



# Frederica Almanack

## Fort Frederica Reenters the Age of Artillery



The Fort Frederica Cannon Crew loads the park's new 3-pounder cannon. The cannon is used to demonstrate the role of artillery as a deterrent to Spanish ships. (Photos by Kim Coons)

Oglethorpe “went to the Fort and himself seeing the Guns and Howitzers, Pointed and Fired so warmly upon the Spanish Vessels that they seemed Disabled, upon which the General immediately went on board his Cutter and Rowed towards them with the Boats...” July 11, 1742

Much attention is paid to the two land battles that occurred on St. Simons Island in July of 1742, yet there is a little-known artillery engagement of interest as well. Following the Battles of Gully Hole Creek and Bloody Marsh on July 7, 1742, the Spanish recognized the utter futility of attempting to march soldiers up the Military Road to attack Frederica. Around every bend of this horse path and behind every palmetto frond a

potential ambush may lay. Four days later, the Spanish attempted to test the waters of the river and sail closer to the fort to land troops. They soon found themselves under attack from the artillery.

To help tell that dramatic story, Fort

Frederica has reentered the age of artillery. On Saturday June 17, volunteers and staff inaugurated the park's new 3-pounder cannon. Future firing demonstrations are in the planning stages. Check the park website ([www.nps.gov/fofr](http://www.nps.gov/fofr)) for the schedule of upcoming programs.



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## A Message from Fort Frederica's Superintendent

Although I am here a short time, I would like to say that Fort Frederica is a wonderful site. The staff has gone out of its way to welcome me. It is an exciting time at the park with many new developments.

The public meeting for the amendment to the General Management Plan on June 27 went well. The public comment period runs through July. There are copies of the proposal at the visitor center and online (<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/documentsAndLinks.cfm?projectId=11167>) for the public and staff.

The busy Summer season is upon us. Many staff worked hard on the Archeology Camp and the Hands-On-History Camp. Both programs were well attended. Interpretive rangers are now focused on July interpretive programs and the Teacher's Archeology Education Workshop.

On June 17, the first cannon program went well. Keep an eye out for future cannon demonstrations. If you haven't already done so, make the time to attend a ranger-led program.

Three long-time employees retired this past year: Mike Tennent, Roosevelt Norris and Donnie Carter. In addition, Anita Callaway moved to Tennessee. We wish them the best in their new endeavors.

We have hired some very experienced and enthusiastic new employees. Administrative officer Michelle Marc hails from Fire Island and park guide Cynda Carpenter comes to us from Appomattox Courthouse. Congratulations to Brandon Lacey, maintenance worker, who was recently brought on as a Student Career Employee Program hire.

As we move into the rest of the summer season, we hope that you come by, tour the site, meet the staff and enjoy beautiful Coastal Georgia. June Devisfruto, Acting Superintendent

## Completely Natural



During the summer of 2005 Fort Frederica National Monument received about 5 inches of rain in a two-day period, resulting in a one-foot accumulation of water at the park entrance. The archeological ruins in the park resembled dirty swimming pools, not historic sites. The moat once again functioned as a moat with water flowing through. In fact, it took several weeks for the townsite to drain, since the water

table was full. Over that period the staff watched as a majestic live oak slowly began to uproot, ending its slow, graceful plunge to the ground in October, 2005. It still lies in the North Ward. We are not going to cut the tree, since it is still alive, but we are monitoring it. The tree is roped off for safety.

Stay tuned for more natural wonders of Frederica.



# Maintenance Matters

As another Georgia summer descends upon Fort Frederica National Monument, park staff is gearing up for a number of projects that are intended to help make your visit informative and enjoyable.

Projects funded for this year at Fort Frederica correct, repair, and rehabilitate deficiencies to assets. The most noticeable projects will stabilize the dock and develop an irrigation system around the Visitor Center grounds.

