



*Re-enactor, Scott Hodges, will portray Georgia's founder and Georgia Day Honoree, General James Edward Oglethorpe, during Georgia Days 2008.*

## Georgia Days 2008 Honoree

For 275 years, the celebration of the founding of the Colony of Georgia at Savannah on February 12, 1733, by James Edward Oglethorpe has been a tradition among Georgians. The Georgia Historical Society annually recognizes this important anniversary by promoting the study and preservation of our state's rich history and the historical sites, documents, and other materials that offer a window on that past.

On this special occasion, the 275th anniversary of the colony's founding, we pay tribute to James Edward Oglethorpe, Georgia's founder, as the 2008 GHS's Georgia Days Honoree.

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James Edward Oglethorpe (1696-1785), led the first colonists to Georgia in the fall of 1732. The ship *Ann* arrived in present-day Savannah on February 12, 1733. Born into a prominent English family, Oglethorpe served in the military, in Parliament, and as a member of the original Trustees of Georgia. His leadership during the colony's first ten years helped ensure its growth and survival as the last of the thirteen British colonies founded on mainland North America. 2008 marks the 275th anniversary of this momentous occasion, and it is fitting that we once again honor the man rightly regarded as Georgia's founding father.

The Georgia Historical Society will be starting off its annual *Georgia Days* festivities with an opening reception and a dramatic historical presentation at the Georgia Historical Society's headquarters, Hodgson Hall, on February 5, 2008, at 6:00 p.m.

The Kickoff Event for Georgia Days 2008 explores the life and legacy of Georgia's founder and the 2008 Honoree General James Edward Oglethorpe. Professional interpreter Scott Hodges brings thirty years of experience as a re-enactor to the role of Georgia's founder. Hodges draws upon the journals, diaries, and letters of the time period, to vividly bring to life the first years of the "Georgia Experiment." A little history, a little humor, and a lot of first-person character! An extensive display of English trade items, along with maps, accompany this "hands-on" program suitable for all ages.

For additional information on the Georgia Days 2008 Kickoff event, visit [www.georgiahistory.com](http://www.georgiahistory.com).

GEORGIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S



*Georgia Days*

**2008**

**Schedule of Events**

**Colonial Faire and Muster**

**Saturday (Family Day) and Sunday, February 2-3, 2008,  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

Wormsloe State Historic Site, 7601 Skidaway Road,  
Savannah

Sponsored by: Society of Colonial Wars in the State of  
Georgia

*Free and open to the public*

**Georgia Days Kickoff Event**

**An Evening with James Edward Oglethorpe  
A Dramatic Historical Presentation**

**by Scott Hodges**

**Tuesday, February 5, 2008, 6:00 p.m.**

Georgia Historical Society, 501 Whitaker St., Savannah

Sponsored by: British Gas

*Free and open to the public*

**Oglethorpe Arrives at Darien**

**Friday, February 8, 2008, 10:00 a.m.**

Fort King George State Historic Site, Fort King George  
Drive, Darien. This event is organized by Fort King  
George and the Lower Altamaha Historical Society. For  
more information please call 912.437.4770.

*Free and open to the public*

**Super Museum Sunday**

**Sunday, February 10, 2008, 12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m.**

Savannah-area museums (visit [www.georgiahistory.com](http://www.georgiahistory.com)  
after January 1, 2008, for museum list, or contact  
individual sites of interest)

Sponsored by: Richmond Hill Plantation

*Free and open to the public*

**Black History Month Essay and Public Speaking  
Contest**

**Monday, February 11, 2008, 5:00 p.m.**

Georgia Historical Society, 501 Whitaker St., Savannah

Sponsored by: Savannah Morning News, Cumulus  
Savannah, and WSAV-TV

*Free and open to the public*

**Georgia Day Dignitaries' Coffee**

**Tuesday, February 12, 2008, 9:00 a.m.**

Sponsored by: The Savannah Bank

*Invitation only*

**Georgia Day Parade**

**Tuesday, February 12, 2008, 10:30 a.m.**

Bull Street from Forsyth Park to City Hall, Savannah

Sponsored by: The Savannah Bank with additional  
support from the City of Savannah

*Free and open to the public*

**2008 Fort Frederica Living History Festival**

**Saturday, February 16, 2008, 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

Fort Frederica National Monument, 6515 Frederica  
Road, St. Simon's Island, GA

For more information, please contact the Fort Frederica  
Visitor's Center at 912.638.3639.

