Friends Membership Drive Underway

Membership in the Friends of the Calhoun County Museum runs annually from October 1-September 30th, so now is the time to join for the coming year. By becoming a member of the Friends you show your support of the mission and goal of the Museum & Cultural Center. You are not only providing financial support for the many wonderful programs offered, your Friends membership also entitles you to advance notice on workshops and events.

Please see the newsletter insert to join the Friends or to renew your membership today.

Start Planning for the 2017 Gala

Unable to figure out what to wear to the Gala? Want to save some money and have some fun? Start looking in your parent’s or grandparent’s closet. You might find that special outfit at Calhoun County Cares, or at a thrift or consignment store. It is still black tie, but with a vintage twist. Have you wondered what it would feel like to dress in the 1920’s, 30’s, 40’s, or 50’s? This is your chance.

As a part of an evening of great food, music, and entertainment, there will be an added twist. The Museum will give away prizes to the most creative vintage apparel. Not interested in vintage? No problem. Dress in your favorite Gala outfit.

Band of Oz will play hours of music, and there will be surprises found throughout the Museum.

Calhoun County Museum Gala and Jack Brantley go hand in hand. We could not have a celebration without Aberdeen Catery. Jack has been working on the menu for months. No need to ask what Jack is serving because he says it is going to be a complete surprise.

This is one event you will not want to miss. Please order your tickets early. Valet parking will be offered again. No tickets sold at the door. Tickets go on sale in November, so please make sure you get yours early. This year we will not keep a waiting list, so make sure you get your tickets early. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Gala will be held on Saturday

Advance tickets only.

Anyone who joins “The Friends” in September will be eligible for our drawing to win 2 Gala tickets!

Calhoun County Museum
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.”

The Savany Hunt Historical Marker, believed to be the oldest surviving historical marker in the state of South Carolina, was returned to the South Carolina State Archives this past summer after being damaged and repaired. The State archives will keep this in their collection for safe-keeping. Pictured on the right is Dr. Eric Emerson, Director of the SC State Archives.
Dear Friends,

I cannot begin to tell you how excited we are about our past year's programs and success. Thank you all for supporting the Museum. Our programs work because of YOU. Last year we had so many new visitors. The museum loves all of our new and old friends. Your financial assistance through memberships and donations help us defray the cost of so many programs held within the Museum and throughout the county. Thank you for filling out our survey—your input does matter.

Our Elf Hunt and Winter Wonderland of Lights was a new program, and it will be returning on the evening of December 1, 2016. This is a Thursday, and we hope to have a full house. The Elves will stay at the Museum until December 8. Please encourage your teachers, grandparents, and day care centers to come visit during our normal working hours. This event is for all ages. The Museum has lots of programs planned for this year. Many are listed in this newsletter, on our Website, Facebook, and we post them on our front door. Our Gala is set for February 4, 2017. Jacque Fogle has taken another job and is no longer at the museum. However she will always be a part of our museum family. Jacque is a treasure and we were blessed to have had her working with us. Thank you, Jacque, for all of your hard work and for being such a positive person. Good luck on your new adventure.

My doors are always open to you.

—Debbie Roland, Director

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Special Events & Classes

- Farming Documentary & Photography Show
  September 15th @ 6:30pm Dr. Houck Medford will be our guest at the Museum with his film, The Cotton Tale. Bates Houck Farm will be featured.

- Elf Hunt and Winter Wonderland of Lights
  Thursday, December 1st from 5:00-7:00pm. Participants will enjoy searching for knee-hugger elves hidden throughout the Museum while using history clues to find them. The Museum will be filled with thousands of Christmas lights and displays for your viewing enjoyment.

- Community Christmas Cantata
  Sunday, December 4, 2016. Performance times are 5:00pm and 7:30pm at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Cameron, with a reception between performances in the Fellowship Hall. This event is free of charge and the community is invited to attend.

- Calhoun County Museum & Cultural Center Gala
  Saturday, February 4, 2017. Invitations and ticket information will be announced in November.

- Jewelry Making with Beth Felder
  Date TBA. Turn old pieces into new designs at this class. This is a great opportunity to make something old or broken into something new and usable.

- Let's Get Organized
  Date TBA. Sandi Davis will be coming to teach you the tricks of keeping yourself and your belongings organized.

- Creative Painting—Window Panes
  Date TBA. Turn a window pane into a beautiful work of art.

- Christmas Crafts with Brenda
  Date TBA. Turn a Coke bottle into a Santa Clause!

- Check Facebook and our front door for more program TBA

- Family Research is offered by appointment only.

- Painting on Pallets, TBA
All in a Days Work at the
Calhoun County Museum & Cultural Center

American Legion Post 12 held their “Post Everlasting Service” at the Museum. This special program is held in memory of deceased veterans since the last service.

