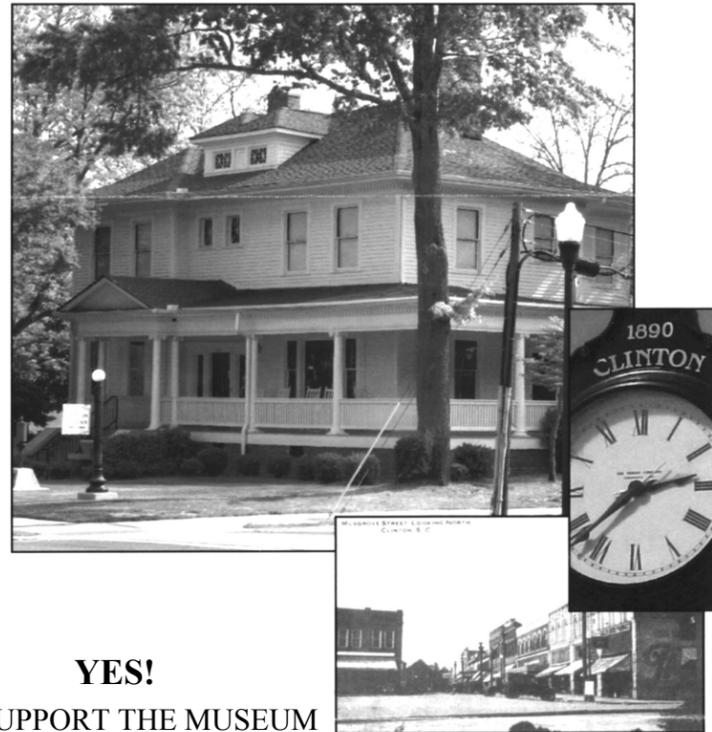




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NEWSLETTER OF THE CLINTON MUSEUM MARCH 2010 CLINTON, SOUTH CAROLINA 1852-2010

WHAT IS HAPPENING AT THE MUSEUM?

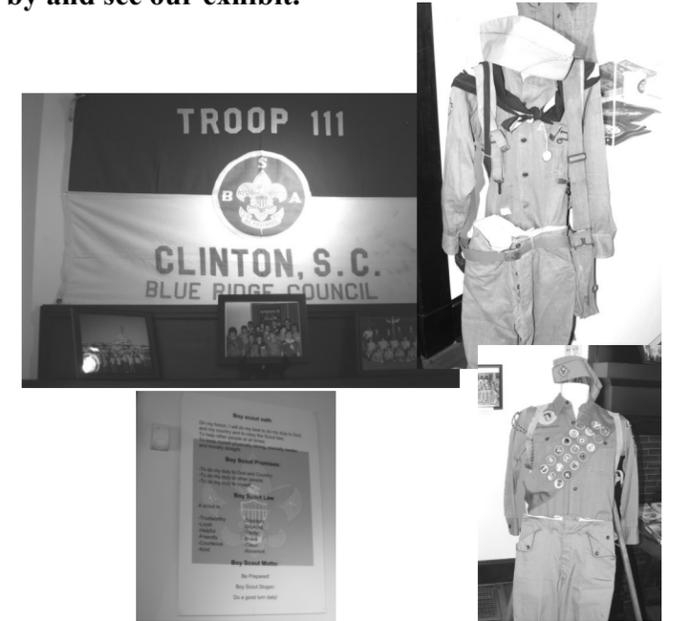
We continue to work on the production of a train table that will display a running train with a replica of the downtown area around the depot around 1958.

Work on the Military Room continues as well and we have just about completed a replica of a WWII bunker. We have put up information about the origins of our State Flag as well. Our City Trustees have helped us build some mannequins to use to display the many uniforms we are being given as donations or loans. We are in the process of completing the paperwork to have a few items on display from the S.C. State Museum.

WWII BUNKER



We hope to have a few more items to add to this exhibit soon. If you were in the Boy Scouts, stop by and see our exhibit.



BOY SCOUT EXHIBIT



SC FLAG EXHIBIT



MILITARY UNIFORMS

The Clinton Museum is very grateful to the Bob Campbell Geology Museum at Clemson University for the loan of a Rocks and Mineral Exhibit we now have on display.

We have established an exhibit to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts.

CLEMSON ROCK & MINERAL EXHIBIT



Campbell Geology Museum, Clemson University Rock & Mineral Artifacts Found in Upstate, South Carolina

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NEEDS OF THE MUSEUM:

The Clinton Museum is self-funded and as we continue to grow, we hope to open up some space for at least two new galleries in the next few months and plan to bring more programs to the public. We count on memberships and donations to help with the expenses these activities require. If you have not joined as a member, please consider doing so now and/or provide the Museum with a donation. Thank you for your continuing support.

DUNCAN CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Duncan Creek Presbyterian Church is believed to be the oldest church in Laurens County. It was faithfully attended by many of the most prominent citizens of Clinton and those responsible for the growth of the town.

