

# The Georgia Salzburger

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## Another Great Heritage Day!



The celebration of Heritage Day was another great and successful event. Near record attendance was observed and the temperatures very mild with low humidity. It is very good to observe all the young families and children enjoying many experiences like “shelling” corn, eating peach fritters, etc. A lot of displays were around like the cane grinding for syrup, homemade soaps, quilting, knitting, etc. The Crabbettes performed German polka music mixed with a variety of other entertainment. The food was so tasty. Smiles could be seen all around, especially after a cup of lemonade.

Our thanks to Jerusalem Church for their assistance and use of facilities to enjoy another celebration of our Heritage. Please put a visit to Ebenezer on your calendar for next year September 4, 2017.





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# THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings to all,

I want to thank all of those who attended Heritage Day. Attendance was very large again this year continuing a large popularity trend for the past few years. We enjoy seeing so many people visit for our program, fellowship, food, lemonade and music. The school invitation program is working very well by observing all the young ones running everywhere with a quick stop to play games, eat peach fritters, raisin bread, etc. If you were unable to attend this year, please put (Landing Day) March 11, 2017 and (Heritage Day) September 4, 2017 on your schedule. We changed the meeting format to shorten the time you spend sitting in the wooden pews. The church service is brief but appropriate, the meeting centers around the speaker. Question and answers after adjournment is accomplished "conference style" with a poster session on each area (Museum, Property, Loest Library, grants, publishing, etc.) I think we set a new record for a one-hour total worship/meeting time. An accomplishment as we are known to talk, talk a while, and then some more... making sure all subjects are covered.

This fall we once again hope to see you at German American Day on October 4 at Orleans Square in Savannah, GA. This is a product of the three society's Teutonic Council – sponsored by the German Heritage Society and the German Friendly Society and the Georgia Salzburger Society.

In addition to many others, the donations to our Property/HVAC needs by the Hardman & Wilkins/Sykes families helped satisfy our HVAC needs. Please continue to contribute toward the Property/facilities as the Salzburger Haus repairs are next. One person noted to me that it wasn't sexy, but very foundational and they understood the importance of facilities upkeep. Please read our updated Property Needs list in this newsletter. Our next meeting will be Landing Day for some good hearty soup, fellowship and updates.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you,  
Gary Nizzi

### **NEWSLETTER DELIVERY INFORMATION**

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I would like to thank the Board Members and Carolyn for the lovely appreciation reception that was given to me for helping with the Newsletter. I would like to thank Carolyn, who puts a lot of her time in helping me with the newsletter. **Thank you, Jane Zeigler**

## ***Note From the Registrar***

Heritage Day was a great success! It was a joy meeting so many of you. Eight people completed applications and paid for memberships that day. Many more took an application home with the intent of filling it out and mailing it to the office along with a check. I hope they follow through.

Christmas is just round the corner. A membership would make a great Christmas gift for your children and grandchildren. Applications must be approved before the next board meeting in order to be voted on at the November 12th meeting. The approval process takes time so please get your applications in as soon as possible. If you have questions or need help with the application you may call be at (912)657-5675.

Sandra Wingate, thank you for your help at the membership table. I could not have done it without you!

Debra Stafford Herrin  
GSS Registrar

### **MUSEUM AND GIFT SHOPPE NEWS**

The GSS Museum is open Wednesday,  
Saturday, and Sunday  
(except holidays) 3:00PM-5:00PM

Tours....please call Patsy Zeigler, Curator  
@912-655-4555 for scheduling appointments  
We share our heritage with many tourists...

#### **"GREETINGS FROM THE MUSEUM"**

We had a wonderful Heritage Day! Thank you for your generosity for donating items for the MarketPlatz. A special thanks to Becky Morgan and Elaine Wallace for giving their time for set up and working in the MarketPlatz.

Also, special thanks goes to the volunteers working in the museum on Labor Day: Robert Peavy, Larry Zettler, Lena Ruth Nizzi, and Joyce Ann Tuten. What a wonderful museum family to help share our heritage! A thank you to Ron Seckinger for bible donation.

**Curator:** Patsy Zeigler—912-655-4555

**Assistant Curator:** Robert Peavy

**Volunteers:** Lisa Repasy, Roger Stephens, Larry Zettler, Gill Zeigler, and Sandy Gibson

## **GSS Property Repairs Status**

### **Member Funded Accomplishments this year:**

The septic drain field replacement for the Parsonage.

The 16-year-old system in the Museum was replaced in mid-January. This helps protect the many valuable historical items in the Museum. The new system heats and cools the Museum with humidity control. (Please stop by and feel the difference).

The Loest library dehumidifier to control humidity will be installed soon.

Bible and Book storage unit with humidity controls is in work with a donation.

Office separate HVAC window unit.

### **Next on List needing donations:**

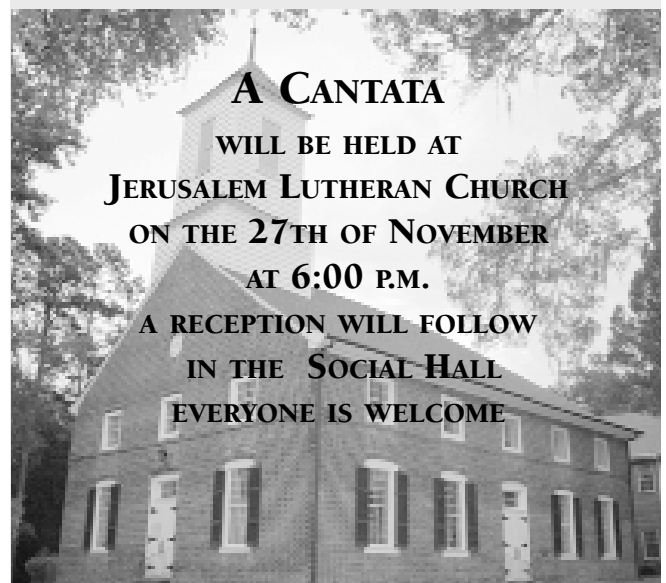
Re-Leveling/updating the "Salzburger Haus" foundation requires funds, material, time and talent.

