



# Calhoun County Museum & Cultural Center

Fall 2015

## Why Digitize the Museum Collection?

Why digitize the Museum collection? That question has several answers. Digitizing is the best way to protect the Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center's vast collection of artifacts. When artifacts are physically handled they can be inadvertently damaged. Damage can include a tear in a document, something being spilled on an item, or even natural oils from the skin being transferred to the item.

Digitizing is also a way for selected pieces of our collection to be made available to new audiences. The Museum has had people from all over the United States as well as other countries contact us regarding pieces in the collection or research material. Having our collection digitized will enable us to assist those who are unable to visit the Museum due to distance or other restrictions.

Digitizing means more than

taking a picture. Captions explaining what the piece is must be added as well as when and how the piece was received by the Calhoun County Museum. People must have the facts, year, name and event that are significant to each piece of the collection that is made available digitally.

The digitizing process was started in 2014 using our scanner. However, scanning is not the best way to digitize due to how the pieces have to be handled. Also, we are limited by the size of our scanner.

The Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center recently received a grant which will be used to help offset the expense of new digitizing equipment. We are excited about this new endeavor and look forward to how this process will help preserve our collection while also making it more accessible to the public.

## *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 history, genealogy, art, and culture 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, South Carolina.

In seeking to fulfill the above mission, the Museum 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 art agency by offering diverse cultural programming, exhibits, and learning opportunities. The staff seeks to foster greater community arts appreciation and visitor enrichment through a variety of cultural offerings.

The Museum and Cultural Center has embraced two general long term goals in keeping with the mission statement:

"To encourage, nurture, support, and implement as an integral part of learning for all citizens of Calhoun County and visitors throughout South Carolina, as well as visitors from all over the world.

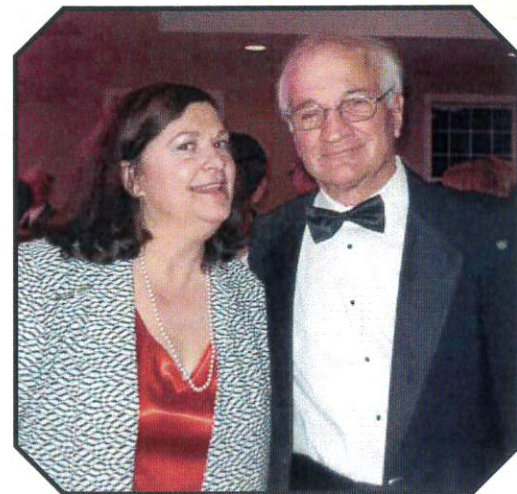
"To provide multidisciplinary arts and history programs and support services for Calhoun County which serves to stimulate community and cultural and economic growth."

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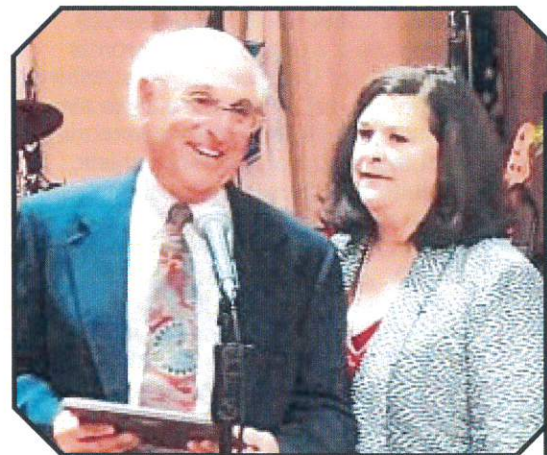
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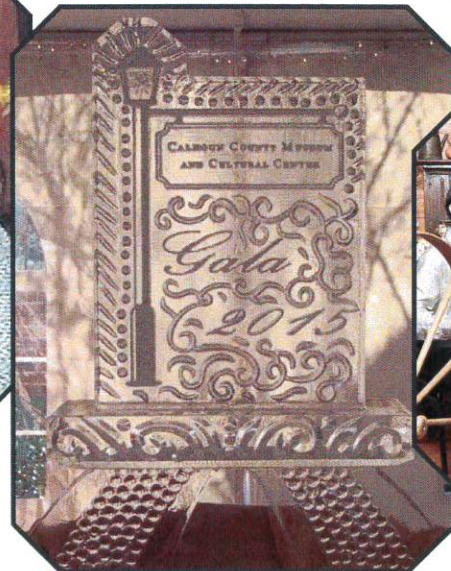
## Gala ~ February 7, 2015



Debbie Roland, Museum Director,  
with husband Johnny.



