

2008



Whitehall Plantation  
(Pre-Conference Tour)

# Connecting Nature & Culture

Beaufort, SC  
February 27-29

# South Carolina Federation of Museums

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## 2008 Annual Conference

# Connecting Nature & Culture

### Conference Registration:

**George Elliott House** 1001 Bay Street, Beaufort, SC 29902  
(843) 379-3331

### Conference hotels:

**Sea Island Best Western** 1015 Bay Street, Beaufort, SC 29902  
(843)522-2090

The Best Western is holding a block of rooms for SCFM.  
Rates are \$134.99 + tax for a room with two queen beds.

**Hampton Inn\*** 2342 Boundary Street, Beaufort, SC 29902  
(843)986-0600

The Hampton Inn is holding a block of rooms for SCFM.  
Rates are \$119.00 + tax for rooms with a king or two double beds.

**To guarantee a room at either hotel, you must reserve by January 28.**

\*The hospitality suite will be located at the Hampton Inn.

There are a number of bed and breakfasts located in the historic district.  
Recommended inns include:

Rhett House Inn  
1009 Craven St.  
Beaufort, SC 29902  
843-524-9030  
rhetthouseinn.com

Cuthbert House Inn  
1203 Bay St.  
Beaufort, SC 29902  
843-521-1315  
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Beaufort, SC 29902  
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beaufortinn.com

## South Carolina Federation of Museums

Established in 1971, SCFM is a nonprofit professional membership organization that represents and acts in the interests of museums in South Carolina. Members of SCFM strive to raise the standards of museum practice in the state.

Brick Slave Quarters  
(Pre-Conference Tour)



**Dear Friends & Colleagues,**

**Please join us in historic Beaufort for the 2008 Annual SCFM Conference, *Connecting Nature and Culture*.**

**What better setting to discuss topics ranging from landscape interpretation to African-American cemeteries! Be sure to register early for the Wednesday Pre-Conference Tour, *Lowcountry Landscapes*.**

**Thursday will bring conference sessions and a keynote address by Dr. Graig D. Shaak, Associate Director Emeritus, Florida Museum of Natural History. His topic is *South Carolina Museums in a Changing Environment*.**

**On Thursday evening, The Beaufort Arsenal will host the evening reception and silent auction. All proceeds from the auction benefit the Christopher T. Loeblein Scholarship Fund which allows those new to the field to attend the annual conference. Competition for auction items heats up, so bid early and often!**

**Friday, the conference will wrap up with morning sessions and the annual Business and Awards Luncheon. The conference is business casual dress.**

**We look forward to seeing you in Beaufort!**

**Sincerely,  
SCFM Professional Development  
& Local Arrangements Committees**

**Institutions and professional museum staff are actively involved through SCFM in helping South Carolina's museums grow and succeed. The annual conference is a great way to connect with colleagues from all over the state and learn how to help your institution develop and prosper.**

# Wednesday, February 27, 2008

## Pre-Conference Tour

### 8:00 - 9:00 am Pre-Conference Registration

### 9:00 - 4:15 pm Pre-Conference Tour: *Lowcountry Landscapes*

**If you enjoy the outdoors and the grandeur of plantation life, you are going to love this tour!** Our first stop is **Nemours Plantation** where we will view wildlife from an observation tower overlooking rice fields and the **Combahee River**. These fields are an ecological treasure to the Lowcountry, providing habitat for plants, animals and waterfowl. We will also visit 19th-century brick slave quarters located on the site of historic **Nieuport Plantation**. From there we will travel to **White Hall Plantation** to tour the magnificent stables and secret garden. Located across rice field ponds and surrounded by a ten-foot brick wall, this one-acre garden features a reflecting pool, antique statues and a magnificent blue heron fountain. Lunch will be served at **Bonnie Doone Plantation** in a 32-room Georgian style manor house. The live oak avenue leads to the house which was rebuilt in 1932. The original structure was burned by Union forces in 1865. A serpentine brick wall encloses a Camilla garden designed by famed architect, Benito Innocenti. The last stop on our trip, but not the last site, will take us to **Ravenwood** which has one of only three remaining antebellum plantation houses in Colleton County and includes the only inland rice fields listed on the National Register of Historic Places in South Carolina. Please wear casual attire, comfortable shoes and bring rain gear in case of inclement weather!

**The cost is \$65 per person and includes transportation, lunch, admission costs, cocktails, & dinner. This event is limited to 50 people, so please register early to reserve your spot!**

**Beaufort River**  
(Boat Tour, Thursday Afternoon)



### 5:15 - 7:30 Shrimp Boil Dinner, Retreat Plantation

Even if you can't come for the whole day, please join us for the shrimp boil dinner at Retreat Plantation with wine, beer and plenty of vegetarian options. We will dine outside on the bluff overlooking beautiful Battery Creek. Participants will be able to tour the one-and-a-half story tabby house built just after the Revolutionary War. Please wear warm and comfortable clothes. The cost is \$25 per person.

