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# LIBRARY INTRODUCES HISTORY LECTURE SERIES

Sunday, May 22 at 3 p.m. at the Heritage Library's Reading Room the Library kicked off a new series of lectures highlighting America's heroes.

In recognition of May as National Historic Preservation Month in the United States, The Heritage Library began a major new emphasis on Lowcountry

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# COOKBOOK UPDATE

Thanks to all you who have submitted recipes and stories for our Cookbook...but it is **NOT** nearly enough. Now is the time to gather your recipes and send them in.

We hope to have this book completed by October, but to do that we need your recipes **NOW!** 

Use the insert found in this issue of Heritage Library News. Also, there are extra forms avail-

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# STAFF PROMOTIONS ANNOUNCED



Nancy Burke (left) and Isobel Bitner (right)

ISOBEL BITNER AND NANCY BURKE NAMED TO TOP LIBRARY JOBS

John Griffin to Lead Expanded Research Program

The Board of the Heritage Library Foundation recently broadened the responsibilities of several key volunteers:

Isobel Bitner has been named Director of the Library and Head Cataloguer. Isobel retains her responsibilities for the Library's catalog, but now also oversees the daily opera-

tions of the Library. Directs staff training, front desk and bookstore activities, collections development and special projects.

*Nancy Burke* has been named Deputy Director of the Library and Assistant Head Librarian. Nancy continues her work with Isobel on the Library's cataloging activities, but now also serves as Isobel's deputy for overall Library operations.

*John Griffin* has been named Director of Research, a new role. He retains his existing responsibilities as a Senior Librarian, Librarian-in-Charge on Fridays, and Manager of the LDS Microfilm Program.

These three key staff members are especially well qualified for their responsibilities.



Griffin

Isobel Bitner was born in Rugby, England of Scottish parents. Isobel earned her Master's Degree in History from Edinburgh University. She is a Chartered Librarian of the Library Association in London and has had a long career as a Reference Librarian in public, corporate and university libraries. Isobel came to the U.S. in 1956. She became a "repository" of genealogy material researched by family members on both sides of her children's parentage and has updated and computerized the family trees. She joined the

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#### THE HERITAGE LIBRARY

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#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Persons with accounting/bookkeeping background familiar with QuickBooks to help Treasurer with routine record and accounting tasks. Minimum six hours per week desired. Set you own schedule. Call Ben at 686-6560

#### From the President

#### Bill Altstaetter

For those who missed the annual meeting, here are the key highlights of Year 2004. The overhaul to the computing network begun in 2003 reached completion after many hours of hard work by the technical team consisting of library volunteers and MAE Data Systems, the Foundation's information systems consultants.

The six "patron work stations" used daily for on-line research are brand new state-of-the-art machines, as are the two located in the Reading Room reserved for education, training, and overflow use on busy days. The staff has five PCs dedicated to administrative use. A new more powerful server with higher speeds and more memory was installed with its own backup. All of the Library's network wiring has been reengineered and replaced to improve speed and reliability. nally, Internet access was changed to enhance response time.

In the area of ON-LINE SER-VICES, we entered into a new contract with Ancestry Library Service replacing "Ancestry.com." The new arrangement provides access to the Ancestry databases from all PCs in the library.

There was great news to report on the membership front. At the end of December the membership stood at an all time high of 349. Interestingly enough, some 25% of our members have a permanent home address more than 50 miles from Hilton Head Island.

As our regular patrons and visitors know, throughout most of last year space was a major problem. We rapidly outgrew our current square footage. It continues to be a major problem today. In a way this is good. In our short eight years we have far exceeded both our original plans and our wildest dreams.

The book and periodical shelves are rapidly filling due to the continuing donations of our members and friends. Folks using the computers sometimes feel like sardines. We're nearly full up. While recent efforts to add space have been unsuccessful, your Board is continuing to aggressively work on the problem and will be studying several options as we go through the rest of 2005.

While the membership continues to grow, we recently lost three key long service volunteers due to moves and retirements (again). So, once more we are actively recruiting from the membership and talking to any other persons interested in libraries and historical or family heritage research who might wish to join the volunteer team at The Heritage Library. There are vacancies on the regular staff to assist patrons and staff the reception desk. No experience is necessary, we will provide training.

