



# Frederica Almanack

## Summer Programs Offer Chances to See Frederica's History in a New Light

The summer is traditionally the busiest season in national parks. This year there are more seasonal park rangers and staff on duty in national parks throughout the country than in recent years. Fort Frederica is utilizing the talents of two seasonal rangers to present new types of programs for visitors.

### Sunset on the Fort

Throughout July, park visitors will get a rare chance to experience Frederica at sunset on Saturdays. The park will remain open until sunset on Saturdays from July 12-August 9. A special program about the final years of Frederica will be presented starting at 8:15 pm.

### Raid on Horton House

For a fun family event, raise a jovial mug of (ginger) ale or (root) beer near the site of Georgia's first brewery, and watch 18<sup>th</sup>-century British military re-enactors perform musket drills. The soldiers are rallying their defenses against further attacks on Jekyll Island's strategic shores.



42nd Regiment Soldiers participate in the 2007 Raid on the Horton House event on Jekyll Island. (Photo by Andrea Marroquin)

On Saturday, July 12, 2008 at 2:00 pm, visit Horton House on Jekyll Island, one of the oldest standing tabby structures in Georgia, where colonial re-enactors will demonstrate 18<sup>th</sup>-century activities and present the story of the 1742 Spanish raid on Jekyll Island following the Battle of Bloody Marsh.

Fort Frederica National Monument and the Jekyll Island Museum will team up to present this joint program on Georgia's early colonial history.

### A Thanksgiving for Victory

To celebrate the British defeat of the Spanish following the attacks on St. Simons Island, General James (continued on page 9)

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## Opportunities for Exploring Frederica's History

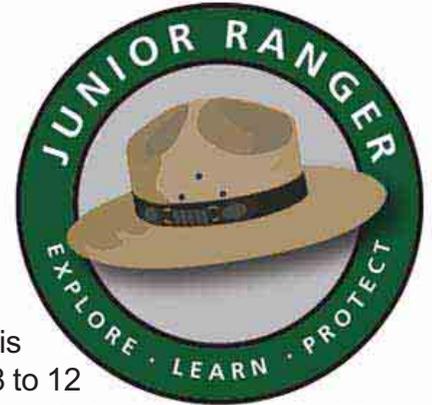
Fort Frederica's history is complex and difficult to grasp sometimes. Where once a flourishing town stood, bleaching ruins and foundations dot the landscape. Here are a few suggestions to really immerse yourself in Frederica's history.

- ❖ Watch the 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**

## Junior Ranger Activity Book Captures High Honors

The Fort Frederica National Monument junior ranger activity booklet has won the 2008 National Park Service Keeper of the Light Award. In 2001, this award was established in the Southeast Region to recognize excellence in interpretation at the park-wide level. The park nominated the innovative booklet created by the interpretive division at Fort Frederica. This unique program provides children ages 8 to 12 (and their parents) an innovative and fun way to learn about the soldiers and settlers of Fort Frederica. Equipped with a haversack that contains all the tools they need, kids begin the adventure in the Visitor Center. Their task is to deliver a dispatch written by General Oglethorpe to Captain Demere. While they are trying to find Captain Demere they learn important and interesting facts about life in the 18th Century at Frederica. The interpretive staff worked very hard on this program and is very deserving of this prestigious award. Of the 66 parks eligible for this award, only two of these awards are given each year. This is one of the lasting legacies that these interpreters can leave at Fort Frederica. Please ask about the Junior Ranger program and while you're at it, congratulate the staff on a job well done!