### 9:00 pm until ... Hospitality Suite

Light snacks, beverages, games, etc. at the Hampton Inn

# Thursday, February 28, 2008

## Morning Sessions

### 8:00 - 11:45 am Conference Registration

### 8:30 - 9:45 am Concurrent Sessions (choose one)

#### **Civil War Sesquicentennial Planning Roundtable Discussion**

*Interests: Administration, Marketing, Collections, Education*

Presenters: Fritz Hamer, SC State Museum; Ben Hornsby, CWSAB Coordinator; Allen Roberson, SC Confederate Relic Room & Military Museum; Rodger Stroup, SC Department of Archives & History

Description:

In 2010, South Carolina will begin a multi-year program to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. An Advisory Board (CWSAB) was established at the SC Department of Archives & History. It held public meetings to solicit suggestions and assistance. Hear a summary of them and offer suggestions to initiate cooperative planning groups from interested museums.

#### **Program Delivery Techniques & Strategies for Front Line Interpreters**

*Interests: Education, Volunteers*

Presenter: Scott Enter, SC National Heritage Corridor

Description:

Learn techniques and strategies front line interpreters can use in their program delivery skills such as question/response, setting the stage, identifying and revealing meaning in resources, addressing multiple learning styles and incorporating demonstrations, activities, and props.

### 10:00 - 11:15 am Concurrent Sessions (choose one)

#### **Interpreting the Landscape**

*Interests: Administration, Collections, Education*

Presenters: John Sherrer, Historic Columbia Foundation; Craig Tuminaro, Drayton Hall

Description:

This session explores ways that museums are engaging the public through new technology and interpretive programs to help visitors understand and read the historic landscape. Discussion will focus on a new interpretive DVD that visitors watch as they tour the historic landscape at Drayton Hall as well as reconstructing the story of urban slavery in Columbia.

#### **Choosing a Retirement Plan for Your Museum**

*Interests: Administration, Board Members*

Presenter: Susan Turpin Illner, SCFM Past President & Edward Jones Financial Advisor

Description:

Do you need to choose a retirement plan for your museum but don't know where to begin? Do you wonder if your existing retirement plan is the best choice? Whether for one or thirty, this session will offer the tools to evaluate retirement plans to find your best option and to implement a retirement plan.

# Thursday, February 28, 2008

## Afternoon Sessions

### **11:45 - 1:15 pm Keynote Address & Luncheon**

Keynote Address: *South Carolina Museums in a Changing Environment*

Graig D. Shaak, Associate Director Emeritus, Florida Museum of Natural History

Dr. Shaak is active in the national museum community, having served on the SEMC board and as peer reviewer for AAM's MAP and Accreditation programs. He has been on the faculty of the Univ. of Florida since 1972. At a demonstration for an alternative transportation device at UF, Shaak said, "Conservation of natural resources is our collective mission and to participate in such an exercise that is both fun and educational is a pleasant diversion for the museum."

### **2:15 - 4:00 pm (choose one for the afternoon)**

**Boat Tour of Historic Beaufort** [Additional \$15 charge]

*Interests: Education, General*

Presenter: Elizabeth Garrett Ryan, Historic Beaufort Foundation

Description:

See historic Beaufort as it was meant to be seen - from the water! A 30-passenger boat will take a 1 1/2 hour tour along the Beaufort River and around The Point to view outstanding architecture and to see Beaufort from a totally different perspective. It will focus on historic architecture and natural history interpretation. Dress in warm, comfortable layers. Space is limited to 30 participants, so register early!

### **Walking Tour of Historic Beaufort**

*Interests: Collections, Education, Exhibits*

Presenter: Historic Beaufort Foundation

Description:

Historic Beaufort Foundation will lead a walking tour of historic tabby architecture in downtown Beaufort. This Lowcountry building material made of shell, sand, lime and water was used throughout the 18th and 19th centuries for houses, stores, churches, and walls, many of which survive today. Wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather - it's rain or shine. Space is limited to 30, so register early!

### **2:00 - 3:15 pm Concurrent Sessions (choose one)**

**Exhibit Design on a Shoestring**

*Interests: Exhibits, General*

Presenter: Daniel Dowdey, Graphics Manager, SC State Museum

Description:

This session will present methods for exhibit design using the following principle:  
How can I get the most from nothing using color, sound, light, visuals, etc?

