

Ellore Heritage Museum & Cultural Center, Inc.



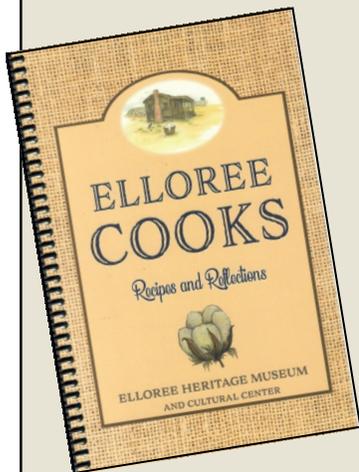
MUSEUM NEWSLETTER

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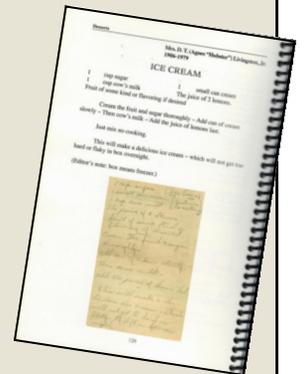
We are proud of our Cookbook and our 20th Anniversary Celebration.

The exhibits in the Ellore Heritage Museum are depictions of what life in this area was like around the 1900s. By nature, the exhibits focus on what was traditionally considered “men’s work” i.e., railroads, farming, banking, doctors, etc. In planning for the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the beginning of the museum it was decided that the women should be celebrated. After all they were the backbone of the family. Additionally, they were wonderful cooks and being such in the depression and post-depression eras was no easy task.



To honor these cooks, it was decided to create a cookbook with food from that book to be served at the celebration. The two went hand-in-hand and planning for both was started. “Ellore Cooks” *Recipes and Reflections* is a collection of recipes from women of the area who were born 1920 or before. Copies of their hand-written recipes are a special treat. Reflections are stories about these ladies that are heartwarming, sometimes humorous, and thought provoking. Other tidbits are included for interest.

“Ellore Cooks,” a volunteer creation with coordination by Jane Livingston; design and artwork by Pat McLaurin; artwork by Judith Rickenbacker; typing by Jan Miller; research by Tom Livingston; and history by Will Fogle. It is a book produced in love for these wonderful women who loved their families, their churches, their schools, and their communities. They all worked together for the good of the community.



The 20th Anniversary Celebration, a member only event, was a huge success with over 125 in attendance. Many old faces and many, many new (and very welcomed) faces. The food was unbelievable and prepared and served by many of the descendants of cooks included in “Ellore Cooks” and many other museum volunteers. The decorations and service planning were beautifully done by Sally Jo Coulliette, Ruby Livingston, and Sybil Brandenburg. While our lives are very different from the cooks in 1920 and before, they would be so proud to see the respect we have for them and to know that community spirit is alive and well in Ellore.

The cookbook was literally “hot off the press.” Copies were delivered the afternoon of the 20th celebration. Sales continue to be strong and many are buying them 5 or so at the time to give or mail for Christmas gifts. The reasonable price of \$20 makes this possible. The museum will mail the book(s) for a nominal fee to cover the costs.



Wild Life Program

On September 13, Hugh McLaurin entertained a very attentive audience with his teaching about wildlife and demonstrations of his special duck and turkey calls. As one young attendee said, "I don't even duck hunt but I really enjoyed this program." Hugh's company *Big Lake Outdoor Products* sells custom made calls all over the world and is based right here in Ellore, SC.



Construction of the Santee Cooper Lakes

Chip Davis presented a program on the construction of the Santee Cooper Lakes on October 25. He talked about Revolutionary War sites around the lakes, the Town of Ferguson, and the history of the Old Santee Canal. Details involving the removal and relocation of graves, homes, and families from the lake basin were also covered as well as the clearing of the basin.

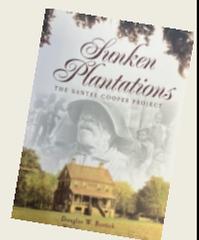
There was a packed crowd and the interest in the lake system was great. Many stayed to ask questions after the program. The new lake exhibit upstairs was ready for visitors to enjoy. The gift shop was open after the program for shopping also. The tremendous amount of information available on the lake systems could not be covered in one program or in one hour. Thus, another program is planned. See below for details.



Be sure to check out the new lake exhibit upstairs at the museum.

Program on the Plantations of the Santee Cooper Lakes Tuesday, February 21, 2023, 7:00 pm

Ellore resident, Museum Board Member, and Santee Cooper retiree, Chip Davis, will present a second program on the plantations affected by construction of the Santee Cooper lakes. The program will discuss the history of the plantations, the families impacted and where they were located. Come join us for an interesting evening learning about our area.



There is no charge, but reservations are required.

Call 803-897-2225.

SHOP SNIDER'S STORE !

Cotton wreaths, balls, trees, angels. Local cotton. Local artists.



Cotton pearl necklaces & earrings by Jean Norman.

COTTON is an integral part of the culture, economy, and historical development of South Carolina. Uses of cotton have ranged from clothing to furniture and even as a substitute for pearls. During the Depression years when pearls were costly, a procedure to compress cotton into a tight ball and cover it with a pearlized material was developed. *Cotton pearls* are a striking way of using cotton to create unique designs as wearable and affordable treasures.