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#### **Voices from the Past—**

"Remember, remember always that all of us, and you and I especially, are descended from immigrants and revolutionists."

— Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Address, Daughters of the American Revolution, April 21,1938—

# The Member Hot Line ~ What's New-By and For the Members

from the Membership Desk
By Gwen Altstaetter

Since the last Newsletter we have really had another group of new members that is even greater than before – a resounding 26 new members! The word is spreading about our wonderful facility. Let's keep it up.

Welcome to new members from Georgia Nancy Birkheimer, Ann Boardman, Tasha Charlemagne, Margaret Lewis, and Carol Thompson; from Louisiana, Leonard Middlebrooks and from Texas, Karen Finlay. We hope your travels bring you back to our Island and the Library often for more research.

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# Thanks for Participation in "Birdies for Charity"

This year there were 1,960 birdies scored by the PGA TOUR professionals during the recent MCI Heritage.

We do not know yet what our final receipts will be. We will report the results in our next newsletter.

Most people pledged a nickel or a dime with a few people sending a check to be added to the amount pledged.

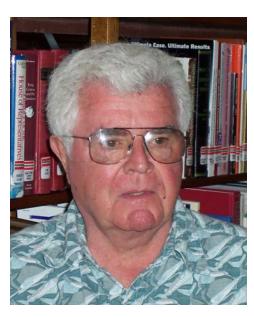
We thank you who participated this year and hope next year more will join in the fun. What's New with the Volunteers

By Pam Bredin

# **Volunteer of the Year Awards**







John Griffin, Sr. Director's Award Winner

Highpoint of the Heritage Library's 2005 Volunteer Appreciation Week festivities was the Recognition Dinner hosted by Norma and Norm Harberger at their Sea Pines home overlooking Calibogue Sound Sunday night April 24<sup>th</sup>. Some 28 volunteers and spouses were on hand to witness the presentation of the 2004 Outstanding Volunteer awards to senior librarians Robert P. Smith and John Griffin, Sr.

TidePointe resident Robert Smith, Monday Librarian-in-Charge, received the Distinguished Service Award for the most significant single project or activity completed during the past year. Bob was recognized for his outstanding achievement in researching, compiling, producing both in print and electronic format "How to Use Our Library Resources-A Librarian's Resource and Training Book." The work is a complete set of instructions and guides designed to make the collections of The Heritage Library easier to use and thus more likely to produce meaningful results for both the experienced researcher and those patrons just beginning to explore their family's ancestry. The notebook copy is avail-

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# feature Article—The Gullah Culture of the L'owcountry By Rosemary Staples

#### The Voice of Gullah - The Origins, Its sights and Sounds - Part Two

#### Religion, Roots and Remedies

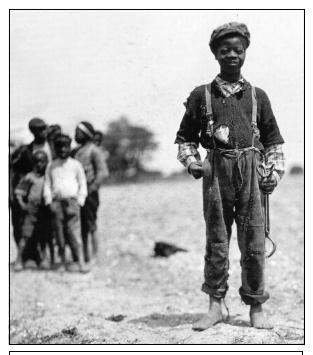
The Gullah belief that spirits walk the earth after death is linked to an African belief that one has a heavenly spirit and a "traveling" spirit. For comfort in its afterlife journey, friends and

family place personal items, or grave goods, on a tombstone. In earlier years, it was not uncommon to find a medicine bottle, a spoon, watch, or other personal items lying on a Gullah grave. Superstition says not to mess with grave goods or bad things will happen. Likewise, a person who points a finger at the grave risks having the finger fall off the hand.

Gullah slaves brought with them to the Lowcountry a traditional African belief that illnesses were rooted in a person's shortcomings or were caused by evil spirits. Root doctors were believed to have spe-

cial powers that enabled them to diagnose the cause, and herbal remedies to deal with various afflictions. The root doctor's powers were believed to extend beyond cures and to include various kinds of "hoo doo", such as putting on or removing hexes, making people rich or poor, helping a person find or get rid of a mate or punish a mate.

