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2016 Landing Day Program

This year's Landing Day Program was very enlightening. Our thanks to Thomas Wülfing, Deputy Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Southeastern United States. He relayed how humbling it was talking to descendants at Jerusalem Church in a building with so much history. A very cordial question and answer program with his discussion on relating the struggles of our ancestors to current struggles happening today. Our story of successes and failures serves as a great guide for many groups under religious persecution today. It is important to remember that our survival included moving from current homes with the help of Christians. Thomas next assignment is to Congo and we wish him a very successful assignment.

HERITAGE DAY 2016

Dr Magliazzo is Professor of History at Whitworth College in Spokane, Washington, where he has also served as Department Chair and Director of Faculty Development. He is a former Fulbright/Hays Scholar in American Studies and the editor of " Teaching as an Act of Faith: Theory and Practice in Church-Related Education " and " Lands of True and Certain Bounty: The Geographical and Colonization Strategies of Jean Pierre Purry ".

Dr Migliazzo's fascination with Purry led to a choice of Purry's colonization of Purrysburg Township as the theme for his PhD Dissertation. Upon approval of the Dissertation, his Advisory Board strongly recommended that he further edit the work in form of a published book. The result is " To Make This Land Our Own: Community, Identity, and Cultural Adaptation in Purrysburg Township, South Carolina, 1732-1865 " / 2007 University of South Carolina Press.

At the Georgia Salzburger Society Heritage Day Meeting on Labor Day 2016,

Dr Magliazzo will honor us with a presentation covering the settlement of Purrysburg and its cultural relationship with the subsequently settled Ebenezer by our Salzburger ancestors.



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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings to all,

I want to thank all of those who attended the Landing Day Meeting. There was not as many people this year as in the past and that meant more of the chicken rice soup served by the WELCA ladies of Jerusalem for me to eat. You really missed a treat as it was really, really good. The soup is a good addition to have a quick easy lunch before the meeting that I hope becomes a tradition. If our ancestors first soup meal was as tasty as ours I can understand why they stayed.

As an update on the Georgia History Core Standards, it appears we were successful in getting the word "Salzburgers" back in for now. It is amazing how one word can have so much impact on our children's education for what is taught as a standard and what isn't. There are several more reviews and approvals yet before everything is final. So keep your fingers crossed and read our special update in this newsletter.

Another note on our society's financial health. We have had more people join or rejoin as members and for that I thank you. This balances our losses of all those dear members who have passed away during this last year. So our net total is up a small amount. We are still running a negative balance to meet our budget needed for each year. To make things balance, we used funds from our endowment investment gains. We need to approach a more fiscally prudent budget in the near future if our donations to the yearly budget does not improve. A small gift of \$10-\$20 from each member (life especially as our membership is currently 80-90% life members) would make the difference between surviving or being severely restricted in our programs. So if you are able, please make a small donation toward keeping the society healthy.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you,

Gary Nizzi

Announcements

New Curator and Registrar

We announce filling two positions to the Society. Join us in welcoming Patsy Shearouse as our new Museum Curator and Debra Herin as the new Registrar. Our society is in great hands with the addition of these two capable people. We thank them for volunteering to help continue our work.

Please assist them as we go through these changes and ask yourself to consider working as a volunteer for the Museum, Library, Registrar, Office, etc. The more volunteers we have makes the service less taxing on our personal lives and produces less burnout in these crucial positions.

Vince Exley Resigns as Registrar

It is with deep regret and much prayer that we accepted the resignation of Vince as Registrar and his committee assignments. We will continue to move forward with the plans expressed by Vince. Our thanks to Vince for all the outstanding work he has accomplished for the society and success in any future endeavors.

Sheryl Howell Resigns as Museum Curator

It is with deep regret and much prayer that we accepted the resignation of Sheryl as Museum Curator. We will continue to move forward with the standards and goals exemplified by Sheryl. We express our thanks to Sheryl for all the excellent work she has accomplished for the society and success in any future endeavors.

Patsy Ziegler (Assistant Curator) assumed the duties of Museum Curator. Please assist her as we go through this change and ask your yourselves to consider working as a museum volunteer.

