

Calhoun County Museum & Cultural Center Newsletter

Fall 2018

FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE UNDERWAY

Friends Memberships of the Calhoun County Museum run annually from October 1-September 30, so now is the time to join for the upcoming year. By becoming a member of the Friends you show your support for the mission and goals 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 advanced notice on workshops and events.

Your support helps fund the

childrens programs and the adult programs that we host each year along with helping purchase new items to help preserve and protect our extensive collection. Your support also provides resources for us to digitize photographs and papers. Please join our Friends program by filling out the enclosed membership form. The Museum could not run without your support! Call us at (803) 874-3964 if you have any questions about this program. We look forward to seeing you soon at the Museum!



Come Check out our 1921 Essex!



TIME TO START PLANNING FOR THE 2019 GALA

Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 2, 2019 for the Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center Gala! This year the museum has decided to hold an exhibit honoring the Calhoun County World War I Veterans.

As always, there will be great music, fun times, and wonderful food prepared by Jack Brantley and Aberdeen Catery. Jack has been working on the menu to provide unforgettable food which he says is a surprise!

The Band of Oz will perform in

the Activities Room and Mr. Shannon Pinkney will tickle the keys of the piano in our Research Room.

This is a Gala that you will not want to miss! Valet parking will be offered. More information will be available in November when tickets go on sale, so get yours as early as you can! No tickets will be sold at the door, and we do not refund or resell your tickets if you cannot make it to the gala after your purchase, and there will not be a waiting list, so get your tickets early! We look forward to seeing you on February 2nd.

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ALL IN A DAYS WORK AT THE CALHOUN COUNTY MUSEUM & CULTURAL CENTER

The Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center hosts many after hours cultural events throughout the year. These fun-filled events could not happen without the support of you, our patrons. These fun events included:

Community Choir- Each year the Cameron Community Choir puts on a fabulous Christmas Cantata. Singers from numerous churches in the community showcase their amazing talents through two public concerts. The Museum is always happy to sponsor this cheerful event in memory of C. Frederic Ulmer.

Clogging with Elly - Elly Haigler, of Cameron, SC, brought her talent to the Old Cameron School Lunch Room by teaching people how to clog. Those who came enjoyed six Monday nights full of fun and laughter! Thanks again Elly!

Yearbook Project - This year the Museum had the chance to get our collection of local yearbooks digitized. After getting the digitized copies back, we put them on our Facebook page for all to see!

Fun with Sallie - Sallie's Greatest's own Sallie Porth brought her wonderful creations and pairings of her jams and simple syrups to the Museum for our May after hours. In this demonstration Sallie showed how to pair the Sallie's Greatest Jams with different types of food for appetizers or entrees. She also demonstrated how to make drinks using the simple syrups and Darius Rucker's Backstage Whiskey.

Taking the Perfect Photo - University of South Carolina Photography Professor and renowned photographer Gordon Humpries brought his expertise to the Museum in June to teach a class on how to take the perfect picture. He

demonstrated some simple techniques that would help in taking the picture. After the class, he gave some one-on-one time to show some class members how to use their personal cameras.

Battle of Fort Motte Traveling Exhibit - The Calhoun County Museum hosted the Battle of Fort Motte Traveling Exhibit created by the South Carolina Relic Room and South Carolina State Museum. This exhibit contained panels that told the story of the battle as well as replica artifacts recovered from the battle site. Many people from all over came to see the exhibit.

Fort Motte Reunion Festival - The Fort Motte Community has held the Fort Motte Reunion Festival for the last 17 years. The Museum sponsored this event by providing the music. We tip our hats to this hard working group!

Rachel Fogle's Classical Piano Performance - Rachel Fogle brought her musical talent to the Museum with an astonishing piano performance. She performed arrangements by composers such as Bach and Shuman. After the performance, a small reception was held with refreshments. Rachel is a graduate of the South Carolina Governor's School of the Arts, and is currently a sophomore at Baldwin Wallace University Conservatory of Music where she is studying classical piano. She received the C.F. Ulmer Scholarship from the Museum in 2016 and continues to give back to the Museum.

