



Frederica Almanack

National Park Week Events Allow Visitors to Taste and Hear Frederica's Past

Fort Frederica National Monument is coming to life during National Park Week. National Park Week is an annual week proclaimed by the president of the United States for celebration and recognition of America's National Parks. This year's National Park Week is April 22-30 and Fort Frederica National Monument is offering some special programs to highlight the park's history.

On Saturday April 22nd, two programs will help to bring the stories of Frederica's soldiers and settlers to life. At 2:00 p.m., a program entitled "The Battle of Bloody Marsh," will feature a British soldier telling the story of the battle and the effects it had upon the soldiers and Frederica. This 35-minute living history program also includes a musket firing demonstration. The program will take place at the Battle of Bloody Marsh unit of the park located on Demere Road. There is no admission fee for this program.

Later that evening, a special living history program will immerse visitors in an important aspect of colonial culture. Visitors are invited to join some of Frederica's 18th-century residents at the site of the Bennett Tavern. Taverns



National Park Week events at Fort Frederica National Monument include a very special concert by David and Ginger Hildebrand on April 29th at 7:00 p.m..

were an important focal point of colonial towns like Frederica. Visitors will enjoy an evening in a colonial tavern and learn some of the stories of Frederica's past, participating in tavern games and singing period tavern songs. Non-alcoholic refreshments will be served to participants. "An Evening in A Colonial Tavern" will begin at 7:00 p.m. Regular park admission fees will be charged.

On April 29th at 7:00 p.m., Fort Frederica will host a concert of colonial music. This program, "The Music of Colonial Georgia," is co-

sponsored with the Fort Frederica Association and features two of the leading experts in colonial music. Hailing from Maryland, David and Ginger Hildebrand will perform colonial songs intertwined with stories and discussion to create a vivid sense of our cultural heritage. Seating for the concert is limited; Reservations are required. Visitors should call the Fort Frederica National Monument Visitor Center at 912-638-3639 to make reservations. Admission fees will be charged.

Opportunities for Exploring
Frederica's History
page 2

New Things for Spring
page 2

Name the Artifact
page 5

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.
- ❖ Attend the Music of Colonial Georgia concert on April 29th.
- ❖ Read Francis Moore's *Journal* while sitting next to his house foundation.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Attend the Colonial Tavern program on April 22nd.
- ❖ Ask questions of the rangers and volunteers.

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

New Things for Spring

Welcome to Fort Frederica National Monument! The interpretive division has been busy during the fall and winter and is pleased to provide you, the park visitor, with some new and exciting interpretive programs and exhibits.

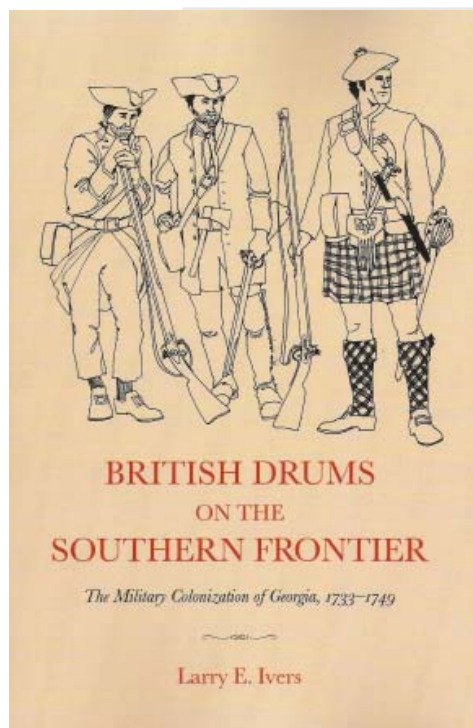
◆ **Interactive touch screen computers** have been installed in the museum. Using these computers you can learn more about the life of a soldier, information about the town and its residents and how to volunteer. We hope you have a chance to give them a try and let us know what you think.

