

Friends of McLeod  
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***Help keep up the good work!  
Please renew your membership  
in the Friends of McLeod.***

You and your fellow members of the Friends of McLeod are part of a truly diverse organization that has successfully worked to preserve an irreplaceable historic and cultural site. Our annual dues are \$25 and include free admission to our programs, as well as discounts on our special events. Please mail checks to:

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Memberships may also be renewed via PayPal on our website, [www.friendsofmcLeod.org](http://www.friendsofmcLeod.org).

## Friends of McLeod **Yard Sale!**

Saturday, Aug. 11, 8 a.m. - noon  
Martin Luther Lutheran Church  
parking lot, 1605 Harbor View Road,  
James Island

If you're looking for home or dorm furnishings, kitchenware, collectibles, good books, or simply a great bargain, stop by the Friends of McLeod Yard Sale Aug. 11. All proceeds benefit the Friends of McLeod.

### *What's growing at McLeod*



For the second year in a row, the Friends of McLeod have been planting and maintaining McLeod's south garden, a small part of which is shown here. The heritage roses planted last year survived the ice and snow of January, and annuals have been added by volunteers from the Friends and the Riverland Terrace Garden Club. Our thanks to Glenda Owens for leading this labor-intensive project. Sea Island cotton is also being grown on the McLeod field for the second year. A smaller, easier-to-maintain plot of cotton is flowering and producing bolls. We would like to thank Paula Feldman for her generous grant that has made these horticultural efforts possible. The Friends of McLeod's future plans include assisting with the restoration of the Loutrel Briggs garden at McLeod.



## Holding fast to our mission

The Friends of McLeod have come a long way since that first day in 2004, when a small, diverse group of people came together with the common goal of preserving McLeod Plantation and its rich heritage. Today, many years and many members later, we are enjoying the reality that McLeod has been saved for the benefit of future generations by our continuing efforts and the public sector stewardship of the Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission.

In addition to participating in the preservation and protection of McLeod, the Friends' mission includes presenting educational programs to the public, recreating and maintaining the historic Loutrel Briggs garden, and returning Sea Island cotton to McLeod. To our knowledge, this is the only historic site in the Southeast where the public can see firsthand this unique cultivar of cotton that was once the economic engine of the Lowcountry.

Our annual fundraisers continue to assist the Friends in funding various projects for the benefit of McLeod and all who visit to witness its enduring history. Our next fundraiser will be a yard sale from 8 a.m. to noon in the parking lot of the Martin Luther Lutheran Church on Harbor View Road on James Island, near the intersection with Folly Road. Another fundraiser will be held in the late fall at the McLeod Plantation pavilion, located next to the live oak alley near Wappoo Creek.

We enjoyed seeing both long-time Friends of McLeod as well as new members at our spring and fall events in 2017, and look forward to renewing these friendships as we work together to preserve McLeod.

**Bob George, Chairman**  
**Friends of McLeod Board of Directors**

## Parking on McLeod field under discussion

The 2019 U. S. Women's Open Golf Championship will be held at the Country Club of Charleston, and some of the tournament vehicles will be parking at McLeod. According to the Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission, McLeod will be closed to visitors from May 27-June 3, and tournament support staff will use its two parking lots. PRC says that other sites at McLeod are also under consideration for tournament parking. A tournament representative has mentioned a scenario that we find especially troubling-- using part of the McLeod field as a parking lot. Residents of nearby neighborhoods should be aware that **an entrance onto the field from Dogwood Park has been discussed as an option, and also an entrance from Folly Road.** Either entrance could be permanent and allow the field to be used for more parking in the future. The Friends of McLeod opposed a similar plan for parking on the field when it was proposed by a previous owner of McLeod. We have always maintained that the field is of vital importance to the history and interpretation of the plantation, and that parking is not the highest and best use for it. Please keep your eye on this situation as it develops.

## Stabilization work at McLeod

A grant, along with funds from the Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission, has allowed PRC to stabilize McLeod's gin house, barn, privy, and garage. The work was completed in June. PRC has also repainted the kitchen and porch of the main house.

## The Revolutionary War on James Island

The Friends of McLeod will welcome Carl Borick, director of the Charleston Museum, at their annual meeting Oct. 10th at the S.C. Department of Natural Resources auditorium at Fort Johnson. Borick, author of two books on the Revolution, will speak on the Revolutionary War on James Island.