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South East Rural Community Outreach

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"Preserving History and Enriching Communities of the Lower Richland Corridor"

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September 30 – October 1, 2016

14th Annual SwampFest

- Part I: BBQ, Blues & Jazz
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November 5, 2016

Veterans Day

September 21, 2016

Blythewood Senior Center Group Visit
Historic Harriet Barber House

December 5, 2016

10th Annual Holiday Taste & Tour *Celebrating 10 Years*

"Old Fashion Holiday Homecoming"
Historic Harriet Barber House

We Welcome News:

Please send community announcements & news to sercoevents@gmail.com or U.S. mail ~ to the attention of D.S. Brooks, PO Box 332, Hopkins, SC 29061. SERCO reserves publishing rights. Photographer: Ken James

14th Annual SWAMPFEST

DAY 1

Barbeque-Blues & Jazz

Friday, September 30TH - 7:00 p.m.

Host: Doug Williams of Kiss 103.1 FM



Deniece Williams
4 time Grammy Award
Winning Singer



Javier Dykes
as Ray Charles



Carlos Santana
and Band

Tickets: \$25.00 Advance / \$30.00 At the Door

Historic Harriet Barber House • 116 Barberville Loop • Hopkins, SC 29061

DAY 2

Congaree SwampFest

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1ST 11:00 a.m.
FREE EVENT

Hosts: Anetha Sumter Jackson & Eugene Burden



2 For The Road
with Jim Graddick



Blues Box 50



The Beulah Boys
of Atlanta, GA

Also Performing:

Arrington Jones • Deacon Joe Davis & Chosen • Cultural Expressions
Entity • Fine Thymes String Band • Myisha Thomas
The Pickin' Pearls • The Sumter Tribe of Cheraw Indians
Wateree Association Choir

FREE Parking • Food and Non-Food Vendors • Displays

Two Locations in Hopkins, SC

Festival Grounds
Old Mt. Moriah Church Yard
1004 Old Bluff Road

Congaree National Park
100 National Park Drive
Continuous Shuttle to Park

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February 20, 2016

Ms. Jennifer Holiday, two-times Grammy Award Winning and Tony Award Winner headlined the 9TH Annual Strong Threads African American Heritage Festival, on Saturday, February 20th, 2016. The free event was held at St. John Holistic Wellness Center, 222 JW Neal Circle, Hopkins, SC, and also featured renown artist Jonathan Green, inspirational Rap artist Patt Man, personal trainer Ron Emmons, gospel recording artist Regina Skeeters, Smooth N' Groove Band featuring Mo \$ Music, soprano vocalist T'Nai Amani, Welter-Weight boxing champion Sammie "Da Bully" Millhouse, Jeffrey Lampkin & Frances Marion YGB Choir, and Mr. Emotional The Poet, Jeffrey Guillaume. Guests explored and interacted with Afrocentric and local heritage displays and workshops. Vendors offered a variety of food and non-food products. The LRHS JROTC Cadets performed the ceremonial flag presentation and served as volunteer hosts. Major Darryl Kelly is the JROTC Instructor.



SERCO members view works of Artist Jonathan Green from his **Off the Wall & onto the Stage**. Green's cousin, JP Neal, Jr. (Hopkins roots), looks on.



Abatsu African Drummers and Dancers from Augusta, GA



Smooth & The Groove Band Sparks Impromptu Dance by Guests



Melodic Hearts Spartanburg, SC



Inventions by African Americans -by Audrey Smalls



LRHS JROTC Cadets



Actor Sean Patrick Thomas and Mr. Emotional The Poet, Jeffrey Guillaume



Inspirational Rap Artist PattMan



Welter-Weight Champion Sammie "Da Bully" Millhouse



Jeffrey Lampkin & Frances Marion YGB Choir

Strong Threads

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Gospel & Inspirational Recording Artist Regina Skeeters and Mo \$ Music band member.



L/R: Ursula Robinson, Founder of Orianna Rhema Productions and theater director at SCSU of Orangeburg, SC, Veronica Primus, Strong Threads Coordinator and Annette Grevious, the actress who portrays Harriet Barber. Dr. Grevious is also Professor of Speech and Drama at Claflin University.