Webb Carroll was presented with the  
Distinguished Service Award  
by Director Debbie Roland  
for his continuous support of  
Calhoun County preservation.



Gala Photographs By  
Donny Knight Photography



Special thanks to Jack Brantley of  
Aberdeen Catery for the outstanding job.



Band of Oz

## Faces & Places of Calhoun County

In February the Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center began a huge project. In coordination with The Times and Democrat, we brought to the public "Faces & Places of Calhoun County."

This series of one hundred stories began with staff compiling a list as to which faces and places would be featured. Stories needed to have historical value, or a claim to fame achieved by only a few.

With list in hand, our staff and members of The Times and Democrat staff began gathering facts, photographs, and writing stories. It was a labor of love. The biggest chal-

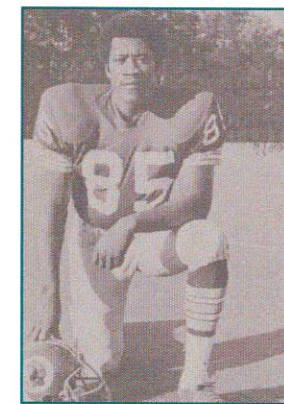


Miniature of Emily Geiger  
Painted on Ivory

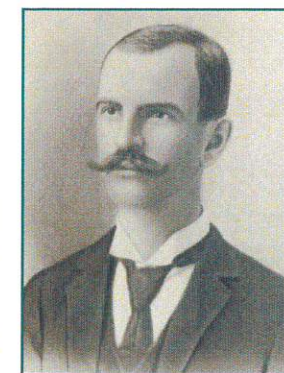
lenge was to get the stories out before press time in addition to keeping up with our daily activities, tours, and research appointments.

We certainly hope you enjoyed the series. We are very grateful to those we called upon to answer questions and give interviews. Your efforts to preserve the history of our county is greatly appreciated. The wrap up section of Faces & Places of Calhoun County is available at the Museum. The wrap up has a photograph and a brief summary of each article that was written. Please come see us and pick up a copy of the wrap up section today.

**Because of your comments and continued support, we see Faces & Places becoming a book in the near future. Be on the lookout for more information!**



Willie "Big Joe" Holman



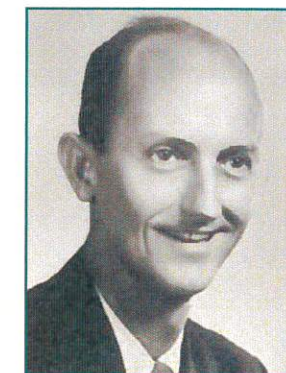
"Shep" Pearlstine



The Red Store



Fort Motte Oyster Roast



C Frederic Ulmer



display of wedding dresses



Craddock Morris



William Caldwell

### Friends Membership Drive Is Underway

When you become a member of "Friends" of the Calhoun County Museum & Cultural Center you not only provide financial support for the many great programs we offer, your membership also entitles you to discounts and advanced notice on workshops and events.

**Membership is from October 1-September 30 annually.** Please see the newsletter insert to join or renew your Friends membership today!



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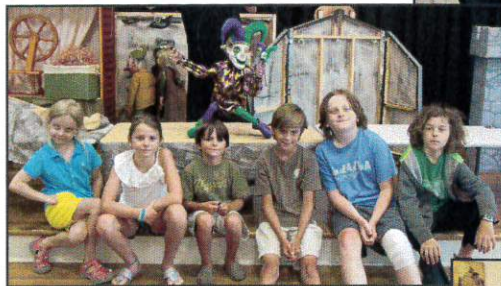


