

# Friends of McLeod, Inc.

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## A Letter from the Chairman

Did you know that there are still many James Islanders who do not know about the impending loss of McLeod Plantation, this historic connection to our past? There are still others who think that the present owner will keep it perpetually as we see it today. Let others know that plans are still in place for new buildings and speak out! When the slave cabins are “adapted” into classrooms, and the main house is an office building, it will be too late.

The slave cabins were on everyone’s mind with the great success of our preview showing of “Amazing Grace,” held on March 5, 2007. With the help of Queen Quet and the Gullah/Geechee Nation, along with the producers of the film, Walden Media, it was a great honor to be able to show this outstanding film.

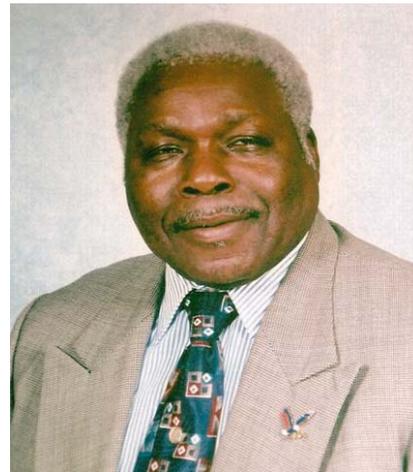
One of our own is on the program for March. Eugene Frazier, a longtime board member of Friends of McLeod, will present his latest book on the history of James Island slave families. With each public exposure of McLeod Plantation and the Friends of McLeod, we keep alive the hope of seeing the plantation preserved from development. We’ll look forward to seeing you there.

And, after a yard sale in April, we’re preparing for our Annual Meeting in June where you will be able to see some of the artifacts from McLeod along with a huge collection of maps of James Island.

Tell someone else about McLeod today.

Jerry Owens, Chairman,  
Friends of McLeod, Inc. Board of Directors

## You are Invited



*To join us to hear Eugene Frazier speak about his latest book titled, “James Island Stories from Slave Descendants”. Come listen to Eugene’s powerful presentation and stay for a reception afterwards.*

**Tuesday, March 27 at 7p.m.  
Payne RMUC Church  
1560 Camp Road**

**Friends of McLeod  
Lots-of-Everything Yard Sale  
April 21 in Riverland Terrace!**

We welcome you to come to the Friends of McLeod Lots-of-Everything Yard Sale on Saturday, April 21, 2007 at 2162 Wappoo Hall Road in Riverland Terrace on James Island. If you would like to donate an item to the sale, contact us on our website for pick-up of your donation. It’s for a great cause!

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## Head to Your Local Library for More Info on McLeod Plantation

Libraries are great places to find information on McLeod Plantation. See what others have said about this fascinating place. We recommend you check out the DVD from SCETV called "Palmetto Places: James Island," (#155-032). You can see for yourself why McLeod is so important. This tape includes footage of our dear departed friend, George Hughes.

## Keep Checking...

There are many more photographs now of artifacts found in the files of McLeod on our website [www.friendsofmcleod.org](http://www.friendsofmcleod.org). Just the pictures are amazing, but you can also see these artifacts for yourself at our 3rd Annual Meeting in June.

## Coming Attractions...

**March 24-25** - Stop by our tent at the Battle of Charleston at Legare Farms

**March 27** - Next public meeting, featuring Eugene Frazier, at Payne RMUC Church, 1560 Camp Road

**April** - Lots-of-Everything Friends of McLeod Yard Sale

**June** - 3rd Annual Meeting

*"Today, an increasing number of Americans want to find meaning, inspiration, and challenge in their history. The history of old houses and vanished landscapes is one part of that history. The past anchors us."*

From *WHERE WE LIVED* By Jack Larkin

## 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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