We are all volunteers in our respective roles for the society and therefore should enjoy what we do, plus we take an oath to try to the best of our abilities. Our wish is for each person to accommodate their goals both personally and for the society. I continue requesting an extra helping of God's patience and understanding for working together. Using the best of our abilities, we will continue to improve the society.

Gary Nizzi

Announcements

Board of Directors

A Reception followed the March Landing Day Meeting to thank Rev. Donald Hanberry, Rev. Katherine Sobey Kaminer and W. Jay Neurath for their Service.

Also during the Landing Day Meeting, Noble Boykin, Barbara Scott, Kevin Seckinger, Rebecca Heidt, Sandy Wahldour and Debra Herin were elected as new board members.

Registrar

Shortly after developing an addiction to genealogy, I discovered my Salzburger ancestry and quickly joined the Georgia Salzburger Society (GSS) in 2009. I am very proud to be a descendant Peter Gruber. Lewis, my husband, has several Salzburger ancestors. He joined the GSS as a descendant of Mathias Burgsteiner.

It has been an honor to serve in the Loest Research Library since it opened in 2013. Involvement with the Special Genealogical Research Project Committee (SGRPC) was a natural progression as a library volunteer. I have served with the SGRPC since 2014.

Recently, I had the pleasure of working on the Family Bible Project with Farleen Young. We photographed the information recorded in the family Bibles that are in the museum. The Cramer Family Bible also contained photographs. I hope someone from their family will come to the library and identify the individuals in the photos.

As a result of time spent as a volunteer, I now count many of you as friends and others as family. I have learned so much about our families and have so much more to discover. In addition to serving in the library and on the SGRPC, I was installed as a board member at our Landing Day meeting. I am now honored to serve you as the Registrar. This is a job that requires a team. I look forward to working with you.

We have a proud heritage. Encourage others to join!

Debra Stafford Herrin

GSS Property Repair Update

The 16-year-old system in the Museum was replaced in mid-January with Board authorized funds to front the work in November. This helps us protect the many valuable historical items in the Museum entrusted by families to us for preservation, documentation and the enjoyment of all. The new system to both heat and cool the Museum with moisture control cost \$7800 and the Museum feels so much better inside. (Please stop by and feel the difference) The secondary HVAC system for the Loest library will not be changed at this time but needs a separate dehumidifier to assist that section for about \$500. \$800 has been donated to date for this necessary repair. We continue to ask for contributions of approximately \$7500 donated to the building and grounds fund to cover this need. Please consider a gift to help with this important need.

Additionally, the septic drain field had to be replaced in December and cost \$1100.

Please continue to contribute toward these items.

The Family Bible Project



Barbara Scott and Debra Herrin

The old family Bibles donated to the Georgia Salzburger Society have been locked away in a beautiful old antique cabinet in the museum for many years. They have been viewed only through the glass doors because they were too fragile to be handled by the public. Many of us have wondered what keys to our genealogy research these books might hold.

Now you can read them for yourself. The Loest Research Library has the photographed pages of the family Bibles available for your research. Debra Herrin and Farleen Young, library volunteers, are responsible for the photographing, enhancing, and displaying of this project. We thank them for the hours of work and their dedication to this project.

Do you have an old family Bible? We would love to photograph it and add it to the collection. The Bible will remain in your family. We will photograph it and return it to you.

The library is open on Saturday from 3PM to 5PM and by appointment. If you would like to make an appointment to have your old family Bible photographed or an appointment for a special library opening just for you, please contact Barbara Scott at 912-660-1786, or email at brscotti1649@windstream.net.



Debra Herrin and Farleen Young

Ebenezer New Retreat Center

Are you interested in visiting Ebenezer and staying overnight for the Salzburger Labor Day Festival? New Ebenezer Retreat Center has accommodations and meals available Sept. 3-5, 2016 for your convenience.

Just steps away you can visit the museum and research library on Saturday and/or Sunday afternoon, attend services at the historic Jerusalem Lutheran Church at 11:00 am on Sunday, attend the Festival on Monday and visit with other Salzburger descendants gathered for the weekend.