At the heart of those old traditions was the application of "roots" - usually a bag with secret ingredients. Ingredients might include substances like salt or gunpowder. Larger roots with animal parts like crows feet or



Friends, Hilton Head Island, 1904

lizards legs were used to place hexes. Roots could be worn, carried or buried.

Dirt from a grave, known as goofer dust, was a powerful root—even more powerful if unearthed from the grave of a murdered person. Hexes were considered more powerful if a root doctor chewed the root in the presence of the intended victim.

Sometimes root doctors found themselves in a contest—one attempting to apply a hex, for example, and the other attempting to neutralize it.

Root doctors were believed to obtain their power from a male

relative, usually the father, with the transfer of power known as passing the mantle.

Gullah Jack, referred to earlier in the Denmark Vesey conspiracy, was a celebrated conjurer from Mozambique. His success in recruiting 6000 slaves attests to the faith Africans placed in their root doctors. Ironically, the audacious plot fell apart, due to the confessions of a fellow slave who told his owner about the plan.

The female counterparts of root doctors were healers called "Grannies," also knowledgeable in the Low-country's plethora of herbal remedies. Blackberry, sea myrtle and Life Everlasting

are only a few of the hundred or so local plants they used to remedy aches and pains. Grannies were the community midwives and they passed their knowledge through their daughters. Adrianna, the last midwife on Hilton Head died in the 1960's, and there is a street off Hwy. 278 in the Stoney neighborhood named after her.

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#### The Coming of Christianity

Perhaps in an attempt to uproot the mystical beliefs of slaves, whites began teaching Christianity in the 1830's, when slave rebellions and the abolitionist movement were on the rise. G u l l a h slaves responded favorably to Christianity, who identified with the powerful symbols of suffering and the sacrifice of Jesus dying on the cross. Many thought that if Jesus could save them spiritually, he could save them physically and return them to Africa.

Rather than competing, Christianity was grafted to the traditional African belief of one universal power being surrounded by a group of lesser gods. Root theory, spirits, hexes and superstitions merged easily with Christianity, providing a more complete religion that sustained them through hard times.

White preachers visited plantations once or twice a month to spread the gospel. They met in small structures called "praise houses," a sort of nineteenth-century community center where Gullah traditions and values were taught. Usually one per plantation, praise houses were deliberately small to discourage large groups of slave gatherings.

Baptist preachers were preferred by blacks who thought the formal Anglican worship a bit stiff, although the Methodist movement made major inroads too. Gullahs expressed themselves in traditional African fashion, dancing, swinging, clapping,



Cemetery on the bank of Skull Creek, Hilton Head Island 2005—Heritage Library News photograph

or swaying as the spirit stirs the inside. They shuffled around in circles, inside tiny praise houses, in dances called "ring shouts," reminiscent of the African "calland-response" style of dance.

Baptism was a major religious event requiring the new believer to dress up in the very best finery before "crossing the water," as they would in Africa. Once again, the island's seclusion encouraged the merging of Christian belief and African style into a uniquely Gullah religious expression.

#### Cemeteries

Burial customs rank high in African and Gullah traditions. A graveyard tour on Hilton Head finds more than ten Gullah cemeteries from earlier centuries, some still used by local islanders. Most all rest near the water's edge which, according to earlier Gullah tradition, serves as a sort of launch pad for the spirit's return flight to Africa. Likely the most known cemetery is the lovely burial ground in Harbour Town on Lighthouse Lane nestled among high dollar condos. Others, like the one on Oyster Landing Road or Jenkins Island, require a trudge through marshy mud to view the few remaining graves.

Because Gullah cemeteries lack the manicured lawns and rigid boundary lines we have come to expect, thus appear to be neglected, this is anything but true. The absence of well defined borders makes room for future burials. Cemeteries on Hilton Head are named after the families buried there, and cared for by descendants or churches.

Amelia White Cemetery,

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1904 photographs of Hilton Head Island illustrating The Gullah Culture are reproduced here with our sincere thanks from the book <u>Camera Man's Journey Julian Dimock's South</u>, Edited by Thomas L. Johnson & Nina J. Root, , Published by the University of Georgia Press, Athens, Georgia 2002 in the African-American Collection of The Heritage Library.

