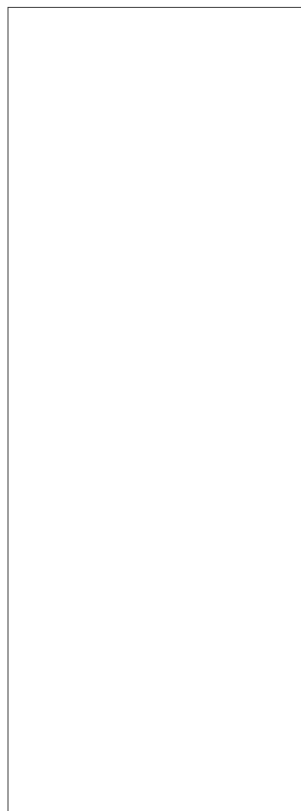


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Heritage Day Festival, 2018



The Salzburger Heritage Day Festival on Labor Day was a wonderful event this year. There were so many activities for the young and old. The family tents were a great way to meet and greet new relatives and share stories. The lemonade was awesome and taste so good and was free, "what a deal". The church service and

Margaret Waters who spoke on DNA as a tool for genealogy research, was a special highlight of the festival. Later in the day she held a workshop for persons interested in more in-depth aspects of DNA. The church service is always at 11:00 AM. So make a note for this to be your #1 thing to do next year. The old Salzburger farm house is worth taking a tour of, along with seeing the fabulous prints of the Salzburger exile on display in the parsonage. No matter what your taste in food is, you can find anything from Bratwursts, BBQ, cakes, cookies, candy, and raisin bread. The smells of cane syrup cooking or fresh



bread baking in a clay oven were wonderful as well as taking a bottle of syrup or loaf home. The festival was a great treat for the visitors as they learned about the Salzburger heritage that we all share.

~ Diane Holder



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President's Message

The GSS is making great strides toward positive directions and as the new president of GSS, I am thankful for this opportunity to help lead our membership forward in achieving the Goals of the GA Salzburger Society.

I appreciate the responsibility recently entrusted to me as president and I am working to the best of my abilities to help ensure that the GSS remains visible and relevant into the future.

The most recent opportunity for visibility and relevance was the Salzburger MarketPlatz style booth set up at the German American Day Festival on September 29th in Savannah, GA. We had an impressive group of Salzburgers participating. Debra Herrin had the membership applications and "Red Books" there for interested attendees....and yes, a few people did join that day and others took home the applications to complete. See more details and photos at visitebenezer.com Facebook. Please, "Like" something about the GAD festival.....and write comments. Each of us can contribute something to become a part of keeping the GSS history visible and relevant in the modern community by maintaining the heritage and traditions of our families. If you would like to share something about your family heritage and traditions, please consider writing something for a future GSS Newsletter.

Super Museum Sunday 2019

Save the date! Sunday, February 10, 2019!

The GSS Museum will participate once again in The Georgia History Festival's Super Museum Sunday. Last year we saw an increase in attendance touring Ebenezer on a Super Museum Sunday because we featured heirloom and vintage quilts on display throughout the buildings including Jerusalem Evan-



gelical Lutheran Church, the old Salzburger House, and the Parsonage.

You have probably visited the GSS museum before, but on 2/10/19 we plan to feature another one-of-a-kind collection in buildings throughout the grounds.

Discussions and plans are in process for an exhibition



of clothing from the GSS collections. Right now there are lots of things that are usually not out where the fabulous, intricate details or wonderful simplicity of historical era clothing can be seen daily. So Super Museum Sunday will be the opportunity to really see and appreciate some things from the GSS collections that you have never seen displayed before.

More details will be announced at a later date prior to 2/10/19.

Please call the GSS office or museum curator, Patsy Zeigler, if you would like to volunteer to assist with getting the collection of clothing inventoried and freshened up for the exhibition, or if you would like to be here on 2/10/19 to help with showing folks around the various displays at Ebenezer.

