



# Frederica Almanack

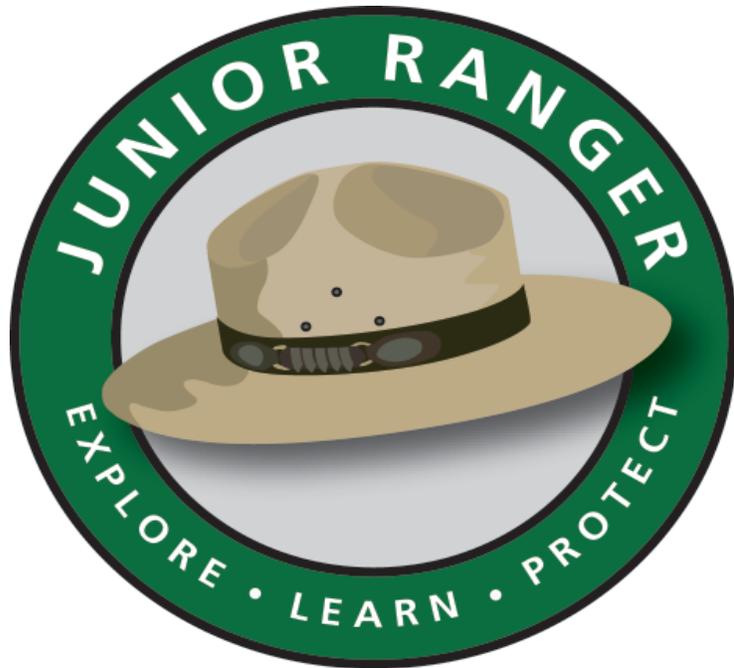
## Fort Frederica to Premier New Junior Ranger Book

Younger visitors will soon have an opportunity to experience Frederica's history in a unique way. On April 28th, the National Park Service will premier its new Junior Ranger Activity Book. The new book is being funded through the generous support of the nonprofit Fort Frederica Association.

Visitors who complete the activity book will receive a Junior Ranger badge and certificate. Just as important, however, is the deeper understanding and appreciation of the park's story that visitors gain.

According to Park Ranger Jon Burpee the new publication will be quite an experience.

"This new book is going to be unlike any other junior ranger book in the National Park System," he said.



The book is one part junior ranger book and one part pop-up book and entirely unique.

"This goes way beyond the traditional junior ranger activities of crossword puzzles and word searches. Participants will go on a journey through Frederica's history," says Burpee.

Activities will introduce junior rangers to the people of Frederica and learn why this hopeful settlement and its residents are important to

understanding our colonial history.

Junior rangers will use activity kits with tools like compasses and games that will help them complete their activities. The junior rangers will wear 18th century hats and carry their gear in a soldier's haversack.

If you are interested in having young visitors with your group try out the new program, ask for more information at the Visitor Center front desk.

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## Opportunities for Exploring Frederica's History

Fort Frederica's history is complex and difficult to grasp sometimes. Where once a flourishing town stood, bleaching ruins and foundations dot the landscape. Here are a few suggestions to really immerse yourself in Frederica's history.

- ❖ Watch the new park orientation film, *History Uncovered*.
- ❖ Attend a ranger-led program.
- ❖ Stand at the fort and watch the waters of the Frederica River slip past until a dolphin surfaces or a ship sails past.
- ❖ Become a Junior Ranger.
- ❖ Read Francis Moore's *Journal* while sitting next to his house foundation.
- ❖ Take the new audio tour.
- ❖ Visit the Castillo de San Marcos in St. Augustine, Florida to learn the Spanish perspective on Frederica's history.
- ❖ See the fort from a boat on the Frederica River and estimate the number of times the long-range cannon of Frederica could have shot at you before you could shoot at Frederica.
- ❖ Visit Jekyll Island's Horton House ruins.
- ❖ Ask questions of the rangers and volunteers.

