

The Georgia Salzburger Society

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Summer 2021

Salzburger Heritage Day 2021

MAKE YOUR PLANS FOR LABOR DAY!



The Georgia Salzburger Society is proud to announce that the Heritage Day Festival for 2021 will be held on Labor Day, Monday, September 6th.

This year we will again feature booths, historic displays and reenactments, children's activities, food, and a speaker. The Market Platz and lemonade barrel will also return.

Our speaker will be Professor **Margarete Froelicher-Grundmann** who has been a friend of the Salzburger Society for many years and who has researched Salzburger history for about 25 years. She will speak on the connections between the Salzburgers of Ebenezer and the English and Germans living in Savannah during colonial times. She will also touch upon the influence of the Salzburgers on early Savannah and on the colony of Georgia.

On Saturday preceding, Labor Day kayak tours of Ebenezer Creek will be available through Backwater Expeditions. Also on Saturday, there will be a guided tour in Savannah of historic sites with German/Salzburger connections or significance. The tour will be led by GSS member and professional tour guide, Corbina Ike. Also on Saturday, a workshop will be held at 2:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the parsonage on researching your Georgia Salzburger ancestry.

On Sunday, there will be a concert at 3:00 p.m. at the church followed by a low country boil in the social hall. The meal will be catered by The ShellHouse Restaurant.

It is an event packed weekend where we can renew old friendships and create new ones. Hope to see you there. ~ Noble Boykin, Vice President



Please RSVP for these Events by August 24th

We need numbers for planning purposes.

Office Phone: (912)754-7001 Email: gaslzbrgr@aol.com

- Saturday: Savannah Trolley Tour
- Saturday: Ebenezer Kayak Tour
- Saturday: Genealogy Research Workshop
- Sunday: Low Country Boil
- Monday: Lunch





Founded in 1925

Georgia Salzburger Society

An Affiliate Chapter of the Georgia Historical Society

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President's Message 2021

If our ancestors could see us now, would they be proud of us and what they see at Ebenezer?

Summer has been filled with visitors, new research, buildings and grounds maintenance, generous donations, planning and contacting participants for Heritage Day. Details of these activities and more are included in this newsletter. Please observe the great variety of activities and notice the new and different opportunities to celebrate your heritage this year.

Yes, we are going to celebrate at the Heritage Festival on Labor Day 2021. Last year the celebration was postponed to Landing Day. It was an honor to celebrate both the beginnings and the accomplishments of GA Salzburger all together on one occasion.....and this year we will be back on Labor Day. We will keep in mind the necessary health and safety protocol needed for the safety of festival participants. Many activities will be set up outdoors and with space and distance for social gathering without crowding. Please note that the entire campus will be busy, so please don't forget to see what is happening over "by the parsonage" and "behind the museum", in the church and social hall. Please watch for details about the colonial era tour of Savannah and please RSVP for both the shrimp boil on Sunday evening and the trolley tour on Saturday morning.

My message this time is about appreciation, gratitude, and hope. The Georgia Salzburger Society has a huge responsibility to continue the goals and preserve the artifacts representing our shared heritage. Ebenezer needs each of us to do whatever we can do to help. Using modern technology, that has become easier and many things are being accomplished. Those of us sharing the duties in various committees appreciate all the donations, words of encouragement, and the help of friends who recognize our non-profit status. I would like to thank everybody who has volunteered to participate with planning, set up and clean up on Labor Day. As always, we do need more volunteers to fulfill the various duties that it takes to make the festival day fun for everyone. If you would like to help, please call the GSS office (912)754- 7001. Leave your name and contact information, and tell us how you wish to help.



Directions and Entry Form can be found on the website, visitebenezer.com, or at the GSS office and museum.

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Guided tours by Brian Cohen of Backwater Creek Expeditions. Ebenezer Creek is located in Effingham County, Georgia and is one of the most pristine tupelo/cypress swamps left in the world. With trees over a thousand years old and an abundance of wildlife, scenic beauty and rich history, there is to enjoy.

- Meet Saturday, September 4th at 9:00am or 11:00am at Tommy Long Landing
- Limited to 12 participants per tour
- Address: 158 Tommy Long Rd, Rincon, GA
- Phone: (912)398-6930. Call as soon as possible.