# Thursday, February 28, 2008

## Afternoon Sessions

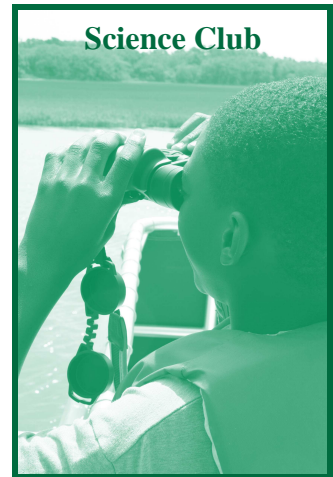
### **Partnering for Programs: Environmental Education**

*Interests: Education*

Presenters: Warren Chavous, USC Salkehatchie; Martha Creighton, Colleton Museum; Elaine Inabinett, Colleton Museum; Elizabeth Vernon, Department of Natural Resources

Description:

Collaborative partnerships make a difference! How can small museums offer more programs with limited space and staff? Hear about creative programs that have impacted thousands of school children such as traveling trunks, summer camps, a resource room and a teacher's environmental network.



### **3:30 - 5:00 pm Concurrent Sessions (choose one)**

#### **Greening Up Exhibits: Strategies & Materials for Environmentally-Friendly Exhibits**

*Interests: Exhibits*

Presenter: Will Roberts, Exhibits Preparator, Culture & Heritage Museums

Description:

Will is compiling a set of standards and resources to guide exhibit planners and fabricators as they produce quality museum exhibits that are energy-efficient, environmentally friendly, and promote indoor air quality. This session will be in workshop format.

#### **Understanding the Nature of African-American Graveyards and Their Preservation in the Lowcountry**

*Interests: Administration, Collections, Education, Volunteers*

Presenters: Michael Trinkley and Debi Hacker, Chicora Foundation, Inc.

Description:

South Carolina's traditional African-American cemeteries are increasingly threatened by development in the Lowcountry. Frequently situated on prime properties, they represent part of the rapidly-disappearing Gullah culture. Hear a brief introduction to the history and development of African-American graveyards in the Lowcountry, learn examples of educational opportunities for museum and historical societies, and discuss options for preservation. Information on the legal climate around these cultural features will be shared.

### **6:00 - 8:00 pm Silent Auction & Reception**

The Beaufort Arsenal, 713 Craven Street

### **9:00 pm until ... Hospitality Suite**

Light snacks, beverages, games, etc. at the Hampton Inn

# Friday, February 29, 2008

## Morning Sessions

### 8:00 - 11:45 am Conference Registration

### 9:00 - 10:15 am Concurrent Sessions (choose one)

#### **Columbia Museums and the Great War**

*Interests: Exhibits, Collections, Fundraising*

Presenters: Fritz Hamer, SC State Museum; Carolyn Holderman, SC ETV; Jason Shaiman McKissick Museum; John Sherrer, Historic Columbia Foundation; Elizabeth West, USC Libraries; Sarah Wooton, SC Confederate Relic Room & Military Museum

Description:

Six cultural institutions worked together to develop a series of exhibitions and programs on the WWI era. Pooling their resources, they were awarded an IMLS grant. They will review the benefits and risks of consortia and suggest ways to use this as a model for other topics.

#### **Basics on a Budget: Collections Care for the Small Museum**

*Interests: Collections*

Presenters: Elizabeth Coker Hamlett, Pendleton District Commission; Lauren Virgo, National Wild Turkey Federation

Description:

This session will focus on collections management basics, particularly for people working in small institutions with limited budgets. It will cover methods for organizing and making collections more accessible and techniques on properly storing and caring for objects and papers. Both presenters are new professionals working in small institutions with numerous collection "challenges" and financial restrictions.

#### **Native Americans in the Lowcountry: The Waccamaw Story**

*Interests: Collections, Education, Exhibits*

Presenters: James H. Webb, Chief of the Waccamaw Indian People; Kui Clear-Water, Waccamaw Indian People Council; Sandy Cox, Waccamaw Indian People Council

Description:

Waccamaw Indian People occupy twenty acres of land in the Dog Bluff community near Aymor, SC. Educators, curators and administrators can learn about the culture of Waccamaw Indian People of South Carolina and their role in South Carolina's diverse history. A great opportunity to explore ways museums can offer more exhibits and programs related to indigenous people in South Carolina!

This conference is sponsored in part by

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**Friday, February 29, 2008**

## **Morning Sessions**

### **10:30 - 11:45 am Concurrent Sessions (choose one)**

#### **Gullah Geechee Culture National Heritage Corridor**

*Interests: Education, Exhibits*

Presenters: Michael Allen, National Park Service; Emory Campbell, Gullah Heritage Services; Nichole Green, Old Slave Mart Museum; Willie B. Hayward, Heirs Property Law Center

#### **Description:**

In 2006, NPS created the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor and appointed commissioners in 2007. The region associated with Gullah Geechee Culture stretches from the Carolinas to northern Florida. This panelists will share their experiences in exploring Gullah Geechee culture and the process of establishing the only National Heritage Corridor dedicated to Africans in America.