**Enjoy your time at  
Fort Frederica  
National Monument**

## Fort Frederica's New Audio Tour



Fort Frederica National Monument is pleased to announce that visitors now have a new tour option. In addition to self-guided tours and ranger-led tours, visitors have the option of experiencing an audio tour. This tour, made available in early April, immerses the visitor in the resource and truly takes you back in time, so that you'll get a real feel for a bustling Colonial town.

The park isn't reinventing the wheel – a tape tour was developed in 1989 with excellent information, but technology got ahead of us. Using money obtained from park entrance fees, the tour was digitized and is now available for use. It is the latest in cutting-edge technology. It is designed to follow a linear pattern, but can be paused at any point or your stop can be repeated if desired.

We hope visitors using this tour will make more of a connection to Fort Frederica and realize that the site was not just a fort, but also a hopeful town full of settlers trying to make a new start.

This program is available upon request and is a free service. Please let us know how you like the new tour and how we might improve it. Enjoy!

## Help the Park –

### Recycle Your Brochure

While visiting the park you may have noticed a couple of wooden boxes for recycled brochures at the Visitor Center and near the Cemetery. Due to rising costs to print these beautiful color pamphlets, we



are trying to conserve our resources by reusing the brochures for future visitors. If you do not want to keep your brochure as a souvenir please do your part by using the recycling boxes.

Thank you!

## Maintenance Matters

### Riverfront projects to improve visitor experience.

National Park Service staff completed a few projects during the last quarter that will help visitors better understand the historic significance of Fort Frederica National Monument and enjoy the natural beauty that surrounds it. The projects were the culmination of months of work which improved assets that can be found along the Frederica River.

Boaters entering the park from the Frederica River dock will find the bulkhead wall (to which the park dock is attached) newly stabilized. Park maintenance staff removed old wood from the structure, installed new horizontal backers behind the piles, and attached new vertical boards. A new galvanized steel railing was also installed along the top of the structure. This stabilization work, a temporary repair until the bulkhead is completely rebuilt in an upcoming year, stops persistent soil erosion into the Frederica River that developed during the last few years due to the rotting condition of the wood. Boaters are reminded that the dock goes dry two hours either side of low tide, so plan your visit around the tides. Once ashore, the Visitor Center, where entrance fees are collected and park ranger orientation services are available, is a short walk east using the streets and alleys of the Frederica town site.

With the completion of the bulkhead rehabilitation, all visitors will again be able to enjoy the Riverfront Trail, which is located near the dock behind the bulkhead, and until recently was closed due to the precarious condition of the bulkhead. The trail tread has been resurfaced with new topsoil and new benches have been placed along the trail. For those seeking a spectacular view of the Frederica River and the famed Marshes of Glynn in the quiet solitude of our natural environment, the Riverfront Trail is a special place to remember your visit to Fort Frederica.

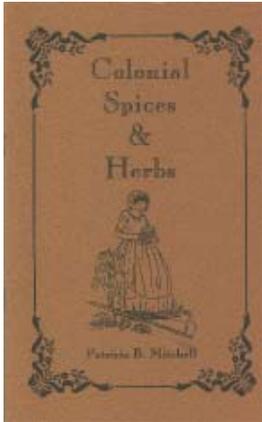
A little further north of the dock and inside the imprint of old Fort Frederica itself, park maintenance teams have completed the rebuild of two cannon carriages. These cannons, situated to fire on Spanish ships as they approached from the west and south on bends of the Frederica River, are cast iron and known as 12 pounders, which refers to the weight of the cannon ball fired by the gun. Cannons like these were used by British forces during the period when Frederica was inhabited.

The entire National Park Service staff at Fort Frederica National Monument has a strong commitment to maintain the national monument so you have a safe and well-kept facility for your entire family to enjoy. Whether it is the repair, rehabilitation, or upkeep of the dock bulkhead wall and its surroundings, the preservation of the cultural landscape and its features, or the protection and care of the natural environment, we strive to provide you with an educational experience that broadens your thinking about our cultural past. Let us know how we're doing. Your suggestions may be able to help us improve for those who follow in your footsteps. Thanks for visiting our facilities and grounds today!