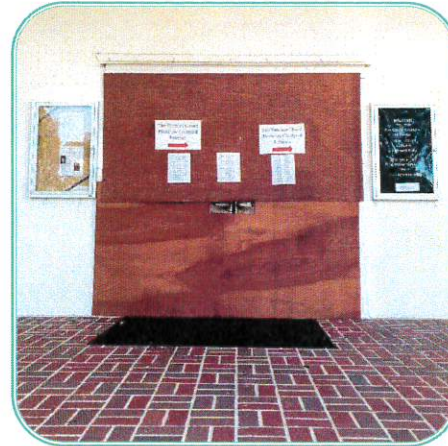
The Calhoun County Museum is looking forward to another fun busy year. Take a look at our insert about our upcoming events! We look forward to seeing you soon at the Museum!



How Do We Prepare for a Hurricane?

Hurricane Season is the time of the year when everyone in the South is on their toes. Over the last three years, South Carolina has been hit with different tropical systems. The staff of the Calhoun County Museum has to prepare for a storm just as if we were at home. When preparing, there are certain things that we have to do. The first thing is we must put our irreplaceable paintings in a secure location. Next we have to move our silver cases behind a stable wall. We then move the

church exhibit and place moving blankets and a tarp over the pulpit. Aside of moving some other small things, the final step is boarding up the big picture window in the church exhibit, and the main front doors. However there is so much more. Take a look at some of the pictures below from our beginning preparations for past hurricanes. Our thoughts and prayers are with those affected by the storms.



What to Do if Some of Your Family Heirlooms are Damaged After a Natural Disaster

We all have those irreplaceable family heirlooms that we do not want to get damaged or destroyed; however, they could become damaged. These are some tips from the South Carolina Federation of Museums, and Historic Columbia that could be helpful.

Framed Objects, works on paper, and Photographs - Do not dry in direct sunlight. It is better to dry in open shade to prevent warping and swelling. Sandwich photos between fiberglass screens while they dry to prevent buckling and cupping. Use paper towels or clean rags to blot off excess water. Un-frame art work and photos if they have glass to

help prevent mildew. If a stack of photos is stuck together, wrap in a paper towel and freeze as soon as possible. Later, they can be slowly thawed and separated. Take a digital photo of the printed photos even if damaged. The digital image can later be retouched and printed.

Furniture - Clean mud and dirt off with towels and clean water. Try to remove as much water as possible. Do not dry in direct sunlight. This will cause the wood to crack. Open shade is best with circulating air. Do not use heavy cleaning agents such as bleach wipes because this could strip wood of its finish.

Metal Objects - Clean off mud

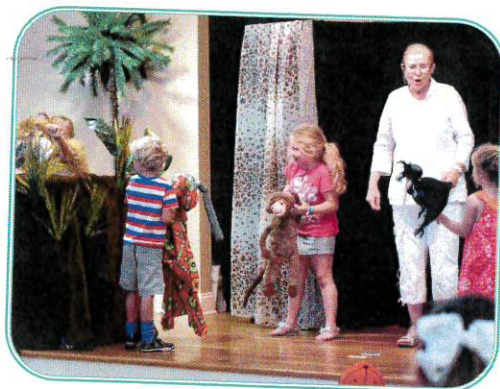
and dirt with clean water, dry with a paper towel. Do not apply solvents. A light oil such as a 3-in-1 used sparingly should prevent rust.

Ceramics and glass - Clean with a mild soap and water.

Textiles - Quilts should be carefully hand washed using dye and perfume free detergent and cold distilled water. Wash only as a necessity as some dyes can and will run. Do not wring the textiles after washing. Put it between layers of clean, dry towels and gently squeeze out water. Hang to dry in indirect sunlight.

If you have any questions call us at the Museum at (803) 874-3964!

Children's Summer Camps



This year, the Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center had a very successful summer with our fun-filled educational Summer Camps. "Mondays at the Museum" are a fun way to get your children off the couch and from in front of a tv for an hour or so. Programs like our summer camps are paid for by donations from parents and families just like you, which allows us to offer these programs free to the community.

