

# *To Be Continued . . .*

**A PUBLICATION OF THE DORCHESTER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**Mission Statement: To Research, Record and Preserve Dorchester County's History**

**101 Ridge Street, St. George, SC 29477**

**February 2022**

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## **A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Greetings and Happy New Year!

Our first meeting of 2022 will be on Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM at the Koger House. Pete Weathers of St. George will be our guest speaker. Mr. Pete is going to speak on the history of the Wire Rd.

The board met in November to discuss opening the Koger House for more fundraisers this year. Chuck Spell has accepted the task of becoming our Event Coordinator. A committee is being formed to help and if you would like to be included, please volunteer. Due to Covid, our annual spring tea has been cancelled for the past two years, causing the loss of about \$6000 that event would have raised. I plan to reach out to Brosnan Forest to see if they have lifted their restrictions on the use of the Lodge.

Two board members Brett Strickland and Theresa McKnight Strickland have resigned from the board due to time commitments to their jobs, their children and the many other organizations they are involved in. Over the past several years, they have cooked and provided all the food for our November fundraiser. This past year, they cooked over 30 butts that were sold individually in addition to barbeque plates. We would like to sincerely thank them for their service and support to the society.

As we begin another year, please remember how important you are to the success of the society and please try to encourage others to join. Since our last meeting, we have gained several new annual members and three lifetime members.

In 2003, I was told that we could not create a historical society. It had been tried and failed several times. Well, in January 2022, we have now passed our 19<sup>th</sup> year and in my personal opinion, during these years, we have had much success: restoration of the Koger House, three historical/resource books published, nine historical markers erected, and probably the most important of all, was establishing the Dorchester Heritage Center in the former Dorchester County Courthouse in 2014.

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**Membership Meeting  
Thursday 17 Feb. 2022  
7 PM At Koger House**

**Get Well**

Linda Baker

Margaret Spell

Bill Herman

**New Members**

Martha Dunlap, Summerville	Lifetime	Christin Lattamore, Reevesville	Annual
Clinton Westbury, St. George	Lifetime	Roger Eslick, Harleyville	Annual
Margaret Spell, Grover	Lifetime	Daniel Prohaska, Summerville	Annual
William Myers, Grover	Annual	Sandra Shelley, Dorchester	Annual
Charles Spell, Sr., Grover	Annual	Millie Chaplin, Harleyville	Annual

**### Membership Dues ###**

**Payable by March 1, 2022**

**Annual dues: \$25.00**

**Lifetime Membership: \$250.00**

**Make Checks Payable To DCHS**

**Mail to: Ms. Bobbie McKinnon**

**c/o DCHS**

**101 Ridge St.**

**St. George, SC 29477**

**(Please include current home and email address.)**

**NOTE**

**As of March 31, 2022 all annual (yearly) members who are not current with their dues will have their names removed from the Membership Rolls.**

**DCHS 2021 Calendar of Events:**

Membership Meeting	Thursday, Feb 17	7 pm	Koger House
DCHS Annual Tea	Saturday, TBD	Noon	TBD
Membership Meeting	Thursday, May 19	7 pm	Koger House
Membership Meeting	Thursday, August 18	7 pm	Koger House
Living History Fundraiser	Saturday, Oct 29	9 am-5 pm	Koger House
	Sunday, Oct 30	9 am-3 pm	Koger House
Membership/Awards Meeting	Thursday, Nov 17	7 pm	Koger House

Please check our website for updates at [www.scdchs.com](http://www.scdchs.com)

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**THURSDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2022**  
**7:00 PM**  
**AT KOGER HOUSE**  
**Guest Speaker: Mr. Pete Weathers**

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For me, I cannot put my gratitude into words, what a privilege it has been to serve with the most capable, like-minded board members, meeting and getting to know some of the most dedicated members that have joined over the years, and to be a part of something so important to future generations. I truly believe that we are leaving a legacy behind and you, my dear friends, are a large part of that.

See you on February 17<sup>th</sup>. Please bring a friend.

Phyllis

**THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS**

We would like to thank all members who made additional contributions to the Historical Society in 2021.

Additional funds are still needed to repair the windows throughout this historic house and to oil/stain all of the exterior of the house. If you are able to make a contribution toward this restoration, please send or drop off your contribution to the office at 101 Ridge Street. Claire Mizell is the Director of the Heritage Museum there, but she is also a Dorchester County Historical Society Board Member and receives our mail at the museum office.

**INDIAN FIELD COMMUNITY**

**By: Phyllis Hughes**

Indian Field is one of the oldest settled communities in what is now Dorchester County. The area known as Indian Field extends from just north of St. George, up US Highway 15 to a few miles north of Rosinville and extends east and west of Rosinville for about 4 miles. The land is dotted with fields, trees, and country homes. The name Indian Field survives in such places as Indian Field Methodist Camp Ground, Indian Field United Methodist Church, Indian Field Swamp, and Indian Field Fire Department in Rosinville. In neighboring Berkeley County, there was once an Indian Field Plantation, which is now submerged under Lake Moultrie. The area extending from the Camp Ground to Indian Field Swamp was called "Indian Fields" for well over a hundred years, but the "s" was dropped from the "Fields" in the 1960s and it has remained "Indian Field" to this day.