Overnight lodging is available in private rooms with private baths. Six meals are provided beginning with dinner on Saturday. The cost for the two night visit is \$148.00 per person.

www.newebenezer.org email: retreat@newebenezer.org (912) 754-9242

Museum and Gift Shoppe News

The GSS Museum is open

Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday (except holidays)

3:00PM-5:00PM

912-754-7001 for scheduling appointments

We share our heritage with many tourists...

Please give us a call.

With Labor Day coming soon, we are beginning to make plans for "The Market Platz". We would appreciate donations for selling in the Market Platz at the Labor Day Heritage Celebration.

So please help us by donating homemade jams, pickles, baked goods, bread, cakes, pies, etc. also handmade articles, garden plants, vegetables or fruit.

Please contact us if you are planning to bring items. All proceeds go to the Museum Operating Fund.

Curator: Patsy Zeigler—912-655-4555

Committee members: Robert Peavey, Lisa Repasy, Kevin Seckinger,

Roger Stephens, Larry Zettler

Ga History Standards Update on Salzburger

The Salzburger history was added back to the standards for Georgia History on May 5, 2016. The standards posted for 30 days until June 3 and should be presented to the State Board of Education for adoption on June 9, 2016. See reference memo at the end.

Below is the link of the proposed changes, ours is on page 53, SS8H2, part c. I have copied it below to save you time, but you can peruse the rest of the updates using the link below.

https://eboard.eboardsolutions.com/meetings/TempFolder/Meetings/Social%20Studies%20Georgia%20Standards%20of%20Excellence_710991iingtzx0bchqmyz05pkgacrg.pdf#page53

SS8H2

Analyze the colonial period of Georgia's history.

- a. Explain the importance of the Charter of 1732, including the reasons for settlement (philanthropy, economics, and defense).
- b. Analyze the relationship between James Oglethorpe, Tomochichi, and Mary Musgrove in establishing the city of Savannah at Yamacraw Bluff.
- c. Evaluate the role of diverse groups (Jews, Salzburger, Highland Scots, and Malcontents) settling Georgia during the Trustee Period.
- d. Explain the transition of Georgia into a royal colony with regard to land ownership, slavery, alcohol, and government.
- e. Give examples of the kinds of goods and services produced and traded in colonial Georgia

Thank you for your support. You made the difference.

Gary Nizzi

President

Georgia Salzburger Society

Deceased Notifications Received

Dr. William Shields Gnann, Sr.	d. Oct. 2, 2006
Carolyn H. Gnann	d. August 21, 2014
Edna Quinby Morgan	d. February 12, 2015
Julian Heyman, Jr.	d. February 16, 2015
Marilyn Helmey	d. May 20, 2015
Naomi Gibeling	d. August 18, 2015
Dr. William "Bill" Scarbrough, Jr.	d. September 5, 2015
John Dyches, III	d. November 1, 2015
Mary Frances Cardell	d. January 6, 2016
Martha Lebey Lassiter	d. January 10, 2016
Alton Benjamin "Benny" Kessler	d. January 12, 2016
Ann Tarzia	d. need date

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New Members

Life

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Marlena Crovatt-Bagwell
Angela Crovatt Drewry
Andrew Hutchins Ernst
Warren Forsyth Oglesby
John Patrick Smallwood Quinn
Maria Lolita Kristen Rutland
Thomas Clyde Strickland III

Ancestor

Daniel Remshart, Johann Georg Haid
Christopher Wysenbacher
Christopher Wysenbacher
Joseph Ernst
Nicholas Helmlly
Abraham Geiger and Hans Ulrich
John Justus Grovenstein
Johann Georg Haid

Regular Memberships—Updated to Life Memberships

Gloria Tillman Leeb
Phillip Lenix Morgan
Linda Herrin Waters

Peter Gruber
John Morgan, Johann Georg Haid
Mathias Burgsteiner

Life-Associate Membership

Leah Marie Herrin

Daughter of Lewis and Debra S. Herrin

Regular Memberships

Linda Mewis Christman
Frank Campbell Crovatt
Charlene Elizabeth Guthas
Rebecca Emmie Heidt
Sara Farrar Morgan
Raymond "Trey" Spier Sowell

Mathias Burgstiner, Martin Dasher
Christopher Wysenbacher
Johann & Helena (Gott) Scheraus
Johann Georg Haid
John Justus Grovenstein
Andreas Loran Arnsdorff

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