**Chief Ranger Kim Coons**

## Help the Park — Recycle Your Brochure

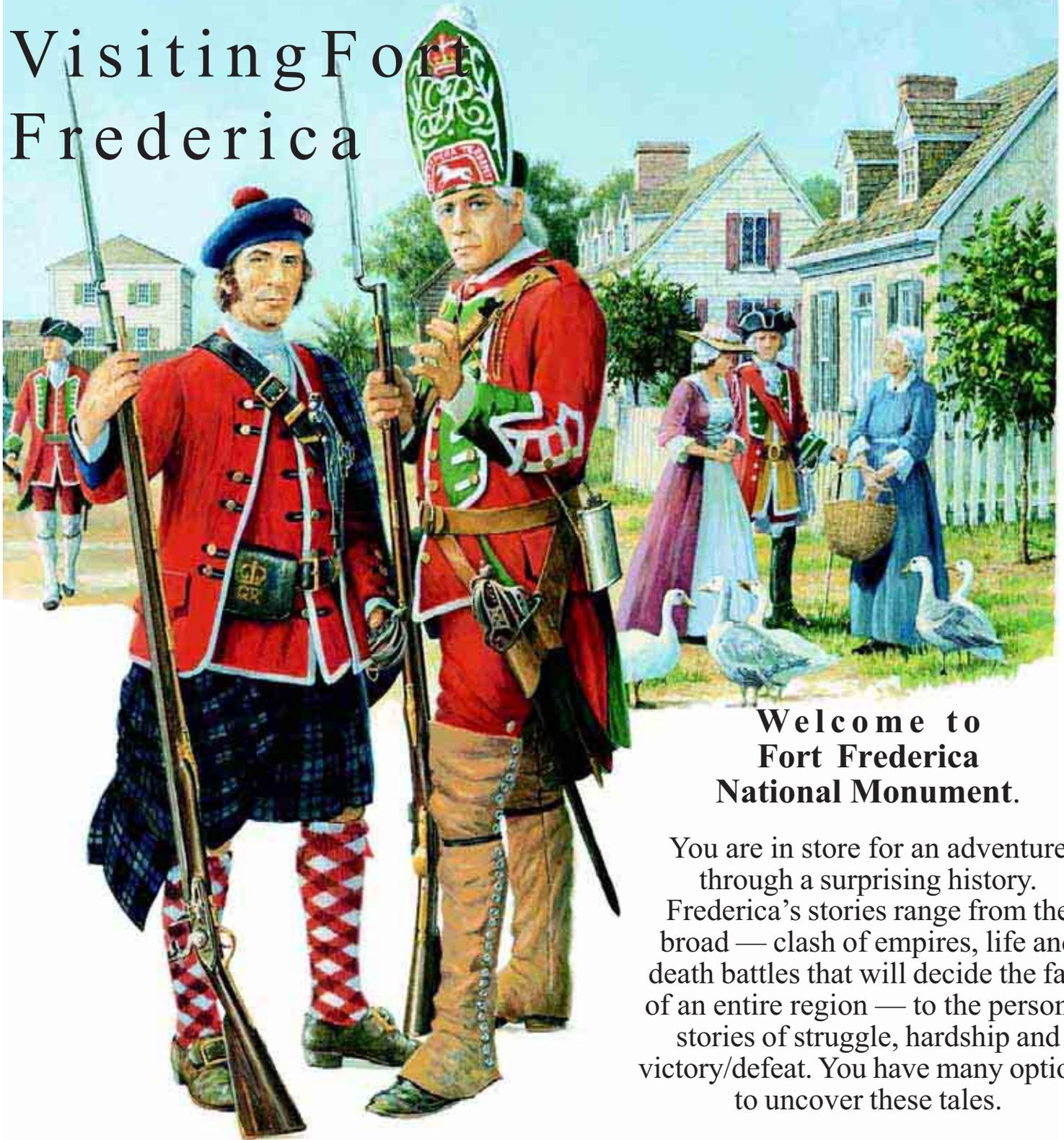
While visiting the park, you may notice a couple of wooden boxes for recycled brochures at the Visitor Center and near the Cemetery. Due to rising costs to print these beautiful color pamphlets, we are trying



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!

