

Horry County Historical Society Newsletter

June, 2008

NEXT MEETING

Sunday, July 13, 2008.

3:00 PM

Conway Library

Speaker will be:

Veronica Gerald will speak about the Gullah culture.

New HCHS Newsletter

In an effort to stay in better touch with our membership, the HCHS Board of Directors has decided to start a newsletter that will be sent out as needed to inform members of current items of historical interest. This newsletter will not take the place of the Society's journal, the *Independent*

Republic Quarterly, and the *IRQ* will still be sent to all members.

It is our intention to only include items of newsworthy note that are of interest to those of us that are interested in local history. If you have an announcement that you feel would be of interest to the mem-

bership, please send it to: HCHS Newsletter Editor, Bryan House, 606 Main Street, Conway, SC 29526.

The Newsletter will also be posted online at the HCHS web site. If you would prefer to just read it there, please let us know so that we can save postage.

Resource Center to Open in Bryan House

Sharyn Holliday reports...

To further our mission of discovering and preserving written records and oral traditions pertaining to the history of Horry County, efforts are underway to organize and make available to its membership the materials of the Horry County Historical Society. Included in the collection are publications of the Society and other materials which have been donated. While the cataloging process will be ongoing, we plan to make the collection available to our membership by November in the form of a room in the Bryan House where members can come to further their own research.

The following is a partial list of available materials:

- All issues of the *Independent Republic Quarterly*

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- A limited selection of Horry County Census record transcripts
- Waccamaw Records publications of cemetery records, marriages, plat books, World War I draft registrations, and newspaper obituaries
- A portion of Catherine Lewis' collection of Horry County History
- Written transcripts of oral history interviews with county residents, many of whom are no longer living
- Thomas Clyde Vaught's Horry County genealogy research notes
- Some material from the W.L. Bryan family who built and owned the Bryan House, our headquarters

- A selection of family histories and genealogies of Horry County families



The collection is small but is growing through the generosity of the people of Horry County. With a few exceptions the holdings are specific to Horry County and the surrounding areas. Our goal is to provide a place for county residents and their descendants to contribute copies of their family histories and other historical information concerning Horry County so that it can be preserved and shared with others.

The HCHS Resource Center will be open in Novem-

ber during *Holiday Market 2008* and we invite you to come to see what we have to offer. Copies of publications for sale will also be available.



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The Burroughs School is the future site of the Horry County Museum. It is located on the corner of Main Street and Ninth Ave. in Conway.

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Mark your calendar for our annual fund-raising event.

Holiday Market 2008

November 1st - 9th, 2008

At the BRYAN HOUSE, 606 Main St., Conway, SC.

HCHS joins Waccamaw Community Foundation

Recently, the Board of Directors of the HCHS decided that something must be done to create a lasting "endowment" for the Society. After talking with representatives of the **Waccamaw Community Foundation**, the HCHS Board of Directors decided to join the Foundation.

What does this mean for HCHS?

– The Society must invest \$10,000 into the WCF in order to become a member. Once this is done, we will then be eligible to receive annual dividends on our donations in the form of grants from the Foundation. Hopefully, members of the community will remember the HCHS as they make financial gifts to community organizations and our "endowment" will grow. As it grows, so will our share of the annual dividends. The Society can then request these dividends for our annual operating needs.

Information about the WCF from the WCF web site:

"Since 1999, area residents have been turning to the Waccamaw Community Foundation to make their philanthropic giving as effective as possible. We are a public charity, serving thousands of people who share a common concern... Improving the quality of life in Horry and Georgetown counties.

The **Waccamaw Community Foundation** helps individuals, families, businesses and organizations create permanent charitable funds that help our community meet the challenges of changing times. The Foundation invests and administers these funds.

The Foundation uses distributions from the various funds to award grants to many of the humanitarian, educational and cultural organizations in this remarkable community we call home.

The **Waccamaw Community Foundation** has been, and will continue to be, a vital resource for the ever-changing region we love to call home. We encourage you to ask questions and learn more about why Community Foundations represent the fastest growing arm of philanthropy in the nation. It's a concept that works and an experience that will engage you in a very personal and memorable way".

How can I contribute to the HCHS endowment fund at the Waccamaw Community Foundation?

– Contact information is listed below:

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