~ Claudia Christiansen



In Memoriam



Kimberly Jean Decker of Milledgeville, Ga (May 28, 1955 - Aug 15, 2018)

Amelia Jane Griner Williams of Ocilla, Ga (Oct 25, 1933 - May 03, 2018)

Dan F. Wilson, Jr. of Atlanta, Ga (Aug 17, 1933 - Sep 30, 2018)



Delicious Rice Soup Luncheon

Where: Jerusalem Lutheran
Church Social Hall

When: **March 9, 2019**

Time: **12:00 PM**

Your support of the Georgia Salzburger Society with a \$5 donation for the luncheon will be greatly appreciated.



New Ebenezer Retreat Center

Are you interested in visiting Ebenezer and remaining overnight for our various activities and festivals?

New Ebenezer Retreat Center has accommodations and meals available for you. Just steps away you can visit our Museum on Saturdays or Sundays from 3-5 PM, the Research Library on Saturdays from 3-5 PM and attend services at the historic Jerusalem Church at 11:00 AM Sundays. Overnight lodging is available. Some meals are provided.

www.newebenezer.org

Or email:

retreat@newebenezer.org

912-754-9242

Landing Day Schedule of Events



10:00 AM...Set up Old Ebenezer Tribute displays and luncheon setup.

12:00 PM...Luncheon Reunion and Meal

2:00 PM...Landing Day Meeting and Program

3:00 PM...Reception honoring GSS Board Members

3:30 PM...Caravan go to Old Ebenezer

More planning is in progress and details will be provided. If you want to volunteer to help with Landing Day, please contact

Jennifer Nash, GSS administrative assistant or Claudia Christiansen, GSS President.

Remember to see the Visitebenezer.com and Facebook

page for updates, photos, and information.

~ Claudia Christiansen



Landing Day 2019

Planning has begun for Landing Day 2019!

The date is set for Saturday, March 9th, 2019.

Landing Day was March 12, 1734....and is celebrated by the Georgia Salzburgers' families and friends on the Saturday closest to that date. The next Landing Day Meeting is [March 9, 2019](#).

Monk Jaudon's daughter, Janice, has given us special invitation to visit Old Ebenezer, so plans are in the works for an interesting and informative program centered around the original families who arrived and settled at old Ebenezer, many of whom were buried in the old cemetery there beside the beautiful winding Ebenezer creek. Visiting the historic site, untouched by development is an awesome experience, so I hope you will mark your calendars and save time to come tour the old Ebenezer grounds.

We are indeed fortunate that Mr. Norman Turner has agreed to lead the tour of Old Ebenezer. He will also be sharing many historic details of the life and times during the early days of settlement at the original site. Please plan to "car pool" together for riding over to Old Ebenezer.

If you are descended from any of the people buried at Old Ebenezer, please let us know, (912)-754-7001, so that your family will be given recognition and provided an area in the church social hall for you to bring some family mementos to display. The **Families' Display** will be designed as a tribute to those early settlers who first came to Georgia and lived at Old Ebenezer.

The Landing Day Meeting is also the day we vote to elect new Officers and Board Members. We will have an official Nominating Committee who will follow the process set forth by the GSS Constitution and Bylaws to select candidates for the next election. If you are interested in serving the Georgia Salzburger Society as a board member, please contact the office for further details.

We will continue to have a **12:00 PM** luncheon reunion prior to the "Meeting in the Church". Volunteers will furnish the traditional "Good Rice Soup", as described by Martin Boltzius in the Detailed Reports. If you would like to help with the luncheon, please respond to the GSS office. Also, those planning to attend the luncheon, please **RSVP** so that enough food will be available. ³ Phone: (912) 754-7001 or gaslzbgr@aol.com





GSS MEMBERSHIPS APPROVED

Debra Stafford Herrin, Registrar
JUNE - AUGUST 2018

UPGRADE TO LIFE

Catherine Goodrich
DeNorah Stafford Huggins
Janice Wittschiede

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Jacob Huber
Peter Gruber
Jacob Gnann

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James Hamrick Gnann
Joseph Adam Herndon, Jr
Evan Winfield Huggins
Leiston Thomas Shuman, Jr
Steven Jackson Timmons, III
Parker Jarrett Walden
Paxton Jerry Walden
Pierce Joseph Walden
Bette Whitaker
Marsha Zeagler

Peter Gruber
Jacob Gnann
Peter Gruber
Peter Gruber
Martin Schumann
Peter Gruber
Peter Gruber
Peter Gruber
Peter Gruber
Johann Michael Zeigler
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ASSOCIATE LIFE

