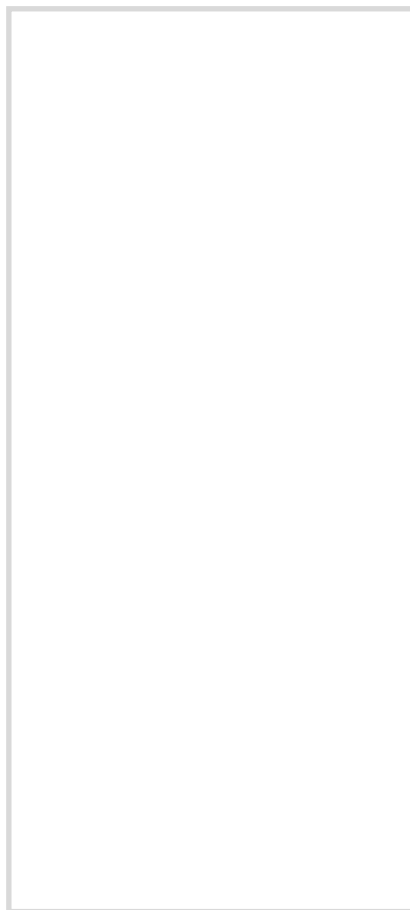


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GSS Celebrations - 2019

Super Museum Sunday: February 10, 2019

Clothing Fashions with a Past

Come & explore Salzburger ancestors' clothing such as:

- ♦ Christening Gowns
- ♦ Vintage Clothing
- ♦ Wedding Gowns
- ♦ Many more items

Worn and donated by our ancestors
Here in Effingham County
Presented in the Salzburger Museum,
Parsonage, Old Salzburger House
and Jerusalem Lutheran Church
Super Museum Sunday, February 10, 2019
1:00 - 4:00 PM



Landing Day - March 9, 2019

- 11:30 AM Meet and Greet
- 12:00 PM Luncheon Reunion with "Good Rice Soup"
- 2:00 PM GSS Worship Service and Business Meeting
Election of Board Members
- Speaker Norman Turner on early days of Ebenezer settlement
- 3:00 PM Visit to Old Ebenezer with Norman Turner as guide
- Family Displays - Mementos of those first settlers' descendants



New Ebenezer Retreat Center If you need accommodations for activities in Effingham County area, the New Ebenezer Retreat Center has lodging and meals available. You can visit the GSS 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. For more information: www.newebenezer.org, email: retreat@newebenezer.org Phone: 912-754-9242)



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President's Message 2019

GSS BEGINNING 285 YEARS OF SALZBURGERS IN GEORGIA

Landing Day on March 9, 2019 begins the celebration of the 285th Anniversary of the arrival of the first transport of Salzburgers to Georgia and there is much to celebrate. Looking back, 2018 was a very active year for the Georgia Salzburger Society. Beginning in February, GSS had the distinction of enjoying a presentation by Christine Koch, a prolific researcher of all things GA Salzburger. In February, she came to Ebenezer and shared information from her work in progress for her thesis project, "The GA Salzburgers after Ebenezer".

On that same occasion, the descendants of the Third Salzburger Transport were recognized and presented with a small poster of the Transport list of names of families traveling together and arriving in GA on February 17, 1736. Attendance at this event also included the German Exchange Teachers visiting Effingham Co. Schools. They brought greetings from Halle.

In March, the Landing Day celebration was extended to include a tour of the old Salzburger cemetery at the first settlement. The grounds were cleaned, monuments refurbished, crosses, flags, and fresh flowers placed on each known grave site, and a short remembrance presentation made. This was a very meaningful event to all who participated, including Mr. Monk Jaudon who owned the property and dedicated his attention to the preservation of the historic landmark. Just a few days later he passed on leaving us to follow his example of respect and preservation of our first Salzburger home place. (Continue on page 7)

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During the next several months of 2018, many important accomplishments were led by GSS President Walter E. Scott, including but not limited to, updating the GSS mailing lists, refurbishing the quarterly newsletter, and encouraging members to be more vigilant about joining and paying yearly membership dues. Due to health concerns, GSS President Scott was advised to resign and focus on his recovery. As stated in the GSS Bylaws, the Vice President assumes the duties of President upon the resignation of the President.

Heritage Day, 2018 was a very eventful celebration! Highlights of the day included the first exhibit of bread baking in a traditional clay oven! Operated by Justin Cherry and family, the oven stayed full and fresh hot bread was served all day long! The family tents were very popular, displaying family photos, artifacts, and many stories of the families' past. Also, the GSS Board unanimously voted and confirmed VP Claudia S. Christiansen as the current GSS President.

Throughout the remainder of 2018, GSS has welcomed many tourists, travelers from many places near and far, expanded the growth and use of the Loest Research Library, and participated in various events throughout the community.

Of note is the Salzburger Market booth displayed at the Teutonic Council sponsored German American Day celebration in October and also attending the German opera of Hansel and Gretel during the Savannah Voice Festival.

