UPCOMING EVENTS:

Annual French Service, French Protestant (Huguenot) Church of Charleston.
Sunday | March 23, 2014 | 10:30 am.

Huguenot Society of SC
129th Anniversary Meeting
Founders Hall at
Charles Towne Landing
Thursday | April 3, 2014 | 4:30 pm.
returned to his home town. He recently retired from his position as Founding Director of The Village Museum at McClellanville. Bud Hill served two terms as President of the Greater Charleston Furniture Dealers Association. He is a former President of the McClellanville Civic Club and served as Chairman of the McClellanville Architectural Board. Over the years he has worked on many conservation and preservation projects in the Charleston area. In 2007 the state of South Carolina conferred upon him The Order of the Silver Crescent in recognition of his public service. Along with Susan Hoffer McMillan he is the author of the pictorial McClellanville and the St. James, Santee Parish. Recently, he collaborated with William P. Baldwin on two award-winning books of photographs and poetry, The Unpainted South and These Our Offerings.

We look forward to seeing both members and visitors at the Anniversary Meeting, and hope that everyone enjoys the new location and format. Please RSVP for acceptances only to (843) 723-3235 or director@huguenotsociety.org.

TOUR CHARLES TOWNE LANDING BEFORE THE ANNIVERSARY MEETING

If you are planning to attend the Anniversary Meeting on April 3, 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/introduction.aspx. Discounted admission is valid only on the day of the Meeting, April 3, 2014. If you would like to tour the park on April 3rd, 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.
FROM THE PRESIDENT, JOHN E. CUTTINO

I look forward to seeing each of you at the Society’s 2014 Annual Meeting, to be held this year on Thursday April 3, at the new location of Founders Hall at Charles Towne Landing. Our social reception will begin at 4:30 p.m., followed by the Annual Meeting which begins at 5:45 p.m. The change in the meeting day and time is in response to the good suggestions of many of you. The Board views this new format as an exciting opportunity, and we believe this change will make it possible for more members and guests to attend. This year’s speaker is Selden B. Hill, a noted area historian, who will discuss McClellanville and the St. James, Santee Parish.

In January, I and nine (9) Board members, Executive Director Renée Marshall, and Archivist Cheves Leland visited four (4) of the six (6) Huguenot Cross sites in the Lowcountry, each of which marks an original Huguenot settlement in South Carolina. In order, we visited the crosses at Orange Quarter St. Denis, French Santee, St. John’s Berkeley, and Goose Creek. While some of the locations are easy to reach, access to others required a degree of physical agility not used by several of us in quite some time! Even so, our adventure was meaningful, enriching, and served to remind us of our great heritage. We hope to visit the remaining two cross sites at New Bordeaux and Purrysburgh very soon. As a reminder, the Society’s booklet entitled The Huguenot Crosses of South Carolina contains the history and maps of each site and can be purchased from the Society.

A brief moment of reflection is in order upon the recent death of Miss Betty-Ann Darby of Florence. Miss Darby was a longtime and loyal member and benefactor of our Society. She generously endowed the Society’s “Mary Mouzon Darby Undergraduate Scholarship” and was a devoted and faithful member. We are grateful for her many contributions to the Society.

This Annual Meeting will mark the end of my three year term as President of the Society. It has been a distinct honor and privilege to serve as your President. I have thoroughly enjoyed representing the Society at various speaking engagements, the meetings and events of numerous other social and historical organizations, and promoting the Society’s interests whenever possible. Especially memorable for me was the opportunity to represent the Society at events on Parris Island, South Carolina and in Jacksonville, Florida in May of 2012, in commemoration of the 450th anniversary of Huguenot Jean Ribault’s arrival at those locations in 1562.

My term as President was made much easier, and very enjoyable, through the extraordinary efforts and dedication of Executive Director Renée Marshall, archivist Cheves Leland, the Board of Directors, and our Past Presidents. Every one of them is deeply devoted to the ongoing success of the Society, and I offer my heartfelt thanks to each.

May we always be mindful of our heritage, the sacrifices of our ancestors, and the blessings of God.
NEW INFORMATION ABOUT THE FRENCH CHURCH OF CHARLES TOWNE, 1679-1689.

BY HARRIOTT CHEVES LELAND, RESEARCHER FOR THE SOCIETY.

We hope all our computer linked members have checked out the new and updated website of the Society (www.huguenotsociety.org). We want your feedback – please let us know if you notice something which needs to be corrected or changed or if you have suggestions for making the site more user-friendly. We also hope you will sign up to receive notification of the posting of the Huguenot Herald and our blog posts. As encouragement, we are including in this Herald the following copy of one of the blog posts from the website. Please visit the site to read other blog posts. We are trying to post something every few weeks and welcome your ideas for the posts.

The French Church of Charleston. A few entries found in Quarto 58, Consistory Minutes of the French Church of London from 1679-1689, published by the Huguenot Society of Great Britain and Ireland, offer some interesting information concerning the French Church of Charles Towne.