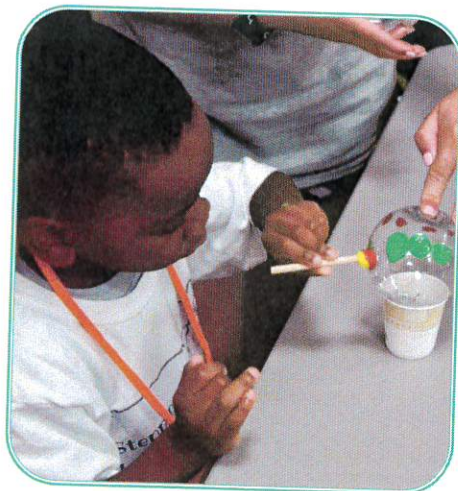
Becky's Box of Puppets - Becky Becker brought her talent of story telling through puppets to the museum on Monday June 18, 2018. Becky's puppets told the folk tale "Why Mosquitos Buzz in People's Ears." After her fun show, children were able to make a puppet character from the show to take home and play with.

The Columbia Marionette Theatre- On Monday June 25, 2018, the Columbia Marionette Theatre brought the show "Make Me a Star." As always the children laughed and were intrigued by the marionettes. The children learned through this program how important perseverance and not giving up on their dreams really are!

Learning to Cook - Thanks to the Calhoun County Farm Bureau Women's Committee for coming to the Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center for teaching kids how to make ice cream from scratch and by showing through an apple demonstration of just how much surface area of the Earth is used for farming. The children were amazed by seeing just how little of the Earth's surface is used for farming.

Having Fun with the Holidays -

For the finale of the summer camps, the staff of the museum encouraged the children to dress up in their favorite character costumes. The kids painted ornaments to take home with them. As they dried, the kids and adults had fun singing some of their favorite Christmas carols and patriotic music.

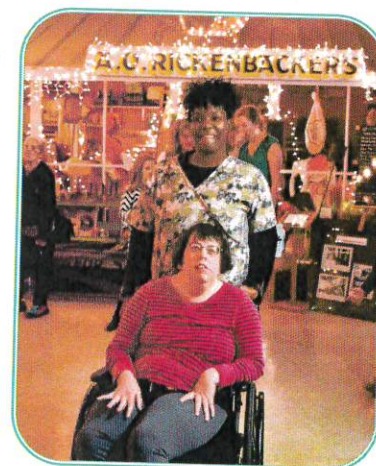


2017 Elf Hunt and Winter Wonderland of Lights

Children from all over enjoyed a fun festive night searching for elves and singing with some of their favorite Disney-Style princesses. For the last three years, the Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center held an Elf Hunt and Winter Wonderland of Lights. During this family-fun-filled evening, children carefully searched the museum reading history clues to find the hidden elves sent by Santa. This year the children got to sing with Cinderella, Belle, Ariel, and Moana during two shows. Also around the museum, children and adults got

to dance around with a dancing Christmas tree and present, real live elves, a real life snowwoman and a tin soldier. Children even got to hear "Twas the Night Before Christmas" from Scrooge himself. Children and Adults watched the cartoon version of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," by Dr. Seuss. The adults got to enjoy the joyful sounds of Victorian Carolers throughout the museum. As a thank you, the Museum gave holiday photos to the families that pre-registered for the event. During the following week, the public along with students from

St. Matthews K-8, Sandy Run K-8, Calhoun Academy, Orangeburg Preparatory Schools, Upwardway Chirstian Academy, and Stepping Stones Child Development Center ventured throughout the museum looking for Elves. At the end of the program, the museum staff drew two names from the completed elf hunts for a prize. In 2018, the Calhoun County Museum will not hold an Elf Hunt. The next Elf Hunt and Winter Wonderland of Lights will take place on Thursday November 21, 2019 due to Thanksgiving being late! Mark your Calendars!



Above: Jennifer enjoys a fun-filled night at the Elf Hunt and Winter Wonderland of Lights! She does not miss anything we have at the Museum! She is also a long time Volunteer of the Museum.

A Note From Our Director

Home is Where Our Hearts Lives

I have had the honor of loving and taking care of your family treasures for over 35 years. I am the keeper of stories of yesteryear. I use the word "I" because for many years the "Staff" was a party of one. Throughout the years the museum has had many part-time employees, but our staff has grown. We now have four full-time staff members and two part-time. The museum has waxed and waned, but one thing for sure we are growing. Actually we need a sign that says FULL...