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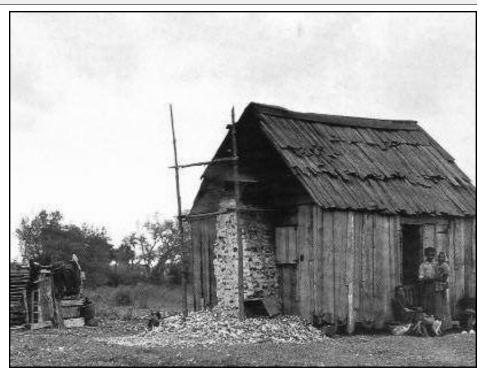
founded in the early 1800's, is tucked away near Green's Shell Enclosure on Squire Pope Rd and cared for by the long-established Grant family. The Joe Pope Cemetery, next to the mid-island Piggly Wiggly, is owned and maintained by Queens Chapel Church.

#### **Bread and Baskets**

Okra, yams, peas, and benne, or sesame seeds, from Africa are essential ingredients in Gullah meals but rice sits at the head of the table. "A day without rice is like a day without air," notes one islander. Mixed with tomatoes, peas, okra, shrimp, fish or prawns, rice is a staple of everyday Gul-A special New lah recipes. Years Day good luck dinner consists of rice and cow peas, or black-eyed peas, to make "Hoppin' John." Yams and okra, also imported from Africa, make sweet tater pones and pies for dessert, and okra gives gumbo that special boost that just isn't gumbo without it.

Visitors sampled these and other traditional Gullah food at the Ole Gullah Barbecue during February's Gullah Native Islander Celebration. at the Baptist City Annex on Beach City Rd.

Beautiful and functional coiled baskets made from natural materials have been made for centuries in Africa. They were used by workers to separate rice hulls from the chaff in round "fanner" baskets and legend tells of a larger "boat bas-



Cabin and Family, Hilton Head Island 1904

ket" that carried a man from St. Helena to Hilton Head Island after the Union Army's 1861 arrival to the Lowcountry

Traditionally, baskets were used as household work utensils but are now considered valuable art to collectors and tourists. Depending on size, quality, design and artistry, baskets many cost hundreds of dollars.

#### Freedom Rings

The first slaves in the United States to experience a taste of freedom were the Gullah people right here on Hilton Head, when the Union Army occupied the island on November 7, 1861.

During the occupation, many blacks lived in the town of Mitchellville, near Hilton Head's Beach City Road and near Beaufort. Named for the Union officer in charge of the occupying troops, it was here where free blacks started their own businesses, supplying goods and services to the Union soldiers. Their children attended schools headed up by missionaries, where they learned to read and write. Estimates of Hilton Head's population during this period ranged between forty and fifty thousand people, counting both Union soldiers, civilian contractors, black freedmen and family members.

When the Union Army left in 1868, so did the wartime economy that supported Beaufort County. Nevertheless the Gullah people remained, their roots too deep to leave and the consequences of leaving too uncertain. Once again, they lived in isolation, still eight decades away from the first bridge to the mainland.

In the 1890's, the Gullah population declined, ebbed away by devastating storms and outward migration. The early twenties brought opportunities for

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young people and they left for better jobs in the cities. Connected to a past they did not appreciate, these young migrants swapped their Gullah ways for American ones. By 1950, the population had dwindled to less than 1000 on Hilton Head and a handful of Gullah people on Daufuskie Island.

The children grew up traveled far, and some came back, shaped by twentieth century attitudes that celebrated black Africans. They came to defend their heritage from the blitz of development and to preserve their African roots within their own families. Up and down the coastline, Gullah people wrote books about their culture. They became politically active or started festivals to boost island businesses and teach others about their African roots.

