

Ellore Heritage Museum & Cultural Center, Inc.



# MUSEUM NEWSLETTER

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**Join us at the Museum on  
Tuesday, December 5, 2023, 7:00 p.m.  
for a special program hosted by  
two retired Major Generals from Ellore.**

**Major General  
Rodney O. Anderson  
USA, Retired**



**Major General  
William H. Brandenburg  
USA, Retired**

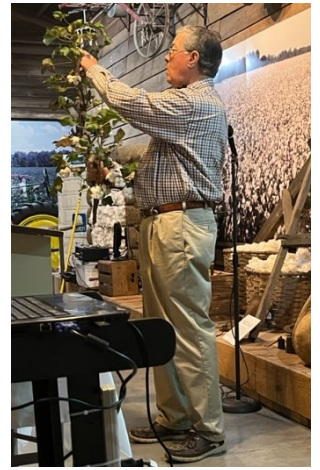
*From the battlefields of the American Revolution to the frontlines of Eastern Europe, American service members have been ensuring the freedom of America and its allies for centuries. Our military culture is grounded in a time-tested, rock solid foundation of values including loyalty, duty, respect, service, honor, integrity and personal courage. For nearly 250 years a large contingent of our Ellore community has embodied these values while serving as Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen and Guardians in the defense of our nation. We are proud of their courage and grateful for their sacrifices.*

**There is no charge, but reservations are required. Call 803-897-2225.**

**Oyster Roast: January 13, 2024**

## Cotton Program

On Saturday, October 14, local farmer Hugh McLaurin gave a slide presentation and spoke to the group about the history and modern progression of growing and ginning cotton. He explained the life cycle of the cotton plant and how it has evolved through new technologies. With his family history of over 100 years of farming he gave a vivid picture of how agriculture has been a major contributor to Elloree's existence. After a question and answer session, he invited attendees to schedule a cotton gin tour during the ginning season.



## Upstairs Gallery Exhibit

The art of Christine Bickley reflects her love of cotton, animals, and her surroundings during her life. Anyone interested in viewing this wonderful local exhibit needs to come by in November. We appreciate her family sharing her art with us.



The **Low Country Boil**, held on October 21, was a tremendous success. The shrimp, potatoes, corn, sausage, slaw, grits, and pound cake were delicious! Music by Thomas Champagne from Folly Beach brought back sweet memories and was enjoyed by everyone. Old friends visited and new friends were made.

There were over a hundred auction items. We appreciate Danny Allman of Logan's Pizza who shared his auctioneer skills for the evening. The bidding created much excitement and competition. A red velvet cake made by board member Sammy Fogle was auctioned off for \$175.00!

Thank you to the many hard-working volunteers who helped before, during, and after the event. The Low Country Boil was a success because of many generous individuals and companies who donated items for the Silent and Live Auctions. We also want to thank the Elloree Police Department for providing parking spaces out front for those picking up take-out plates. This helped make everything go smoothly.

Thank you again to all those who gave of their efforts, donations, and talents to make this evening a memorable and successful event.



# Welcome to New Board Members



**Richard Carson** lives in Lone Star, South Carolina, with his wife Tina. They have two sons, Hunter and Kyle. Richard graduated from Clemson University. After working at Food Lion for 33 years, Richard retired and now works with his son Kyle on the farm. In his spare time, Richard loves to go to the lake and to the beach. He is returning to the Museum Board with experience from years past.

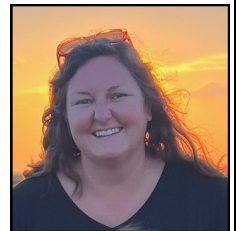
**Marty Chaplin** grew up in Ellore and now resides in Florence with her husband Drew. They have two daughters, a son, and four grandchildren. Marty recently retired from Florence School District One where she worked as a speech-language pathologist. She is the daughter of Jim and Celia (Shuler) Ulmer, who were among the original founders of the Museum. She is proud of the Museum and wants to do her part to preserve the history of Ellore. This is Marty's first time on the Board, and she will be serving as Secretary of the Board of Trustees.



**Sammy Fogle** was raised in Ellore and presently, he lives near Cameron. He attended Ellore Elementary, Clarendon Hall Academy and has undergraduate and Master's degrees from Clemson. Sammy is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Ellore and has been employed by AgSouth Farm Credit for the past 40 years. He is a member of the St. Matthews Rotary Club and served as treasurer for 28 years. For 33 years, Sammy has been involved with Boy Scouts and currently is the Scoutmaster of Troop 51 in Cameron. He also serves on the Board of Calhoun Academy in St. Matthews. This will be his third three-year term as Treasurer of the Board of the Ellore Heritage Museum. Sammy is married to Jacquelyn Mercer Fogle, and they have two daughters Rachel and Erica.



**Laura Anne McLaurin** is a native of rural Orangeburg County. She graduated from Wofford College with a BA in English, and then went on to get her MBA from Claflin. She moved to Ellore when she married Hugh McLaurin IV in 2014. They have 3 children that she raises full time. Some of her hobbies include quilting, riding, travel and art. Laura Anne comes with experience from previously serving on the Board.



