



FRIENDS NEWS

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Celebrate the Season with the Yuletide Home Tour!



The gorgeous homes of Georgetown's Historic District are shining even more brightly these days, with swirls of twinkling lights, mantles festooned with fragrant boughs, and heirloom holiday ornaments hung with care. Get in the holiday spirit with a tour of these holly, jolly homes during the seventeenth annual Friends of the Georgetown Library Yuletide Home Tour. This year's event is Saturday, December 14, from 1 – 5 pm. The Home Tour is self-guided and maps will be provided.

Eight beautiful residences and two venerable houses of worship—Prince George Winyah Episcopal Church and Bethesda Missionary Baptist Church—will welcome tourgoers in festive style. Participants in the Home Tour will also have exclusive access to the Designer Holiday Showcase at the Kaminski House Museum and the Swamp Fox Tours Trolley will be transformed into the Holly Jolly Trolley for mini-tours around town for tour participants.

“The tour is a wonderful way to celebrate the season and see how Georgetown gets in the holiday spirit,” enthused Friends President Bob Willey. “It’s an entertaining afternoon for a good cause: all proceeds go to support the children and youth programs at the Library.”

Also returning this year is Santa's Shoppe at the Georgetown Library, where ten stellar craftspeople will display unique wares. Santa's Shoppe will be open from 10 am – 5 pm on the day of the Tour. It is a great place to find truly unique Christmas gifts, or perhaps something for yourself.

Tickets are \$25 per person, (\$20 for members of Friends groups of any of the County libraries), and may be purchased in advance at the Georgetown Library, 405 Cleland Street. Tickets are “will call,” and are to be picked up on December 14th any time after 10 am at the Georgetown Library.

Tuesdays With...

The Friends of the Georgetown Library are excited to carry the popular monthly series *Tuesdays With...* into spring! Each meeting is at 10 am in the Georgetown Library Auditorium.



December 17 ***Dan Abel***

The professor of Marine Science at Coastal Carolina University talks about “Bulls, Lemons, and Sandbars,” a.k.a the highly successful study of sharks off the Lowcountry coast.

January 21 ***Bud Hill***

The historian and Director Emeritus of the McClellanville Village Museum presents “The People of the History of the St. James Santee Parish and McClellanville.”

February 18 ***Zenobia Washington***

Washington, a Lowcountry historian and talented Gullah artist, will answer the question, “Who are the Gullah People?”

March 17 ***Libby Bernardin***

Beloved local poet and professor Bernardin, who is also a life-time member of the SC Academy of Authors, will explore the creation of beauty through the interplay of words and rhythm in “Let’s Talk Poetry.”

April 21 ***Jim Lee***

Lee, the Education and Outreach Coordinator for the Tom Yawkey Wildlife Center, will present on “The Yawkey Family: Their Impact on Georgetown County.”

May 19 ***Dedric Bond***

The historian, reporter, and teacher at The Georgetown School will talk about one of the key figures of the Reconstruction era in “Joseph Hayne Rainey: His Life and Times”



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Wee Wiggler Wednesdays: 10:30 am (baby-4) and 4:00 pm (2-5)

Stories, movement, finger play and crafts for the little guys

Friday Funzone: 3:00—5:00 pm ALL AGES

Lego Free Build, board and card games and craft time, too!

Family Literacy Friday: December 20, 5—7 pm

Explore books, technology, crafts and more with the whole family

Hampton Plantation Series

Join the Friends and Hampton Plantation State Historic Site on **January 9 at 10 am ONSITE at Hampton** as they explore "*Hampton's Female Planters: Eliza Pinckney and Harriott Horry.*" Reenactors in period garb, hot food and drinks, and a demonstration of Antebellum indigo processing are all planned. Tickets are \$10, and are available at the Georgetown Library front desk.

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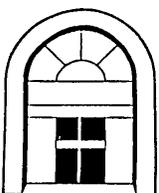
Library Renovations Receive Council Approval



The expansion and renovation of the Georgetown Library – made possible by a bequest of \$1,160,000 from the late Mrs. Jean Flournoy Moody – was unanimously endorsed by Georgetown County Council at its meeting of November 12th. Council then also voted to permit the usage of Library Park next to the current facility as the site for the new wing. This addition will provide public meeting room space comparable to that at the current Waccamaw Neck Branch Library. Council’s actions were likely motivated in part by the large public turnout of Georgetown Library supporters at the meeting. Speakers during its public comment section included Library Board Members Jene Klopp and Carlethia Rudolph along with Georgetown Friends President Bob Willey and former Friends President Kevin Jayroe. These four presenters dynamically outlined Mrs. Moody’s intent, the Georgetown County Library Board’s position, the need, and the positive outcome of having an improved Georgetown Library. Amazingly, that November 12th meeting occurred on the 30th anniversary of the opening of the present Georgetown Library in 1989. The following week, on November 21st, the Library Board approved a site plan, floor plan, and elevation rendering from Architect Michael Walker, who is doing this work based on an existing IDIQ contract for architectural services with the county. Once Walker further creates detailed drawings with cost projections for the overall endeavor, the Georgetown County Purchasing Department will be able to request bids for construction from general contractors. It is anticipated that 70% of the bequest will go for expansion; 30%, for renovation.

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