Quarto 58: 9. [from the Historical Introduction] “Before its end the Consistory had had to deal with enquiries from refugee churches from Ipswich and Rye in the South-East to Plymouth and Exeter in the South-West of England, and from Edinburgh in Scotland to Boston, New England and Charleston, Carolina in the New World. None of these churches had existed in 1679. Indeed, in some cases, the Threadneedle Street church was instrumental in establishing them.”

Quarto 58: 25: 26 October 1679. “Mr. Guerart reported that he is about to leave for Carolina with a number of families who intend to establish a church there. He asked us to suggest a pastor, to provide some advance for his maintenance and to assist those going to Carolina. It was resolved to reply that we asked God's blessing on the enterprise, but that we have no means of providing financial assistance other than to assist such poor travelers as pass this way.”

Quarto 58: 31: 4 February 1680. "On Sunday February 1, having heard of the straits into which the families going to Carolina under Mr Guerard are reduced after being detained in the Downs ("aux Dunes") for six weeks by contrary winds, it was resolved to assist them with £5. This will be distributed by Messrs Denew and Porten and de Lilliers and Neveu.”

Quarto 58: 39: 23 July 1680. “Mr Petit has asked assistance for the journey to Carolina; this was deferred, since it was not clear what use he wanted to make of the money.”

Quarto 58: 83: 9 August 1682. “Mr Laurens Vanderbos, going to Carolina, is to be presented with £2 and a Geneva bible, (quarto edition).”

Quarto 58: 143: 15 February 1685. “The deacons reported they were spending far more than they were receiving, and had exhausted their funds. Two elders and two deacons are to go to Sir Peter Colleton and Mr Pen to ascertain what they are offering for Carolina and Pennsylvania respectively; if the conditions are tolerable, the poor will be encouraged to accept them.”

Quarto 58: 144: 15 February 1685. “Well-to-do heads of family will be visited and asked for charity for the French Protestants wishing to go to Carolina or Pennsylvania, of whom a list will be drawn up by the deacons.” (No list was included in the reference, unfortunately.)
Quarto 58: 29 March 1685. “The Two Companies resolved to send Messrs Piozet, David and Gervaise (sic) to the Savoy Consistory to discuss what could be done for the poor refugees asking to go to Carolina or Pennsylvania.”

Quarto 58: 159: 17 February 1686. “Pierre Marigaut (sic) returned to say he must leave for Carolina tomorrow [sic]. He will be received to make rec[onnaissance] next Sunday. [Done publicly 24 February.]”

Quarto 58: 311: 6 October 1689. “The directors of the French church of Charleston, Carolina have written seeking financial help; Mr Gravisset is instructed to reply that the Consistory is unable to provide it.”

[1] FCL, MS 5: ‘Gerart.’ [Note: This was Jacob Guérard.]
[2] In 1679 the South Carolina proprietors had accepted a proposal from René Petit and Jacob Guerard to settle eighty refugee families in the colony. The assisted families went aboard the vessel Richmond on 17 December 1679 and landed in Carolina on 30 April 1680. (Jon Butler, The Huguenots in America 53, 93. Arthur H. Hirsch, The Huguenots of Colonial South Carolina 12.)
[3] Vanderbos or Vanderbose was a proposants, n[ative] of Hainault (FCL, MS 90, ff.129r, 130r).
[4] CLRO, ex-GH MS 347/1, authorizes the repayment (23 April 1689) of £15 to Daniel Duthais for money advanced to “Daniel Huger and others Poor French Protestants w[hi]ch were goeing to Penislvania att or about the month of June 1685”.
[5] The reply, emphasizing the burden of poor borne by the London church, is in FCL, MS 45, p.131
ANNUAL FRENCH SERVICE  
FRENCH PROTESTANT (HUGUENOT) CHURCH  
SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2014

THE ANNUAL FRENCH SERVICE OF THE FRENCH PROTESTANT (HUGUENOT) CHURCH OF CHARLESTON WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, MARCH 23 AT 10:30 A.M. AND A COLLATION WILL FOLLOW.

The guest liturgist will be Mr. Greg Joye, Executive Director of the French Heritage Society, which is dedicated to protecting the French architectural legacy both in France and the United States with particular emphasis on raising funds for preservation and education. Greg is originally from South Carolina where he graduated from the College of Charleston with a Bachelor of Arts in Music. He lived in Paris for six years where he obtained a Masters in History from the University of Versailles and a subsequent Masters in Cultural Administration and Management for Music from the University of Paris IV-Sorbonne. After six years at American Friends of the Louvre, he became the Executive Director of French Heritage Society in 2010.

In lieu of a sermon, Comte Denis de Kergorlay, president of French Heritage Society, will speak on the historical relationship between France and the United States. Denis de Kergorlay is a graduate of the Institut d’Études Politiques and holds a law degree from the Université d’Assas. A former lecturer at the Institut International d’Administration Publique in Paris, he was also the cultural attaché at the French Embassy in Thailand. He returned to France in 1978 to take over the management of the Château de Canisy, his family estate in Normandy. His volunteer activities have included involvement with the humanitarian NGO Médecins Sans Frontières for over 10 years. He is the current Executive President of Europa Nostra, a pan-European heritage protection organization, and President of Cercle de l’Union interallié founded in 1917 to welcome Allied officers and distinguished foreigners.