It is such a pleasure to have young people involved in the museum. Being able to have someone to pass on the stories and treasures of yesteryear is a challenge. However our mighty staff keeps me on my toes. Inquisitive minds want to know who, what, when, where, and how... Their research capabilities are amazing and without question no one past or present will be left behind when I am no longer at the museum. One of the things that makes our County Museum different from others is the personal approach that we use with all visitors. If you are looking for high tech...then don't look here. We have been blessed to have great equipment to aid our efforts, but that one-on-one Southern Home feeling is what you receive when you visit our doors, especially in the area of research.

The museum is the first place where you take your children to visit when they are small, and the place where you come to visit as you approach the winter of your life. Many of our "graying" visitors want to hear more about those people who influenced their childhood. They seek solitude in search of the stories of yesterday. Oral history and facts often off set by reality. Finding the right place to leave family treasures is so important. Especially today in a world that is going at such a fast pace. Whether it is a great-grandmother's dress, letters written to love ones during the wars, ledgers holding records of good and hard times, or South Carolina silver, your heirlooms are our treasures.

Wherever you are in the journey of life, we want you to come and get to know and enjoy The Calhoun County Museum family and treasures. No matter what your age, the Museum has a story waiting to be shared with you.

As always, my doors are open to each of you! Debbie Roland, Director



Did You Know?

Did you know that those metal historical markers located along the county's highways and byways are part of the South Carolina Historical Marker Program?

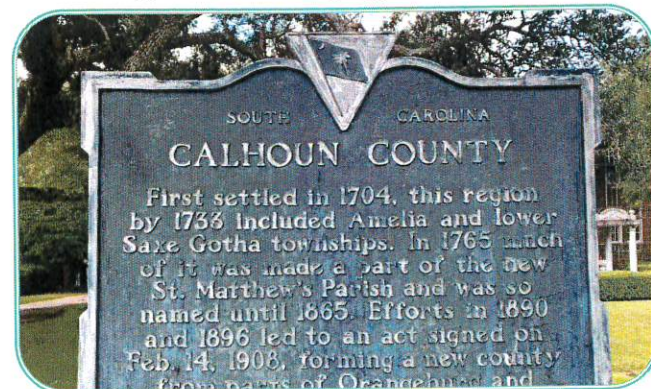
The SC Historical Marker Program has been around since 1936 with the erection of the first marker in the state. Calhoun County's very own Savany Hunt marker is believed to be the oldest surviving historical marker. After being damaged and then repaired, the Savany Hunt marker was returned in 2016 to the South Carolina Department of Archives and History for safe-keeping as part of the state's permanent collection.

Today there are more than 1500 markers throughout the state. These markers identify and interpret places important to our shared past that are significant in local, state, or national history. In Calhoun County there are 15 SC Historical Markers. They commemorate our county's history from the colonial period through the early twentieth century.

There is no state funding for the SC Historical Marker Program. The success of the marker program depends on the citizens of the state who suggest, document,

sponsor, pay for, and maintain the markers. Markers may be sponsored by organizations or institutions.

Should you have an historic site that you think may be a candidate for a SC Historical Marker and are interested in sponsoring a marker, please contact the staff at the Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center. We would be happy to assist you in documenting the historic site and aiding you as you propose the marker to the South Carolina Department of Archives and History, which manages the marker program for the State.



MUSEUM IMPROVEMENTS

When looking at the Museum today, you may say, "Well this does not look any different." Do not let your eyes fool you! This past year part of the museum went through a light renovation. New dimmable LED lights were placed in part of the exhibit space and Cultural Center. The outdated fluorescent lighting became too costly to operate through constantly changing light-

bulbs, ballasts, and the energy that it took to run. Also, it was not good for the collection. The new LED lighting is cheaper to operate and much better for the collection. The dimmable feature of these lights makes it easier and more safe for the museum to put on "mood lighting" for our gala and other after-hours programs. Come by and take a look!



