UPCOMING EVENTS:

Annual French Service, French Protestant (Huguenot) Church of Charleston.
Sunday | April 12, 2015 | 10:30 am.

Huguenot Society of SC
130th Anniversary Meeting
Founders Hall at Charles Towne Landing
Thursday | April 16, 2015 | 4:30 pm.

130TH ANNIVERSARY MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 16, FOUNDERS HALL AT CHARLES TOWNE LANDING
RECEPTION 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM
MEETING AND LECTURE BEGIN AT 5:30 PM

The One Hundred and Thirtieth Anniversary Meeting of the Huguenot Society of South Carolina will be held at Founders Hall at Charles Towne Landing on Thursday, April 16 beginning at 4:30 pm. The address is 1500 Old Towne Road, Charleston, South Carolina. Please enter at the main gate for Charles Towne Landing, and follow the signs to Founders Hall. There is plenty of free parking available. To read more about Charles Towne Landing or get directions, visit www.southcarolinaparks.com/ctl.

The reception will be held from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm. At 5:30 pm, the business meeting will begin, followed by the program. In 2012, Huguenot Society of South Carolina member John Perry (Jack) Strang of New York left a generous bequest “to fund an annual lecture which shall be known as The Strang Lecture.” We are pleased to announce that this year’s Strang Lecture will be given at the Anniversary Meeting by Susan Bates and our own Cheves Leland who will discuss their new book French Santee: A Huguenot Settlement in South Carolina.

A large number of Huguenot immigrants sought refuge in the fledgling colony of Carolina in the new world where they struggled to build their homes and survive in the wilderness. In early 1687, a group of French Protestants arrived on the banks of the Santee River where “a sail from a boat was our first house and the earth our bed. A cabin like that of savages...was our second house.” Cheves and Susan will present a PowerPoint lecture combining information and photos from their recent trip to France with a behind the scenes look at French Santee which is the culmination of more than six years of research and writing.

Susan and Cheves grew up in the Carolina lowcountry, now live in McClellanville and both are descendants of French Protestant refugees in Carolina. They have published three volumes of The Proprietary Records of South Carolina. Their newest book, French Santee, reflects their complementary talents

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and interests by combining Susan’s background and career in historical research specializing in plantation histories and land records, and Cheves’ background and career as a French teacher, historical researcher and genealogist.

Copies of *French Santee* will be available for purchase at the Anniversary Meeting. Susan and Cheves will be signing books during the reception from 4:30-5:30. For more information on *French Santee*, or to order a copy, please see page 3 of this newsletter.

We look forward to seeing both members and visitors at the Anniversary Meeting. Please RSVP for acceptances only to (843) 723-3235 or office@huguenotsociety.org. There is a $15 guest fee for non-members.

**TOUR CHARLES TOWNELANDING BEFORE THE ANNIVERSARY MEETING**

If you are planning to attend the Anniversary Meeting on April 16, Charles Towne Landing has graciously offered those attending the meeting half-price admission of $5 per person to tour the park and exhibits during their regular hours of 9am-5pm. The 664 acre park has a Visitors Center which includes extensive exhibits describing the early years of the Carolina colony, a full-scale replica trading ship, protective palisades, a garden that includes crops from that time, a natural habitat zoo, and walking paths. To read more about Charles Towne Landing or get directions, visit www.southcarolinaparks.com/ctl. **Discounted admission is valid only on the day of the Meeting, April 16, 2015.** If you would like to tour the park on April 16th, please call or email the Society to have us add you to the list for discounted admission. We will give the list to the front desk at Charles Towne Landing. When you arrive at the front desk, let them know that you are attending the Huguenot Society of South Carolina’s Anniversary Meeting.
The Huguenot Society of South Carolina is thrilled to announce the publication of *French Santee: A Huguenot Settlement in Colonial South Carolina* by Susan Baldwin Bates and Harriott Cheves Leland. *French Santee* is an in-depth study of the seventeenth-century Huguenot settlement on the Santee River in South Carolina, with biographical sketches of the more than 100 French Protestant families who lived there. Signatures, seals and cattle brands of some of the earliest immigrants are reproduced in some of the sketches. Translations of two letters written from Carolina prior to 1700, detailed maps, photographs and copies of old plats chronicle the changes as the settlement grew and evolved into the eighteenth century. Thorough documentation and indexing mark this as a scholarly work, yet the captivating details and relationships of the families on the river will draw you into their stories. You may begin by reading about your own family, but you will soon find yourself turning to their neighbors and friends, tracing the history of their plantations and untangling their relationships.

