

Ellore Heritage Museum & Cultural Center, Inc.



MUSEUM NEWSLETTER

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A Letter from the President

I hope this newsletter finds you well and healthy during this time of COVID-19. These are trying times that are affecting all of us in every aspect of our lives. Who knew that schools would be closed or we may not be able to visit some of our loved ones who are considered more susceptible. I think it easy to become anxious during times like these, but it's also an opportunity to see how much we have for which to be thankful. Like living in small rural communities where people still care about one another or even the fact that we are not packed on top of each other like in larger cities.

Ellore, meaning "The Home I Love," brings to mind that we all love our homes but it has more to do with what is home. That is family, friends, and loved ones who can be counted on for support. COVID-19 will pass and the museum will open when it's safe to do so, but until then stay safe and remain grateful.

Sincerely,

John McLaurin

Midlands Gives: A Day of Giving Online

Tuesday, May 5, 2020, 24 hours

On May 5th donors can go to MidlandsGives.com and make an online donation to their favorite charity.

Please consider the museum on this special day.



Surprise Donation!

The museum recently received a surprise donation from the **Bayer Fund—America's Farmers Grow Communities**. This organization supports rural communities by offering farmers across the country the chance to win \$2,500 to direct toward their favorite local nonprofit organization.

Hugh & Pat McLaurin, who won the award for 2020, generously donated their reward to the museum. We are deeply grateful to them especially in this time of closure.



Remembering Orangeburg Through Old Pictures from the Past

Do You Know Your Patriotism?

Dr. Gene Atkinson presented a fascinating program accompanied with beautiful slides on March 10th at the museum to a very attentive group. Many commented after the program that they were amazed to hear some of the facts for the very first time.



1998 Nobel Prize for Medicine
Dr. Robert F. Furchgott Receiving the Nobel Prize
From King Carl Gustaf XVI

For instance, most were unaware that a Doctor who grew up in Orangeburg, Dr. Robert F. Furchgott, received the Nobel Prize for Medicine in 1998, one of the highest honors in the world. Dr. Furchgott graduated with the Class of 1933 at Orangeburg High School and his parents ran a ladies' clothing store on Russell Street where Orange Cut Rate Pharmacy is now located.

Dr. Atkinson also shared that Uncle Sam was for real, not just folklore or a caricature. The real Uncle Sam (Samuel Wilson) was born in 1766 and died in 1854. In 1961 by an Act of Congress the following Joint Resolution was adopted:



“Resolved by the Senate, with the House of Representatives concurring, that the Congress salutes “Uncle Sam” Wilson of Troy, New York, as the progenitor of America’s national symbol of “Uncle Sam.”

The program renewed our love for America as well as refreshed our pride in Orangeburg. Several of Dr. Atkinson’s books were available for sale and he graciously signed the books for attendees.



Mary Franz, Judy Pate, & Shirley Brandenburg

The museum held a **Bake Sale** on Saturday, March 14 in conjunction with the Town of Elloreë’s Trash to Treasures. Many friends of the museum prepared and brought baked goods to be sold. The weather was just right and every pie, cake, cookie, etc. was gone by 2:00. Thank you to all those who helped to make this a great success for the museum. And a special thanks to Shirley Brandenburg and Judy Pate for all the planning.

The Elloreë Garden Club and the Evergreen Garden Club have been big supporters of the museum since the very beginning. Year after year they have contributed to the care and beauty of the courtyard with their gifts. The ladies have planted flowers, removed the weeds, watered the plants, and tended to this special area. They have also given financial support yearly.



The courtyard area, in recent months has had a new landscape plan put in place. The old railroad ties outlining the beds were replaced and new plants and trees have been planted. We are grateful to these Garden Clubs for their part in making this area beautiful.



March – April 2020 Contributions

Memberships

Family

Alice & Mike French
Lindsey & Patsie Funchess
Lane & Lawton Irick
Jay & Cynthia Jackson
Charles & Sharon Persinger
Bill & Ann Thrash

Collector's Club

Richard & Tina Carson
Emory Weisiger
Janice McCann

Director's Guild

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Honors & Memorials

Martha Beach

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Rosa May Troutman

Jane Carson

Eddie Young

Gayle & Emory Rush
Kay Shirer

Shop Snider's Store!



Greeting Cards For All Occasions



Mr. Snider misses the volunteers who come and go from the museum. He misses welcoming the visitors as they begin their tour. He misses watching folks walk by, peer in the window, and wonder who he is. Plus he really misses the visitors kind comments as they finish their tour. Mr. Snider is looking forward to the day when the museum will be open again and he will be able to get back to work. A time like this makes him appreciate his home more than ever. He wishes everyone well and hopes to see you again soon.



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Upcoming Events:

POSTPONED Steak Dinner

May 5, 2020 Midlands Gives

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