Our dock is the gateway into Fort Frederica for sailors navigating the Marshes of Glynn and the Frederica River. It is often used as a convenient stop for sailors traveling the nearby Intracoastal Waterway and is available so travelers can anchor down, get off ship, stretch the legs, and tour the grounds before settling down for the evening. The dock is attached to a wooden quaywall, a bulkhead which protects the natural resources behind it from the scouring tidal action of the river on the other side of it (tides can fluctuate 8 feet along Coastal Georgia!). The quaywall is actually a remnant of the old Frederica Yacht Club, an adjoining piece of land to the south of the town site proper which was purchased by the National Park Service in the early 90's to protect the national monument from encroaching development. The quaywall has

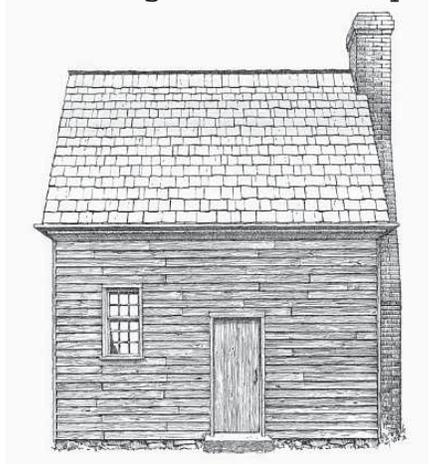
not been tended to in years and we plan on replacing the vertical backing boards, and then laying rip rap granite in front of it for erosion control. The final piece of the puzzle will be backfilling soil behind the quaywall, which will allow us to re-open the Riverfront Trail, closed for the past year due to severe tread erosion.

The irrigation project around the Visitor Center is a fully automated system fed by our deep well, which draws fresh water from about 834 feet below sea level. It will eliminate time-consuming hand watering of the Visitor Center landscape, and our native plant display and the Herb Garden located in the interpretive demonstration area at the rear of the Visitor Center.

Two other projects slated for funding this summer involve our cultural resources. One will repair the reproduction carriages for three of our cannons located at the fort. The cannons will be removed from their carriages by crane, and set down on temporary structures so the carriages can be repaired in our maintenance shop. So if you see a lonely cannon barrel on a temporary support during your visit this summer, don't worry, we should have it back in its proper location by fall! The other project with a cultural slant involves installing a fire suppression system for the Museum Artifact Building. This building is the

depository for artifacts uncovered from Frederica town and provides office space for our cultural research specialist. Although this is "behind the scenes" work, this will bring our building up to standards required by the National Park Service for structures storing cultural/historic artifacts.

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 building assets, the preservation of the cultural landscape and grounds, or the protection 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 today!



# Fort Frederica National Monument 2006 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All programs, dates and scheduled times subject to change (912) 638-3639  
[www.nps.gov/fofr](http://www.nps.gov/fofr)

JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
<p><b>29</b> Bloody Marsh Musket Program 2:00 PM</p> <p><b>Daily Ranger Programs</b> 11 &amp; 2</p> 	<p><b>26</b> Bloody Marsh Musket Program 2:00 PM</p> <p><b>Daily Ranger Programs</b> 11 &amp; 2</p>	<p><b>Public Lands Month</b></p> <p><b>9</b> Children's Activities 2:00 PM</p> <p><b>30</b> Bloody Marsh Musket Program 2:00 PM</p>	<p><b>14</b> Children's Activities 2:00 PM</p> <p><b>28</b> Bloody Marsh Musket Program 2:00 PM</p> 	<p><b>4</b> Children's Activities 2:00 PM</p> <p><b>18</b> Bloody Marsh Musket Program 2:00 PM</p>	<p><b>16</b> Holiday Open House</p> <p><b>25</b> Christmas Day (Park Closed)</p> 

## Children's Activities at Fort Frederica

### New in 2006!

September 9, October 14, November 4



Join a National Park Service ranger for hands-on activities designed to explore the history of Frederica. A great opportunity to have fun while learning about our past!

For more information please contact the Fort Frederica Visitor Center at 912-638-3639.

A Demonstration of the new King's Arm, Long Land Pattern Musket.

Including,

A Description of the Battle of Bloody Marsh and the Method used to win the late war against the forces of Spain and the effects of this war upon the future of Frederica and the Colony of Georgia

As told by

A Soldier in his Majesty's Army serving in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regiment of Foot.