2015 will always be remembered for the historic flood in South Carolina. The Museum & Cultural Center put out a call for donations to help those affected by the flooding, and the response was overwhelming. Staff spent weeks organizing, packing, and then loading two box trucks of items, which were then taken and distributed to those who needed it most. The outpouring of support and community coming together was a wonderful thing to be a part of.

A photography exhibit was held for St. Matthew’s photographer Von Line. Many came to view the exhibit, and to see her magnificent shots of businesses, churches, and other places in and around Calhoun County.

Elf on the Shelf and light show was a big hit. We were delighted to see many new visitors.

The Museum hosted Calhoun Academy’s “Art Can Make You Smart” art show featuring student art-work by grades K-4th. Vicki Smith King, the Art Instructor for CA, worked with the students teaching them different art techniques. Everyone enjoyed the pieces on display in our gallery, and the artists and the public enjoyed their special evening at the Museum.

The Calhoun Players brought “Oklahoma” to the Cameron Auditorium in March, which was sponsored in part by the Museum and Cultural Center.

Denise Christmas led a painting class for adults. Everyone had a great time painting, and laughing the evening away.

The Museum is an annual sponsor of The Ft. Motte Reunion Festival. This family fun event features a parade, entertainment, great food, children’s activities and much more.

American Legion Post 12
Wine Cork Class

Friends Helping Friends during South Carolina Flood in October

Elf Hunt & Winter Wonderland of Lights

The Museum & Cultural Center hosted the Columbia Marionette Theatre productions of “Professor Brainstorm’s Brilliant Idea” and “Rocking the Ages,” SC Woodwork Art, Creative Kids Painting Class, and a butter making lesson held by Calhoun County Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom along with a history tour. All the participants had a great time at the Museum this summer!
Welcome Jeremy!

The Calhoun County Museum is proud to announce their new employee, Jeremy Stoudenmire. Jeremy is a 2015 graduate of Coastal Carolina with a BS degree in History. He is a native of Calhoun County and lives in Lone Star. Many of you may remember Jeremy when he interned at the museum during his college years. Jeremy was formally employed by Kwest Mortgage Group in Orangeburg. He is the son of Dennis and Phyllis Stoudenmire.

Ann Haigler, Out-Going Board President

The Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center would like to thank Mrs. Ann Haigler for her outstanding work as the President of the Museum Board. Mrs. Ann Haigler has served on the board as President for many years. She will continue to serve on our board. Mrs. Ann is pictured with the Savany Hunt Historical Marker before it was returned to the SC State Archives.

Elf on the Shelf & Winter Wonderland of Lights

Thursday, December 1, 2016
5:00-7:00pm

Come use history clues to find the hidden elves throughout the museum and, enjoy a journey through the Winter Wonderland of Lights! Children 12 and under who find the elves will be entered into a grand prize drawing!

Bring your camera!
Children may bring letters to mail to Santa!
You must call 874-3964 to register!
Everyone can be a philanthropist

The Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center took part in the Midlands Gives program in May. This 24-hour on-line giving campaign is open to non-profits located in the counties served by the Central Carolina Community Foundation and it's a great way to get the word out about who we are and what we do.

Our goal was to raise money to offset the costs of our summer programs. After meeting participation requirements, and with a set goal in mind, notices were posted on Facebook and flyers were mailed to families who have taken part in our prior summer programs.

On May 3, as staff was busy with updates, the unthinkable happened. . . . the host site experienced technical difficulties making it hard for people who wanted to donate to be able to do so. Dreams of a great first year and reaching our goal were crushed. However, through the determination and perseverance of our wonderful donors and the CCCF, the Museum not only reached our goal but exceeded it by 68%! What a great testament to those who believe and support our mission. Thank you for making our dream a reality!

NEW WEBSITE TAKING SHAPE

If you haven’t seen the Museum website lately, now is the time to do so. The decision was made to update changes. We kept the same address, but the site now has a different design and is more user friendly. Most importantly, staff is now able to do updates in house as often as needed.

While some pages and links are still “works in progress”, we encourage you to visit our website to stay abreast of all the latest happenings at the Museum and Cultural Center. The “Events and Programs” page is updated when we have dates and times set. You will find a list of Calhoun County Historical Sites with photographs, services offered by the Museum, contact information, hours of operation, the history of Calhoun County, and more.

Our website is continuing to develop to better serve your needs. If there is something you feel would be an asset to our site, please let us know via the “Contact” page and we will see if we can make it happen.

www.calhouncountymuseumandculturalcenter.org

Please join the Friends of the Calhoun County Museum Facebook page.

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

Research is by appointment only.