**Jesse Reeves** is a native son of Ellore, born to a multi-generational farming family from the area. He serves as a Supply Chain Lead at Duke Energy, a Charlotte, NC-based power and utility company. Jesse is a graduate of The Citadel, and holds a Master of Professional Accountancy Degree from Clemson. Outside of work, he enjoys his family's farm and spending time with his fiancé Lauren Crawford of Fort Worth, Texas. Jesse looks forward to supporting the mission of the Museum: introducing new ideas while upholding the values the Museum was founded upon over 20 years ago by its original members, including his late grandfather, Robert Polin.



# Thank You to Retiring Board Members

**Richard Bochette, Sybil Brandenburg, Jim Dantzler, and William Jameson**

**Richard** has helped with computers, audio visuals, and building and grounds upkeep. **Sybil** contributed in multiple areas, including teaching a workshop, putting together the 20th Anniversary Celebration, hosting programs, and decorating at various times. **Jim** tackled the elevator and Mr. Snider, plus helped with the building and grounds. **William** assisted the fundraising projects, helped with the building and grounds, and was "on call" to do anything needed at anytime. Even though they will no longer serve on the Board, their time of helping with museum operations is never ending. All four of them have remained on "stand by," and we appreciate their giving spirits very much. Thank you for all you have done.

# ELLOREE HERITAGE MUSEUM & CULTURAL CENTER

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership at the Ellore Heritage Museum & Cultural Center provides free admission and other special benefits to members. Please note that membership cards are non-transferable and guest passes are for one-time use only.

Please check a category of membership.

- ☐ **Individual \$25+**
  - ♦Full membership privileges for one adult
  - ♦Two guest passes
- ☐ **Family \$50+**
  - ♦Full membership privileges for two adults in the same household and their children 18 years old and younger
  - ♦Four guest passes
- ☐ **Collector's Club \$100+**
  - ♦Full membership privileges for two adults and free admission for four guests
  - ♦Four guest passes
- ☐ **Director's Guild \$250+**
  - ♦Full membership privileges for two adults and free admission for four guests
  - ♦One family membership to give as a gift
  - ♦Four guest passes
- ☐ **Historian's Roundtable \$500+**
  - ♦Full membership privileges for two adults and free admission for four guests
  - ♦Private tour upon request
  - ♦One family membership to give as gift
  - ♦Six guest passes
- ☐ **Trustee's Council \$1000+**
  - ♦Full membership privileges for two adults and free admission for four guests
  - ♦Private tour upon request
  - ♦Two family memberships to give as gifts
  - ♦One private use of the museum facility (limited to approved facility use activities)
  - ♦Eight guest passes

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ (Membership is valid for 1 year from date of purchase)

Please send completed form with your check to: Ellore Heritage Museum & Cultural Center, Inc.

Post Office Box 54, Ellore, SC 29047

Memorials & Honors may be sent to:

Ellore Heritage Museum & Cultural Center, PO Box 54, Ellore SC 29047

Please include complete name and address of the person to whom the museum should send notification of your gift. Memorials and Honors may also be directed to the Museum's Endowment Fund. Please indicate on your check that the donation is for the Endowment Fund.

The museum is a non-profit organization legally chartered by the State of South Carolina and is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization as defined by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service. As such, your donation may be tax deductible.



# September – October 2023 Contributions

## Memberships

### Individual

Carolyn Anderson  
Hattie Mae Dantzler  
Peggy Hirth  
Anne Lindsay  
Beverly Parler-Rice

### Family

Don & Terri Bell  
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### Collector's Club

Rodney O. Anderson  
Len Mathis  
Lucretia Pate & Jeffrey Baltzegar  
Clark & Angela Williams

### Director's Guild

Haigler Farms Partnership  
Orangeburg County Chamber  
of Commerce

## Memorials

### Christine Bickley

Jane Carson  
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Elloree Garden Club  
Celia Ulmer & Family

### Doris Mangum Branton

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### Bill Heatley

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### Patsy A. Holman

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### Dot Shirer

Sylvia Barnes

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## Memorials Endowment Fund

### Patsy A. Holman

Adair Fogle

## Honors

### Sylvia Barnes

Len Mathis

### Ruby Livingston

Virginia Vaughan

## Donations

Elloree B n B  
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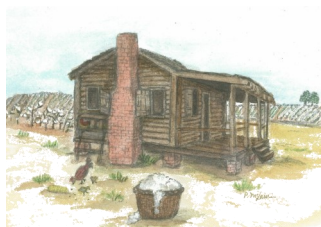


**Great Gift Idea**

## Shop Snider's Store for the Holidays!

Find gifts for all ages and interests at your local museum shop!





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### **Administrative Manager**

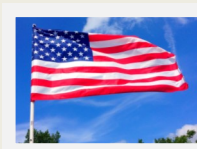
Kay Shirer

### **Gift Shop Manager**

Sylvia Barnes

## **Upcoming Events 2023**

***December 5: Special Program  
Hosted by Two Elloree Generals***



***January 13, 2024: Oyster Roast***



**Museum Hours of Operation:**

**Wednesday – Saturday**

**10:00 am – 5:00 pm**