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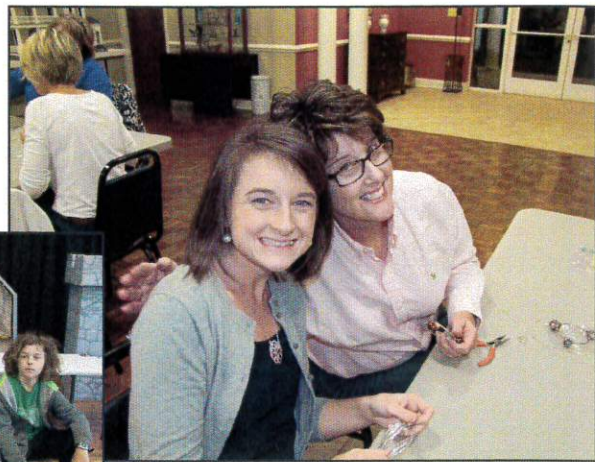


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## Staff Changes

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Jacque is a graduate of the University of South Carolina. Prior to joining the Museum, she served as Superintendent of Recreation & Marketing

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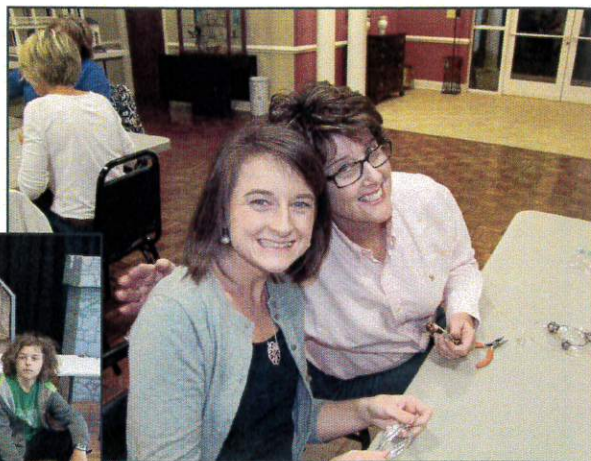


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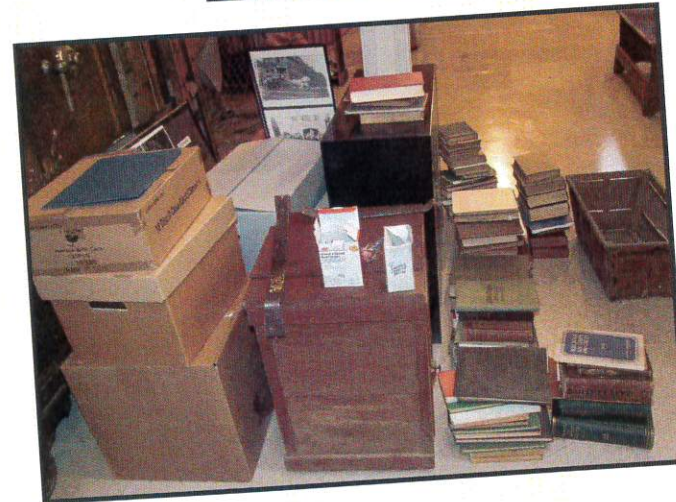
## Updates at the Museum

One of the latest projects taken on by the staff includes the many updates we have made at the museum. After the Gala, staff began cleaning the vault, rearranging offices, and moving displays.

Many items that had been stored are now on display throughout the museum, including two large fireplace mantels. Other pieces of various col-

lections have been relocated giving entire displays a new look.

The Deed and Research Rooms have been relocated as well as two offices and the supply room. The Media Room has been reorganized and more of the equipment is now being put to use. This was all done in an effort to establish a space to house new digitizing equipment.



## Tours at the Calhoun County Museum

Not only do we welcome walk in guests, we also have groups contact us to schedule a guided tour; like The Oaks in Orangeburg. This group visited us in June, and upon returning to The Oaks and telling other residents what a grand time they had, we were contacted to schedule another tour in August for additional residents.

The ladies had a ball trying on our cornhusk hat, viewing the collection, and especially when rounding out the tour with a little "dance time" with our own Jeff Reid.



The Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center was honored to have original works by artist James H. Green, Jr. on display in the gallery from June 1-August 15.

Mr. Green, from Orangeburg, enjoyed art from an early age. He studied at Ohio Wesleyan University, the Art Institute of Chicago, and the Boston Museum School of Fine Arts.

He returned to Orangeburg at the request of his father in 1962. Due to failing health, he now resides at the Calhoun Convalescent Center in St. Matthews.