All these things are accomplished due to the small number of very dedicated Salzburger member volunteers, without whom, we cannot do any of this. Please take a minute to thank them and to reflect on what each of you can contribute during 2019....whether it be your donations of time, talent, volunteering, or giving to support a program you are interested in helping with. Your kind words of encouragement are always welcome as we strive to continue to perpetuate the memory and to foster the principles, virtues, and history of the Salzburgers and other German settlers who came to Georgia and chose a life of religious freedom at Ebenezer, their new homeland.



Harriet Zeigler Helmly March 16, 1939 - January 07, 2019

James Hamrick Gnann, Sr. October 31, 1929 - January 10, 2019

Rev. Volzjus' Definition of Salzburgers: Salzburgers ..."people who have already suffered for the sake of Christ, who have their Christianity not only in their mouths but also in their hearts, and show it in their deeds."

Atlanta Chapter Happenings

Dinner with Salzburger.....What A Treat!

The quarterly board meeting of The Greater Atlanta Chapter of The Georgia Salzburger Society was held on January 13, 2019. The board members confirmed dates for quarterly meetings and bi-annual membership meetings in 2019. Dates for Landing Day and Heritage Day were announced.



During the meeting on January 13, 2019, plans for the February 24th Membership Meeting were discussed. Vince Exley will be the guest speaker. He will present a program on "Germans in Colonial Georgia". Dinner will be prepared by the chef at Peachtree Road Lutheran Church. Chef Roger always prepares a fabulous German dinner with a few surprises. Brats, salmon, and other German foods will be served with wine and beer. Always a highlight at the Membership Meetings, traditional Black Forest Cake will be served for dessert. Cost of meal is \$15.00....what a deal!

Recently, Pearl Gnann's Georgia Salzburger set of books was purchased by The Greater Atlanta Chapter and placed in the library at Peachtree Road Lutheran Church. The Board approved the purchase for members of the Society to use for family research and to encourage others to look to see if they have Salzburger heritage. ~ Paulette Gebhardt



Harold Schwanebeck riding around Ebenezer on this tractor is a familiar sight. Thanks to Harold and others who help keep the grounds of this historic landmark safe and clean. We appreciate you! The tractor will soon go back to its owner who now needs to use it. A huge thank you to **Past President**

Noble Boykin for his generosity! Lending this great tractor to GSS for use around the Ebenezer site for several years is much appreciated. So, GSS is currently in need of another one. Your input will be welcomed. Phone: 912- 754-7001 or gaslzbrgr@aol.com

The Constitution Changes

The proposed changes below were approved by the board on 11 August 2018 and will be voted on at the next board meeting on 10 March 2019.

Bolded is new

Article IV Officers

Section I

The officers of the Society shall be President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Curator, Assistant Curator, **Loest Research Librarian, Loest Research Assistant Librarian**, Parliamentarian, Immediate Past President, Chaplain, and fifteen (15) directors, five (5) elected for rotating three (3) year terms.

Section 3

The duties of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Curator, **Loest Research Librarian**, and Chaplain shall be those required by the Board of Directors as expressed in the By-Laws. The treasurer shall exercise the authority and perform the duties of the President in the absence or disability of the President and Vice President and Secretary.

Section 4 to become Section 5

Change

Section 4

New Addition

The Loest Research Library (LRL) is an integral part of the Georgia Salzburger Society (GSS) and the GSS shall assist and encourage all members to participate in its growth and development. The Loest Research Librarian along with Loest Research Librarian Assistant shall have the power to form a Research Library Committee as well as volunteers to work in the LRL and to set the times of when the LRL will be open. Any funds that the GSS shall receive for the LRL will be kept by the GSS for the sole purpose of the LRL at the direction of the Loest Research Librarian. The LRL will presently house their facility in the upper right room of the museum unless another facility shall become available and it is decided by the Loest Research Library Committee to relocate the LRL. In as much as the purpose of the LRL is to support the purpose of the GSS as outlined in the Constitution under Article II it will from time to time as the needs arise make a request to GSS to meet its financial needs. It is acknowledged that the LRL can help offset expenses by charging for copies made for patrons or any other similar expenses. It is also acknowledged that the LRL can charge an hourly rate for any services rendered as deemed appropriate. The GSS Board shall have authority over the engagement of all voluntary or committee personal related to the LRL. The Loest Research Librarian shall be responsible to maintain a listing of all items in the LRL. The GSS shall provide financial maintenance as necessary for the upkeep and care of this valuable resource, while maintaining a special account for the LRL donations, income and disbursements.

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Zion Cemetery

Barbara Scott, Kim Floyd, and Debra Herrin visited Zion Cemetery on November 27, 2018.

Some of Ebenezer's inhabitants established plantations along Abercorn Creek between the towns of Ebenezer and Abercorn. The plantations were too far from Ebenezer to travel there on foot for church services. The people began building a church in their area on December 6, 1742 and completed it March 7, 1743. They named the church, Zion. Boltzius wrote to the SPCK that Zion Church was larger than Jerusalem Church.

If you are interested in Salzburger Cemetery research, stop by *The Loest Research Library* on Saturday between 3 and 5 pm or call Barbara Scott at 912-660-1786 for a special opening appointment. ~ Barbara Scott



GSS MEMBERSHIPS APPROVED NOVEMBER 10, 2018

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Summited by *Debra Stafford Herrin, Registrar*