◆ **A new cannon** has also been received, paid for in part by park entrance fees. In the coming months the Fort Frederica cannon crew will be trained and start

offering cannon programs periodically on weekends and during the summer months.

◆ **The historical garden** is beginning to grow. Check it out as the spring advances. The seeds are already in the ground, and we are starting to see the fruits of our labor. Located behind the visitor center in an enclosed fence to keep the animals out, please take a moment to take a leisurely stroll and see how our garden grows. If our garden grows we'll be luckier than the first settlers at Frederica; extreme temperature and bugs didn't allow for a bountiful harvest.

Visit your park on a regular basis to see and learn more about our ever-evolving interpretive programs.



The Book Nook

A definitive historical work reappears on the shelves of the Fort Frederica bookstore. *British Drums on the Southern Frontier: The Military Colonization of Georgia, 1733-1749* is an important work that traces the changing troop levels and actions of British and colonial troops during the struggle with Spain. By far the best overview of the British efforts, it is a wonderful companion to *Muskets, Knives and Bloody Marshes* by Jud Conner. A great read for understanding Frederica and Georgia's early military history.

Maintenance Matters

Roofing Project Continues

As the new roof for the park's visitor center and offices takes shape, the roofing contractor has completed about 25 percent of the work. The project initially concentrates on the east wing of the building and then will work west around to the rear breezeway, over to the roof above the theater wing, and will finish up with the southern facing front area. We have been working closely with local contractor Allen & Graham.

A visitor center is an integral part of any national park complex that attempts to educate and inform the visiting public. Planners situated our building at a strategic location outside the cultural zone so that incoming guests could be greeted and prepared for the educational experience that lies ahead. The story of Frederica is not well known, yet after exploring the Frederica town site it seems that most folks walk away from Fort Frederica National Monument wondering why or how they ever missed the teachings of its story during their youth. It is at the visitor center that interpretive rangers begin to tell that story. It's the responsibility of the chief of maintenance and staff to maintain the building so you can hear the beginnings of the Frederica story in a safe, comfortable environment.

National Park Service architects designed and built our visitor center in the mid-1950s, so it has provided visitor support with a half century of service. It not only houses facilities for public use; the east wing houses administrative and management offices. The 10,300 square-foot roof is original dating back to the 1950s, and is at the end of its

useful life. Most folks assume it's a wooden roof, and, by design, they've been fooled! Designers recognized the rural and wooded environment surrounding the building, yet knew a durable roof was needed under our huge, majestic live oak forest. The roof is actually clay tiles, with an etched, dark, stained appearance that gives the impression of a wood shake from a distance. These "sustainable design practices" result in award-winning building construction in the national park system.

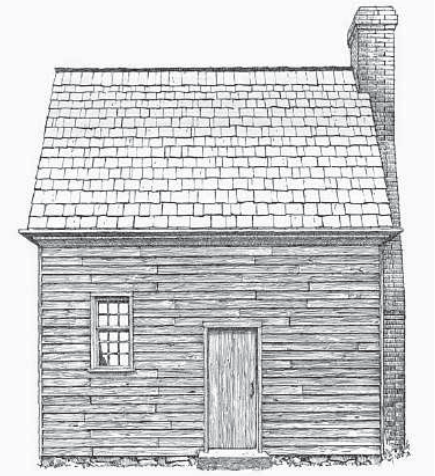
Projects of this size go through a rigorous planning and review process that culminates in the awarding of a contract. Our goal is to maintain the architect's original intent to meld the building into the landscape. Research revealed the original tile manufacturer was still in business, but had moved operations from their original plant in Ludowici, GA, to a new location in Ohio where they found a vein of red clay similar to that found in Georgia. Luck prevailed when we learned the original tile specification was still available and identical clay tiles could be produced. Subsequently, office staff from our regional office in Atlanta worked up contract specifications and a few months back awarded the work to a local contractor, Allen and Graham Inc., of Brunswick. We are happy that their expertise and skills were chosen and look forward to their work so roof integrity can be extended another 50 years or more.