## Two New Additions to the Fort Frederica Bookstore

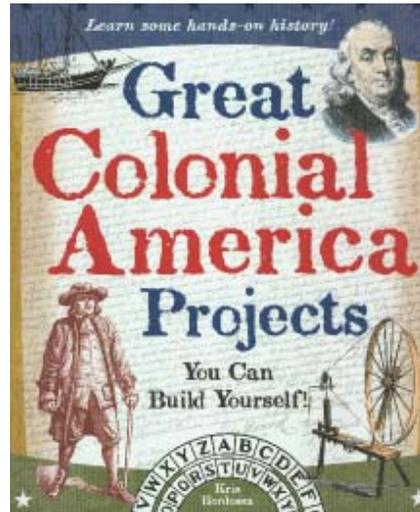
Two new books are now on the shelves of the bookstore.



The first book is entitled *Colonial Herbs and Spices*, by Patricia B. Mitchell. This little book discusses many types

of herbs and spices that were popular during Colonial times. It lists their common uses, as well as directions for cultivation. Ms. Mitchell also includes some Colonial recipes. This compact book contains much information and sells for the low price of \$4.50.

The second book is geared toward students ages 9 and up. Kris Bordessa's book *Great Colonial America Projects You Can Build Yourself!* is useful to home-school students and class room teachers looking for unique hands-on history projects pertaining to the Colonial period. It contains a glossary of



common Colonial terms and lists important historical figures.

The book details each of the 13 colonies and why they were established and illustrates a timeline of important events during the period. Most important, it is fun! It gives step-by-step instructions on how to create Colonial crafts like constructing your own tin lantern and tri-corn hats, and making your own bricks.



## Fort Frederica National Monument to Participate in Jazz Up Event.

National Park Service employees from Fort Frederica National Monument will staff a booth at the Jazz Up Brunswick and the Golden Isles 2007 kick-off celebration at Mary Ross Waterfront Park in downtown Brunswick on Saturday, April 28 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sponsored by the Keep Brunswick-Golden Isles Beautiful (KBGIB), this kick-off event for 2007 beautification projects in our local community will feature live entertainment, refreshments, and interactive exhibits and programs for the whole family. Clean Clyde and Retread Ted will also be there to entertain the kids!

KBGIB sponsors beautification activities, beach sweeps, cleanup activities and special programs

such as an "E" Electronic Recycling Collection event throughout the year. Plan on coming to "Jazz Up" at Mary Ross Waterfront Park on April 28th and learn more about volunteer activities/opportunities at the Fort Frederica National Monument Booth!



## Garden Clubs Assist with Frederica Garden

Volunteers from area garden clubs are helping the staff of Fort Frederica prepare the herb and vegetable garden for springtime planting. Ladies from Hamilton Garden Club, Live Oak Garden Club and Cassina Garden Club worked tirelessly during the month of March to weed and prepare the soil for planting.

There are five garden clubs on St. Simons Island. The garden club council graciously donated fertilizer and herb plants for the garden project. Please stop by the herb and vegetable garden to see what is growing. We have added a bench for those who wish to sit and rest a spell.

# Fort Frederica Celebrates Archeology Month in May

In 2001, the state of Georgia proclaimed the month of May to be Archeology Month. Each year, the Society for Georgia Archeology declares a theme for this special month. This year's theme is *Conflict: Georgia's Expanding Boundaries from 1733 to 1833*. This theme certainly ties into Fort Frederica's history, as the fort and town were built to defend the British boundary and protect Savannah and the northern colonies from Spanish attack. Spain and Britain were arguing over who should colonize and settle what is now the state of Georgia. The colonists and soldiers at Frederica helped to shape our country's history by defeating the Spanish at two battles which occurred on St. Simons Island in July 1742. This ended Spain's dreams of colonizing the new world and expanded Britain's borders.