Sometime prior to 1752, several Scotch-Irish families migrated to Laurens County and settled along a creek. The Creek near the church was named for John Duncan, one of the early settlers in the area, and the church took its name from this nearby creek. In 1752, John Duncan erected a brush arbor as the settlement's first place of worship, which was replaced by a more permanent log building in 1764. The first buildings were destroyed by fire.

About 1788, the church became involved in serious difficulties. There was a dispute among the membership over whether or not to change from the use of Rouse's or Watts version of the Psalms. This dispute resulted in some of the members leaving the church and forming a Baptist or Methodist church.

Duncan Creek Presbyterian had its largest membership at the time of its organization around 1764. Although, membership has often been small, this church has been one of the most prolific in the state in helping to organize other churches.

The first minister was Rev. Hezekiah Balch in 1776. Rev. John B. Kennedy served the church as pastor for fifty years. He and his family are buried in the church cemetery. Dr. William P. Jacobs served as pastor at different times. Rev. Zelotes Holmes served the church for a time as well. Rev. James Gray was pastor for twenty years and also a professor at Presbyterian College. The first elders serving the church before and during the American Revolution, were Andrew McCreary, Joseph Adair, Thomas Ewing, Thomas Logan, Robert Hanna and James Polloch.

In 1843, the present stone building was erected and included a slave gallery. This was removed in 1927 when the church was renovated. The early members worshiped on straight-back pews and had a small organ.



There was no records of deacons prior to 1854, but the first four on record were Thomas Little, Henderson Henry, Edwin McCrary and W.M. Adams. Some of the first officers were ordained in Ireland.

In 1973, the church and cemetery were placed on the National Register of Historical Places. In 1975, a new educational building was erected with Sunday School rooms, a social hall and kitchen, bathrooms, central heating and air-conditioning. Services continue to be held at Duncan Creek Presbyterian today, although the congregation consists of only a handful of regular members.

Many of the old tombstones in the cemetery have crumbled and have been destroyed, but many still stand dating back to 1776.

This cemetery is the final resting place for soldiers from the American Revolution and the War Between the States, as well as some from other wars fought since 1865. The cemetery near the creek is a peaceful place with large trees providing shade and the old stone church standing watch. If you have not visited Duncan Creek Presbyterian, go when you can and you will feel the history of the church and the surrounding area and you will also find local settlers buried there, many of whom contributed greatly to the growth of Clinton and Laurens County.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR MILITARY EXHIBIT

The Clinton Museum is continuing to establish a military room at the Museum to honor our veterans and tell their stories. We need you to provide us with artifacts for donation or loan from all periods of war from the American Revolution to the current conflict in Iraq and Afghanistan. We need pictures, patches, insignia, badges, ammo, ammo boxes, medals and awards, souvenirs from the battlefield, home front items, uniform pieces, helmets and hats, weapons, unit flags, newspaper stories and clippings, anything and everything related to any period of war or conflict in which our country has been involved that will assist us in telling individual stories of citizens from Clinton and the surrounding area. Please help us make this a wonderful, one of kind, permanent exhibit that will bring people into town and provide an excellent educational resource for students. The Clinton Museum is self-funded and our available finances for this exhibit are limited. Please consider giving a financial donation to help with this exhibit. You may contact Elaine Thorp, Executive Director of the Clinton Museum at 938-1099. Thank you for your continued support.



Laurens County Genealogical Society Meetings:

Meetings of this group are held the 2nd Thursday of each month, September through May at 7:30 P.M. at the Laurens County Library. The next meeting will Thursday, September 9, 2010.

Pinckney District Chapter S.C. Genealogical Society Meetings:

There will be no meetings in July or August. The next meeting will be Monday, September 27, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. at St. Francis Anglican Church in Spartanburg.

Upcoming Events:

Clinton Farmer's Market – Every Saturday, thru October 7:30 a.m.-12:00 Noon in downtown Clinton in the West

Main Street Parking Lot

July-28-August 4 –Big League World Series, Easley.

July 29 – Thursday. The Tams, Downtown Clinton, 7:00 pm.

August 6-7 –Little Mountain Reunion Festival –Friday and Saturday. Parade, 8k run, live music Downtown Little Mountain.

August 7 – Saturday. Fried Green Tomato Festival –Beech Island-live music, classic car & bike show at the Iron Horse Bar & Grill at 1:00 P.M. Call 803-867-2388.

August 14 – Southeastern Toy Soldier Show – Saturday at the S.C. State Museum. Call 803-898-4921.

August 14-15-Musgrove Mill State Historic Site Anniversary Celebration, Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 am-4:00 pm. Celebration of the 1780 battle with re-enactors and a commemoration service. Clinton. 864-938-0100 for further.

August 19-21 – Spittoono –Clemson. Thursday-Saturday at the National Guard Armory. 18 bands will perform to raise for money for Upstate charities.