Jean Norman is pleased to create a variety of jewelry using cotton pearls as the focus of her designs for Snider's Store. She also is including items made from natural stones.



OYSTER ROAST

January 21, 2023, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

At the Elloree Heritage Museum —\$45 / per ticket

These tickets make great gifts!!!!

(Includes oyster, hot dogs with all the trimmings, chili, homemade cookies, drinks.)

Get tickets early. This event usually sells out fast.
Tickets available from Board Members or from the museum.
Call 803-897-2225

Thank You To Two Wonderful Board Members



Barbara Butler has served two terms on the Board of Trustees and has now retired. Barbara shared her skills in many areas. She helped with the museum's finances, grants, fundraising events, and made many pots of chili. She always stepped up to help get the job done, no matter what it took.

Sammy Fogle is finishing two terms on the Board likewise. He served as Treasurer, was on the Executive Committee, and was instrumental in helping the museum make it through the tough Covid time. Sammy also has been a key person in every detail of the fundraising events and financial decisions. And we cannot forget his special caramel cakes. Delicious!



Thank you both for all you have given to help the museum thrive. Your efforts and your heart have had a tremendous impact on the Ellore Heritage Museum.

Welcome To Two New Board Members

The museum board is happy to have **Ruby Livingston** returning for another term. She has been a key player in the fundraising efforts and planning events. Ruby grew up in Davis Station in Clarendon County on a farm. She owns and works with Midland Abstractors Inc. Ruby is married to Bill Livingston and they reside in Santee. They have a daughter Jesna Masotti, son-in-law Anthony and two grandchildren. She loves spending time with her family and is especially interested in preserving the history of Ellore and keeping the museum thriving.



Marykay Martin grew up in Ellore and now resides in Mt. Pleasant with her husband, Tim. She graduated from Clarendon Hall and Midlands Tech. They have one daughter and a 2 yr old grandson. Marykay has spent 35+ years working in many different businesses including, Cellular One, AirTouch Cellular, Space & Naval Warfare Systems Center, Real Estate, and Mt Pleasant Police Dept. She recently "retired" from YardWorks—her brother's landscape company. She is the daughter of Jim & Celia Ulmer, who were among the original founders of the museum. Marykay is passionate about Ellore and its "Past, Present and Future", and is the Admin of the Facebook page by the same name. Her interests include spending time with family, Clemson football, boating, camping, traveling and helping others in need.

Our Volunteers are Amazing!

From Cotton Pickers ! To Cotton Cleaners ! To Gift Shop Workers! To Servers! To Board Members!
We are blessed to have such wonderful Volunteers. Thank you for all you do!



September – October 2022 Contributions

Memberships

Individual

Sylvia Barnes
Mildred Bishop
Rodney J. Canaday
Marcia C. Fisher
Georgianna McGee
Jan Wierzbicki

Family

Scott & Caroline Chinery
Tommy & Anna Lee Edwards
Wayne & Mary Franz
Robert & Diane Haddix
Bruce & Susan Kircher
Anne Lindsay
Terrell & Allison Owen
Richard Watkins
Charles Williams

Collector's Club

Elloree Business Association
Harry & Barbara Mims
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Bill & Penny Summers
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Director's Guild

Haigler Farms Partnership
Mike Hosemann & Andrea White

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Zeus Industrial Products, Inc.

Memorials

Thomas Eugene (Gene) Allen, III

Bill & Barbara Felkel

Sue Bair

Kathy Conley
Hugh & Pat McLaurin
Irvin & Claire Shuler

Johnny Biebighauser

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Bill & Barbara Felkel

Jean Gasque

Bobby & Debra Shuler

Sambo Hill

Bobby & Debra Shuler

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Jane Carson

Janice Jones

Jane Carson

Don Lindsay

Kathy Conley
Hugh & Pat McLaurin
Kay Owen Shirer

Joan Raffield

Hattie Mae Dantzler

Dot (Dorry) Shirer

Hugh & Pat McLaurin
Kay Owen Shirer

Jenny Wingard

Jane Carson

Honors

Board of Trustees All Museum Volunteers

Kay Shirer

Celia Ulmer & Family

Ruby Livingston's Birthday

Elaine & Leslie McIntosh

Donations

Doug & Lynn Doster
Elloree B n B
Oliver & Tyler Mizzell

Donations Endowment Fund

Faye Miller

Grants

Town of Elloree Matching Grant



A special thank you to
**Tri-County Electric
Cooperative**
and
TriCoLink
for sponsoring our
20th Anniversary Celebration.



A group from the **South Carolina Welcome Centers** visited the museum on October 26. Docent Sally Jo Coulliette maximized their time by taking them through each part of the museum. One of the ladies said it was the highlight of the week. The group had visited different locations all week as part of their training. Each Welcome Center in the state had a representative. They were taking notes for test they would have later.





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Upcoming Events



Oyster Roast
January 21, 2023

Program: Plantations of Santee Cooper Lakes

Tuesday
February 21, 2023
7:00 pm



Museum Hours of Operation:
Wednesday – Saturday
10:00 am – 5:00 pm