According to one explanation, the name Indian Fields originated as a reference to a powerful Indian society that existed in the interior of South Carolina prior to 1700. This Native American society was known as the Cofitachequi (pronounced Co fēt uh chē ka) chiefdom and is well documented in contemporary accounts of a number of Spanish expeditions through the area in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. They belonged to a culture called "Mississippian" that flourished in South Carolina and surrounding states from 1300 AD to 1700 AD they were mound builders and horticulturists, relying on the large-scale cultivation of corn as their main source of sustenance, and living in large towns that were organized into a single hierarchical society, which was called a chiefdom and governed by a hereditary ruler. The Cofitachequi occupied one such Mississippian chiefdom until 1700, when they largely disappeared from South Carolina as an organized group.

*(Taken from research for a new book to be published by DCHS on the history of Dorchester County)*

## NEWS FROM THE DORCHESTER HERITAGE CENTER

Although things still aren't back to "normal," we are trying to get things going in the right direction.

In December, DHC hosted a Christmas Quilt Show. Nineteen quilts were entered and many visitors enjoyed the beauty and artful skill of the quilters.

In honor of Women's History Month in March, DHC will host a "Votes for Women" exhibit and an art show by South Carolina native Tara Tallent. Also, on March 26, DHC and the South Carolina Vintage Vixens will host Rosie the Riveter Family Fun Day at the future site of the new facility on Highway 78 near Ridgeville. The event will include a car show, games and a Rosie the Riveter pin up contest. It promises to be a day packed with fun and excitement. Please make plans to join us for each of these upcoming events!



**Tara Tallent Art:**  
**"A Woman's Journey"**

**Visit the Dorchester Heritage Center  
to view an Art Exhibit showcasing  
the stunning paintings by South Carolina  
Native, Tara Tallent.**

**The exhibit will be on display  
March 1 – 31, 2022**

**101 Ridge Street, St. George, SC 29477  
(843) 931-1021      [contact-us@dhc-sc.com](mailto:contact-us@dhc-sc.com)**

**Museum Hours:**  
Sunday & Monday Closed  
Tuesday – Friday      9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Saturday 10:00 am – 2:00 pm  
(Last tickets sold at 1 hour before closing)  
**Admission: \$8.00**



## Rosie the Riveter Family Fun Day

**SATURDAY**  
★ **March 26, 2022** ★  
**10 AM – 3 PM**

To be held on the site of  
Dorchester Heritage Center's future facility  
on Highway 78 near Ridgeville

[www.dhc-sc.com](http://www.dhc-sc.com) (843) 931-1021

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In honor of National Rosie the Riveter Day, the Dorchester Heritage Center is sponsoring a celebration to honor those Rosies who rolled up their sleeves for the war effort of WWII. All proceeds from this event will support the new Dorchester Heritage Center and the South Carolina Vintage Vixen organization, supporting our veterans.

★ <b>SCHEDULE OF EVENTS</b> ★	★ <b>SPONSORS</b> ★
★ <b>CAR SHOW</b> ★	★  ★
★ \$20.00 Registration Fee ★	★  ★
★ \$15.00 Pre Registration, email: <a href="mailto:davidadement@gmail.com">davidadement@gmail.com</a> ★	★  ★
★ 9:00 am – 10:00 pm - Car Show Registration ★	★  ★
★ 10:00 am – 1:00 pm - Car Show ★	
★ 1:00 pm – 1:30 pm - Presentation of Trophies ★	
★ <b>FAMILY FUN DAY EVENTS</b> ★	
★ 10:30 am – 3:00 pm ★	
★ Corn Hole, Rosie the Riveter Ratchet Challenge, Horseshoes, ★	
★ Kite Flying, Rosie the Riveter Assembly Line Challenge, ★	
★ Much More ★	
★ <b>MUSIC</b> ★	
★ Music provided by DJ Keith Dee ★	
★ <b>FOOD</b> ★	
★ Food Trucks will be on site ★	
★ <b>ROSIE THE RIVETER PIN-UP CONTEST</b> ★	
★ 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm - Pin-Up Contest ★	
★ Sponsored by Ann Heath and the ★	
★ South Carolina Vintage Vixens ★	

As always, if you have items that you are getting rid of because of downsizing, spring cleaning or you just have no more use for, please contact us and see if the items are things that would be good additions to our collections. Please call (843) 931-1021 or e-mail us at [contact-us@dhc-sc.com](mailto:contact-us@dhc-sc.com) to make those inquiries.

Stay safe!

LaClaire Mizell, DHC Director