The Hilton Head's Native

Island Gullah Celebration is one of the area's top twenty events, as rated by the Southeastern Tourism Society. Throughout the month-long festival, visitors learn to appreciate the endurance of the African spirit and find out about their contributions to Lowcountry life. Whether singing along with Aunt Pearlie Sue, tasting spicy gumbo, or participating in a ring shout, visitors are all welcome to join in, Gullah style, each February on Hilton Head Island.

Come to the events. Listen to their stories. Join in the songs, and feel the pulse of Africa, beating proudly in the heart of Gullah life.

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Boy and woman fishing, Hilton Head Island 1904



Rosemary Staples

#### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Island resident Rosemary Staples is a published author and feature writer. She is a frequent contributor to various area periodicals and newspapers. Active in the Hilton Head Island Genealogical Society and the Island Writers' Network she is well known for her historical and family heritage research. Her feature on The Gullah Culture in this and last quarter's issue of Heritage Library News is her first appearance in our publication, but we hope not the last.

We do owe her an apology for the technical printing error in last Quarter's issue which resulted in her "byline" dropping below the visible portion of the opening textbox. Neither the proofreaders nor your Editor caught the goof in time to fix it.

Rosemary we are sorry. -

## GIFT OPPORTUNITIES

#### Gifts from generous donors make a substantial and lasting difference to the Heritage Library.

In the past year or so there has been an increasing number of requests for information from both visitors and members of the Library that we are not able to meet. We realize that our extensive holdings are very good but they are far from complete. We also have other needs to meet the archiving of our materials. So with this newsletter we are offering opportunities for members to help meet some of these less expensive needs, freeing our budget to focus upon some of the more expensive items.

Your pledge to provide all or part of any of the following items is most gratefully accepted.

# A SAMPLE OF CURRENT GIFT OPPORTUNITIES

#### SAVANNAH FREEDMEN BU-REAU RECORDS

With the rapidly growing requests for family records by African-American families from the Lowcountry area these records would be a valuable addition to the Library's African-American Collection.

Commitment: \$50.00

#### PERIODICAL BOOKCASE

Due to recent additions the periodical shelves are full resulting in the fragmentation of the magazine collection. Two new shelf units are needed.

Commitment: \$200.00 each

#### FUNDS FOR THE BINDING AND REPAIR OF MATERIALS

From time to time we receive materials that have been transcribed from handwritten documents or original research that should be placed on the shelves for our patrons use but due to their lack of substantial binding are too fragile to do so. We also bind yearly collections of several periodicals such as The South Carolina Historical Magazine—a wonderful source of both S.C. community history and family information—as our budget allows.

Commitment: \$150.00

#### BOOKCASE FOR ENCYCLO-PAEDIAS, ATLASES, FOREIGN LANGUAGE DICTIONARY AND SIMILAR DIRECTORIES

The removal of these categories from our regular shelving also opens space for our growing book collections.

*Commitment:* \$200.00

Persons wishing to help may do so by contacting:

Norma Harberger, VP & Director, Funds Development—686-6560

#### Summer Vacations Impact Staff

Volunteers needed to assist patrons and regular library staff during the summer travel period.

If you can give any time at all during June, July, August and first half of September call Pam at 686-6560.

We can really use your help!

#### Staff Promotions

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Heritage Library Foundation in 2000 and has worked diligently on our catalog, updating the catalog and preparing the catalog data for placement on our website.

Nancy Burke, a native of Massachusetts and the daughter of a military family, spent a childhood on the road, moving from Puerto Rico to Hawaii and to places in-between. She graduated from Mount Holyoke College and later obtained a master's degree in library science from the University of Michigan. In 1963 she married her husband Joe, a career officer in the Navy Dental Corps, and continued to move about the country.

In 1993 she came to Hilton Head from Michigan where Joe had practiced dentistry for fifteen years following his retirement from the Navy. They have two children, a son Mike in the Marine Corps currently stationed at the Pentagon and a daughter Kathy in Charlotte, NC.

Nancy discovered an interest in genealogy at the Heritage Library and has written a book about Joe's family history which was published by the Library in 2004. She is currently working on her own family's lineage as well as volunteering at the Library.

For further background information on the accomplishments and contributions of John Griffin, Sr., see "Volunteer of the Year Awards" on page three.

