

# Newsletter

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

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## The Lower Richland Veterans' Day Celebration



The second annual Lower Richland Veterans Day Parade and Program were held November 8, 2008. The parade down Lower Richland Boulevard featured floats, veterans, youth groups, the LR High School JROTC Cadets and classic cars and trucks. Honored guests included former Representative Joe E. Brown and Senator Darrell Jackson who was re-elected in November. Norman Jackson represented Richland County Council. The program at Hopkins Park included a performance by the Hopkins Middle School Step Team and the crowd favorite, the jazz band Uniq'Blend from Charlotte, NC. The event offered food, fun and entertainment for all who attended.

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### We Welcome News

Community event announcements and news items may be submitted to [dsb1020@comcast.net](mailto:dsb1020@comcast.net). SERCO reserves publishing rights.

## Notes From The Board...



**Ms. Betsy Newman, Producer ~ SCETV** makes presentation to SERCO Board regarding her new two (2) hour documentary on the History of the Lower Richland area and the Congaree National Park. One screening will be held at the Park and three (3) others are proposed to be held at local churches. Viewers will be asked to provide feed-back. Ms. Newman is especially interested in interviewing those elder Lower Richland citizens who have lived in the area for a long time. SERCO will assist Ms. Newman in scheduling and coordinating these presentations.

### SERCO Board Members on The Move

Marie Barber Adams ~ Elected to the Friends of The Congaree Board on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

Mary Barber Kirkland ~ Appointed to the Midlands Regional Education Center Advisory Board by the Richland County Legislative Delegation. Three (3) year term.

#### SERCO Meetings

6:00 p.m. - First (1<sup>st</sup>) Wednesday, Monthly  
Richland County Library – Garners Ferry Branch

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## ~Upcoming Events~

### Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>

USC Undergraduate History Studies. Dr. Thomas Lekan, Dr. Robert Weyeneth and Students @ Harriet Barber House

### Feb 9<sup>th</sup>

Graduate History Seminar: African American History from the Perspective of Historical Preservation – Dr. Robert Weyeneth and Graduate Students @ Harriet Barber House

### Feb 21<sup>st</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Strong Threads ~ Black History Celebration @ Harriet Barber House

### March 16<sup>th</sup>

Odyssey Golf Foundation Youth Tournament @ Linrick Golf Course

### Mar 23<sup>rd</sup>

Columbia, Missouri After School Program – Educational Tour @ Harriet Barber House

## ~Announcements~

### St. Phillips School

Historical African-American School Restored  
Hwy 601 ~ Eastover, SC  
Contact: Melvin Lanham . 803/353-2443

### Walking Trail

*Opening Soon*

Wateree Retreat Center ~ Hopkins, SC  
Contact: Rev. Sammy Wade . 803-695-7722

### Golden Pines Golf Academy

Now Open

Website: [www.goldenpinesgolfacademy.com](http://www.goldenpinesgolfacademy.com)  
Contact: Sampson Brown . 803/783-7502

## History Moments



Where is this location ?



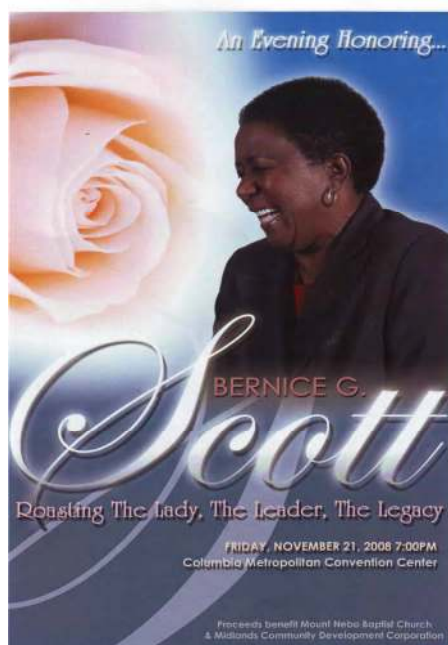
Wavering Place



The Goodwin Cemetery  
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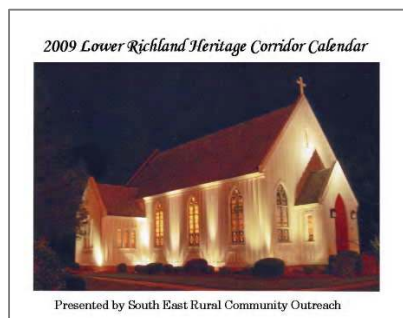
## Roasting “The Lady, The Leader, The Legacy”



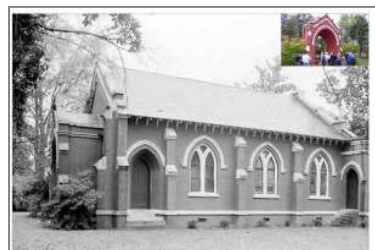
Honorable Bernice G. Scott, Richland County Councilwoman, was honored at a reception and roast on Friday, November 21, 2008 at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. After 20 years of serving on the County Council, Bernice G. Scott has retired. In addition to video tributes, presentations and testimonials from her family members, Scott was roasted by the former Governor, the Mayor of Columbia, State Senators and Representatives, County Council members and others from the business and legal professions. Masters of Ceremony were Senator Kay Paterson and Attorney Timothy Rogers. When finally addressing the capacity-filled room, Councilwoman Scott noted that she was almost at a loss for words to see so many persons in attendance. Bernice G. Scott was the first African American elected to Chair the Richland County Council. Event proceeds will benefit the Mount Nebo Baptist Church and the Metropolitan Community Development Corporation.