**Saturday, July 29, 2006. 2:00 PM**  
**Battle of Bloody Marsh Site.**



## 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 application or contact volunteer coordinator Jon Burpee at 912-638-3639 or e-mail [Jon\\_Burpee@nps.gov](mailto:Jon_Burpee@nps.gov).

# Archeological Propection Workshop

From May 15 to May 19, Fort Frederica co-hosted a remote sensing techniques workshop with the Midwest Archeological Center and Georgia DOT. The purpose of the workshop was to train and educate archeology students and professionals in new technologies for “propection,” or remote sensing. Technologies like aerial photography, magnetic/electrical resistivity and conductivity, ground penetrating radar, and even global positioning can all be used to help archeologists to “peek” under the ground without actually digging, to “see” possible archeological sites like buried foundations, wells, shrapnel fields, etc. This allows archeologists to perform surveys without digging (which is destructive) and also allows them to focus their efforts when they do need to dig.

The workshop had almost 50 participants from all over the U.S., Canada, and Great Britain.

Attendees participated in classroom instruction as well as hands-on training with equipment in the field. At the end of the week, the class presented their findings which included a possible discovery of

an un-researched, un-excavated house foundation and some possible wells on the Frederica town site. All results will be collated and shared with the staff of Fort Frederica National Monument.



Pictures from the Archeological Propection Workshop. (Above) Aerial reconnaissance of the site helps archeologists spot features difficult to see from ground level. (Below) Copious notes and data were collected during the workshop that will help the National Park Service better understand the archeology of Fort Frederica. (Photos by Denise Spear)



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Fort Frederica National Monument is a premier historical and archeological site that shares and preserves the history associated with the British settlement of the Colony of Georgia and the struggle with Spain for control of the region. The National Park Service values working with partners and the public to bring this special history to life.

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The National Park Service cares for the special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

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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:

- ★ Kelly Hall, age 12, Suwanee, GA
- ★ Alli Barkin, age 12, Suwanee, GA
- ★ Shelby Milton, age 12, Duluth, GA
- ★ Lauman Hickox, age 12, Duluth, GA
- ★ Samantha Romm, age 12, Duluth, GA
- ★ Morgan Goldberg, age 12, Duluth, GA
- ★ Hayden Scruggs, age 12, Duluth, GA
- ★ Savannah Warriner, age 8, St. Augustine, FL
- ★ Kelsey Nevine, age 9, Raleigh, NC
- ★ Sarah Pausa, age 5, Westchester, IL
- ★ Brian Boney, age 11, Albuquerque, NM
- ★ Elliot Stone, age 11, Canton, GA
- ★ Brooke Thorson, age 6, Lubbock, TX
- ★ Abbie Monk, age 11, Jacksonville, FL
- ★ Katy Monk, age 12, Jacksonville, FL
- ★ Jacob Pace, age 8, Brevard, NC
- ★ Christina Lynch, age 9, West Palm, FL
- ★ Ashley McAllister, age 9, Suwanee, GA
- ★ Josh McAllister, age 6, Suwanee, GA
- ★ Mary Evelyn Clark, age 9, Woodstock, GA
- ★ Paul Jackson Clark, age 8, Woodstock, GA
- ★ Christina Coogle, age 12, Bagdad, FL
- ★ Meghan Smith, age 11, Carrollton, GA
- ★ Dustin Coogle, age 13, Bagdad, FL
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- ★ Anna Adams, age 10, Clanton, AL
- ★ Nate Adams, age 5, Clanton, AL
- ★ Ethan Coogle, age 10, Bagdad, FL
- ★ Patrick Vogel, age 7, Germantown, MD
- ★ Jack Vogel, age 9, Germantown, MD
- ★ Courtney Vogel, age 12, Germantown, MD
- ★ John Vermillion, age 9, Roswell, GA
- ★ Elizabeth Vermillion, age 12, Roswell, GA
- ★ Nickolas Limonta, age 8, Clermont, FL
- ★ Cameron Limonta, age 5, Clermont, FL
- ★ Joey Monte, age 10, Lubbock, TX
- ★ Josh Monte, age 8, Lubbock, TX
- ★ Cooper Felking, age 7, Hawkinsville, GA
- ★ Tucker Felking, age 5, Hawkinsville, GA
- ★ Joshua George, age 7, Chandler, AZ

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