*Free and open to the public*

**Birthday Bash and Awards Gala**

**Saturday, February 16, 2008, 7:00 p.m.**

Hyatt Regency Savannah

Keynote Presentation Sponsored by: Mr. and Mrs.

Robert S. Jepson, Jr.

*Tickets \$175 each; reservations required*

**Scottish Highland Dinner**

**Saturday, February 23, 2008, 7:00 p.m.**

Fort King George State Historic Site, Fort King George  
Drive, Darien. This event is organized by Fort King  
George and the Lower Altamaha Historical Society. For  
more information, please call 912.437.4770.

*Reservations required*



**THE GEORGIA TRUST**

Preservation Professionals Council

**Decorative Finishes and Plaster Workshop**

Funded by National Endowment for the Arts

Friday, January 25, 2008

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Hay House, Macon

Join us for the day as International Fine Arts Conservation Studios, Inc. (IFACS) Managing Director Geoffrey Steward, winner of the first Shutze Award for Craftsmanship, IFACS Project Director Andrew Compton, and IFACS Senior Project Manager Mary Aldrich conduct a one day course on decorative finishes and ornamental plasterwork.

- Morning lecture & slide show with a question and answer session
- Demonstration of paint conservation and restoration techniques
- Study of plaster composition with the usual types and causes of deterioration
- Plaster repairing techniques and case studies
- Demonstration of plaster molding and replication

**Environmental Climate Control Study Workshop**

Funded by The Getty Foundation

Friday, February 29, 2008

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Hay House, Macon

Join us as William P. Lull, President of Garrison/Lull Inc., Conservation Environment Consultant, and Susan Turner, AIA, LEED AP of Lord Aeck & Sargent Architecture, walk through an environmental climate control study at Hay House.

The morning session will focus on the fundamental concepts of operating and managing safe conservation environments. The afternoon will be a tour of Hay House to illustrate the concepts and issues covered in the morning, with a final one-hour lecture session.

\*Registered with the AIA/CES. CEC's have been applied for. These workshops are intended to fulfill the critical continuing education needs of architects and those in the construction trades who work with historic buildings.

**To register, call Kate Ryan at 404-885-7817.  
Registration fee is \$55 per person, \$25 for Preservation Professional Council members.  
Coffee and refreshments will be provided.**

For more information about these workshops and The Georgia Trust Preservation Professionals Council, visit

[http://www.georgiatrust.org/preservation\\_resources/professionals.htm](http://www.georgiatrust.org/preservation_resources/professionals.htm)

**Columbus Museum**

**Chattahoochee Valley: Colonial Frontier**

March 6, 2008, at 5:30 p.m.

As part of the celebration of the opening of *Chattahoochee Valley: Colonial Frontier*, the Columbus Museum will host a special lecture program focusing on the era of colonial confrontation in the lower Chattahoochee Valley on Thursday, March 6, 2008.

Dr. Thomas Foster, Lecturer of Anthropology at Northern Kentucky University, will speak about the history and importance of Fort Apalachicola in regional history. Constructed on the banks of the Chattahoochee by the Spanish in the late 1600s, the fort marked the beginning of an era of unprecedented interaction between Native Americans and European colonists. Dr. Foster has conducted extensive archaeological investigation in the Chattahoochee Valley, and is a special consultant for this exhibition. He is author of *Archaeology of the Lower Muskogee Indians, 1715-1830*.

Dr. Kathryn Braund, Professor of History at Auburn University, will speak about the role of European-Creek trade in regional history. Dr. Braund is one of the foremost experts on the Creek Indians in the colonial era. She is author of *Deerskins and Duffels: The Creek Indian Trade with Anglo-America, 1685-1815*.

**Historic Effingham Society**

**Historic Effingham Banquet**

January 2, 2008, at 5:30 p.m.