Archeology is an important part of Frederica's current history. Extensive excavations were conducted in the town site and fort area during the 1950s through the 1970s. Each artifact that was found tells a story about the people who lived at Frederica and gives modern day visitors a glimpse of everyday life during the 22 years that Frederica existed.

Archeology Month provides an opportunity for the public to learn about the richness of both prehistoric (before written word) and historic (written word) archeological sites in the State of Georgia. The Society for Georgia Archeology provides a calendar of events that lists activities around the state in celebration of this month.

Fort Frederica will be hosting an

exhibit featuring artistic and written works by local fourth grade students who participate in the park's historical archeology education program. The National Park Service has partnered with the Glynn County School System to present this award-winning program to area students. This exhibit will be ongoing through the month of May.

Also, on Saturday, May 5, there will be a hands-on archeology program for all ages. Reservations are required because only 25 people can participate at a time. The program will be from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., and will cover all aspects of archeology: research, excavating and lab work. There is a lot of walking, bending and stooping over involved in the program. Please bring bug spray and dress for the weather.

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## What's for Dinner, Mom?



On March 3rd Fort Frederica National Monument inaugurated a new program in our increasing interpretive activities. Frederica Folkways: 18th Century Cooking.

A costumed interpreter, Ranger Cynda Abolt, spent the day cooking,

explaining and demonstrating 18th century cooking techniques. New settlers to the infant colony of Georgia faced many problems, not the least of which was keeping their families fed.

Cooking was a major part of a woman's life here at Frederica and it was an all-day process. Women were up before dawn to get fires started (that needed to be tended all day) until dark and the last cleanup was finished. Settlers needed to adapt new foods and cooking methods in order to survive.

Demonstrating these techniques is an all-day job also. Fires are started long-before the park opens and cooking starts at 10 a.m. The March program featured a menu that included game birds stuffed with dried berries and onions; greens; sweet potatoes (a new world crop), and, for

dessert, an apple pie. Although health department regulations do not allow for visitor tasting, the staff did eat well that day.

This program is a cooperative effort between the Ranger and Maintenance staffs.

Watch our Web page or events calendar for future dates of this program. It will be presented again on May 12th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



## Focus on Frederica's Residents:

### Freemen and Servants of the Colony

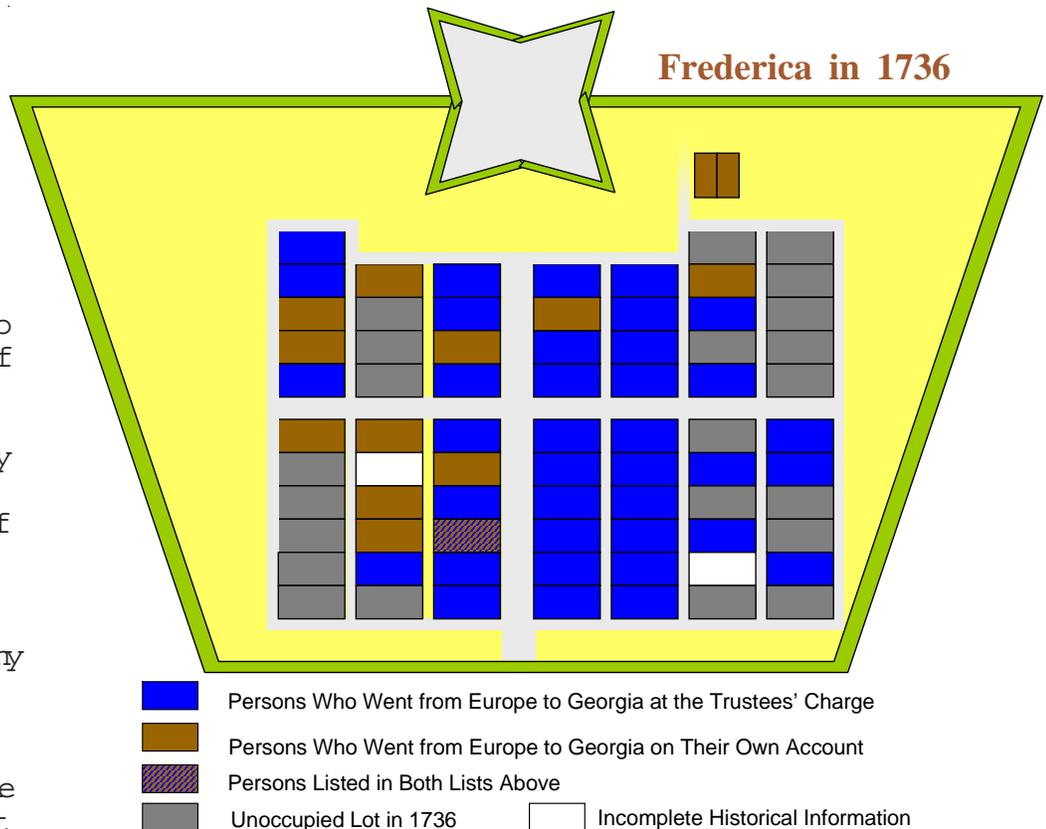
Geography tells much about the history of towns. An intriguing aspect of Frederica's history is that there were basically two types of new settlers who arrived in this nascent town in February 1736. By looking at these two types of settlers and where they lived it is possible to gain a deeper understanding of Frederica's social history.

