



Changes are coming soon to **McLeod Plantation**. This is a partial list of what you may see, and it is all for the good. **CCPRC** must make the plantation handicapped-accessible, along with installing sewer lines and electrical lines. Final agreements are close so expect: as protection, **tree barriers** will be in place even though some of the trees are not close to any work; there will be interior work done on the **main house**; and, a **small elevator** will be built on the south side of the house to accommodate those who cannot walk into the house.

Paths will be laid from the new **Welcome Center** and parking area between the cabins and Country Club Road. Across Country Club Road, a

pavilion will be built to the right of the **oak allée**, and a **deck** will extend out by Wappoo Cut. The pavilion will also have restrooms, a fireplace, parking, and a small enclosed storage area.

The **tree barriers** may be installed in several weeks, but even though you'll see bulldozers, the plantation will be protected.

Whoever owns **McLeod Plantation** must make it accessible and able to be self-supporting. We're very fortunate that the final say is in the hands of the **Park and Recreation Commission** because they are being careful and cautious not to destroy any of the treasures that **McLeod** represents to

James Islanders.

And this newsletter holds your invitation to come join us on **Monday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m.** at the **DNR auditorium** for an interesting talk given by **Fielding Freed, Director of Historic House Museums for Historic Columbia**. Other than his great work in the restoration and interpretation of the Woodrow Wilson Home, **Fielding** is a **French and Indian War** re-enactor and he and his family lived at **McLeod** when he worked at the **Historic Charleston Foundation**.

Come join us for a fascinating talk!

Carol Jacobsen, Chair

MAKE YOUR MARK ON HISTORY!

The Friends of McLeod have committed to buying **benches** for McLeod Plantation! If you have seen McLeod, you know it's impossible to take in this much history in a short time.

The benches with a back and arm rests will cost \$2,000 each, and the backless benches are \$1,000.

If you would like to donate a bench or to the funds for benches in honor of or in memory of someone, please call **Carol at 795-7519**.

Acknowledgement of your donation will be displayed at the Welcome Center.

What a good way to give back and make your OWN history!

WHAT IS \$10 WORTH TO YOU?

For 10 bucks? 10 copies of the Post and Courier, or two beef hotdog combos at Melvin's, or a year's membership or renewal to the **Friends of McLeod!**

You'll want to be part of this exciting year at **McLeod!** Many of our members have already sent in their renewals by mail and by using PayPal through our website at **www.friendsofmcleod.org**.

Even though we accept contributions to our **501(c)(3)** organization, **for just \$10**, you get the **newsletter** and **invitations** to our meetings. **Join us today!**

YOU CAN BE A PART OF MCLEOD PLANTATION!

McLeod Plantation will open soon and **CCPRC** will need volunteers to help tell the site's fascinating history. If you enjoy history and want to share with others then join them to learn more about upcoming opportunities.

Sign up for this free informational class to be held **May 10, 2014** at **CCPRC Headquarters 861 Riverland Drive** **http://bit.ly/NWGJx8** and enter course number **32886**





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*Not that imparted
 knowledge doth
 Diminish learnings store,*

*But books, I find,
 when often lent
 Return to me no more.*

*A poem Willie McLeod
 would write in each book
 that he lent out, reminding
 the borrower to return it.*

On Sunday, January 12, 2014, the *Eliza Lewis Pinckney Division of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution* recognized the *Friends of McLeod* for their excellent volunteer work in historic preservation.

Board members *Ivy Blake, Corie Hipp* and *Tom Delaney* attended their meeting to accept this prestigious award for saving this lowcountry and American jewel.

You are invited to an evening with

Fielding Freed

Director of Historic House Museums for Historic Columbia

Monday, April 14th at 7:00 p.m.

DNR Auditorium at Fort Johnson

Please stay to greet Fielding and for a reception following his talk

Fielding Freed

Fielding is *Director of Historic House Museums for Historic Columbia*. A native of Chattanooga, TN, Fielding has worked in the museum field for sixteen years.

He enjoys reenacting the French and Indian War as a Private in the Independent Company of SC at Colonial Dorchester and outdoor activities such as kayaking in his off time

Fielding holds a MS in Anthropology from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and a certificate in Museum Studies from the Milwaukee Public Museum. He served four years in the United States Marine Corps Reserves.

The Friends of McLeod made a donation to the Parklands Foundation of the Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission in honor of Bervin DeShaun Green, Board member Alvin Green's grandson.