Historic Effingham Society will hold its annual banquet on Saturday February 2, 2008, in the Great Hall at New Ebenezer Retreat Center, 2887 Ebenezer Road, Rincon, Georgia. Social time begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:00 p.m. Our guest speaker will be Randall B. Burbage from the Hunley Commission of Charleston, South Carolina. His subject is the history, recovery and restoration of the Confederate Submarine the *Hunley*. Banquet by reservation only - \$20 tickets go on sale on January 2, 2008 at Effingham Museum, 1002 North Pine Street in Springfield or from members. Tickets must be purchased no later than January 28, 2008. Call 912-754-2170 or 912-754-6681 for further

**GHS Calendar**

- February 2, 2008 – Various locations in Savannah
  - Savannah Book Festival *sponsored in part by the Georgia Historical Society*
- February 10, 2008 – Various locations in and around Savannah
  - Georgia Days: Super Museum Sunday
- February 16, 2008 – Hyatt Regency Savannah
  - Georgia Days: Birthday Bash and Awards Gala
    - reservations required, visit [www.georgiahistory.com](http://www.georgiahistory.com) to purchase tickets
- February 27-29, 2008 – DeSoto Hilton, Savannah
  - African-American History Symposium *sponsored in part by the Georgia Historical Society*

## From the Affiliates

### **Historic Columbus Foundation, Inc.** *Employment Opportunity* **Executive Director**

Founded in 1966, the Historic Columbus Foundation (HCF) is one of Georgia's pioneer and premier preservation organizations, whose mission is to revitalize historic Columbus neighborhoods, educate the public about local and regional history, advocate the benefits that are derived from historic preservation, and preserve the historical, architectural, and cultural character of Columbus and its environs.

The Foundation, which is governed by a Board of Directors, has a staff of seven and an annual budget of nearly \$500,000. It operates seven house museums, a million dollar revolving fund, a façade loan program, a preservation grant program, heritage tour programs, and numerous educational programs targeting various age groups. A membership of over 3,000, a large volunteer base, and significant public support give historic Columbus an enviable position in the community. This is an organization that has continuously played a vital role in changing the face of Columbus, yet is more involved today in community revitalization and preservation advocacy and education than ever before.

In its forty-one year history HCF has enjoyed the leadership of four outstanding Executive Directors: Janice Biggers (former Georgia Trust Chairman and National Trust Advisory Board member); Patti Howard; Virginia Peebles; and Susan Lawhorne.

We seek a new Executive Director with ability, knowledge, and experience, who can continue to lead this mature, well-managed organization and at the same time bring enthusiasm, creativity, and new ideas to build upon our solid base and reputation and take us to the next level of community leadership and accomplishment. Candidates should have strong communication and organizational skills, experience in fundraising and operating a non-profit business, an understanding of historic preservation and related fields, and the ability to work with multiple constituencies including Foundation supporters and public-policy makers.

Salary competitive and commensurate with experience. Resumes may be submitted in confidence to:

Jack B. Key III, President  
Historic Columbus Foundation  
5670 Whitesville Road  
Columbus, GA 31904

For more info contact [jackkey@coldwellbanker.com](mailto:jackkey@coldwellbanker.com)

### **Lucy Craft Laney Museum** **A Tribute to our "Greatest Generation"** **January 9, 2008, from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

The Lucy Craft Laney Museum will pay tribute to many of the World War II veterans in the Augusta area at the monthly Senior Luncheon. The Guest Speaker will be Father Louis Bohler, brother of Tuskegee Airman Lt. Henry Bohler. Admission to the luncheon is \$7.00.

### **Annual Historian Awards Program** **February 16, 2008, from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

This annual event held at the Lucy Craft Laney Museum will feature guest speaker, Reverend Charles Goodman, pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church. This event honors individuals who have contributed to the preservation of Georgia's History. Admission is free.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Black History Quiz Bowl** **March 8, 2008, from Noon - 3:00 p.m.**

Watch local teams compete in an academic exercise that will test their knowledge of Augusta, Georgia, and African-American History. Cost: \$1.00.

For further information about these and other programs at the Lucy Craft Laney Museum, call 706-724-2866.

### **Echols County Historical Society** **"Old-Times" Festival**

**March 29, 2008, from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

The Echols County Historical Society will be holding its 4th annual "Old-Times" Festival on March 29, 2008 in Statenville. Our Museum and Prescott-Prine House will be open. We will be cooking Chicken-and-Rice in washpots, cooking cracklings, making butter, etc. There is no admission charge although there will be items available for purchase: Chicken-and-Rice Plates, Homemade Baked Goods and Jellies, Homemade Ice Cream, Candles, Flea Market Items,...

For more information, please call 229-559-5230, 229-559-6477, or 229-559-7052.