New settlers were given a 60 foot by 90 foot lot within Frederica and 50 acres of farmland outside the walls of the town. The colony was overseen by a group of gentlemen in London known as the Trustees. The rules of who could emigrate to the new colony did not discriminate between those settlers who could afford to pay for the cost of their transport to the colony and those who relied upon the charity of the Trustees. Yet looking at historical sources an interesting pattern appears in the geographical settlement of the town.

Twelve percent of the original settlers who arrived at Frederica in February 1736 paid the cost of their voyage from London. They were considered freeholders from their arrival. Most of the freeholders settled in the south ward of the town.

The vast majority, 88 percent, of the settlers came to Frederica on the expense of the Trustees. For one year, they were required to "work and labour in clearing their lands, making habitations, and necessary defences, and in all other Works for the common Good and publick Weal of the said Colony; at such Times, in such Manner, and according to such Plan and Directions as shall be given."

Following this first year they were required to continue to live on their



land for two more years before receiving free title to their land. The majority of these "servants of the Colony" lived in the north ward.

Whether this distribution of freeholders and "servants" was purposeful or accidental does not

seem to be explained in the historical record. At a simple glance, though, many of us can perhaps relate to the settlers of Frederica. In this town, like many of our towns and cities, there was a well-to-do section and a poorer section of town.



#### Fort Frederica Needs You!

Are you interested in history? Would you like to help share the story of Fort Frederica and the early settlement of the Colony of Georgia? Do you want to help the National Park Service preserve this incredible place for future generations?

If so, please consider becoming a National Park Service volunteer. If you are interested in making a difference in your national park, please visit the Visitor Center to get a volunteer

## What Sort of Money was Used at Frederica?

Copper coins are the most common coin in Frederica's collection, mainly in the form of half-pennys and a few farthings. In fact the first recorded large-scale shipments of British coppers date to 1734 and 1735, when the colony of Georgia was being established. Tons of halfpence and farthings were imported, due to a deal made between Georgia's Trustees and King George II.



English Half-Penny

There are few references to farthings from the Frederica period, possibly because by 1760 the majority of the coppers sent over from Britain were counterfeit and it was more profitable to counterfeit halfpence than the smaller farthing.



English Farthing

England restricted the export of its silver coinage to the American colonies, so most silver and gold coins used here were Spanish in origin. It has been estimated that half of the coins in colonial America were Spanish reales. They were used not only as coinage but also treated as a commodity, as one would silver or gold bars.