# A First Timer's Guide to Visiting Fort Frederica

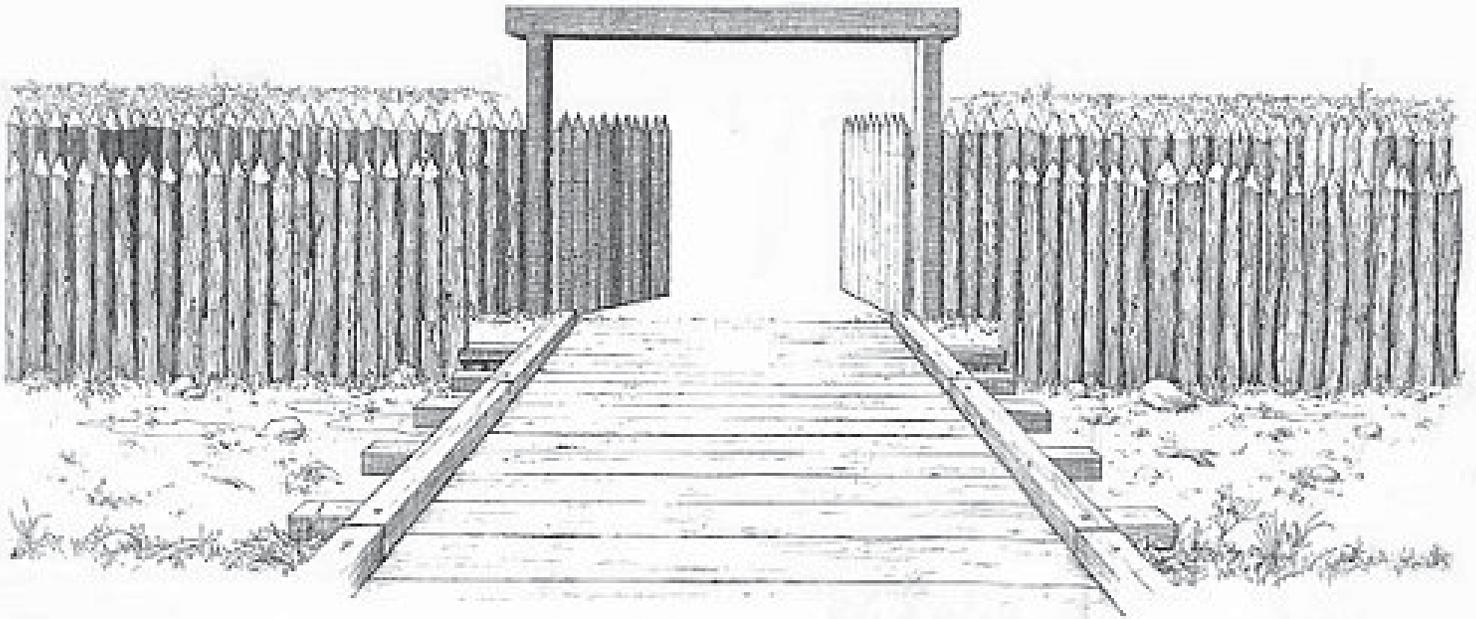


## **Welcome to Fort Frederica National Monument.**

You are in store for an adventure through a surprising history. Frederica's stories range from the broad — clash of empires, life and death battles that will decide the fate of an entire region — to the personal stories of struggle, hardship and victory/defeat. You have many options to uncover these tales.

Over the next few pages, this guide will help you get the most out of your visit today.

**Enjoy!**



## Visitor Center Museum

Fort Frederica National Monument's Visitor Center is open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily. It offers exhibits that feature many of the artifacts recovered from archeological digs. Interactive computers and hands-on activities are designed to introduce the site's history and prepare visitors for exploration of this town and fort.

**Allow 10-20 minutes in the museum exhibits.**

## Orientation Film

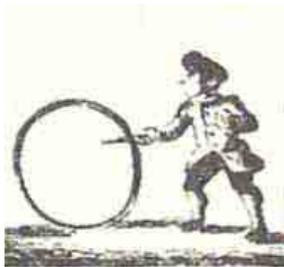
*History Uncovered* is a good place to start your discovery of Fort Frederica. It provides an introduction to the history of Fort Frederica and its archaeological resources. The British-Spanish struggle for control of the region is brought to life utilizing living history interpreters and subject experts.



