



We're taking a break! After **10 years** of planning, cooking, asking for donations, and working at our Annual Oyster Roast, we're working on a ***bigger and better event***. Our pre-opening party at McLeod will be grand, especially if the Ballot question on non-profits being allowed to have a raffle passes. We're sorry about the oysters, but excited about the party coming up! As we get closer to the date, ***more information will follow***.

We've been working hard. We're delighted to tell you that ***ALL of the benches have been sold!*** They will be placed along the pathways leading everyone through ***McLeod plantation***. We raised ***\$18,000*** to achieve this goal. Acknowledgement of the donations will be posted in the new ***Welcome Center***. You can see

the pictures of the new pavilion by the creek on the next page. It also features a deck over Wappoo Creek.

We're also working on a book! The previous 10 years were a struggle to save McLeod. It's interesting to read the letters about all the legwork, the time and the work that we put into a dream that is being reflected by what we are seeing today.

For all our members, ***if you have renewed your membership in 2014***, there should be an "R" by your name on the address label of this newsletter. If there is, Thanks! and you'll get an invitation to the ***grand pre-opening party at McLeod***. If there isn't, you need to renew your membership to be reinstated

and renewed for this ***special treat***.

For ***old and new members***, the price is still just ***\$10.00 a year***. You can send your check to the Post Office address on the front or go to our Webpage and use PayPal.

This issue includes a paragraph that is our ***Mission Statement*** (reverse.) Please read it again and you'll know why this ***historic site*** remains so important.

We look forward to seeing you at our ***grand pre-Opening Event in the Spring!***

--Carol Jacobsen & Jerry Owens,
Friends of McLeod Board Chairs

WE HAVE TWO NEW OFFICERS!

We're delighted to announce that two of our long-term Board members are stepping up to new duties.

Rick Little is now our Vice Chairman and ***Herb Butler*** is our Vice Chairman for Community Affairs.

We're looking for several new Board members to start carrying on our traditions. If you are interested in attending a Board meeting, please call Carol at 795-7519.

NEWS FROM CCPRC

Volunteer at McLeod Plantation!

McLeod Plantation will open soon and volunteers are needed to help tell the site's fascinating history. If you enjoy history and want to share with others then join the PRC class to learn more about upcoming opportunities.

Pre-registration is required. November 15, Saturday, 10 -11 a.m.
Course # 34551. Meets at: CCPRC Headquarters
Age: 16 & up Fee: \$0/\$0 CCR Discount

Planning a Wedding or a Special Event?

When McLeod Plantation opens sometime in early 2015, the people who will book your event are at the CCPRC.
Call (843) 795-4386 or customerservice@ccprc.com.

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The Progression of the Pavillion Guest Area at McLeod Plantation – We are right on target for a 2015 grand opening!



If you'll look on our Facebook page, you'll see how impressed we are with **Steve Coe's** work at the new **Harbor View Elementary School**. The entry lobby features one of **Vanessa Kauffmann's** beautiful photographs of the **McLeod Oak**, the floor represents **Wappoo Cut and the oak allees**, while the upper windows are **shaded by panels of the oak allees**. We also got to see a great reproduction of the main house at McLeod done by **Tim Brown and Carol Leyh's** students at James Island Middle School. **They are making history come alive for students!**

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Friends of McLeod 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 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 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.

Spring Yard Sale!

We're working on a Spring Yard Sale!
(It will be in late Spring.)

If you have any items you would like to donate, please put them aside for later pick up.

We're careful about the money we collect, because it goes to McLeod uses or for educational programs. What better way to help tell the story of this marvelous place!

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The Friends of McLeod made a donation to the Parklands Foundation of the Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission in memory of Jackie Chisolm, sister of Board member, Adrienne Chisolm-Cox.