

Elloree Heritage Museum & Cultural Center, Inc.



MUSEUM NEWSLETTER

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Now on display in the upstairs gallery . . .



An art exhibit by local artist Anne Black

Anne enjoyed a lifetime career as a wife, mom, and laboratory technician. After this, she pursued her passion of buying and selling antiques. With a friend, she opened an antique shop in Orangeburg. When her husband retired, they opened several antique shops in Elloree, which was closer to their home on Lake Marion. They were a driving force and helped greatly with the restoration of the Town of Elloree.



After retiring she then began to rekindle her love of art. Although self taught, Anne has been creatively expressing herself through the years. She has a large following of people who look forward to her next completed work of art. She loves painting with “wild abandon”.

We invite you to stop by and enjoy viewing these beautiful pieces of art.

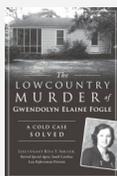
Anne with her friend, Anne Worsham Richardson, who use to stop by her stall in the Charleston Market where she sold her art in her early years. Richardson personally encouraged Anne with her art.



Tuesday, June 22, 2021, 7:00 pm

Lieutenant Rita Y. Shuler, is a Providence community native, who

now resides at John’s Island, SC. After retiring from the State Law Enforcement Division (SLED), she has continued her investigations and has authored four books detailing some of the technology used in solving these cases. On Tuesday, June 22nd, at the museum, she will be sharing details of her latest book, ***The Lowcountry Murder of Gwendolyn Elaine Fogle***.



2021



2009



2007



2006

Bring your copy of the book or purchase one at the museum for her to sign. Covid protocol and social distancing will be in place. This limits the number allowed so reserve your place early by calling the museum at 803-897-2225. There is no charge, but reservations are required.

Ellore School Beginnings

Education is as important to our community now as it was in the past . . .

Schools have always been the center of any community. Students, whether they are eighteen or eighty-eight, remember the school they attended. They can vividly describe the building, how they got to school, the lunch bucket or cafeteria fare, the teachers or fellow students, and the games and activities in which they were engaged. "Book learning" was cherished from the time families first began to settle in the area. Long before Ellore existed as a town, families in surrounding settlements, realizing the value of education for their children, established schools. The first in the area was the Baptist Santee Academy. The Lutheran Country School followed. Later more schools such as those located at Goodbys, Midway, Felderville, Hickory Grove, Parler, Cedar Grove, and Jericho educated students in these sparsely settled communities. Some had one room, one teacher, and an open fireplace. Others had more than one teacher, a larger school building, and a potbellied stove.

The first significant step in providing education to children in the newly formed town of Ellore was the founding of the first public school in 1886. Mr. Snider hired Dr. Samuel Bookhart to start what was eventually called the Ellore Graded School. The establishment of a public school attracted people to Ellore. Some families moved from other towns because of the opportunities a school provided for their children. Some living outside of Ellore made arrangements to send their children to the new town school. Teachers began to come from other towns to teach here and boarded in the "teacherage" provided for them. Many outlying communities continued to maintain their school. In 1915, a new brick school building was built in Ellore. About 1915, a Rosenwald School was established to educate black children. In 1923, the Orangeburg County Training School was built. Many children came from outside of town, from communities such as Providence, Midway, Felderville, and Parler, to "take the eleventh grade" at the new larger Ellore schools. Many of these students boarded with families in Ellore. The students participated in school sports, activities, and entertainment. In the late 1940s children from the new town of Santee and its surrounding area began attending Ellore schools. Lifelong friendships developed between students, no matter where they lived.

The education these schools have provided has produced countless successful people. Local schools were a major influence in educating these productive citizens who have made the world a better place to live.



The Ellore High School class of 1915, dressed in their best clothes for this photograph, stands in front of the brand new brick building that has just been completed. Those in the photograph, first row, are Eva Shuler, Rhoda Stack, unidentified, Helen Douglas Stack, Bette Shuler, unidentified, unidentified, Tot Etheredge, and Margie Bair. Second row students are unidentified, unidentified, unidentified, unidentified, Harold Baxter, Jack Bair, unidentified, and Dennis Evans. Photo courtesy of Emily Griffith Denniston.

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Rita Shuler with her new book:

Lowcountry Murder of Gwendolyn Elaine Fogle

June 22, 2021, 7:00 pm

**Carter Jones: Special Projects Coordinator & Historian
for the South Carolina State Firefighters' Association**

September 28, 2021, 7:00 pm

Museum Hours of Operation:

**Friday & Saturday
10:00 am – 5:00 pm**

**Private Tours and Private Shopping can be
scheduled for Wednesday & Thursday**