Cost: \$45 each includes kayak, paddle, vest and guide

Cost: \$25 each if you bring your own kayak and gear

All proceeds go to GSS Building Fund.

Lunch in Social Hall

All sandwiches served with chips, dessert, and drink.

- Hotdog - \$7.00
- Bratwurst - \$8.00
- Chick-Fil-A chicken sandwich - \$8.00
- Dickie's pulled pork sandwich - \$8.00



Check the website and Facebook page for updates and changes.

Researching Your Georgia Salzburger Heritage

A genealogy workshop, Researching Your Georgia Salzburger Heritage, will be held on Saturday, September 4th at 2 p.m. in the Seckinger Board Room in the parsonage.

Presented by Salzburger Heritage Research Committee Chair, Erika Bragg, this one-hour workshop is ideal for beginning or intermediate researchers.

Attendees will learn:

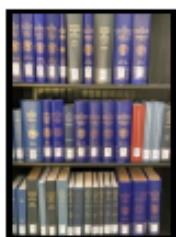
- how to identify their Georgia Salzburger ancestors.
- how to build a family tree using primary documents.
- to focus on maternal lines, a portion of heritage occasionally overlooked.
- to research using the sources available in the Loest Research Library.
- to research using reputable online sources.
- about GSS memberships and supplemental memberships.

This workshop is free to attend, but those interested in attending are asked to sign up by emailing the office at gaslzbrgr@aol.com or Erika Bragg at erikabragg@windstream.net on or before August 31st.

~ Erika Bragg

Extended Hours for the Loest Research Library

In order to accommodate the extra researchers in town for the Heritage Day Festival, the Loest Research Library and museum will be open:



- Saturday, September 4 at 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
- Sunday, September 5 at 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
- Monday, September 6 at 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m. and 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

These extended hours will allow the library committee to help as many researchers as possible.

Our library is a small one, but it is well-stocked with primary sources to help you learn as much as you can about your Georgia Salzburger ancestors.

The library now houses the complete collection of *The Colonial Records of the State of Georgia*. Some of these books are new acquisitions that we are very proud to call our own.

Don't miss this opportunity to research your heritage at the Loest Research Library. ~ Barbara Scott, Librarian

The Marketplatz

The Salzburger Heritage Day celebration brings lots of home-made goodies to the Marketplatz. We would appreciate donations of items to sell in the Marketplatz, such as raisin bread, jams, pickles, candy, homemade items, etc. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Patsy at 912-655-4555. All proceeds go to the Museum Operating Fund.



THE GSS BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT

The GSS Buildings and Grounds Committee members have identified several important repair and restoration projects:

- The parsonage shingles need to be replaced. They are about 25 years old and are showing their age. The committee has obtained several estimates to replace the shingles and any rotten wood or fascia boards. Approximately \$9,500 will be needed to complete this important project.
- The parsonage air conditioner dates back to 1996 and is not as energy efficient as it used to be as reflected in the most recent power bills. The current unit is undersized for the building it is serving and is not operating efficiently.
- The next phase of restoration for the old Salzburger Fail House will include replacing some of the windows and any wood framing around them. The header beam on the front porch of the house has been damaged by carpenter bees and woodpeckers and needs to be replaced.



The committee members are dedicated to securing the best estimates from qualified contractors. Even so, these repairs will all have big price tags. GSS members are encouraged to donate to make these vital repairs and restorations a reality.

~ Marty Edwards - Buildings & Grounds Committee Chair



Atlanta Chapter Happenings

The Atlanta Chapter of The Georgia Salzburger Society will hold its bi-annual membership meeting Sunday, September 26, 2021 at 3:00PM. The meeting will take place at Peachtree Road Lutheran Church. Speaker is not confirmed.



Speaker: Margarete Froelicher-Grundmann

Margarete Froelicher-Grundmann is a native of Germany, received her education in Germany and studied at the Universities of Muenster and Tuebingen. She has taught German language and literature and the Cultures of the European Union at Armstrong Atlantic State University, now Georgia Southern University.

