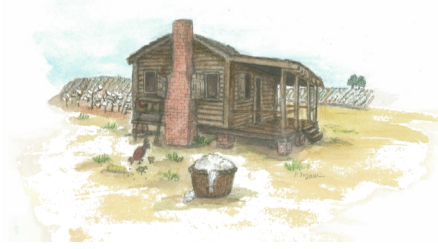


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# MUSEUM NEWSLETTER

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## OYSTER ROAST

**Saturday, April 2, 2022 – 5:00–7:00 pm**

**At the Ellore Heritage Museum**

**TICKETS: \$40 (Includes Hot Dogs, Dessert, & Drinks)**

**Oyster knives and gloves will be provided or bring your own.**

*Be sure to purchase tickets early, as this popular event sells out fast.*

## Join the Hunt

When visiting the museum in March, everyone is encouraged to hunt for the race horses hidden in the downstairs exhibits. Accept our challenge of discovering all 9 horses and 4 shirts in celebration of the **2022 Ellore Trials**.

The 1st Ellore Trials banner is on display in the upstairs gallery. In the Chris Antley room is a very special little red jacket worn by jockey Mackie Prickett in the 1940's .



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## Tuesday, May 3, 2022

Mark your calendars to give to the Ellore Heritage Museum online  
and possibly have your gift multiplied by Midlands Gives!

## The Lake Marion Piecemakers Quilt Guild

had their February meeting here at the museum. It was the 30th Anniversary of the guild. Each quilter brought their handiwork to show. President Jean Browning recalled the history of the guild. Scrapbooks that had been loving kept through the years were shared and enjoyed. Pat McLaurin took the group on a very special tour of the historical quilts made by local quilters that were on exhibit in the gallery upstairs. Another highlight of the meeting was calling Dot Shirer in Mars Hill, NC, one of the founders of the guild, and talking to her over a speaker so everyone could participate. It was an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and special refreshments. Attendees were from under one year old (Baby Mary Moberg) to over 100 years old (Mrs. Irene Creighton).

The Lake Marion Piecemakers supply the museum with quilts for the quilt board in the Farm Wing. These quilts rotate every several months and are from different quilters. A trip to the museum to see their special designs and read the stories behind their quilts is well-worth the effort.



Back Row: Carol Calianese, Laura Anne McLaurin, Linda Colman, Madeline Micale, Etta Bitterman, Margaret Shirer, Martha Steadman, Vickie McCormick, Jennifer Reynolds;  
Middle Row: Karen Griffin, Jean Browning;  
Front Row: Elaine Calianese, Irene Creighton, Leona Wood, Lindsey Moberg, Baby Mary Moberg.

### Lake Marion Piecemakers

Est. 1992

Elloree, S C

## Just A Little History . . .

Several ladies, mostly from the Elloree area, belonged to the Orangeburg Quilters Guild, and had been going to Orangeburg to participate in quilt activities. As the interest in quilting grew, so did the number of ladies attending the meetings and thus the idea to start a quilt guild in Elloree was born.

The first meeting in Elloree was held on February 12, 1992. Arrangements were made by Dot Shirer to meet at her church, Trinity Lutheran, on Hampton Street. Twelve ladies were present.

At the August 12, 1992 meeting, the subject of a name for the group was discussed. Many names were mentioned and discussed, but the conclusion was *Lake Marion Piecemakers*.

Today the group has grown and meets each month on the second Wednesday of the month. They still meet at Trinity Lutheran Church in Elloree.



# Elloree Turf Racing – The Sport of Kings

By Tom Livingston

Horses were extremely important to the lives of early settlers of South Carolina. They had been introduced to the colony at least by the early 1500's when the Spanish brought them from their plantations in Haiti to the Port Royal area. By the time the Colony called Carolina was split in two – North and South- in 1710 there were thousands of Europeans living in South Carolina, and some had migrated to the back-country of Orangeburgh



Mackie Prickett Age 9

District. Horses were used for work, hunting, and transportation. They herded livestock from this area to the markets in Charleston. As farms grew into plantations the quality of horses increased and at some point horse racing became popular. By 1761 there was a commercial horse breeding farm near the Santee River between Eutawville and Moncks Corner. Race horses used in breeding were imported from England so racing in the area probably started at least by the mid 1700's.