A list of the family names in *French Santee*, published in the Fall 2014 *Huguenot Herald*, is available for viewing on our website http://www.huguenotsociety.org/research/publications/

*French Santee* is a hardback with 440 pages and the cost is $50 per book plus shipping. To order a copy, please mail this form with a check to the Society. Copies will also be available for purchase at the Anniversary Meeting if you plan to attend, and at the Society’s office at 138 Logan Street.

Name: ____________________________

Address: ____________________________

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Email or Phone in case of any questions: ____________________________

I would like to order _____ copies of French Santee at $50 each plus $7.50 shipping per book in the US. **If ordering multiple copies shipped to one address, or shipping overseas, please call for postage amount.**

I would like to order _____ copies of French Santee at $50 and will pick mine up at the Annual Meeting.

Please make checks payable to the Huguenot Society of SC.
FROM THE PRESIDENT

The work of our Society, in both body and mind, continues apace as 2015 begins with the same exciting level of activity as was in evidence when the calendar turned on 2014. With respect to the former, great progress has been made with the physical repairs to our headquarters at 138 Logan Street. The project has not been without its surprises; however, those surprises would have come to our attention sooner or later and the investment we now make in our home for the past quarter-century will pay dividends for many years to come.

The highlight of the Society’s scholarly mission is the publication of French Santee, A Huguenot Settlement in Colonial South Carolina. This 440-page, definitive work on the experience of some of the earliest Huguenots is the culmination of six years’ work by Cheves Leland and Susan Bates. The membership is indebted to Cheves and Susan for this invaluable contribution to a larger understanding of the Huguenot experience.

This year’s planned re-publication of Huguenot Footprints: The Journey to America is yet another contribution to the study of our Huguenot heritage. Each of these important publications received generous financial support from the Society as well as several individual members. Such contributions, as well as donations to the successful Capital Campaign for 138 Logan Street, illustrate the lasting impact today’s philanthropy can have for many years to come.

A case in point is a recent bequest of almost $25,000 to the Mary Mouzon Darby Scholarship Fund from the Estate of Miss Betty-Ann Darby. Born in 1925, Miss Darby, a public school teacher in Florence County for 40 years and a member of the Society since 1974, first chose to honor her mother in 2007 by establishing this college scholarship in her name. Miss Darby then chose to further honor her mother by remembering the Society in her estate planning and ultimately increasing the principal amount of this endowed fund by 100%.

The 1685 Society was created to encourage members to establish bequests to the Society from their estates such as this kind gift from Miss Darby. Often they are the unexpected but welcome donations that permit the Society to achieve some special goal independent of the current operating budget. About 20 individuals, by advising of inclusion of the Huguenot Society in their estate plans, are members of the 1685 Society. In addition, we have received a variety of memorial gifts of all sizes in the past which have made the Society more effective in fulfilling its mission to preserve and promote our Huguenot history. Please let Renée know if you’d like to consider joining this wonderful and growing initiative.

Charlton deSaussure, Jr.

Installing new windows on the third floor.
As we noted in the last issue of The Huguenot Herald our headquarters building at 138 Logan Street in Charleston is undergoing significant repair. The work has been going beautifully and we are thrilled with the progress. After completion of the exterior repairs, we plan to do some additional work on the interior.
ANNUAL FRENCH SERVICE
FRENCH PROTESTANT (HUGUENOT) CHURCH
SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2015

The annual French Service of the French Protestant (Huguenot) Church of Charleston will be held on Sunday, April 12 at 10:30 A.M. and a collation will follow.

The guest liturgist will be Janice Stultz Roddenbery, a descendant of Samuel Duchemin, whose Huguenot family lived in the Norman village of Tinchebray and who immigrated to Virginia, where he anglicized the family name to Dishman. Janice began to study French at the age of 10. She majored in French at Tufts University, received a Master of Arts in French from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and earned a PhD in Romance Languages from Princeton University. She taught French at the high school and college levels in the United States, and taught American language and civilization at the Lycée Romain Rolland in the Paris suburb of Argenteuil. For 33 years she has worked in the not-for-profit sector as a fundraiser and advisor to educational institutions and charitable organizations. A native of Washington, D.C., she resides in Lawrenceville, New Jersey, with her husband Thomas Peale Roddenbery.

The church has a new email address: french@huguenotchurch.comcastbiz.net. They cannot receive emails sent to the old address, so please make a note of this change.