At a net pay rate of between two and three pence a week, a British soldier received his pay in British copper farthings and halfpence. On the rare occasions that a British soldier might be paid in silver in North America, it was with Spanish coin.



Spanish Silver Real

Some of the oddities in Frederica's coin collection include two copper Swedish coins dating from the early part of the 18th century. The Swedish

### Qty. Types of Coin in Frederica Collection

44	English Copper Half-Pennies
4	English Copper Farthings
2	Spanish Silver Reales
2	Swedish Copper Öre
1	Germanic Schilling
3	Late 19 <sup>th</sup> c. American Copper Pennies
1	Unknown

## Safety - It's Everyone's Responsibility



Fort Frederica National Monument is committed to providing visitors with a quality and safe experience and you can help.

### Safety Notes

- Please take note of any signs that guard against hazards.
- While walking the beautiful tree-lined streets, watch out for hazardous limbs.
- Please do **NOT** seek shelter under any of the huge live oaks if thunder and lightning are in the area.
- Please stay out of ruins to help us preserve them for the future.

Although we strive for a safe environment, we may miss something. Please let us know how we can improve.

Empire had the greatest and most numerous copper mines in Europe during the 17th century. Sweden's large army of the time were paid entirely in copper currency. Whether this trend continued in the 18th century and how these coins made their way to Frederica remains a mystery.



Swedish Ore

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## New Junior Rangers



Every year, hundreds of young visitors complete the requirements to earn a Fort Frederica Junior Ranger Badge. If you want more information on the Junior Ranger program, ask a ranger in the Visitor Center.

A few of the latest Junior Rangers include:

- ★Austin Anderson, age 14, Grand Rapids, MI
- ★Brandon Anderson, age 12, Grand Rapids, MI
- ★Caillee Anderson, age 7, Grand Rapids, MI
- ★Lauden Ernst, age 7, Comer, GA
- ★Chris Nixon, age 9, Savannah, GA
- ★Lincoln Anthony, age 6, Dallas, TX
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- ★Michael Garrison, age 10, Tallahassee, FL
- ★Cailin Dawley, age 10, Carthage, MO
- ★Ethan Welker, age 6, Columbus, OH
- ★Sam Gray, age 6, Mt. Juliet, TN
- ★Andrew Rosinski, age 6, Columbia, SC
- ★Jacob Lenz, age 5, Aurora, IL
- ★Aleshia Weekly, age 13, Greeneville, TN
- ★Hannah Weekly, age 13, Greeneville, TN
- ★Daniel Weekly, age 10, Greeneville, TN
- ★Shannon Castleton, age 6, Columbus, GA
- ★Mitchell Castleton, age 4, Columbus, GA
- ★Kaleigh Wright, age 8, Acworth, GA
- ★Madeline Burke, age 10, Grayson, GA
- ★Sydney Burke, age 8, Grayson, GA
- ★Anna Drew, age 8, Lawrenceville, GA
- ★Ryan Drew, age 4, Lawrenceville, GA
- ★Mary Lesesne, age 7, Grayson, GA
- ★Anna Adams, age 10, Clanton, AL
- ★Nate Adams, age 5, Clanton, AL
- ★Bobby VanBrackle, age 6, Alpharetta, GA
- ★Kyle Eason, age 10, Atlanta, GA
- ★Zach Decker, age 13, Danville, IN
- ★Adam Decker, age 10, Danville, IN
- ★Sarah Morison, age 10, Marietta, GA
- ★Robby Morison, age 11, Marietta, GA
- ★Matthew Howard, age 9, Cumming, GA
- ★Jacob Howard, age 7, Cumming, GA
- ★Joy Krout, age 6, Cumming, GA
- ★Josh Howard, age 11, Cumming, GA
- ★Madison Smith, age 9, Decatur, GA
- ★Gabrielle Diaz, age 6, Indianapolis, IN
- ★Anne Edwards, age 6, Sautee, GA



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