Vendors & Displays



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SOLEMN COMMEMORATION
St. John Resurrection Memorial Gardens

HERITAGE CELEBRATION
Historic Harriet Barber House

THE MOVING WALL™
The Traveling Replica of the Vietnam Veterans National Memorial

On Monday, May 30, 2016, a **Solemn Commemoration** was held at 12:00 Noon at the St. John Resurrection Memorial Gardens (also known as Government Cemetery), Ault Road-off Clarkson Road, Hopkins, SC. The guest speaker was Lower Richland High School graduate and Retired Colonel, Christine Glover. A procession to the **Heritage Celebration** which was held at the Historic Harriet Barber House followed. SERCO was honored to present THE MOVING WALL™, which is the official traveling replica of the Washington, DC Vietnam Veterans Memorial. The replica was impressive; it is 252.83 feet long, and six feet high at the vertex. Activities included a wreath laying at The Moving Wall™, a Salute to Vietnam Era Veterans, Lower Richland Veterans Formation presentation, and Entertainment. Military affiliated service agencies presented information and displays. Food vendors were also present.

← Solemn Commemoration →



Special Guest Speaker
Retired Colonel Christine Glover



JROTC Cadets, Lower Richland High School



1st SG (Ret.) Carnell Simmons
LR veterans Formation



SC Senator Darrell Jackson



Reverend Chancy Weston
JP Holley Funeral Home



Reverend Sammy Wade
St. John Baptist Church
LR Veterans Formation



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← Heritage Celebration →

SERCO was honored to present THE MOVING WALL™, which is the official traveling replica of the Washington, DC Vietnam Veterans Memorial. The Heritage Celebration was held on the grounds of the Historic Harriet Barber House, 116 Barberville Loop, Hopkins, SC. SERCO greatly appreciates the community volunteers and the Innovators of North & South Carolina RV Club who traveled to participate in Memorial Day celebrations, Raymond Perkins Construction Company in building the base for *The Wall* and unloading the panels. After the invocation by the Rev. Dr. John Kirkland, activities included a wreath laying at *The Wall*, a Salute to Vietnam Era Veterans, Lower Richland Veterans Formation presentation, greetings by elected officials, and Entertainment by 2 For The Road with Jim Graddick, The Beulah Boys and the 282nd US Army Band of Fort Jackson. SERCO is a Commemorative Partner of the United States of America–Vietnam 50 Year Commemoration. Vietnam era veterans who attended the event received souvenirs.



THE MOVING WALL™

The Traveling Replica of the Vietnam Veterans National Memorial



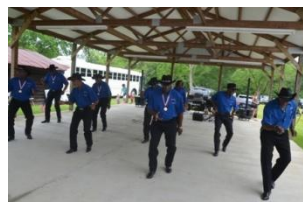
Rev. Dr. John Kirkland



L/R: SGT London Gregg and Commander of the 282ND Army Band, CW2 Thomas W. Jackson, Jr.



2 For The Road with Jim Graddick



The Beulah Boys of Atlanta



Audience Participation



Innovators of North & South Carolina RV Club



Sweet Potato Festival and Parade

April 30, 2016

The 31st Lower Richland Sweet Potato Festival & Parade was held on April 30th at Hopkins Park, 6940 Lower Richland Blvd. The free event began with a parade, followed by a health fair, carnival rides, and live entertainment from local high schools and the Benedict College Marching Band. A variety of vendors were present, including offerings of Sweet Potato Ice Cream and Sweet Potato Pie. The featured performer was gospel ensemble Doc McKenzie and the Hi-Lites. In addition to Praise dancers from Mt Moriah, Zion Benevolent, St. John, Zion Pilgrim and Word Of Truth churches, other performers included Flossie Boyd-Johnson & Favor, The Heavenly Aires, Jeff & Sheri Easter, Bible Way Praise Team and Mimes, Women Of Strength, Tevin Moore, Kristen Garner, The Gospel Redeemers and Johnny Gause (Sam Cooke sound-alike). This festival was made possible with the support of local businesses including Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Chick-fil-a (7424 Garners Ferry Road), and funds from the Richland County Hospitality Tax Fund.



