

Friends of McLeod, Inc.

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Please Join Your Friends At Our Next Meeting

SC Rep. Wallace Scarborough, a staunch supporter in our fight to keep Dogwood Park and Country Club I and II the good neighborhoods that they are, will be the speaker.

**Monday, November 7 at 7 p.m.
First Baptist Church of James Island,
(Corner of Camp & Dill's Bluff Road)**

Chairman's Column

Encouragement seems to constantly surface as more concerned citizens express sympathy for our cause and support our mission to save the hallowed ground of McLeod Plantation from desecration. This historic site has seen many important events including use as a hospital for both Confederate and Union troops, and where a Freedmans Bureau was located after the war. The first owned land was given out from McLeod to the freed former slaves, and the cabins represent the origins to which so many black citizens proudly point to today. These grounds also contain over one hundred graves, mainly unmarked, where slaves and their descendants, Confederate and Union troops and others still lie. Mr. Willie McLeod, the last owner, never placed any restrictions or charges for burial here. Mr. Willie was always a gracious host to the many strangers coming to visit the plantation and that's one reason that he stipulated in his will that McLeod Plantation must be open to all. The Friends of McLeod remember that in preserving the plantation, we will honor Mr. Willie's direction that it truly will be open. No more of the "No Trespassing" signs that we see there today.

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

Friends of McLeod 2nd Annual Oyster Roast

**Sunday, December 4 from 2 to 6 p.m.
at Bowen's Island**

**Oysters, Barbeque and
Entertainment from Calvin Taylor**

Stop by after the Christmas Parade for some hot food and entertainment. Tickets will be available at our meeting on November 7, 2005. Remember those *succulent, sweet, salty Beaufort* oysters picked that morning and delivered to us for last year's Benefit? We've made arrangements so *you can enjoy them this year, too!*

**TICKETS ARE \$17.50 BEFORE DECEMBER 4
AND \$20 ON THAT DAY!**

Call Dottie for tickets at 795-3544



Featuring a Silent Auction

Need to entertain some folks? Have a small family reunion? Want to just enjoy a day on the water with friends? Take your employees for a treat? Bid on a Day Cruise for twelve with a catered lunch aboard *Mobjack*. Designed by L. Francis Herreshoff, *Mobjack* is a 45' ketch built in 1935-36. She's been host to Gen. George Patton, Jr. The auction will take place at the oyster roast so come eat, drink, and make your bid!!

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Thank You Queen Quet



Our thanks go to Queen Quet, Chieftess of the Gullah/Geechee Nation, who spoke at our last public meeting on September 12. Braving the threat of an approaching storm, Queen Quet gave a powerful and enlightening speech. She spoke of the human factor, the work that was done by slaves, and what most of us feel when we think of McLeod Plantation. The spirits there, left by many people, tell us of the history and the importance of protecting McLeod. A highlight of the evening was Queen Quet's narrative on Inside McLeod with the slide

presentation. Like many others, Queen Quet came to support the Friends of McLeod through all the boards and council meetings, and we are grateful for her continued help.

E-mail Addresses Wanted

Would you like to know about important matters that come up in between newsletters? Send your name and email address to [kjacobson@knology.net](mailto:kjacobsen@knology.net) and we'll put you on the list for Friends of McLeod. We promise your email will not be used for any purpose other than to communicate with you about Friends of McLeod matters.

How Can I Help?
Volunteers needed for the Oyster Roast.
Call Carol at 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. Contributions are tax deductible, following the rules of the Internal Revenue Service.

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