The evidence suggests that the current Elloree Training Center location was used for horse racing before 1772. J. C. Zahn had his Kings Grant of 1,000 acres surveyed that year. On the plat he filed of the area two miles north of Elloree there were two geological depressions named savannahs (now called Carolina Bays). One (now known as Livingston Savannah) was named Hunters Savannah on that plat and the other (Elloree Training Center) was named Race Savannah. The British incursion halted racing in the area during the war.

The St. Johns Jockey Club revived the Sport of kings near Eutawville at Belvidere Plantation in 1936. Other plantations in the area held horse racing events in the early to mid-1900's including several in Calhoun County. The modern Elloree track was built in 1940 when the Belvidere track was to be closed due to the flooding of Lake Marion when many plantations ended up at the bottom of the lake. Races continued in Elloree until about 1950 when para-mutual betting was outlawed by the state and attendance waned.

The track lay dormant until 1960 when the Utmans bought the property and began training activities. Racing has continued uninterrupted since 1962 and annually draws large crowds from around the state to view exciting horse racing. Horses and jockeys from the track have gathered national (notably Chris Antley) and regional (including Mackie Prickett) attention.

The museum has a wonderful permanent display area highlighting the importance of horse racing in Elloree history. Why not plan to participate in this local Sport of Kings event which will be held this year on Saturday, March 19. And while in town drop by the Elloree Heritage Museum and see the racing exhibit and many other fascinating presentations of local history.

## Triple Winning St. Matthews Jockey Is Only Ten Years Old

BY MRS. HENRY WIENGES  
St. Matthews, June 29—Exercise boy to Mackie Prickett, ten-year-old rider of three winners at the Palmetto Park race track at Elloree, June 14, is a shining example. He had a pony when he was five and has grown up riding and loving horses.  
He is a small boy for ten. His features are fine, his coloring dark. His eyes dart quickly from place to place "sizing up" a situation. His slender, wiry body is alert, ready and willing.  
Mackie's father, Melver Prickett, has had thoroughbreds racing in the state circuit for the past three or four years. Among his best horses are Mad Kiss, one of the most consistent winners in the state, and Quantis, who has never been beaten in South Carolina. It was these horses that Mackie exercised. With them he learned the feel of reins in his hands.  
Mackie's first race was at the Orangeburg County Fair in 1944, when he rode the veteran Mad Kiss. He didn't place, however, but was not discouraged and on New Year's Day, he rode the same mount at the Palmetto track in Elloree.  
It was June 14 on the same course that he rode in three races and won all three. His first mount was his own horse, Mackie's Pal, Baggage Smasher, owned by Col. Bob Brooks of Columbia, carried him to victory next and in the fifth event, Mackie won on Fiery Lass, owned by S. D. McGill of Kingstree.  
Mackie is a boy—not a veteran jockey. He may win many races—he may lose some. The important thing to South Carolina is that he is a symbol of sportsmanship of which we can be proud.



Mackie with Billy Carroll

# January–February 2022 Contributions

## Memberships

### Individual

Marcia C. Fisher  
Gossie Mathis  
James McQuilla  
Denise Pfaff  
Tinker Roberts

### Family

Gene & Judy Ball  
Richard & Beth Bochette  
Elloree B n B  
Lindsey & Patsie Funchess  
Lawton & Lane Irick  
Glenn & Kay Lancaster  
Nelson & Robin McLeod  
Hugh & Blanche Weathers

### Collector's Club

Bill Fitzpatrick  
Deborah Saverance & Dan Weigand  
Anthony & Carolyn Williams  
Pat & Kay Williams

## Memorials Endowment Fund

### Jean Crosby Gasque

Leigh & David Dangerfield  
Adair Fogle  
Walter & Andrea, Kayli & Val Fogle

### Janice Jones

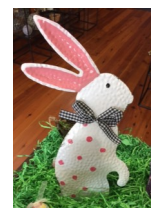
Adair Fogle

### Jim Ulmer

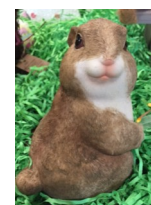
Leigh & David Dangerfield

## Grants

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## Upstairs Gallery Art Exhibit

Spring will usher in a series of art displays from local artist. Opening in March will be a lovely display of paintings by **Jewel Parniece Gasque Felkel** (Oct. 29, 2024 — March 24, 2015). Jewel grew up in Elloree, her parents being Mattie Mae Parler Gasque and Edward Everett Gasque. Her siblings were Suzanne and Everett, Jr. She graduated from Coker College in 1945 and taught school for many years. In 1949 she married S. E. Felkel of Elloree and they resided in Charleston. Along with her best friend Ann G. McGinnis, she started the Flea Market in Charleston's City Market in 1972. Together in 1976, they opened the Plantation Shop at Magnolia Plantation. She retired in 1993. Jewel loved painting and taking art classes with local artists. Her work displays her journey of artistic evolvement over a lifetime.