**Running Time: 23 minutes**  
**Shows every 30 minutes in the Visitor Center Theater.**

## Kid's Activities

**History comes to life for kids at Fort Frederica.**



**Junior Ranger Program.** Experience one of the most unique junior ranger programs in the National Park System. Kids can check out a soldier's haversack loaded with colonial tools and items that will help them complete activities to earn a junior ranger badge. The activities take about 1 1/2 hours to complete.

**Try-on Colonial Clothes.** Dress as a colonial lady or soldier. Located in the Visitor Center Museum.

**18th-Century Games and Activities Table.** Try your hand at colonial games and learn about children in the 18th-Century. Located in the Visitor Center Museum.

**Hands-On Musket Drill.** Learn about the life of a British soldier by participating in a hands-on musket drill program. For more information, ask at the Visitor Center Information Desk.

## Safety

Fort Frederica National Monument is committed to provide 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.

## Accessibility

At Fort Frederica National Monument, we want everyone to be able to experience the surprising history of Fort Frederica. To accomplish this goal, we offer a few services to allow everyone the opportunity to explore this history fully.



**Golf Carts** - For those with mobility impairment, a golf cart can be used. Simply inquire with a ranger or volunteer at the front desk. In order to reserve a cart you will need to supply a driver's license, which will be returned upon the return of the cart.

**Open Captioning** for the film *History Uncovered* - Captions are specifically designed for viewers with hearing loss to enable their full participation when viewing the park film. The captions include information regarding on- and off-screen sound effects such as music or laughter. Captions also hold secondary benefits for people who are learning a foreign language, or learning how to read, as well as those who understand best by processing visual information.

**Audio Description** for the film *History Uncovered* - Audio description describes the visual content of the film. It provides individuals who are visually impaired with information that further describes the visual content not provided by the primary audio track. An audio description narrator describes actions, gestures, scene changes, and other visual information.

If there is any way that we can make your visit better, please let us know.

## Interpretive Programs

Interpretive programs offer a great way to discover the many layers of Frederica's history.