Town of Eastover, SC Parade & Barbeque Festival

May 6 & 7, 2016

Town of Eastover
proudly presents its
COMMUNITY
38th Annual
Parade and Barbeque Festival
 May 6th - May 7th
Lots of Activities
 1st Talent Extravaganza • Webster
 TIME: 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM
 6th Block Party • Eastover Town
 6:30 PM - 10:00 PM
 May 7th • Parade 12:00 PM
 Webster Elementary School (Line Up)
 ...Music, Family, Friends & Fun...
Barbeque, Food, Vendors, and Much More!
 GAMES
 CARNIVAL RIDES
 FANCY CARS
 MOTOR CYCLES
 HORSES
 Additional
 Info
 Eastover
 803.313



The Town of Eastover hosted their 38th annual Parade & Barbeque Festival on May 6-7, 2016. The annual Talent Extravaganza was held on May 6th and the traditional Parade began the festivities at 12:00 Noon on May 7th.

Zion Baptist Church's Senior Day Camp Ministry's Annual Visit

The Zion Baptist Church's Senior Day Camp Ministry visited the Historic Harriet Barber House for their annual picnic outing in Lower Richland. The group prepared food on the grill, enjoyed music, a special presentation by member Mrs. Gladys Goforth and a few line dances. The Harriet Barber House anticipates next year's visit. *Photos: Mary B. Kirkland*



Anniversary and Founders Day Activities at Congaree National Park August 25, 2016



Scott Teodorski, Interim
Park Superintendant and
Marie B. Adams, SERCO



Park Ranger Kimberly
Herman and Adams.



Mary B. Kirkland, SERCO
Views Park's Archives Slide.

The Congaree National Park hosted a public celebration of Founders Day which commemorated the creation on the National Park Service on August 25, 1916. Programs offered throughout the day showcased the stories of the National Park Service and the Congaree National Park. A special exhibit featured historic photos from the park's archives and excerpts from the oral history collection. The park's Artist in Residence Stephen Chesley's original watercolor paintings were on display. Culminating activities included guests enjoying a National Park Service birthday cake and the premier of a video featuring the stories of the movement to create Congaree National Park.



The mission of **The Lower Richland Heritage & Genealogy Society** is to procure avenues for ancestral reconnection through the rediscovery and restoration of our roots in central South Carolina. The organization exists under the banner of SERCO and are a collective of individuals with the common goal of rediscovering the people, families, stories and structures that once made and still make up the towns, villages and neighborhoods located South East of Columbia in Richland County. Meetings are generally held on 3rd Sundays, monthly at the Richland County Library-Southeast (7421 Garners Ferry Road, Columbia, SC.)

Dr. Rhonda Grego presented a workshop with a readers guide to "Tales of the Congaree" by Edward CL Adams on August 9, 2016. In one of the photos you will see Dr. Grego holding a photo of Napoleon Goodson, brother of two of the books narrators Tad (Thaddeus Goodson) and Scip (Scipio Shiver). The father of Tad and Napoleon, Aesop Goodson, served in the House of Representatives during Reconstruction. Scipio and Napoleon are ancestors of Board members Rose Shiver and Dedra Harvin.

Other Workshops & Activities:



Presenter
Michael Canty
Board Member



Presenter
Robin Foster
Director - Greenwood
Family History Center



Presenter
Debra Bloom
Manager - RC Library
Walker History Room



LRH&GS Members
Jackie Rhodes (L)
Rose Shriver (R)



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The Evans Family Reunion

September 3, 2016



The Evans Family held their family reunion on the grounds of the Historic Harriet Barber House on Saturday, September 3, 2016. They are the descendants of Elise Jones Evans and Deacon Charlie Evans. Elise is the daughter of Janie Martin Jones. Janie's mother was Priscilla Mack Martin. *Photos by Mary B. Kirkland*

Please Join Us . . . The mission of SERCO is to create partnerships within the Lower Richland Community to provide charitable, educational and scientific programs to strengthen and expand the capacity of the community for a better quality of life for its residents. SERCO invites you to become a part of the outreach movement by supporting our Lower Richland Heritage Corridor events and programs throughout the year:

SOUTH EAST RURAL COMMUNITY OUTREACH MEMBERSHIP FORM

INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES:

\$20 INDIVIDUAL \$40 FAMILY \$75 ADVOCATE \$100 PARTNER \$500 PATRON

ORGANIZATIONS, BUSINESSES & CORPORATIONS:

\$1,000 BENEFACTOR \$2,000 CORPORATE SPONSOR

SUBMIT INFORMATION:

NAME _____

ADDRESS : _____

HOME PHONE: (_____) _____ **WORK PHONE:** (_____) _____

FAX : _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

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