantata is sponsored by the C.F. Ulmer Endowment Fund.

Friends Membership Drive!!!

It's Time To Renew Your Friends Membership!!!!

Every September through October, our *Friends of the Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center* drive starts. Your contribution is an integral part of the Museum's ability to serve the community throughout the year! Through your membership, you have help finance the Museum's sponsorships of various county cultural events, such as the Calhoun Player's Spring production of "Music Man". Without your help,

many of our events, projects, and other activities the Museum supports would not have been possible! Your continued support through the *Friends* will help us to preserve our County and community heritage for future generations of Calhoun County residents.

We ask that you join the *Friends* and support our outreach programs! Spread the word and tell your friends about us! The Museum is always in need of new friends!



Stabilize the Jail Update

The Calhoun County Museum is pleased to announce that the Fort Motte Jail is now stabilized! Work began on the building in early September and was completed a few weeks later. Work was done from the foundation, to the roof, and anywhere in-between.. The roof had small trees that had seeded themselves atop the roof. These were removed and it was completely redone to prevent leaks and maintain future building integrity. Brick work was done to stabilize what was already there and to fix any imperfections in

the face of the building. The foundation was in bad shape due to the lack of a drainage pipe near the jail. Therefore, work was done to insure that it stayed standing for many more years to come. The Museum would like to thank Ken Westbury for all the work he did on the doors. Mr. Westbury donated two of the doors, and completely built a matching third door. The two original doors, which Mr. Westbury rescued were from the old jail that was torn down from behind the County Courthouse

Without his help this project would not have been completed. The Museum would also like to extend a much deserved thank you to all of those who supported the Museum in this endeavor, either through their time, talents, or donations. All were critical in helping us to save this historical building from being lost for forever. Its service for years as a jail and as a library during the 1930s and 1940s is a testimony of the Calhoun County heritage we cannot afford to lose.

From the Director's Desk

I hope that everyone has had a chance to view our new website. I am pleased with the work done so far, but it is a work in progress and will constantly be updated. If you have not seen the redesign of the website, stop by at www.calhouncountymuseumandculturalcenter.org.

As a public service organization, it is our duty to serve you by providing you with our common history. Yet, if you the public, do not share your photographs, stories, histories, or items, we cannot share what we do not have or know! I encourage everyone to give and help us preserve our history. Throughout the next year, our main focus will be on the C.R. Banks' collection. It is a hard job, but the Museum staff is certainly up to the task!

The Calhoun County Historical Commission will shortly be rededicating the WPA historical marker, Savany Hunt. Keep a lookout for news about this event as a date has yet to be set. Our gala was a blast, and as much as we wish we could do one every year, we cannot. The next one should be in February of 2013. We are also looking into another wild-life event, and if this is something you are interested in let us know.

Thank you all for your support and all that you do for the Museum.

Debbie Roland, Director

Looking Back and Moving Forward Extravaganza

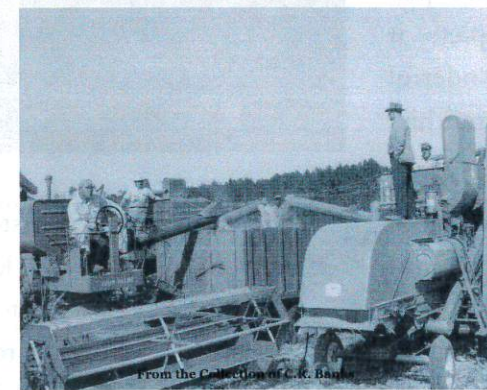
This November, due to the overwhelming support of the Museum's November 2010 event "Looking Back and Moving Forward Extravaganza", we have decided to once again ask for pictures and stories of transportation in Calhoun County.

"Looking Back and Moving Forward Extravaganza" is an event looking for any and all photos and stories of Calhoun County cars, trucks, and farm equipment. This event will help show to future generations the affect that the internal combustible engine and its rapid technological advancement had on the rural

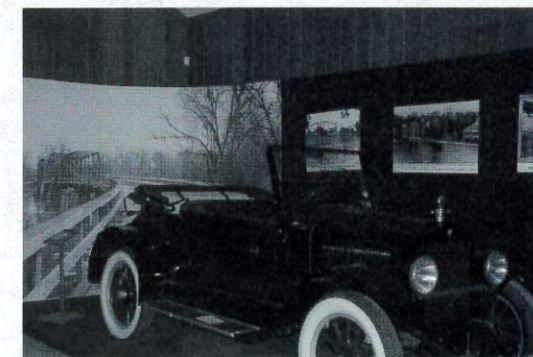


community, from how we farmed and lived, to how we shopped. We hope this will highlight how our community evolved right along with modern transportation.

You may drop your photos off at the Museum, where the Museum staff will scan them and return them to you promptly. These photos of antique cars and trucks, muscle cars, and farm equipment will help expand the Museum's digital transportation collection and database. Future generations will gain a clearer idea what life and transportation was like in a rural community like Calhoun County.



If you do not have photos to give, do not worry! We are also looking for personal stories! You may have these typed out to be turned over to the Museum. Personal tales of cars or transportation in the county will help us give a better overall depiction of our past.



This Event includes numerous pictures already on display as well as our famous Essex! So stop on by and bring your additions to the collection!

Updates:

Throughout the summer, the Museum staff have been constantly working on the collection of the late C.R. Banks.

Many items have been removed from the house and it has been thoroughly cleaned. Once the house is finally repaired and restored, the items will be returned in order to make it into a 20th century museum.

Mr. Banks left us a wonderful gift, and the Museum is honored to work through this vast collection to make his wishes come true.

Sharing Your History

The Museum is always trying to expand the collection and historical database it has amassed about Calhoun County history. We are asking that any county history, whether it is a single artifact, a whole treasure trove, or simply a story, be brought to the Museum so that its lasting value may be preserved. Preserving and conserving history, is the Museum's primary task, but we cannot complete it unless, you, the citizens of this wonderful County make it a priority to share your history.

The Calhoun County Museum challenged the African American community and all churches to share their histories and photographs. Leroy Hampton, a member of the Historical Commission, took this as a personal mission, and has achieved great success. He has provided Good Hope Picnic photos and just recently the St. Luke AME Church's history book. We are asking that people follow in



Mr. Hampton's footsteps and insure that we do not lose our history. It takes all of us to step in and do our part in order to never lose our common heritage. The amount of history this County possesses is astounding, and it would be heartbreaking if the current keepers of our heritage did not protect it for future generations.

The Museum is asking that you please bring all items to assist the Museum in fulfilling its duty.

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