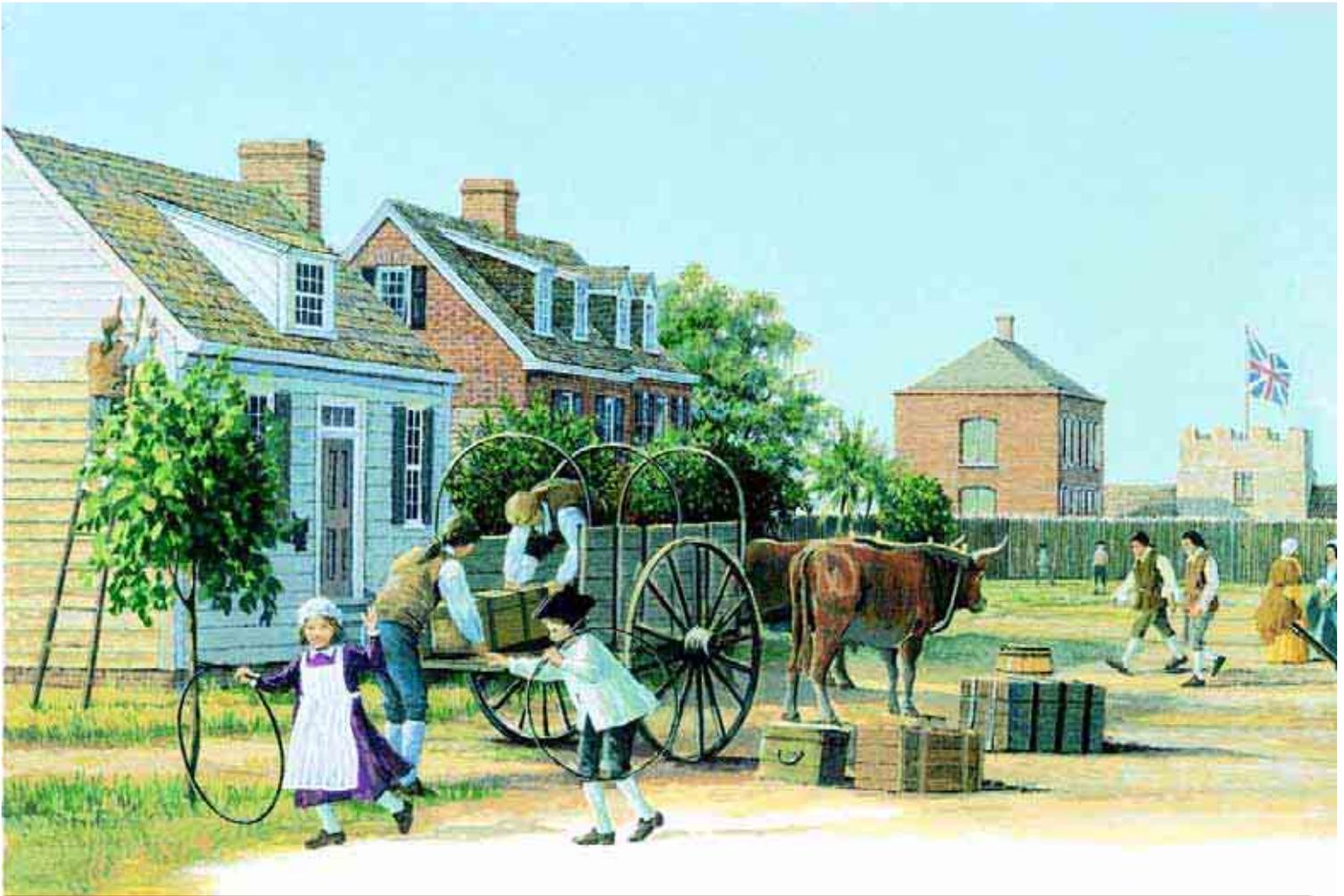


**Audio Tours.** This 45-minute tour takes you through the heart of Frederica to the Fort. Narration and the sounds of the town help bring the town to life.

**Guided Tours.** Explore Frederica's history with a park ranger.

**Historic Weapons Programs.** Learn about the life of a British soldier and experience a musket firing demonstration.

**For more information about today's schedule ask at the Visitor Center Information Desk.**



## **Bloody Marsh**

Six miles south of the main unit of Fort Frederica National Monument is a small site that memorializes the final battle between British and Spanish forces on St. Simons Island. The site has a few exhibits and a great view of what is now known as Bloody Marsh. Bloody Marsh is located on Demere Road. For directions, please ask at the Visitor Center desk.



## **The Spanish Side of the Story**

Consider traveling a few miles south to visit the Castillo de San Marcos and Fort Matanzas located in St. Augustine, FL. These National Park Service sites tell the story of the Spanish settlement and claims to the region and figure prominently in the history of Fort Frederica.



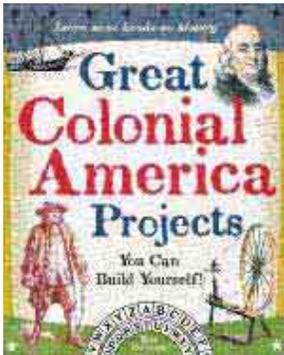
# New in the Fort Frederica Bookstore

The Fort Frederica Association operates the park bookstore. The non-profit Association has been a park partner for over 60 years and is dedicated to raising funds for education and preservation programs at the park. The proceeds from the sale of books and other items assist the park in providing quality programs for students and the visiting public.