#### **Leadership in Museums: Directors' Words of Wisdom**

*Interests: Administration, Collections, Exhibits*

Presenters: Pamela Meister, Upcountry History Muesum; Graig Shaak, Florida Museum of Natural History; Todd Smith, Gibbes Museum of Art; Robin Waites, Historic Columbia Foundation

#### **Description:**

The role of museum directors changes as quickly as the prerequisites for the job. The panelists are passionate about museums and bring vast experience from their museums, past and present. What challenges face museums and directors today? What skills and training have served them well through the years?

### **12:00 - 1:30 pm Business Meeting & Awards Luncheon**



**Thanks for participating in the  
2008 SCFM Annual Conference!**

**Mark your calendars now: March 4-6, 2009**

**A joint conference with  
North Carolina Museums Council  
in Charlotte, NC and York, SC!**

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**A Special Thanks to the Local  
Arrangements Committee**

**Martha Creighton  
Elizabeth Garrett Ryan**

The Anchorage  
(Boat Tour, Thursday Afternoon)



# Connecting Nature & Culture Registration Form

Name, Title \_\_\_\_\_ Institution \_\_\_\_\_  
 SCFM Member # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Email \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dietary Concerns: \_\_\_ Vegetarian? \_\_\_ Food Allergies? (List) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Wednesday, February 27

- 0 Pre-Conference Tour & Evening Events (\$65.00)
- 0 Evening Events ONLY (\$25.00)
- 9:00 pm - until...**
- 0 Hospitality Suite

## Thursday, February 28

- 8:30 am - 9:45 am** (Choose One Session)
- 0 Civil War Sesquicentennial Planning
- 0 Program Delivery Techniques
- 10:00 am - 11:15 am** (Choose One Session)
- 0 Interpreting the Landscape
- 0 Retirement Planning
- 11:45 am - 1:15 pm**
- 0 Keynote Luncheon
- 2:15 pm - 4:00 pm** (Choose One Tour/Session)
- 0 Boat Tour of Beaufort (\$15.00)
- 0 Historic Beaufort Walking Tour
- 2:00 pm - 3:15 pm** (Choose One Session)
- 0 Exhibit Design on a Shoestring
- 0 Partnering for Museums: Environmental Ed

## 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm (Choose One Session)

- 0 Greening Up Exhibits
- 0 Understanding African-American Graveyards
- 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**
- 0 Silent Auction & Reception
- 9:00 pm - until...**
- 0 Hospitality Suite

## Friday, February 29

- 9:00 am - 10:15 am** (Choose One Session)
- 0 Columbia Museums & The Great War
- 0 Basics on a Budget: Collections Care
- 0 Native American Culture in the Lowcountry
- 10:30 am - 11:45 am** (Choose One Session)
- 0 Gullah-Geechee Culture
- 0 Leadership in Museums: Words of Wisdom
- Noon**
- 0 Business Meeting & Awards Luncheon

**NOTE: Institutional members may send one staff member as part of the membership privilege. All conference attendees must have a 2008 SCFM membership. Join today!**

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 65 Wednesday: Pre-Conference Tour & Dinner
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 25 Wednesday: Dinner Only
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 95 Early Registration - Full Conference (Thurs & Fri)
- [Payment is due by January 28, 2008]**
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$125 Late Registration - Full Conference (Thurs & Fri)
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 75 Thursday Events ONLY
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 55 Friday Events ONLY
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 25 Spouse/Partner Registration (Social Events only)
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 15 Boat Tour Fee

**Please send completed registration form & payment to:**  
**SCFM Conference Registration**  
**Attn: Heather Worthington**  
**Historic Beaufort Foundation**  
**PO Box 11**  
**Beaufort, SC 29901**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed

**You can use PayPal to complete your registration. Visit [www.southcarolinamuseums.org](http://www.southcarolinamuseums.org) for more info.**

## Membership Registration Form

*Please copy & mail this completed registration form with your check made payable to:*

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Select your membership category from the following list:

### **Institutional**

\$25 (under \$50,000)  
 \$35 (\$50,000-\$100,000)  
 \$50 (100,001-\$500,000)  
 \$75 (\$500,001-\$1,000,000)  
 \$100 (\$1,000,000 +)

### **Professional**

\$15 (staff of an SCFM member institution)  
 \$20 (staff of a non-SCFM member institution)

### **Affiliate**

\$25 (related organizations and consultants)

### **Associate**

\$10 (students, volunteers & board members)

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