Salzburger Haus windows, also siding, roofing.

*We continue to ask for contributions to the building and grounds fund for these needs. Please consider a gift to help with this important need.*

## ***"Shall We Gather At The River? Yes!"***

*News from the Old Ebenezer Church*



**A CANTATA  
WILL BE HELD AT  
JERUSALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ON THE 27TH OF NOVEMBER  
AT 6:00 P.M.**

**A RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW  
IN THE SOCIAL HALL  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME**



# DOCUMENTARY FILM ON FOUNDING EBENEZER

The documentary shot by Visual Methods started on Thursday July 21 and ended on Saturday July 23rd as part of the series "Saving Grace" on GPBS. Not sure about air time. I think the founding of Ebenezer story will comprise approximately 2 and \_ minutes. The story will try to be as historically accurate as possible to depict the founding of the colony. Professional actors carried the main parts (Oglethorpe, Boltzius, Salzburger woman) with the Georgia Salzburger Society and Jerusalem Church people acting as extras wearing clothing as close as possible to historical references and what was available. (The part played as the singing Salzburger woman is a Zoller and may be related). Material from Von Reck, Boltzius and the detailed reports were forwarded to the Director for use and guidance. The film is too for other historical information. The footage was shot on the property around Jerusalem and along the river bank to represent founding the new settlement of Ebenezer for the congregation formed at St. Anna in Augsburg, Germany, then the move to New Ebenezer all blended together. An outstanding opportunity using our "exile hymn" in the shoot was capitalized upon by the director Brad.

My part was Gronau, the assistant pastor to Boltzius. Working with the cast was very easy and casual, plus they were very concerned about actual history. This is be very important to us helping to get our story out more publicly. Especially after the effort this year to put the history of Ebenezer back in our Georgia Social Studies teaching standards. Hopefully, we are vigilant to not let this occur again.

Since there was only a few weeks' notice, it turned out pretty good looking from the inside, but the proof is in the pudding and will have to wait on the release.

A hearty thanks to both the Society and Jerusalem Church for enabling this project. I also want to thank all the people that put their time and effort in during such hot weather to participate and help this effort as follows (apologies if your name was missed): Patsy Zeigler, Gil Zeigler, Robert Peavy, Martha Zeigler, Debra Herrin, Carolyn Arnsdorff, David Harris and Rebecca's 3 girls, Todd, Amy and their son, Lena Ruth Nizzi, Charlie Arnsdorff, Libby Heidt, Ruth Dostal, Lynette Waldhour, Claudia Christianson, Norman Turner, Gary Nizzi  
<https://www.backstage.com/casting/saving-grace-122060/>  
Gary Nizzi



## PURRYSBURG AND EBENEZER RELATIONSHIP

Dr Migiliazzo 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 Migiliazzo's described his fascination

with Purry and colonization of Purrysburg Township two years before Ebenezer as the theme for "To Make This Land Our Own: Community, Identity, and Cultural Adaptation in Purrysburg Township, South Carolina, 1732-1865". He mentioned several of our ancestor's families that come from Purrysburg and tended to move back and forth. Some of this depended on getting the answer they wanted from the leaders they desired – much like people today. Ebenezer and Purrysburg shared much since they were both conversed in German. This included much trade, etc. The book is available at University of South Carolina Press.

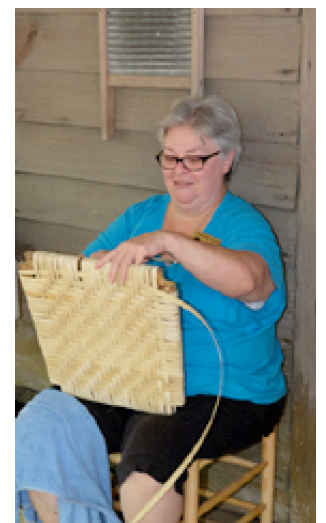
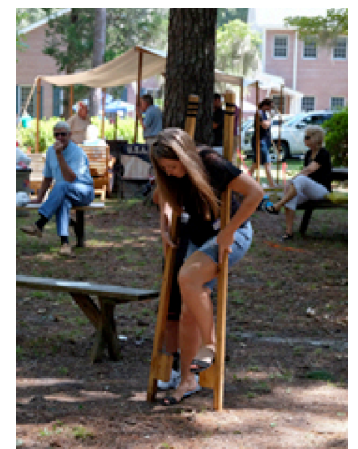


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## Hinely Salzburger Heritage Poster Contest 2016 Winners

Mason Pilcher - Elementary School - 1st place  
Emma Harrison - Middle School - 1st place  
Macy Morgan - Middle School - 2nd place  
Mallory Morgan - High School - 1st place  
Claudia Christiansen - Adult - 1st place  
Phillip Morgan - Adult - 2nd place  
Libby Heidt - Adult Sr - 1st place



## ***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 Loran  
Arnsdorff

*Sincere Sympathy to the  
families of our dear GSS  
members who have entered  
Life Triumphant in 2016.*

**Cardell, Mary Frances**

1-6-2016

**Crovatt, Jr. Frank C.**

5-26-2016

**Exley, Ellen H.**

1-30-2016

**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

**Strickland, Charles L**

12-29-2015

**Waters, Lillian Christine Rose**

7-9-2016