From time to time, the bookstore receives new titles and merchandise. This issue of the *Almanack* features reviews of several titles.

## **Great Colonial American Projects You Can Build Yourself**

by Kris Bordessa



Readers ages 9 and up are offered a great introduction to colonial America though this book of hands-on projects that use common household supplies. Projects which contain step-by-step instructions combine with historical fact, biographies and trivia. From making your own secret mask to learning what a *privie* was, this book gives readers a chance to experience how colonial Americans lived, cooked, entertained themselves, and interacted with their neighbors.

## **Colonial Spices and Herbs.**

by Patricia B. Mitchell

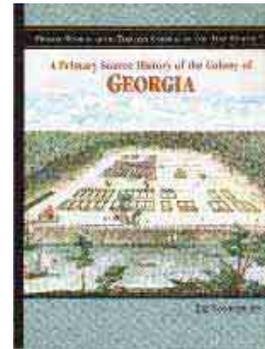


During colonial times, spices and herbs had not only culinary, but medicinal values. The colonist's knowledge of herbals came from a background of partial facts and ancient superstitions. We now know

that there is a real scientific basis to their applications. This book lists some of the most common herbs and spices used during colonial times. Included are recipes and historical accounts of herbal applications such as sage, rosemary, feverfew, etc.

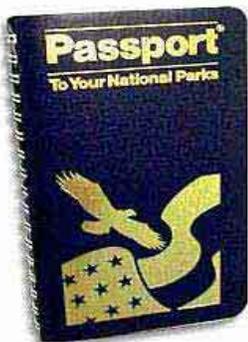
## **A Primary Source History of the Colony of Georgia**

by Liz Sonneborn



This book offers a comprehensive chronicle which begins in 1732, when settlers first left England and set sail for Georgia. It follows history to the year 1788 when Georgia became the fourth state to ratify the United States Constitution. Maps and Photographic reproductions supplement the text and combine to form an excellent resource for grade school students.

# National Parks Passport Book and Stamps



A great way to explore your National Parks is to have a handy guide with you in the form of the National Parks Passport Book. Many visitors mark their journeys by collecting cancellation stamps in these books and collecting the colorful national and regional stamps each year. For more information ask in the visitor center bookstore.



# Fort Frederica National Monument 2008 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>12</b> Raid on Horton House (Jekyll Island) 2 pm</p> <p><b>12</b> Sunset on the Fort 8:15 pm</p> <p><b>19</b> Sunset on the Fort 8:15 pm</p> <p><b>25</b> "A Thanksgiving for Victory" 2 pm</p> <p><b>26</b> Sunset on the Fort 8:15 pm</p> <p><b>26</b> Bloody Marsh Musket Program 2 p.m.</p> <p><b>Daily Ranger Programs</b> 11 am &amp; 2 pm</p>	<p><b>2</b> Sunset on the Fort 8:15 pm</p> <p><b>9</b> Sunset on the Fort 8:15 pm</p> <p><b>23</b> Colonial Game Night: Skittles 7 pm</p>  <p><b>Daily Ranger Programs</b> 11 am &amp; 2 pm</p>	<p><b>Public Lands Month</b></p> <p><b>20</b> An Evening in a Colonial Tavern 7 pm</p> <p><b>27</b> Bloody Marsh Musket Program 2 pm</p> 	<p><b>11</b> Frederica Folkways: The Life of a Soldier 2 pm</p> <p><b>25</b> Frederica Folkways: 18<sup>th</sup> Century Cooking, all day.</p> 	<p><b>15</b> Colonial Game Night: Fox &amp; Geese 7 pm</p> <p><b>22</b> Bloody Marsh Musket Program 2 pm</p> <p><b>29</b> Frederica Folkways: Making Tabby 2 pm</p> 	<p><b>13</b> James Oglethorpe's Birthday Celebration</p> <p><b>25</b> Christmas Day (Park Closed)</p> 



## Experience a Year of History with the Fort Frederica Pass

The number of special programs at Fort Frederica National Monument is growing. With all the new offerings you might want to consider purchasing an annual Fort Frederica pass. The \$10 pass entitles the holder (including spouse, children, and parents) to free admission to Fort Frederica for one year from the time of purchase. You can purchase the pass at the counter in the Visitor Center. A portion of each park pass sale stays in the park and supports special projects and programs.