August 21 – Flight of the Dove –Clinton 8:00 am. Bike Race benefiting Hospice. 864-833-6287

August 24 – Tuesday. PC Block Party Downtown Clinton 5:30 pm-8:00 pm.

August 26 – Thursday. Battle of the Bands, The Music Farm, Charleston. www.musicfarm.com.

August 26-28 – Thursday-Saturday. The Upstate Women's Show, Carolina First Center, Greenville.

August 27-29 – Friday-Sunday. Harry Hampton Hunting & Fishing Expo, Spartanburg Expo Center, Spartanburg, 1-26 to exit 17.

August 27-28 – Friday-Saturday. Summerfest, Historic York.

August 28 –Saturday. Wild Summer's Nite Auction & Wild Game Feast, Columbia. Sponsored by the SC Wildlife Federation. www.scwf.org.

August 28-29 – Saturday-Sunday. Original Charleston Beach Music & Shag Festival, Charleston.

September 4-6 – Saturday-Monday. Chapin Labor Day Festival, Chapin. Parade, car show, 5K, food, games, etc. 803-345-6181.

September 16-19 – Thursday-Sunday. Columbia's Greek Festival, corner of Sumter & Calhoun Streets, Columbia. Music, dance, Greek food and fun. 803-461-0248.

September 17-18 – Friday-Saturday. Lake & Mountain Quilters Guild Quilt Show, Shaver Recreation Center, Seneca. 9:30 am – 5:00 pm.

September 17-18 – Friday-Saturday. 33rd Annual McCormick Gold Rush Festival, Downtown McCormick, intersection of Hwys 378 & 28. Music, BBQ, Car Show, Rides. 864-603-9330.

September 17-18 – Friday-Saturday. Oktober Fest, Lexington. Music, German food & beer, crafts, 5K Race, family fun, 10am-10pm.

September 18- Saturday. The Loyalists in SC at Musgrove Mill State Historic Site, Clinton. 10 am- 4 pm.

September 18 –Saturday. Charleston Scottish Games & Highland Gathering, Boom Hall Plantation, Mt. Pleasant.

September 18-19 – Saturday-Sunday. West Greenville Arts Festival, Pendleton Street, Greenville. Art, music, historic tours, food.

September 23-25 – Thursday-Saturday. Newberry County Agriculture Expo, Newberry County Fairgrounds. Proceeds go to the Boys Farm.

September 24-25 – Friday-Saturday. Okra Strut, Downtown Irmo. Food, rides, 10 K Race, music, etc.

September 25 – Saturday. Harvest Festival, Inman.

September 25 – Saturday. Viva La Vista, Downtown Columbia. Food festival covering almost 4 city blocks, live music.

September 30-October 3 – Thursday-Sunday. Carolina Foothills Heritage Fair, Westminster. Exhibits, food, music, etc.

October 1-2 – Friday-Saturday. Click646, Greenwood. Photography event with food and music. 864-227-1188.

October 1-2 – Friday-Saturday. Columbia Blues Fest, Five Points, Columbia.

October 1-2 – Friday-Saturday. Old Town Blues & Jazz Festival, Old Town Rock Hill. Music, food.

October 1-2-Friday-Saturday. Downtown Laurens. BBQ, cook-offs, music, rides, race, wine tasting, parade, etc.

October 2 – Saturday. Newberry Oktoberfest, Downtown Newberry. 10am-5pm, music, food, vendors, free parking. 803-321-1015.

October 1-3- Thursday-Saturday. 5th Annual Heritage Days at the Belton Depot, Downtown Belton. 10am-5pm. Music, food, crafts, vendors. 864-338-7400.

October 2 – Saturday. Steam Train Rides, S.C. Train Museum, Winnsboro. 9:30am-3:30 pm. 803-635-4242.

October 3 – Saturday. Spartanburg International Festival, Barnet Park, Downtown Spartanburg. World music, food, dance and art.

October 7-9 – Thursday-Saturday. S.C. State H.O.G. Rally, Spartanburg. Motorcycles.

October 8-10 – Friday-Sunday. Fall For Greenville, Downtown Greenville. Food, music, vendors, exhibits. 11am-9pm.

October 11-17 – Piedmont Interstate Fair, Piedmont Interstate Fairgrounds, Spartanburg. 864-587-7042.

October 13-24 – S.C. State Fair, Fairgrounds Columbia.

October 15-Thursday. Taste of Uptown Greenwood, Countybank Plaza, Greenwood. Free concert by the Tams.

October 15-17 – Oktoberfest, Walhalla. German food, drink, music and dance. 864-638-2727.

October 16-17 – Saturday-Sunday. A Day to Remember Colonial Times, North Augusta, Living History Park. Reenactments, living history exhibits.

October 23-24 – Saturday-Sunday. Living History Campout, Musgrove Mill State Historic Site, Clinton. Experience what life was like for soldiers of the American Revolution. Bring your own camping gear. Reservations Required, call 864-938-0100.