Work is expected to take up most of the first three months of the year. We have worked with Allen and Graham to ensure that work can proceed on schedule without interfering with visitor services. The building will

remain open for your use during the construction phase. Visitors will continue to have access to the Visitor Center, although there may be times where your safety is protected with short, minimal delays to assist the workers. The park entrance will be open for visitor traffic daily at 9 a.m. The park will continue to be open until 5 p.m. We hope you view any inconvenience as a minor disturbance toward a very good long-term gain. In the end, it's our hope that you agree that your tax dollars have been spent wisely for a worthwhile project.




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 understanding of our cultural past. Let us know how we're doing. Your suggestions may help us improve for those who follow in your footsteps.

Thanks for visiting with us 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

| JANUARY | FEBRUARY | MARCH | APRIL | MAY | JUNE |
|--|---|--|---|--|--|
| <p>21 Children' s Activities 2:00 PM</p> <p>28 Bloody Marsh Musket Program 2:00 PM</p>  | <p>11 Children' s Activities 2:00 PM</p> <p>18 Living History Festival 9 AM - 4 PM</p> <p>25 Bloody Marsh Musket Program 2:00 PM</p> | <p>11 Children' s Activities 2:00 PM</p> <p>25 Bloody Marsh Musket Program 2:00 PM</p>  | <p>8 Children' s Activities 2:00 PM</p> <p>22-30 National Park Week</p> <p>22 Tavern Program 7:00 PM</p> <p>29 Bloody Marsh Musket Program 2:00 PM</p> <p>29 Music of Colonial Georgia 7:00 PM</p> | <p>13 Children' s Activities 2:00 PM</p> <p>27 Bloody Marsh Musket Program 2:00 PM</p>  | <p>12-16 Archeology Camp</p> <p>19-23 Archeology Camp</p> <p>24 Bloody Marsh Musket Program 2:00 PM</p> <p>27-29 Hands-On History Camp</p> <p>Daily Ranger Programs 11, 12:30 & 2</p> |
| JULY | AUGUST | SEPTEMBER | OCTOBER | NOVEMBER | DECEMBER |
| <p>29 Bloody Marsh Musket Program 2:00 PM</p> <p>Daily Ranger Programs 11, 12:30 & 2</p> | <p>26 Bloody Marsh Musket Program 2:00 PM</p> <p>Daily Ranger Programs 11, 12:30 & 2</p> | <p>Public Lands Month</p> <p>9 Children' s Activities 2:00 PM</p> <p>30 Bloody Marsh Musket Program 2:00 PM</p> | <p>14 Children' s Activities 2:00 PM</p> <p>28 Bloody Marsh Musket Program 2:00 PM</p> | <p>4 Children' s Activities 2:00 PM</p> <p>18 Bloody Marsh Musket Program 2:00 PM</p> | <p>16 Holiday Open House</p> <p>25 Christmas Day (Park Closed)</p> |

Children's Activities at Fort Frederica

New in 2006!

April 8, May 13, 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 42nd Regiment of Foot.
Saturday, April 29, 2006. 2:00 PM
Battle of Bloody Marsh Site.

Name the Artifact Answers

1. C. The upper portion of a "case bottle". These bottles had flat sides so they could be shipped in wooden crates.
2. A. The stem of a wineglass.
3. D. Broken pane of window glass.
4. B. The bottom of a medicine bottle.

Answers:

Name the Artifact

Can you guess what these artifacts are or were? They are all in Frederica's collection. They are all made of glass. Even though glass is a relatively stable material (compared to materials like metal and leather) it is fragile. All of these items have been broken. Today's challenge is not only to identify what the object was but to also match it to its unbroken form.

Glass is made mostly of sand (silica) and "salts" (potash, soda ash, and lime). The "salts" help the silica melt, make the molten glass workable, add color and produce a stable product. Much of the bottle glass made in the colonial period is called "common green". The green color comes from iron oxide or rust which naturally occurs in sand. The color of glass can be changed by adding different substances like manganese, for clear

glass, cobalt for blue glass and copper or gold for red glass.

