



Richmond Hill Historical Society Newsletter

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The June meeting is Thursday, June 10th, 7PM

Chica Arndt, Board of Director of the RHHS, will present *The Life of Mary Musgrove*.

In Chica's words..."The discovery of Mary Musgrove's Trading Post in 2002, just a few miles up river from Savannah, spurred interest in her life and times and was important as one of the few archaeological sites found recently that date to the Georgia Colony in 1773. A lot of myths have grown around the name, Mary Musgrove, a half-Creek interpreter employed by the early Georgia Colony. In the program, we'll try to separate myth from history through the contemporary writings of people such as James Oglethorpe, John Wesley, and many other colonial civilian and military authorities. Sometimes Mary Musgrove was portrayed as a heroine who saved the colony and, at other times she was described as an unscrupulous agent for her native tribe, the Creeks. The presentation will conclude with an 18 minute video showing the excavation of the archeological site and commentary by various archeologists and historians."

We extend special congratulations to our Board of Director, Buddy Sullivan for the award he was presented recently at the 171st Annual Meeting of the Georgia Historical Society for his excellence in researching and recording Georgia history. Buddy has shared his expertise with the Richmond Hill Historical Society members on many, many occasions and has educated all with many accurate, informative, and entertaining publications. Buddy, thank you for your continual works on the history of our beloved Georgia. Most of Buddy's publications are available at the Museum.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

**Thursday, June 10th
7:00 PM @ the Museum
Chica Arndt**

The Life of Mary Musgrove

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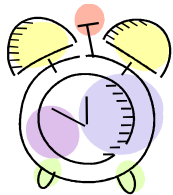


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The Bailey Carpenter house now belongs to the Museum! We are currently asking for bids to move the building to our grounds. We are also looking for donations to complete this project. Ron Burns, Frank Grimm, and Art McAuley are working on getting approval from Magnolia Manor and subsequently from the Dept of Planning and Zoning to get this project under way.

Local Bryan County Artists are displaying their artwork at the new County Administrative Office Complex on 144. It is called The Bryan County Gallery. Every three months there will be a new exhibit. Many of our Richmond Hill Historical Society members are represented. Please take a moment and stop in.

We want to thank all of you who have chosen to support your Historical Society and Museum by becoming members in 2010. We will be sending you membership cards in the next few weeks. All members are eligible for a 5% discount at the Museum Gift Shop and reduced rates for special events. By joining or renewing your membership you are helping to preserve the local history and heritage of the area. Thank you.



The Richmond Hill Historical Society Museum is open to the public on Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The additional hours have been added as volunteers have committed to manning the Museum at specific times. **WE REALLY NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS! If you are able to volunteer time on Thursdays during the months of June and/or July, please call the Museum at 756-3697 for a list of open times.**

Several long-time, local residents have graciously allowed us to record their oral histories of what they experienced living and growing up in the Richmond Hill area. One of the goals of the Richmond Hill Historical Society is to convert these existing interviews from tapes to disks and then to package them as vignettes on a DVD. The present interviews are from various Bryan County residents who have many interesting memories and anecdotes to share about what life was like in the early days of Richmond Hill. We will need to seek grants and/or donations to cover the production costs of this project. If you have resources and/or expertise to donate, please call the Museum.

We are hoping to be able to schedule another docent training session soon. If you are interested in becoming a docent for the Richmond Hill Historical Society, please call the Museum and have your name and contact information placed on a list. We will announce dates for docent training in a future newsletter.