

Calhoun County Museum & Cultural Center

Fall 2016

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
February 4th, 2017.**

**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.

**We hope you
can join us for
the 2017 Gala!**

~Debbie Roland, Director

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 Brandy**
Date TBA. Turn a Coke bottle into a Santa Clause!
- **Check Facebook and our front door for more programs 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. Matthews photographer Yon 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.

Cameron Community Choir presented their annual Christmas concert in memory of C.F. Ulmer. This is another program that the Museum sponsored.

The Museum hosted Calhoun Academy's "Art Can Make You Smart" art show featuring student art-work by grades K4-6th. 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



Art Can Make You Smart Calhoun Academy Art Exhibit



Yon Line Exhibit



Painting with Denise Christmas



Ft. Motte Festival Reunion



2016 Children's Summer Programs at the Museum

The Museum & Cultural Center hosted the Columbia Marionette Theatre productions of "Professor Brainstorm's Brilliant Idea" and "Rocking the Ages," SC Woodwork Art, Kreative 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!



Museum & Museum Director Receive Awards

The Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center received the Award of Excellence from the SC Federation of Museums for its program of work in 2015. This highly prized award was presented at the Federation's annual meeting in Aiken, SC in March.

The last weekend in March brought two more awards to the Museum and its staff. An "Award of Merit" was given by the Confederation of SC Local Historical Societies for our Calhoun County Faces and Places series, and our Director, Debbie Roland received the "Alexander S. Salley Professional Service Award" for distinguished lifetime service and contributed significantly to history and historical preservation and has professionally advanced the cause of state and local history.



The Cotton Tale

Cotton Farming is big in Calhoun County. Dr. Houck Medford's "The Cotton Tale" will be presented on Thursday, September 15, 2016. This wonderful documentary film and photography exhibit tells the story of Cameron's Bates Houck's Family farm. The Houck family has farmed the same land for more than one hundred

years. The film documents farm succession, family faith, and technological advances in the mega agribusiness of cotton farming. Medford describes this film as "a warm, visual and personal depiction of farming landscape of South Carolina".

In conjunction with this documentary South Carolina Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom Cotton Simulator will be on museum grounds opening night and Friday September 16. School tours will be given by appointment only. Please call for more information.

Dr. Houck Medford will be available at the film showing on Thursday, September 15th at 6:30 pm to answer any questions from the audience. Admission is free and the event is open to the public.



*Photos provided by Houck Medford's book, *Coming Home to Cotton*.

MUSEUM AWARDS FIRST C. FREDERIC ULMER SCHOLARSHIP

Museum Director Debbie Roland had a dream ~ to honor the memory of Cameron native, C. Frederic Ulmer. Ulmer's career began by giving piano lessons in his hometown. After graduating from Furman and earning his masters in music from Columbia University, Ulmer began teaching at Orangeburg High School as the much loved instructor of music and the mixed chorus director. An auto accident ultimately claimed Ulmer's life in 1980.

In 1997, the Calhoun County Museum paid tribute with "A Salute to the late C. Frederic Ulmer" featuring more than 75 of his former students. Overwhelming support and appreciation for everything Ulmer accomplished led to the creation of a scholarship in his memory.

Rachel Fogle of Cameron was awarded the first C. Frederic Ulmer Scholarship. She is a senior attending the South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts & Humanities and plans to pursue a degree in piano performance. Rachel began lessons with the late Ms. Julia Helen Garriss and is currently a student of Dr. Stephen Taylor. In 2015 she gave three recitals, one at the Calhoun County Museum and two in Greenville.

The \$500 scholarship was used to help offset the cost of attending Brevard Music Institute, a six week piano intensive program for high school and college music students.



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!





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.

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!

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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.