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The Heritage Library is home to <u>The Hilton Head Island Genealogical Society</u> which meets on the second Tuesday of each month from September through May of each year at 9:30 am. and to <u>The Island Writers' Network</u> which meets on the first Monday of each month at 7 pm. Persons interested in these organizations may reach them by contacting The Heritage Library at 843-686-6560.

### History Series

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history and the role of Beaufort and surrounding counties in the history of the United States.

More than 40 Library members and guests gathered to hear Steve Smith, Head of the Applied Research Division, South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology at the University of South Carolina, Columbia speaking on "General Francis Marion – The Man and the Myth."

A recognized expert on military sites, archaeology, military history and Francis Marion in particular, Mr. Smith holds an M.A. in anthropology from the University of Kentucky. An authority on the historic Upland South he has conducted extensive research on the military activities, life and times of Francis Marion and other Revolutionary War figures. Dispelling



Steve Smith (standing right) during Qs&As following lecture on Francis Marion.

many of the popular myths about Marion, his lecture focused on the General's lesser known actions against British and Tory forces in the Lowcountry during the 1781-1783 period of the War for American Independence.

The Lecture Series— "Voices from America's Past" will resume

in the Fall. Watch for announcements in future issues and the public media. The series is open to anyone interested in the history of the Lowcountry, the Sea Islands of the Southeastern Atlantic coast, or students of history in general.

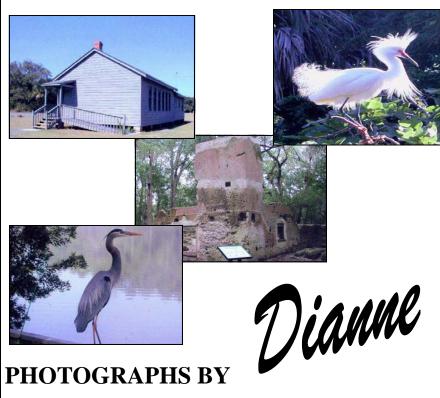
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## Savannah Genealogical Society on Full Day Field Trip to The Heritage Library

Researchers from the Savannah Genealogical Society during a Field trip to the Heritage Library—Saturday, May 14th.



## ~~ ~ Only at the Heritage Library Bookstore ~~ ~



Original photographs of Hilton Head Island, its historic places, flora and fauna are on available at the Heritage Library.

Selected photos from the current work of *Dianne Faucette*, local photographer and Foundation member are available framed or unframed at special pricing exclusively at The Heritage Library.

The price for framed work is \$45.00 each.
Unframed, the 8x10 prints are \$15.00, the 5x7s are \$8.00.
Proceeds support the ongoing work of the Heritage Library

Framed pieces are on EXHIBIT in the Library. Together with a portfolio of the entire collection which may be viewed by contacting the Main Desk staff or any of the librarians on duty.



#### **Volunteer Awards**

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able at the Front Desk while the electronic version may be accessed from each of the patron computer work stations.

John Griffin, Sr. of Palmetto Dunes, Friday's Librarian-in-Charge received his second Director's Award recognizing the whole of his contribution throughout the year. John was instrumental in advancing the research of numerous patrons, especially those exploring their roots among the native island families. In addition to his record as the Library's leading research genealogist, John headed a team from the Foundation making presentations at the annual meeting of the United States Colored Troops Association in October 2004 at Charleston, South Carolina and again to a local gathering during the February 2005 Gullah Native Island Festival.

In concluding the awards ceremonies, Foundation President, Bill Altstaetter thanked the awards recipients for their efforts and added an additional vote of thanks to each of the volunteers present and absent for their equally significant contributions to another successful year of service to the library's patrons and the Lowcountry community and to their spouses for their help, support, and understanding.

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"All men whilst they are awake are in one common world; but each of them when he is asleep, is in a world of his own." - Plutarch A.D. 46-120

#### From the President

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In addition to the Library's needs, The Foundation needs people with skills or experience in accounting, public relations, advertising, fundraising and public speaking.

