



# *Echoes & Reflections*

The Newsletter for the Historic Effingham Society, Inc.

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

### **Fall Festival, Calendars and More**

The Fall Festival was another success, thanks to all who made it possible. The volunteers, exhibitors and those who came only to enjoy, we thank you and we need you. Without you none of this would be possible.

I must admit at the mention of this "wedding photo" calendar, it didn't spark much interest for me. Oh, it was a good idea, but could we get enough photos, old enough with good quality for reprinting. But then Susan Exley worked her magic and the result was an expanded calendar because so many photos were turned in. The calendar will make a great gift.

THE VAN, it all got started as a gift from Sonny Zittrouer. Sonny, Past President of Historic Effingham Society, and his wife Mary have always been good friends and supporters to our organization.

This special gift was to be sold to raise much needed funds for our Living History Site. At the same time the men from all

the Lutheran Churches in Effingham were challenged by Chaplain Andy Krey to help the Maritime Brotherhood in Savannah obtain another van for their mission work.

The funds were raised and they purchased our van. The dedication of the van was last Sunday. One blessing led to another and another and will be passed on to the seamen who visit the Savannah ports.

Thanks Sonny, its people like you that keep us going.

**THANKS AGAIN VOLUNTEERS!!!**

Richard Loper

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

### **NEXT MEETING**

**November 7, 2009**

**02:00 PM**

**In the Hut**

**Speaker: Miashaie Mobley**

**February 6, 2010**

**Topic: The Importance of Hospice**

**New Ebenezer Retreat Center**

**Please assist with a refreshment dish.**

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| <b>Social Time</b> | <b>05:30</b> | <b>PM</b> |
| <b>Dinner</b>      | <b>06:00</b> | <b>PM</b> |
| <b>Speaker</b>     | <b>07:00</b> | <b>PM</b> |

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**“OLDE EFFINGHAM CHRISTMAS”**

**Speaker will be announced later.  
Ticket sale will be January 3<sup>rd</sup> thru  
January 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**Historic Effingham Society will host and partner with Effingham Christmas committee to present an old fashion Christmas. Chairman Butch Kieffer said, “This year, we will simplify things and go old timey and everyone can come dressed in old fashioned Christmas attire just like our forefathers if they would like.” The celebration will be centered around the front porch of the Gnann Summer House. Some of the events will be Candlelight Service, Christmas Caroling led by Effingham Chorus, and Lighting of the Christmas tree.**

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**YARD SALE**

**Our next fund raiser will be a yard sale.**

**November 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Time 09:00 AM to 01:00 PM**

**At the Hut**

**Date--December 5, 2009**

**We still need your items that are just sitting around in your way.**

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| <b>Living History Site open</b> | <b>05:30</b> |
| <b>Celebration</b>              | <b>06:00</b> |

**Our Society will be selling refreshments as our fund raiser for December. We need donations of cookies, brownies and etc.**

**We also need volunteers to help host this event.**

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**UPDATES**

One of the movie staff (The Conspirator) visited our location and she was very impressed with our site.

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**HES ANNUAL BANQUET**

We have two student tour groups coming.

October 30<sup>th</sup>

Trinity Christian School from Statesboro.

November 4<sup>th</sup>

Effingham Christian School

Individual 57

Family 34

We will have a membership drive in January; if you know anyone interested in history, please encourage them to join us.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!

Beverly Poole

**RECENT DONATIONS**

**Francis and Evelyn Hutto** made a donation to reimburse the Living History Site for the purchase of a lawn mower and weed trimmer.

**Travis and Robert Kessler** donated a lovely old buffet bought by Corley and Dora Kessler and a camping stove owned by Burton Shearouse.

**Charlie Curtis** donated a variety of old tools and an egg crate that was used to haul eggs on the train to keep them from getting broke.

**Faye Lancaster** donated an old baseball bat, level, tape measure owned by Henry Pierce Gnann and George Edger Gnann (1855-1900), 1800's medical book and a thumb trigger .22 rifle.

**MEMBERSHIP**

Thank you for joining our society. Your membership dues kept the Museum running this year. We now have a membership of:

Corporate 15  
Business 7  
Life 160

Historic Preservation Award

We are taking nominations for the Historic Preservation Award. To qualify a building must be 75yrs old in Effingham and restored or rehabilitated so it won't be destroyed.

You can make you nomination by calling the museum at 754-2170

This is our last newsletter for the year,

**HAVE A BLESSED  
THANKSGIVING!**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**