## Summer Programs, continued from page one

Oglethorpe ordered a day of Thanksgiving to be held on July 25, 1742 at Frederica. On July 25 visitors are invited to join some visitors from the past to hear Oglethorpe's proclamation and learn about the dramatic times surrounding the battles. The program will begin at 2:00 pm.

### Colonial Games Night: Skittles

On August 23, the park will host another Colonial Games program at 7:00 p.m. Skittles is an 18th Century bowling game that delights all who play it. Learn a little about the lifestyles of Frederica's settlers and this historic game.

### An Evening in a Colonial Tavern

On September 20, the Bennett Tavern is open for business again at 7:00 pm. Join a National Park Ranger on a 'pub crawl' throughout the town of Frederica and visit these vitally important businesses. The bulk of the program will occur at the Bennett Tavern site where visitors will be immersed in the nightlife of this colonial town. Non-alcoholic beverages will be served.

**For more information about the upcoming events at Fort Frederica National Monument, take a look at the Calendar of Events on page 8.**

### 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).



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Fort Frederica National Monument is a premier historical and archaeological 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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**Web Site Address**  
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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.



## A Demonstration of the new Long Land Pattern Musket

Including,

A Description of the  
Battle of Bloody Marsh &  
the Method used to win the late war  
against the forces of Spain & 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 26  
& September 27, 2008.**

**2:00 p.m.**

**Battle of Bloody Marsh Site**

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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 or volunteer in the Visitor Center.

A few of the latest Junior Rangers include:

- ★Matthew Tennant, age 12, Atlanta, GA
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- ★Julia Tallant, age 12, Alpharetta, GA
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- ★Caleb Daly, age 9, Jacksonville, IL
- ★Kayla Jean George, age 8, Douglasville, GA
- ★Alex M. Nelson, age 7, St. Simons Island, GA
- ★Kaylan Nelson, age 9, St. Simons Island, GA
- ★Keely Seals, age 10, Marietta, GA
- ★Emily Ehlers, age 9, Portland, OR
- ★Jake Ehlers, age 9, Portland, OR
- ★Taylor McMorris, age 10, Jesup, GA
- ★Hagen Archer, age 10, Athens, GA
- ★Emily Rose Bellacomo, age 7, Albany, GA
- ★Andrew Bellacomo, age 11, Albany, GA
- ★Alyssa Hutcheson, age 10, Acworth, GA
- ★Hunter Hutcheson, age 11, Acworth, GA
- ★John A. Dennard III, age 12, Hawkinsville, GA
- ★Dhruvt Mukherjee, age 8, Charleston, SC
- ★Jessica Cole, age 9, Columbia, SC
- ★Lanie Conaway, age 8, Knoxville, TN
- ★Marissa Postell, age 8, Mt. Juliet, TN
- ★Michaela Postell, age 10, Mt. Juliet, TN
- ★Anna Persse, age 10, Blaine, WA
- ★Anthony Persse, age 8, Blaine, WA
- ★Anna Siefeld, age 10, Duluth, GA
- ★Peyton Hartgrove, age 10, Raeford, NC
- ★Austin Hartgrove, age 13, Raeford, NC
- ★Liam Gentry, age 10, Raeford, NC
- ★Mallory Gibson, age 13, Raeford, NC
- ★Brandon Gibson, age 12, Raeford, NC
- ★Tiffani del Valle, age 13, Raeford, NC
- ★Steven Wilson, age 7, Pittsford, VT
- ★Gabriella Flvette, Chapin, SC
- ★Gage Flvette, age 5, Chapin, SC



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