Jewel with her brother, Everett, and son, Randall.

# January – February 2022 Memorial Contributions

## Jean Crosby Gasque

Chris & Maggie Bandy  
Sylvia Barnes  
Richard & Kathryn Bates  
Chris & Ann Bickley  
Caitlin Felkel Brown  
Judy Bull  
Jane Carson  
Jerry & Betsy Carson  
Bill & Patricia Clark  
Kathy P. Conley  
Scott & Donna Corcoran  
Tommie Crim  
Hattie M. Dantzler  
Jennie Ervin  
Chuck & Jean Felkel  
Loretta Felkel  
Terry & Bert Fowler  
Wade & Nancy Fox  
Dwight & Gertrude Frierson  
Tom Gasque  
Kevin & Debbie Helmly  
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Maud & L.C. Kissam  
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Danny & Dawn Mangum  
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Charles & Jean Miller  
Howard & Jan Miller  
Ray & Nancy Oliver  
Moss & Belle Perrow  
Moss & Peggy Perrow

## Jean Crosby Gasque (Cont.)

Claudia Polin & Family  
Marlaine P. Reeves  
Correll & Sandra Robinson  
Sandpiper Run Associates  
J.D. & Martha Emily Shirer  
Bobby Ray & Judy Shuler  
Donald & Mary Jane Shuler  
Cynthia F. Smith  
Beth & Michael Smoak  
Mary Jo Spiers  
Cheryl & Michael Spiers  
Brad & Ashley Stowe  
Kathy W. Stowe  
Rhyne & Twyla Stowe  
Bill & Penny Summers  
Susan & Bill Tome  
Jay & Marilyn Tothacer  
Celia Ulmer & Family  
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Woody & Lisa Watford  
Lesla & Bud Watts  
Jimmy & Wendy Woods

## David Felkel

Jane Carson  
Hattie M. Dantzler

## Emmetto Fields

Ray & Nancy Oliver

## Lynn Livingston Garrick

Sylvia Barnes  
Byrns & Alice Coleman  
Carl & Sally Jo Coulliette  
Jane Livingston  
Ray & Nancy Oliver

## Hazel Green

Carl & Sally Jo Coulliette

## Blane Hall

Carl & Sally Jo Coulliette

## William Hall

Carl & Sally Jo Coulliette

## Joan Smith Heape

Hattie M. Dantzler

## Sam Hill

Ray & Nancy Oliver

## Annette Holmes

Glenn & Kay Lancaster

## Reva Inabinet

Sylvia Barnes  
Jerry & Betsy Carson

## Janice Jones

Glenn & Kay Lancaster  
Jane Livingston  
Ray & Nancy Oliver

## Kim Livingston

Sylvia Barnes

## Roy Moore

Glenn & Kay Lancaster

## Cherry Ann Browning Nally

Charleen Rast Keefe

## Joey Nettles

Jerry & Betsy Carson  
Ray & Nancy Oliver

## Paul O'Cain

Carl & Sally Jo Coulliette

## Alma Pate

Carl & Sally Jo Coulliette

## Shannon Polin

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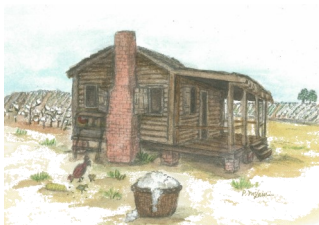
## Dianne Powers

Curt Campbell  
Ray & Nancy Oliver

## Jim Ulmer

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### **Upcoming Events**

- **Hunting for Horses: Month of March**
- **Oyster Roast: April 2, 5:00 – 7:00**
- **Midlands Gives: May 3rd**
- **Summer Camp for Youth: Details to come**

### **Museum Hours of Operation:**

**Wednesday – Saturday  
10:00 am – 5:00 pm**

**Private Tours and Private Shopping  
can also be scheduled by calling the museum.**