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Georgia Salzburger Society

An Affiliate Chapter of the Georgia Historical Society

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President's Message 2020

Beginning a new decade is a new opportunity to expand the many important features of the Salzburger story. The first activity at Ebenezer for 2020 was the annual Super Museum Sunday, the day set aside by Georgia Historical Society to encourage visitation to various museums throughout the state of Georgia. The museum sites are free that day in order to give everyone access regardless of their budget. The GSS feature exhibit this year was the history of aprons. There were about 25 antique and vintage aprons from before 1950 on display.

Did you know that Bethany was once a thriving farming community with families, a church and a school? Nothing remains now but the well-kept cemetery. It is located on private land and the owners have graciously given GSS access to the site for the occasion of Landing Day 2020.

The guided tour, led by Norman Turner, is the second cemetery tour opportunity we have had recently. The Salzburger story has many facets, including respect for our ancestors and preserving their resting places in the locations near Ebenezer. Many new and exciting ideas are being developed to maintain the history of Salzburgers in Georgia. The next one will be joining Georgia Grown, a designation program promoting the history and connection to agriculture by products grown in Georgia. GSS will be included because of the history of Salzburgers being the first innovative and hardworking farmers in Georgia. We will bring focus to the history of agriculture at Ebenezer and throughout Effingham County as the colony grew. More news on this after we meet with the state level organizers on 2/18/20. csc

GSS Landing Day Schedule

When: Saturday, March 14, 2020

Times: 11:30 AM- Greet and Reminisce

12:00 AM- Lunch in Parsonage (\$5 Donation)

2:00 PM- Annual Meeting in Church

3:00 PM- Reception in Parsonage

3:30 PM- Tour of Bethany Cemetery.



2020 GSS Board Nominations

The Nomination Committee submits the

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*Lena Ruth Nizzi

*Linda Brannen

Notes:

- There will be an opportunity for paying annual memberships, changing to Life memberships or joining for new members.
- Something New! Ask Debra Herrin, if you would like to receive a new certificate for another Immigrant Ancestor.
- Thanks to the faithful volunteers for cleaning the grounds and helping prepare for special occasions at Ebenezer.
- If you would like to bring a crock pot of rice soup for Landing Day lunch, please call the GSS office at 754-7001.

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Landing Day, 1734-2020, A New Decade of the Salzburger Story

The annual Salzburger Landing Day celebration will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2020. The event will begin at 11:30 AM with time to greet and reminisce before the lunch begins at 12:00 PM in the parsonage building. This annual event is free and open to the community, families, and interested friends.

The light lunch will include the traditional "Good Rice Soup" as described by Martin Boltzius in the *Detailed Reports*. Bread, beverages, and dessert will accompany the soup. A \$5.00 per person donation is requested for lunch. Please RSVP for lunch so we plan enough food! After lunch, time allows for the opportunity to walk around Ebenezer historic site, visit the museum and gift shop, or look around the Jerusalem Church cemetery.

The annual meeting will begin at 2:00 PM in Jerusalem Lutheran Church, followed by a reception in the Seckinger board room and a tour of Bethany Cemetery.

The speaker will be Norman Turner, historian and caretaker of Bethany and other historic cemeteries. The Bethany Cemetery was once a major burial ground during the colonial times when Bethany was an active and vigorous farming community that included Bethany Lutheran Church and a school. After the reception, Norman will lead a guided tour of the historic Bethany Cemetery. The caravan will leave Ebenezer at 3:30 PM. The grounds are kept clear with space to park and walk around the gravesite. Wear comfortable shoes for the tour.

Please read the names proposed by the nominating committee in this newsletter and come vote for the officers and GSS board during the annual meeting. We're looking forward to Landing Day 2020.