Archeologists can use certain glass items (like bottles) to help date a site. We know when certain styles of

bottles were made. Once an archeologist figures out what a broken bottle looked like, they usually can determine (within a certain time frame) how old the bottle is.



1



2



3



4



A



B



C



D

Match the numbered artifact with the lettered original.
Answers are located on page 4.

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? Ask how to help at the Visitor Center desk.



National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

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.

Fort Frederica National Monument

6515 Frederica Road
St. Simons Island, GA 31522

Phone

912-638-3639

Web Site Address

www.nps.gov/fofr/

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

The Frederica Almanack is published quarterly by Fort Frederica National Monument. The purpose of the Almanack is to provide information about Fort Frederica NM to interested visitors, partners, and volunteers. The Volunteer Dispatch is named after military dispatches that were sent to posts and troops throughout Coastal Georgia. The Almanack is also available online at www.nps.gov/fofr.

Editor

Jon Burpee

Chief of Interpretation

Kim Coons

Contributors

Jon Burpee
Kim Coons
Tree Gottshall
Denise Spear

Editorial Assistance

Eddie Coons, VIP

Comments? Write to:

Jon Burpee
Fort Frederica National Monument
6515 Frederica Road
St. Simons Island, GA 31522
Jon_Burpee@nps.gov

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:

- ★Conner Webb, age 7, Chickamauga, GA
- ★Abbie Smith, age 12, Chickamauga, GA
- ★Julianna Wiggins, age 9, Lexington, NC
- ★Kurt Willis, age 8, Lawtey, FL
- ★Cassie Willis, age 11, Lawtey, FL
- ★June Brenner, age 6, Atlanta, GA
- ★Rowen Kurtzweil, age 9, Fairbult, MN
- ★Kaelen Kurtzweil, age 7, Fairbult, MN
- ★Clayton Blackwelder, age 10, Raleigh, NC
- ★Taylor McLaughlin, age 6, Savannah, GA
- ★Aly Bowman, age 11, Newark, OH
- ★Krista Bowman, age 8, Newark, OH
- ★Virginia Cushing, age 10, Decatur, GA
- ★Robert Cushing, age 8, Decatur, GA
- ★Michael Canipe, age 11, Macon, GA
- ★Jonathon Canipe, age 7, Macon, GA
- ★Olivia Loucks, age 7, Chicago, IL
- ★Johnny Loucks, age 10, Chicago, IL
- ★Ashley Lazarsks, age 7, Orlando, FL
- ★S. Taylor Allen, age 9, Albany, GA
- ★Thomas Allen, age 12, Albany, GA
- ★Rachael Fry, age 9, Cincinnatti, OH
- ★Jacob Fry, age 6, Cincinnatti, OH
- ★Alyssia Fry, age 6, Cincinnatti, OH
- ★Rebekah Fry, age 11, Cincinnatti, OH
- ★James Mackaman, age 10, St. Marys, GA
- ★Jonathan Mackaman, age 8, St. Marys, GA
- ★Katie Isham, age 8, Jacksonville, FL
- ★Ashley Isham, age 6, Jacksonville, FL
- ★David Estrada, age 12, Brunswick, GA
- ★Taylor Cooper, age 13, Brunswick, GA
- ★Rachel Cooper, age 10, Brunswick, GA
- ★Ben Mann, age 7, Baxley, GA
- ★Mary Ellen Taylor, age 9, St. Simons Is, GA
- ★Campbell Singer, age 7, Baxley, GA
- ★Emily Mann, age 8, Baxley, GA
- ★Skyler Tisland, age 12, Lawerenceville, GA
- ★Spencer Tisland, age 8, Lawerenceville, GA
- ★Morgan Greenfield, age 12, Alpharetta, GA
- ★Olivia Trice, age 13, St. Simons Is., GA

6 Frederica Almanack



National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

Fort Frederica National Monument
6515 Frederica Road
St. Simons Island, GA 31522