She has a keen interest in the history of the Salzburgers and has provided cultural and historical insights and lent her expertise in the transcription and translation of handwritten texts in the Old German script for our genealogical research.

She developed a teaching unit on the immigration and history of the Salzburgers for the American Association for Teachers of German. She also used her influence in the decision-making process of the Georgia Board of Education to keep the history and the achievements of the Salzburgers as part of the colonial Georgia history curriculum.

She will speak on the life of the Salzburgers in Ebenezer and their connections to Savannah, and on the heritage of other German-speaking settlers and their contributions to the development and advancement of the new colony and the city of Savannah.

Heritage Day Weekend Schedule

SATURDAY, Sept. 4th

- **Backwater Kayak Tours** –by Brian Cohen @ 9:00am & 11:00 am - Meet at Tommy Long Landing
- **Savannah Tour** by tour guide Corbina Ike - 10:00 am
- **Researching Ancestry Workshop**- by Erika Bragg - 2 pm in Board Room of parsonage

SUNDAY, Sept. 5th

- 11:00 am **Church**
- 12:00 pm **Lunch** on your own
- 1:00 pm **Festival** setup
- 3:00 pm **Concert**
- 5:00 pm **Low Country Boil** catered by ShellHouse

MONDAY, Sept. 6th

- **Booths and Activities** 9:30 am
- **Heritage Day Program** 11:00 am
- **Speaker**, Margarete Froelicher-Grundmann

Salzburger-Savannah Connections Trolley Tour

Enjoy a guided trolley tour of the colonial district and German landmarks in historic Savannah!

- Time to meet trolley 10:30AM
- Location to be announced soon
- Cost: \$5.00 each, plus trolley driver tips
- Please RSVP By 12:00 Tuesday, August 24th



Our tour guide is **Mrs. Corbina Ike**, GA Salzburger and professional tour guide. This is a great opportunity and we need a confirmation of people going. This tour will be for GSS members and may fill up soon, so please **RESERVE your seat ASAP**.



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 available. Overnight lodging is available in private rooms with private baths.

For rates and services, contact New Ebenezer Retreat Center and mention you are a GSS member and attending the Salzburger Heritage Festival.

Contact by email address: retreat@newebenezer.org
or call 912-754-9242

Your membership is vital to the operation of the Georgia Salzburger Society. It is only through your financial support of fees and donations that the society, museum, and research library, can continue. Please give generously to carry on the mission of the Georgia Salzburger Society.

RENEWAL NOTICE

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____



Georgia Salzburger Society 2021 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP \$25.00 \$ _____

Georgia Salzburger Society 2021 Kid's Annual Membership \$10.00 \$ _____

**Change from Annual Membership to LIFE \$250.00 \$ _____

Georgia Salzburger Society Contributions - Optional

General Fund \$ _____

Endowment Fund \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

CONTRIBUTIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Make checks payable to Georgia Salzburger Society.

Please send your check along with this invoice to:

Georgia Salzburger Society

Membership Renewal

P. O. Box 1629

Rincon, GA 31326-1629

*Thank you for your support of
the Georgia Salzburger Society!*

Supplemental Certificates

Many of you have expressed a desire for supplemental certificates as a way to honor additional immigrant ancestors. Now you have an opportunity to do just that. For example, if you joined GSS as a descendant of Peter Gruber you may now purchase a certificate as a descendant of Ruprecht Kalcher. Certificates will only be issued with the names of the original German and Swiss immigrants.

We are offering the supplemental certificates to members in good standing for a one-time fee of \$25.00 per certificate. To qualify for supplemental certificates you must be a life member or, as a regular member, your membership dues must be up-to-date.

Submit a completed application for each ancestor linking each generation and a check for \$25.00 to Georgia Salzburger Society, P.O. Box 1629, Rincon, GA 31326.

Or you may request an application by calling or emailing:

Debra Stafford Herrin, Registrar (912) 657-5675, gssdebraherrin@gmail.com

I hope you take advantage of this offer. Funds raised will go toward preservation projects, such as repairs on the Salzburger house, which are a priority now.

~ Debra Stafford Herrin, Registrar