### **Historical Society of Forsyth County** **Heritage Day**

**April 5, 2008, from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.**

Greetings from the Historical Society of Forsyth County! April 5th of 2008 will be our fourth annual Heritage Day at the Historic Fowler Farm. The farm is on the National Register of Historic Places representing farm life in rural Forsyth County. There will be demonstrations of quilting, herbs and many other early crafts. Join us at 1 PM for the festivities. Gates will close at 4 pm. The farm is located at 3813 Atlanta Highway (State 9) south of Cumming.

**Georgia Salzburger Society  
Annual "Landing Day" Meeting  
March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.**

Prior to the Annual Landing Day Meeting, at Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church in Ebenezer, Georgia, the ringing of the historical church bells by Rodell Seckinger will be heard throughout the area. These bells were given to the Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church in 1740 and 1752 by George Whitefield. Reverend Whitefield was an English Minister who founded the Bethesda Orphanage for boys in Savannah. The bells toll for all services at the Church. The Reverend Eleanor J. Russey will lead the Religious Observance.

Landing Day is a memorial celebration commemorating the landing of the First Salzburger Transport in Georgia, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 1734. Events of the program will focus on these "early pioneers in the Georgia American wilderness", the hardships they endured and their strong faith. The annual business meeting, also, will be held.

For more information about this event, contact Ann R. Purcell at 912.826.5465.

**SOLINET Preservation Classes  
Special Alert**

**6 seats remain for the following courses.**

**SECURITY ALERT! HOW TO PROTECT PEOPLE, PROPERTY, & COLLECTIONS**

January 31 - February 1, 2008, from 10 a.m.-Noon  
Live Online Class

\$170.00 for SOLINET members, \$120.00 for non-members; early bird discounts and late fees may apply.

Link for more information: <http://tinyurl.com/2rv5tn>

**UNDER CONSTRUCTION!**

February 1-22, 2008

Self-paced Online Class

\$100.00 for SOLINET members, \$140.00 for non-members; early bird discounts and late fees may apply.

Link for more information: <http://tinyurl.com/yvnect>

**STEWARDSHIP OF DIGITAL ASSETS**

February 6 - February 7, 2008, from 9 a.m.-5p.m.

Georgia Archives, Morrow, GA

\$275.00 for SOLINET members, \$325.00 for non-members.

Link for more information: <http://tinyurl.com/2t3fs8>

For more information or to register, contact Vanessa Richardson at 1-800-999-8558, [vrichardson@solinet.net](mailto:vrichardson@solinet.net) or visit our website at <http://www.solinet.net> for full descriptions and online registration.

These classes are funded in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, Division of Preservation and Access. Any registrant within the host state qualifies for the member rate.

## From the Stacks

### Renowned Oglethorpe Stamp Collection on Display at Georgia Days Kickoff Event

The Georgia Days 2008 Kickoff Event will feature the nationally renowned *Georgia Bicentennial* exhibit, which celebrates the stamp issued to honor the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Georgia. The stamp features the image of Georgia's founder, General James Edward Oglethorpe, who is this year's Georgia Days Honoree.

This exhibit features many rare and interesting pieces including the only known large die proof of the Georgia Bicentennial Stamp, which was formerly in the collection of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Also, accompanying this exhibit is a collection of engravings of King George II and General Oglethorpe as well as 18th century Georgia antique maps and news articles from October 1732 and April 1733 about the new Georgia colony.

The exhibit is being provided by Charles J. O'Brien III, AIA, philatelist and President of the Atlanta architectural firm, Pieper O'Brien Herr Architects.

The exhibit will be on display the evening of the Georgia Days 2008 Kickoff Event, February 5, 2008, starting at 6:00 p.m. For more information about other Georgia Days events, visit [www.georgiahistory.com](http://www.georgiahistory.com).



*Georgia Bicentennial Stamp, issued in Savannah in 1933 in celebration of the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of Georgia.*

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## News to Share?

Send us information about your Affiliate Chapter for publication in the next issue of *Highlights* such as:

- Special Events
- Exhibits and Programs
- Membership dues and meetings
- New employees

Items will appear in the **Spring 2008** issue.

Dated events should cover the dates: **April 15, 2008 – July 15, 2008.**

Please compile the information in **press release format** and mail, fax, or email to GHS. Submissions should be **75 words or less**, and should include the **dates, times, locations, and fees** for events, as well as a **contact phone number and/or email address** for the public.

***Deadline to submit information is  
March 15, 2008***

*Highlights*  
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