Ronald Walter Huggins
Spouse of DeNorah Stafford Huggins

Peter Gruber

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP

Glenda Scott Corrigan
Herbert Thomas Dasher
Bridget Mixson Gordon
Janice Hodges Green
John Wesley Krulic
Inman Price Morgan, III
Dennis Lamar Wiggins

Ruprecht Eischperger
Martin Dasher
Ruprecht Eischperger
Johannes Hinele
Jacob Dusseign
John Morgan
Martin Schumann

YOUNG SALZBURGER MEMBERSHIP

Janna Logan Scott
Jerica Shae Scott
Valentina Abrantes Scott
Lauanne Abrantes Nascimento (Associate)

Ruprecht Eischperger
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REGULAR FRIEND

Mary Gene Cotton



Ongoing Projects

- The Society continues to focus on cleanup and repairs on the old Salzburger House, the Fail House. Richard Loper (chair) and active GSS Board member, Larry Bradham, have organized pressure washing of the old house and kitchen. Because of the condition of the shingles, care was taken when pressure washing the roof.
- Price quotes are being sought from qualified preservation specialists for other projects, such as the stabilizing or replacement of the old damaged footings.
- The grounds occasionally need extra attention due to the hurricane and tropical storm season. Hurricane Michael did not cause any damage to the buildings or grounds, but with the great cooperative efforts of GSS and the church, Harold Schwanebeck and others cleared away fallen and broken limbs left hanging by the winds. Thanks to all who help keep Ebenezer safe and looking good. ~Claudia Christiansen

Membership Reminders



Your support of the Georgia Salzburger Society with yearly dues and donations is vital to the operation of the Society and the Museum. If you have not paid your dues for 2018, please do so ASAP. If you have been paying yearly and would like to upgrade to a Life Membership you can do so by sending the \$250.00 membership fee to:

GEORGIA SALZBURGER SOCIETY
P.O.BOX 1629,
RINCON, GA 31326

If you have any questions about dues or membership you can contact **Debra Herrin at (912) 657-5675** or **Jennifer Nash at the GSS Office (912) 754-7001.** ~Debra Herrin



The LOEST Research Library Is Making a Difference

Barbara Rahn Scott— Director

Have you been inside the library? It is located on the second floor. It is filled with primary source materials and information regarding Salzburger history. The library has new books. Some of the titles are listed below. Come by and see how they might help you with your family research.



Research hours are Saturdays from 3 PM - 5 PM, or by special request. If you are researching the Salzburger or family history, please contact **Barbara Scott** at brscotti1649@windstream.net or {912}-660-1786.

1. *Emigrants from the Kingdom of Württemberg before 1850 (1785-1815)*
Vol. 1 by Friedrich Wollmershäuser
2. *Emigrants from the Kingdom of Württemberg before 1850 (1816-1835)*
Vol. 2 by Friedrich Wollmershäuser
3. *De Brahm's Report of The Southern District of North America* edited by Louis De Vorse, Jr.
4. *If I Can, You Can Decipher Germanic Records* by Edna Bentz
5. *German Church Books, Beyond The Basics* by Kenneth Smith

To see a list of books and materials contained in the Loest Library, go to:
<http://visitebenezer.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/7/2014/01/20170123-Loest-WebList-Sources.pdf>

Meet Jennifer Futch Nash

She is our new **Administrative Assistant**. Jennifer was raised in Bulloch Co. and received her degree from GA Southern University. She resides in Rincon with her husband and two children. Jennifer is an archaeologist by profession and has taught undergrad and graduate courses at GSU. She also had an archaeology booth for kids at the Heritage Day Festival.



Teutonic council member, **Sabine Proschel** and her son, **Henry**, came to the **GAD Fest** from Erfurt, Germany. Sabine set up a booth with information about Halle and Germany, and Henry helped at the Salt Table booth.



