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HERITAGE DAY 2016

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Dr Magliazzo'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. Hope to see all of you there.

The Market Platz

Labor Day brings lots of homemade goodies to the Market Platz. We would appreciate donations for selling in the Market Platz at the Ga Salzburger Heritage Celebration on Labor Day. So please if you can donate homemade jams, pickles, baked goods, bread, cakes, pies, etc. Also homemade articles, garden plants, vegetables or fruit and sausages. This will make our Market Platz have items as our ancestors had and is currently available in their towns of origin.

Please call 912-754-7001 or 912-655-4555 if you would like to make a donation. All proceeds go to the Museum Operating Fund.

HERITAGE DAY EVENT TIMES

9:00	Exhibits, Demonstrations, Booths & Crafts Open
10:00	Hayride & Grounds Tour
11:00	Georgia Salzburger Society Annual Meeting in the Church
11:00	Youth Brat & Hotdog Lunch available for purchase BBQ Pork plate with homemade desserts available for purchase
12:00	Crabbetts will entertain again
1:30	Hayride & Grounds Tour
2:15	Hayride & Grounds Tour
3:00	Exhibits, Demonstrations, Booths & Crafts Close



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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings to all,

I am fresh off the ship (airplane) from a visit to Germany to stand where our ancestors Jerusalem Congregation was founded in Augsburg and the most gracious Franke Foundation. The trip was fantastic and I wish you all could have attended. We are putting together a powerpoint type program in the future for all of those with questions.

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, 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.

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 do 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 doing well or being severely restricted in our programs. So if you are able, please make a small donation toward keeping the society healthy. Simultaneously, we are trying to boost the income from the "Life fund" (where the life membership funds are invested). The constraints on this fund when originally set up restrict investments to bonds, CDs, etc. that are very sound. Today these investments have very low yields or returns – look at your bank savings returns as an example. This is what has lowered the Society's funding since approximately 2009. This is why we are cutting expenses while asking for donations to get us through this investment period and on sound financial footing.

We have a great program planned for Heritage Day on September 5th. Please bring all your neighbors and children. See you there.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you,

Gary Nizzi

CALLING ALL SALZBURGER YOUNG CHILDREN

In an effort to insure continued interest in our wonderful Salzburger heritage, a special category for membership in the Georgia Salzburger Society will soon be available. This category will be the "Junior Salzburger" (ages 0-15). The activities and programs are being designed especially for the children in teaching Salzburger history in a fun and interesting way. Dues will be \$10 annually. Parents and grandparents may choose to give lifetime memberships as birthday or holiday gifts. The more we involve the younger generations, the greater the success in preserving our heritage.

Hinely Salzburger Heritage Poster Contest

Open to all Salzburger descendants from Second Grade through Adults

Purpose: To promote a greater appreciation for our rich cultural heritage

2016 Theme:

The Purrysburg/Ebenezer Relationship

Categories:	Elementary School	2 nd – 5 th Graders
	Middle School	6 th – 8 th Graders
	High School	9 th – 11 th Graders
	Seniors	12 th Graders and College Students
	Adults	All adults not in College
	Sr. Adults	70 and over

Prizes:	CATEGORY	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE
	Elementary	\$100.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00
	Middle School	200.00	75.00	50.00
	High School	300.00	100.00	75.00
	Seniors	400.00	200.00	100.00
	Adults	200.00	150.00	100.00
	Sr. Adults	200.00	150.00	100.00

Guidelines:

Deadline for all entry forms must be received by Wednesday, August 31st. See information below. All entries must be brought to New Ebenezer Retreat Center for judging before 9:00 a.m., Monday, Sept. 5th. Contestants can submit only one poster. You may use a threefold project board. On the top right corner on the back of your poster, list all of your information from the REGISTRATION FORM: category, name, address, city, state, phone number, grade in school, age, and your Salzburger ancestor. Judging will be on creativity, originality, educational value, historical accuracy, and neatness. Presentation to winners will be made during the 11:00 a.m. meeting in Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church. The posters will be displayed at this meeting. Afterward, they will be on display at a designated place announced during the meeting until 3:00 p.m. at which time they may be picked up.

Research suggestions: This year's program is entitled "The Purrysburg/Ebenezer Relationship" The poster this year is on the relationship between Purrysburg and Ebenezer. The poster may include cultural, economic and personal links between the two settlements. Use of the "Loest Research Library" is highly encouraged to document information to develop the posters.

Detach ENTRY FORM along the line

(Must mail or e-mail the following registration form by Wednesday, August 31, 2016)

Name _____ Category _____

Address _____ Grade in School _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Descendant of _____

Mail to: Poster Contest, Georgia Salzburger Society, 2980 Ebenezer Rd., Rincon, GA 31326;

Or e-mail to: gaslzbrgr@aol.com For further information: 912-754-7001.

Salzburgers are Back in Ga History Standards

We were successful and the Salzburger history was added back to the standards for Georgia History on May 5, 2016. The standards were posted for 30 days until June 3 and approved by the State Board of Education on June 9, 2016. The next time we need to get ahead of this and make sure Germans are also included since many are of Swabian descent.

Below are 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://www.georgiastandards.org/Standards/Georgia%20Performance%20Standards/Gr8-Social-Studies-Standard.pdf>

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, Salzburgers, 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,
Gary Nizzi
President

GERMANY TRIP

Attendees were Charlie Arnsdorff, Don and Jan Hanberry, Candace Rausch and daughter Dianna Rausch, Sandy Hanberry, Dan Wilson, Gary Nizzi and Lena Nizzi. The main trip was from June 12-22nd. Some left early to take in a side trip to Salzburg, then join us in Munich to continue to Augsburg (St. Anne's Church-1321). Then to Weimar, Eisenach (Wartburg Castle) (St. Thomas Church), Leipzig, an Arnsdorff town, Dresden, Halle, Eisleben (Martin Luther's birth & death), Wittenberg and Berlin. There are many stories, some may be true....