## 2009 Lower Richland Heritage Corridor Calendar

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Calendar features sites in the Lower Richland Heritage Corridor and offers historical information and photos.



January						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1	2	3	
5	6	7	8	9	10	
12	13	14	15	16	17	
19	20	21	22	23	24	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



## Hammond School Students Take Educational Tour of Historical Harriet Barber House



Third Grade students and teachers from the Hammond School in Columbia visited the Historical Harriet Barber House on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. The educational tour consisted of a walking tour and history lessons about the home's owners and other residents who were ex-slaves of the Lower Richland area. Great-Granddaughters of Harriet Barber, Marie B. Adams, Carrie B. White, and Mary B. Kirkland, created this unique learning experience for the students. Joann Lowman Washington provided samples, recipes and lessons on making sweet potato pies. Mr. Thomas "Buddy" McCracken, whose grandparents operated a farm and general store in the 1920's, showed the students how sweet potatoes were stored outside in a potato bank. The students viewed an exhibit of over 100 inventions by African-Americans and participated in arts & crafts activities in the big tent..

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Carrie B. White Welcomes Students



Marie B. Adams Begins Home Tour



Touring Barber House Living Room



Barber Home Began with Two Rooms



Lunch On The Grounds



Groups & Teachers Ready for Tour



Local Tour Guides Greet Students



At The "Inventions" Tent



Inventions by African Americans



Invention: Improved Making Ice Cream



The Popular Arts & Crafts Tent



Mary B. Kirkland & Session Time Bell

**Contact Carrie B. White to schedule a tour for your group. Visit [www.harrietbarberhouse.org](http://www.harrietbarberhouse.org) for more details.**

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### *Victorian Christmas at Kensington*

Over 1200 visitors experienced a "Victorian Christmas" at the Kensington Mansion during the month of December. In addition to regularly scheduled tours, special events included a festive holiday "Kick-Off", hosting Annual Holiday Taste & Tour – Lower Richland Heritage Corridor's guests and visits from several area schools.



### **SERCO Board Welcomes Ms. Rickie Good**

South East Rural Community Outreach welcomes Ms. Rickie Good as a new Board Member. Ms. Good is the new Executive Director of the Scarborough-Hammer Foundation which along with International Paper, restored and manages the Kensington Mansion. She is also the Curator for Collections and the Webmaster at Sumter County Museum.

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## *Annual Holiday Taste & Tour ~ Lower Richland Heritage Corridor* **The 1920's Village of Hopkins**

On December 13<sup>th</sup>, guests responded to an invitation to "Come Visit the Past" -- to the 1920's Village of Hopkins. The day was filled with free food samples, entertainment by the Blues Doctor - Mr. Drink Small, the Carillon Carolers and "DJ" – Mr. Woodrow Portee. There were horse & wagon tours, hayrides, carnival train rides and an antique car display. The Museum displayed photos, artifacts and a model steam train from the era. Local crafts persons offered unique, home-made items for those last minute gift shoppers, and an artist rendered life-like caricatures.



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### **Tour of Historical Sites**

The tour bus departed from the 1920's Village of Hopkins with Rev. John Middleton serving as the history guide as guests traveled to visit Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, the Kensington Mansion, Congaree Baptist Church and St. John's Episcopal Church. At each stop, tourists were greeted with history lessons, entertainment and special refreshments.



Mark your Calendar for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in December for the 2009 Holiday Taste & Tour

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Buddy McCracken Prepares a A Winter Storage Method for Sweet Potatoes



The Sweet Potato Bank



Joann Lowman Washington Makes Sweet Potato Pies



Vicki McCracken Demonstrates The Art of Making Soap

### ~ Volunteers / Tour Guides ~



Thomas Gunter  
"Gunter-On-The-Go"



Angel Morgan ( r.)  
& Friend



Lizzie Barber



Della Rice Jackson  
Willie Simpson



Eliza Barber  
Howell



Marie Middleton  
Dorothy Adams

## The Goodwyn Cemetery ~ Hopkins, SC

Nestled in the woods near St. John Baptist Church in Hopkins is an almost forgotten cemetery that once belonged to the family of Keziah Goodwyn Hopkins Brevard. According to historical records, she and her husband Joseph Brevard are buried on this tract of land. Keziah died in 1886, and her husband died earlier in 1842. Ownership of the property has changed several times over the years, and the last burial was in 1971. Presently, the gravesites on this land are overgrown with stately pine trees and hardwoods, and some of the sunken graves now have young trees towering out of these cavities.

Members of SERCO and St. John Baptist Church have made several visits to the property after meeting with the current owner. The group is working on a proposal to preserve and maintain the property as an historical cemetery just like the Government Cemetery, now renamed Resurrection Memorial Garden, located just across Chappell Creek which separates the two cemeteries. Many local families have loved ones buried in the Goodwyn Cemetery with headstones dating back to the early 1900s. Numerous unmarked graves predate those with headstones. This area is now in desperate need of clearing and tender loving care. Plans include providing easy access to the site from the rear of the Government Cemetery off Ault Road.

The individuals with legible tombstone inscriptions include:

Mary Davis	Lula Hopkins	Hattie Lowman	Charlie Neathern
Ann Evans	Tabby Hopkins	Jacob Lowman	James Riley
Sylvia Evans	James Howell	Jesse Lowman	Elener Sumter
Luther Guilliard	Jerry Jones	Lewis Lowman	Susanna Weston
Albert Hopkins	Pleasant Jones	Thomas Lowman	
Eddie Hopkins	Eugenia Lowman	Susie Milligan	



Please contact us if you have information about these families and others who might be buried in the Goodwyn Cemetery.