As we go forward in 2005, work in the area of funds development becomes of greater importance. With more and greater demands being placed upon traditional sources of financial support for activities such as ours, we need to seek new and innovative ideas to provide the financial wherewithal to keep The Heritage Library moving forward toward its goal to be an outstanding source for historic and family heritage research in the Southeastern United States.

To reach that goal a number of new initiatives, projects, and programs are on the drawing boards or under way. Persons interested in researching the lives and times of their ancestors in studying and preserving the historical past of the United States and Western Civilization as it interacts with an increasingly complex world can find a wealth of opportunities waiting for them at The Heritage Library Foundation. Here is just one example. Over the next few months we will begin testing a "Members' Only" website which will allow member subscribers with "a log on ID" and "password" to access from home selected data bases currently available only in the library, including HeritageQuest. If you wish to participate in the "beta testing program" call the Library at 843-686-6560 for details.

The restructuring of the management of the Library and the Foundation came after many discussions among the leadership and with patrons and others in the community and is designed to make

The Heritage Library a more powerful force for historic preservation and for family history research while at the same time presenting more effective research opportunities in an even more "PATRON FRIENDLY" environment.

Finally, in conclusion, as your President, I wish to personally thank each and everyone who has helped to make 2004 such a grand year.

Thanks to the dedicated officers, board members, volunteers and patrons; and thanks to the community at large, to the Town officials without whom none of this would have been possible, to the Press who help to tell our story, to the Business Community, to our fellow Cultural and Arts organizations, to our suppliers, and to all our friends, a Most Heartfelt Thank You!

May the next eight years be as great!

## 1861 BRITISH CENSUS DATA PUBLISHED ONLINE

-BBC News- A service showing the 1861 census for England and Wales is now available online. The company 1837online.com, will charge users on a pay-per-view basis is putting the whole census online, starting with south east England.

Cost is £5 to buy a block of 50 units of credit for the website One unit counts for one look at a births, marriages and death page.

# From the Membership Desk

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Welcome, also to new members from various parts of Beaufort County and elsewhere in South Carolina. They are: June Sutton, Gene Beverly, Iva Welton, John Kerr, Alana Morgan, Robert Eberly, Carolyn Fabrikant, Robert and Loretta Warden, Keith and Sarah Dodson, James Connors, Sunni Winkler, Gail Boggs, Barbara Lee-Leonard, Ella Jane Grob, Margaret Cheek, Sonja Gorman, Karen Harrison, Rose McGee, Charlotte Willis, Michelle Erbeck, Bob Stevenson, Gerard Drake, Roberta Burke.

We extend a warm *Welcome Back* to Robert Geiger and Robert Scott Rejoining the Foundation after a short break.

## Cookbook Update

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able in the Library, but you can also write it on your own paper and send it in with your name, address and telephone number in case we need to get in touch with you.

We hope this will be a successful fundraiser for the Library, but we can't do it without your support.

I'm sure everyone has at least one special family recipe to submit. It would be great to have a story to go with it, but if not, that is okay.

Please feel free to ask your family, friends and neighbors if they would like to submit a recipe, too.

Thanks, to the rest of you, in advance —

Pam and the committee

#### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT THE HERITAGE LIBRARY**

<u>Library Assistants</u>—Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays—minimum three hour shifts, helping patrons use the Library's in-house collections and on-line databases. Training provided.

<u>Receptionists and Bookstore Sales</u>—Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays—minimum three hour shifts, receiving patrons, answering telephones, assisting librarians. Training provided.

TO VOLUNTEER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL—PAM AT 686-6560

#### AT THE HERITAGE LIBRARY

The Library is open for research four days each week—
Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays
Between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M.

No Special events are planned during the Summer.

A full schedule of classes, lectures, and workshops will resume in September

# Library Needs Researchers for Special Projects in History and Family Heritage

Work at your own pace, at home or at the Library

Do you love to "play in the past?" - <u>IF YOU DO</u> a number of research projects in local history and family heritage are on the drawing boards at the Heritage Library just waiting for someone to jump in and take charge.

If you have a computer, know just a little about MS Word and Excel spreadsheets you can help and have fun at the same time.

Call Gwen at 843-686-6560 or 689-9558 and sign up.

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