

Friends of McLeod, Inc.

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Dear Friends of McLeod,

We appreciate the widespread support from all around the Charleston area (and beyond), and especially the many of you who truly understand the great significance of the wonderful green space encompassed by McLeod Plantation. The historic nature of this last plantation on the island cannot be overstated, and the impending desecration of these hallowed grounds must be stopped at all costs. Mr. Willie's dream was to have his home preserved for the public to see what a simple planter's home was like in a bygone era. As he stated in his will, he wanted to see the plantation open to the public.

It has been brought to my attention that due to my real estate connections many people are concerned about our motives. NONE of us has a financial interest in this project, just the desire to save this historic property from having its true significance lost. To that end, I invite all of you to visit our website, www.friendsofmcleod.org, where you can find out more about our proposed plans to preserve and protect McLeod Plantation, and read about all of my fellow Board Members.

On a sad note, it is with a heavy heart that I must report to you that one of our strongest supporters, G. Creighton Frampton has passed away at the age of 101. Creighton was Mr. Willie's closest living relative, and a very vocal supporter of Friends of McLeod. Through his personal knowledge and insights we have all grown to think of Mr. Willie as family. He will be truly missed.

Sincerely, *Fred Wichmann*, Chairman,
Friends of McLeod, Inc. Board of Directors



Fireworks with the Friends of McLeod

Thanks to all who helped with and came out to our sold-out *Fireworks with Friends*. It was truly a spectacular evening! Many attendees forgot to take the bags for their *Friends of McLeod* chairs. We will have the bags at the September meeting.

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Save the Date!

Public Meeting - 7 p.m., Monday, September 12, 2005,
at Bethany Methodist Church on 1853 Maybank Highway

Guest Speaker: Queen Quet, Chiefess of the Gullah/Geechee Nation is a published author, preservationist and historian. She is also a dynamic public speaker who knows the history and spirit of McLeod Plantation.



Public Meeting - 7 p.m., Monday, November 7, 2005,
at First Baptist Church on Camp Road

2nd Annual Friends of McLeod Oyster Roast!
Sunday, December 4, 2005 at Bowens Island



(Friends of McLeod, Inc. Board of Directors with South Carolina State Senate President pro tempore, Glenn McConnell.)

Annual Meeting

Approximately 100 people came to show their support at Friends of McLeod Inc.'s first Annual Meeting on June 28, 2005. The keynote speaker was South Carolina State Senate President *pro tempore*, Glenn McConnell. Friends of McLeod, Inc. would like to thank the James Island Baptist Church for allowing us to use their facilities, and to Councilman Robert George, South Carolina Representative Wallace Scarborough, Community Leader Thomas Johnson, South Carolina Battlefield Preservation Trust Executive Director Michael Taylor, and George Hughes of the 54th Massachusetts for speaking at our meeting.

“You can’t please everyone, but the people whose opinion really counts in this world are whole-heartedly behind us.”

David AvRutick, President
American College of the Building Arts

Help us show Mr. AvRutick whose opinion *really* counts by supporting the preservation of McLeod Plantation and James Island!

For information on becoming an official member of Friends of McLeod, Inc., or if you would like to make a donation (all donations are tax-deductible), please visit our website at www.friendsofmcleod.org or call Tom Delaney at (843) 406-1823. *Thank you!*

What Can I Do to Help?

- *Encourage friends and family to become members of Friends of McLeod, Inc.*
- *Attend Friends of McLeod, Inc. meetings and functions*
- *Show your support by putting a Friends of McLeod bumper sticker on your car*
- *Start a letter writing campaign. For historical information, check out our website at www.friendsofmcleod.org*
- *Invite us to make a visual presentation to your neighborhood, church or civic group (10 or more)*
- *Volunteer! Whether it is making phone calls, helping organize our Second Annual Friends of McLeod Oyster Roast, or just offering ideas and suggestions. Please contact Carol Jacobsen at (843)795.7519*

Friends of McLeod Inc.’s Mission Statement:

Friends of McLeod, Inc. is dedicated to preserving and protecting all aspects of McLeod Plantation, including its house, slave cabins, outbuildings, cemetery, oak allees, woods, and character-defining fields. Friends of McLeod, Inc. will inform and educate the public on the plantation’s historical importance, military history, and particularly its importance in African-American history, from slavery to the Civil War to freedom. Friends of McLeod, Inc. will inform and educate on the plantation’s agricultural history as a Sea Island plantation, and will work to protect its remaining rural vistas. The organization is also dedicated to protecting the plantation as one of South Carolina’s most valuable Archaeological sites. Friends of McLeod, Inc. is a recognized, 501(c)(3), tax-exempt, non-profit organization.



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