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 separate dehumidification to assist that section for about (\$500- \$800) has been donated to date for this necessary repair. Additionally, the septic drain field had to be replaced in December and cost \$1100, plus the air conditioner (\$450-\$500) in the office just died and will be replaced. We continue to ask for contributions of approximately \$4100 donated to the building and grounds fund to cover these necessary needs. Please consider a gift to help with these items.

Loest Research Library

The Archives of the Francke Foundations contains a collection of 1,067 manuscripts about the relations between the Halle orphanage and the German speaking settlers in Georgia, most of who were Protestant refugees from Salzburg. They started their first settlement, Ebenezer, in 1734 under the pietistic leadership of two pastors who were sent out from Halle in Prussia. The strong transatlantic relations between the Salzburger emigrants in Georgia and the Pietists in Halle lasted throughout the 18th century. This book is a complete catalog with a summary of each manuscript. Genealogists will find a useful index with more than 2,200 names occurring in the source material.

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.

Greetings from the Museum

We welcome our new Assistant Curator, Robert Peavy. It is wonderful to have him! It is amazing how many visitors come to hear our remarkable history and sharing of our heritage. Did you know that hundreds of school children visit through the Ebenezer Alive program each year? We hope you will come and visit.

Curator: Patsy Zeigler—912-655-4555

Committee members: Robert Pevey, Lisa Repasy, Kevin Seckinger, Roger Stephens, Larry Zettler

NEW CURATOR AND REGISTRAR

We announce filling two positions to the Society. Join us in welcoming Patsy Zeigler as our new Museum Curator and Debra Herrin 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 and ask yourselves to consider working as a volunteer for the Museum, Library, Registrar, Office, etc. The more volunteers we have makes the support less taxing on our personal lives and produces less burnout in these crucial positions.

NEW ASSISTANT CURATOR

Join me in welcoming Robert Peavy as our new Assistant Museum Curator. We thank him for volunteering to help continue our work.

IMPORTANT: NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

We have embarked on the path to deliver newsletter content electronically to members of the Georgia Salzburger Society. All Newsletters are available on the website.

No Post Mailed Newsletters Delivered—Except by Request.

Currently we have received about 300 email addresses and 80 postal mail requests. We postal mail approximately 1100 newsletters meaning: about 700 receiving our request but not responding. Please respond and help as our records need your email addresses for notification of the online newsletter. Send your current email address to the office helping this transition and update our records. Publishing on our web site makes the newsletter immediately available to all locations without a large email. If you currently receive the newsletter by email, there is no need to respond.

If you desire a newsletter by postal mail, please contact the office at gaslzbrgr@aol.com or 912-754-7001.

“Shall We Gather At The River? Yes!”

News from the Old Ebenezer Church

CRAFTS

The Women of Jerusalem Lutheran Church are looking for historically appropriate period crafts for demonstration on this day. If you have a special craft you would be interested in sharing, please contact Kathleen Wendelken at KmurFH@aol.com or (912)665-0395 for information. If you would simply like to help with activities of the day, please let me know.

Bar-B-Q-Lunch in Jerusalem Fellowship Hall is a tradition for many families & friends. The Bar-B-Q dinner consisting of ole time pork bar-b-que with sauce, beans, salad, rolls, choice of homemade desserts (assorted pies, assorted cakes, assorted puddings, cookies, brownies).

The Youth of Jerusalem Lutheran Church will be selling brat and hotdog plates, plates will include chips, all the trimmings and a drink. We will also be selling drinks to help keep you cool as you enjoy the festivities. Money raised will be used to fund youth activities in the coming year.

NEW EBENEZER 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

New Members May 21, 2016

Life

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

Regular Memberships -Updated to Life Memberships

Johann Georg Haid
 Gloria Tillman Leeb
 Phillip Lenix Morgan
 Linda Herrin Waters

Life-Associate Membership

Leah Marie Herrin

Regular Memberships-Regular

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

Ancestor

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

Friends

David S. Legasse
 Carol Merganhegan Legasse
 Debra Stafford Herrin
 Peter Gruber
 John Morgan, Johann Geog Haid
 Mathias Burgsteiner
 Daughter of Lewis and Debra S. Herri
 Mathias Burgstiner, Martin Dasher
 Christopher Wysenbacher
 Johann & Helena (Gott) Scheraus
 Johann Georg Haid
 John Justus Grovenstein Andreas Lorán
 Arnsdorff

The GSS extends our sympathy to the families of the following deceased members.

Cardell, Mary Frances	1-6-2016
Crovatt, Jr. Frank C.	5-26-2016
Decker, Jean Ruth	3-24-2014
Dyches, III John	11-1-2015
Exley, Ellen H.	1-30-2016
Gibeling, Naomi	8-18-2015
Gnann, Carolyn H.	8-21-2014
Helmey, Marilyn	5-20-2015
Heyman, Jr. Julian	2-16-2015
Hitch, Mildred Creamer	3-11-2016
Ivey, Louise H.	1-13-2016
Kessler, Alton Benjamin (Benny)	1-12, 2016
Lassiter, Martha Lebey	1-10-2016
Morgan, Edna Quinby	2-12-2015
Scarbrough, Jr Dr. William (Bill)	9-5-2015
Lillian Christine Rose Waters	7-9-2016

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