Choral Department  
of Calhoun County  
High School

## The Calhoun County Museum & Cultural Center sponsors several events throughout the year.

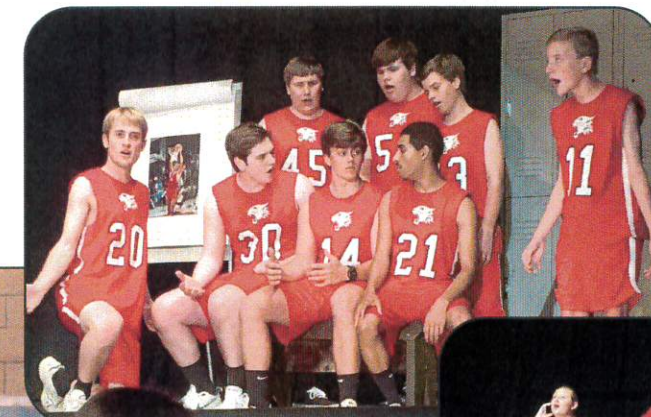


Cameron Community Christmas Cantata



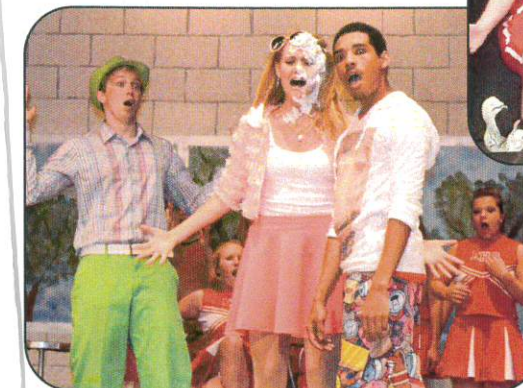
Ft Motte Community  
Reunion Festival

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George Hanes



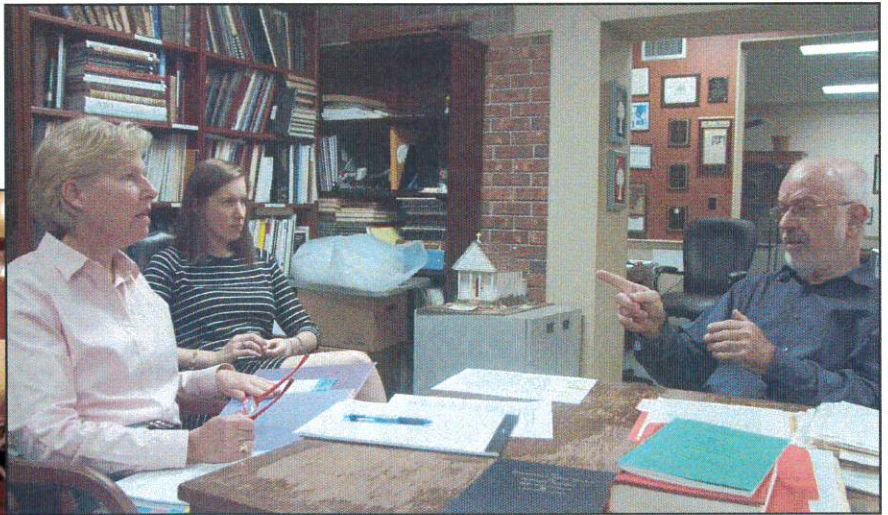
The Calhoun  
Players

photos courtesy of  
Lee Gantt





## A few of the things we do best at the Calhoun County Museum . . .



**Above:** Marcio Miller Santos of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil met his cousin, Nan Loftin, of North Carolina (at left) and her daughter at the Museum earlier this year to work on their family genealogy. Persons interested in genealogy research should call 874-3964 to set up an appointment.

**Left:** Mr. Arthur Banks is shown holding a toy that was made for him when he was a young child. It was made by his grandfather's brother, and each male member of the family played with these toys. The toys were gifted to the museum some 20 years ago.

### Contact Information:

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Facebook: Calhoun County Museum Friends

Website: [www.calhouncountymuseumandculturalcenter.org](http://www.calhouncountymuseumandculturalcenter.org)

The Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center is open to the public Tuesday-Friday from 9:00am-4:00pm.



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