

Friends of McLeod, Inc.

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Exciting Things...

Exciting things have been happening with Friends of McLeod. Read the announcement about our next public meeting and plan to attend our symposium on the importance of preserving Sea Island culture. Prominent speakers will discuss historic and cultural aspects of life on the islands and audience participation is encouraged. Come to learn and ask questions. The symposium will enhance awareness of the connections we all share with the history of our neighbor islands.

We're challenging high school students to write an essay about what they learn from the symposium. A panel of teachers will judge the essays and first prize will be \$200, second prize will be \$100, and third prize will be \$75. Sign the sheet when you get there and submit that winning essay.

We all have much to learn from this event. After a long, hot summer, we look forward to seeing you in the fall at the symposium.

Jerry Owens, Chairman,
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Presenting A Symposium on Protecting & Preserving Sea Island Culture

The Friends of McLeod, Inc. invite you to a symposium on October 5 with Dr. Marvin Dulaney, Executive Director of the Avery Research Center, who will moderate a discussion on this vital subject. Presenters include:

L. Wayne Jordan, Ph.D. - A professor of history at the College of Charleston, and author of *A Place Called St. John's. The Story of John's, Edisto, Wadmalaw, Kiawah, and Seabrook Islands of South Carolina.*

Queen Quet, Chieftess of the Gullah/Geechee Nation - A published author, computer scientist, lecturer and historian.

Dr. Bernard Powers, Jr., Ph.D. - A professor, author, researcher and award-winning essayist. Powers is currently a Professor at the College of Charleston and directs the postgraduate programs there.

*The audience is invited to
ask questions after the presentations.*

**7 p.m., Thursday, October 5, 2006
at the Auditorium of the
Fort Johnson Marine Research Center**

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Historical Artifacts Collected from McLeod Plantation

Over 10,000 artifacts were collected from the fields of McLeod Plantation by a longtime friend of Mr. Willie's. Each time the field on this historic plantation was plowed, Mr. Willie would call his friend to come and look around. Each item has been carefully cleaned, researched, and stored, and now we can show photos of them at www.friendsofmcleod.org. We hope to show some to our members after the new year starts.



Coming Attractions...

October 5 - Symposium on Protecting & Preserving Sea Island Culture, 7:00 p.m., Ft. Johnson Marine Lab auditorium

November 7 - Multimedia Presentation to the Exchange Club Auxiliary

November 10-12 - Battle of Secessionville at Boone Hall Plantation - Stop by and see us

December 3 - Third Annual Benefit Oyster Roast at Bowen's Island, 2-6 p.m., \$15 per person, \$20 at the door. Silent Auction.

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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