C.F. ULMER ENDOWMENT

We are often asked about how we remember C.F. Ulmer and the donations that have been given in his memory. Ulmer who was born in Cameron, graduated from Furman University, was Calhoun County's "Mr. Music." A faithful member and Choir Director of the Cameron Baptist Church he spent his lifetime sharing his love of music. He taught in Four Holes and Cameron Schools. The majority of his teaching was in the Orangeburg Public School System. If you knew Mr. Ulmer then you would understand that he was not only talented but fun. He had high expectations for all of his students. From Boys Choir, Operetta's, Christmas Concerts, and his famous Broadway Shows. He touched so many lives on and off stage. Ulmer understood the importance of team work.

While interviewing several of Orangeburg alumni we were intrigued by the stories of Coach Clark insisting that his football players take a class under Ulmer. All of these former football players said that Coach Clark cut a deal with Ulmer. Clark wanted players who would follow instructions, and Ulmer was just the person to teach them that lesson. Ulmer wanted singers and that deal produced both.

Behind every great Choral Director stands at least one or more pianist. Ulmer, who received his Masters from NYU, was not only trained in choral, organ, and piano; but also as a conductor. He could and did do it all.

The Ulmer Endowment gives to any student who attends the South Carolina Governor School of the Arts in the Area of Voice or Piano. This money is given to help any students with travel, or receive special additional education, for example Brevard's summer music program, or travel abroad. Senior Music College students (Piano or Voice) may apply at the end of their junior year. Students must be former residents of Calhoun or Orangeburg Counties.

Applying is easy. Just call the museum for more information at (803)-874-3964, or write to us 313 Butler Street, St. Matthews, SC 29135.

Thank you Fredric Ulmer for the wonderful memories!

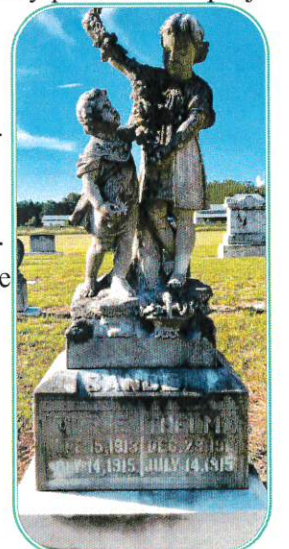
CEMETERY PRESERVATION

Whether you refer to them as burial grounds, graveyards, or cemeteries, these cultural resources are the final resting places of our community's ancestors and provide us with a wealth of information.

From historic cemeteries, we may gather genealogical information that may not be available through other sources. We as a community may learn about our ancestors' changing attitudes toward death as depicted in the iconography of tombstones and purposeful landscaping. On a broader level, historic graveyards provide information about a region's religious heritage, and on a more personal level about an individual's socio-economic status.

Historic cemeteries are a unique cultural resource in that they have the potential to contain landscape, architectural, and archaeological features. The various forms of information and features should be carefully considered before undertaking a historic cemetery preservation project. There are state laws protecting cemeteries, and these must be followed as part of any cemetery preservation project.

If you are planning on cleaning up a historic cemetery or documenting one, the Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center staff is available to provide information and guidance specific to your proposed project. Feel free to call us at (803) 874-3964.



***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."

IN MEMORIAM

Many people send memorials to the Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center in memory of the loved ones they lost. The Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center remembers the following:

**DARRELL COOPER
JOHN T. CROWE
TALLEY CULCLASURE
BETTE JANE FAIREY
CRADDOCK MORRIS
JEFF REID, SR.
C.F. ULMER
JEANNE WILDE ULMER**

SPONSORSHIP WALL

GOLD SPONSORS - \$5,000.-\$10,000

(YEARLY LISTED FOR ALL MUSEUM PROGRAMS INCLUDING GALA)

SILVER – \$2,500.00 - \$4,999.

BRONZE \$1,000 - \$2,499

SPECIAL NEEDS

STORAGE BUILDING (\$10,000) (SPACE IS NEEDED

FOR HOLIDAY COLLECTIONS, ART SUPPLIES ETC)

ALARM – SHOOTER PROGRAM UPGRADE - \$10,000

(SECURITY SET FOR A SHOOTER OR TERRORIST ATTACK)

COMPUTER UPDATE- \$5,000

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

Research is by appointment only.