German-American Day

September 29, 2018 at the DeSoto Hotel
Savannah, GA

Oom-pah-pa! Oom-pah-pa! The lively strains of authentic German music filled the ballroom at the Savannah DeSoto Hotel as German families and friends gathered to enjoy German American Day. On Saturday, Sept. 29, 2018, the Teutonic Council sponsored a German Heritage Festival full of fellowship, education, and entertainment. The event was well re-



ceived as everyone enjoyed various aspects of the German culture. German food and drinks allowed all to meet and greet while various entertainers kept the crowd engaged with the Oom-pah-pa band, soloists, and students from



Garrison Elementary and Savannah Children's choir, performed selections from the "Hansel and Gretel" opera.



Several booths invited visitors to learn more about the culture and contributions of Germany to our American society. The booths included salt from the mines of Halle, German history here in Georgia,

the German culture, and activities for children. Several folks from Halle were there to impart first-hand knowledge and experiences. While this event is a tradition, this was a first for an indoor event. A beautiful room allowed for music, entertainment, and hot dishes with a German flare. Bigger and better things are ahead. So get your Lederhosen ready for German-American Day 2019!



Museum and Marketplatz News

Heritage Day was a success at the museum and Marketplatz. Thanks to docents Robert Peavy, Larry and Paulette Zettler for greeting visitors in the museum. The Marketplatz was also busy with shoppers buying bread, candy, tomatoes, sweet potatoes and other items. Thanks to Becky Morgan and granddaughter Carlee Kieffer for serving homemade biscuits and butter to visitors and managing the booth. Also helping was Joyce Fennell.

Many visitors say that our museum is "a hidden treasure". We are always delighted and excited to share our history with others.

Wendy Avery, a fiber guild member, visited us recently. She was very interested in viewing the spinning wheels and information on silk production by the Sazburgers. She has a blog for interested persons. It is spinsjal.blogspot.com.

We welcome guests to come visit the museum on Saturday and Sunday from 3:00-5:00 PM or by appointment. ~Patsy Zeigler, Curator



HINELY FAMILY POSTER CONTEST MY IMMIGRANT ANCESTOR AND FAMILY CONNECTIONS

Due to the increased interest, there were fifteen entries this year for the Hinely Poster Contest with the following winners. ~ Brenda Dasher, Poster Contest Chair.

Elementary (2nd – 5th grade):

- 1st (\$100) Jaylin Berry
- 2nd (\$50) Samantha Dostal
- 3rd (\$25) Mason Pilcher
- 4th Aiden Harrison

Middle School (6th - 8th grade):

- 1st (\$200) Claire Thomas
- 2nd (\$100) Braeden Kessler

High School (9th – 11th grade):

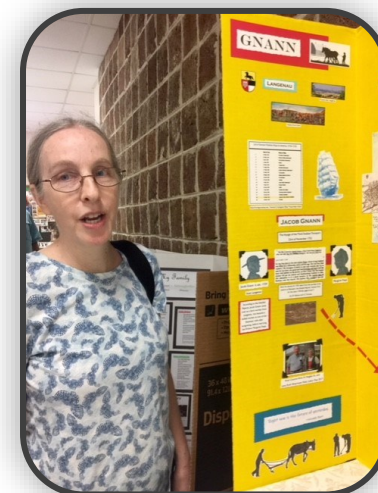
- TIE for 1st Place
- (\$250) Isaac Kessler
- (\$250) Emma Harrison

Seniors (12th – College):

- 1st (\$400) McKaela Kramer

Adults:

- 1st (\$200) Laura Ann Sorrell
- 2nd (\$100) Jessica Greene
- 3rd (\$50) Kurt Kessler



Senior Adults:

- 1st (\$200) Libby Heidt (89 yrs old)
- 2nd (\$100) Diane Holder
- 3rd (\$50) Ruth Dostal

Committees You May Decide to Join

You don't need to be a GSS Board member to participate on a committee or volunteer to help in your area of interest or expertise.

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Membership | 5. Tourism |
| 2. Building maintenance | 6. Yearly "scrapbooks" |
| 3. Grounds maintenance | 7. Education |
| 4. Newsletters | 8. Other? |

Please contact the GSS office to volunteer. (912) 754-7001

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(Closed holidays)

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Shirts -Filet Crocheted Swan
Other Salzburger related Items

Curator: Patsy Zeigler @
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Larry & Paulette Zettler, Gill Zeigler, and Sandy Gibson