

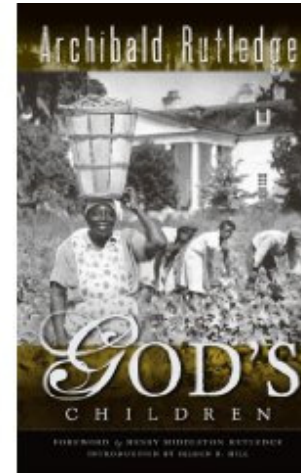
Hampton Plantation State Historic Site
Friends of Hampton Plantation

Fall / Winter 2009

Reminders and Gratitude

<p><u>Dues: It's Never To Late</u></p> <p>Thank you to all who have sent in money for yearly dues!</p> <p>For those who have not, it's not to late! Yearly dues start at \$10.00.</p> <p>Please send all dues to:</p> <p>Friends of Hampton 1950 Rutledge Rd. McClellanville, SC 29458</p> <p>We thank you for your support!</p>	<p><u>Hampton's Park Hours</u></p> <p>November–February</p> <p>Grounds: Monday–Sunday: 9–6</p> <p>Mansion: Thursday–Sunday: 12–4</p> <p>Tours meet on the back porch of the mansion at 12, 1, 2 & 3 PM.</p> <p>All admission tickets must be purchased at the Ranger Station.</p>	<p><u>Thank You!</u></p> <p>Mrs. Harriott Johnson Thank you for supporting Hampton's family programs. It was nice to see you at the basket class.</p> <p>Mr. Roy Williams III Thank you for your dedication as the President of the Friends of Hampton and for your volunteer work!</p> <p>Henry M. Rutledge & Eleanor Rutledge Lescher Thank you for digging through the family photo albums to help us!</p>
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Words By Archibald

Autumn Song

O the horn, O the horn,
 O the hunter's merry horn
 That with music thrills the wildwood
 And that carries through the corn,
 Silvered, sere, and shivering brightly
 In the frosty autumn morn!

O the hounds and the horn
 And the buck that breaks from the cover!
 His flaunting tail is flashing high;
 His black nose is a-quiver;
 They'll be fleetest hounds that follow,
 For he's running for the river!

O the golden gleam and glance
 Of the sun on bronzing fell!
 O the dewy pinewood purple,
 And the ferny fragrant dell,
 O the young hound's grieving tenor,
 And the hound's deep bass bell!

O bright in flaming beauty
 Burnt he berries in the bush!
 And the scarlet of the sumac
 Lures to feast the timid thrush;
 (He will hymn the holy evening
 When day's strident clamors hush.)

O the horn in distance fainting
 O the hounds beyond the hills!
 O the strong stag o'er the river!
 O rich music that fulfils
 Autumn's beauty! 'Tis the veery
 That like love the wildwood thrills.

By Archibald Rutledge

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Morgan's Message

The fall has been good to us, and we are getting ready for the upcoming holiday season. So far visitation has been about the same as the previous year, but what is really encouraging is our gift shop sales. More folks are stopping in and purchasing books from us. I think that the fact that the Ranger Station is down in the parking lot has helped us, but I also think that Gennifer has done a good job in finding us books and other items. Which reminds me, God's Children has been selling nicely, and it looks like the Friends group has almost made back their initial investment in the book. If any of you do not have the book and would like to purchase it please give us a call.

On a closing note, I would like to take a moment to remember a good friend of Hampton, Frederick "Fred" Reeves Rutledge, Jr. I was able to spend some time with him on several of his visits to Hampton and I always found him very enjoyable. He was always able to dispense a little nugget of Hampton history that helped to fill in the gaps. He passed away on August 12, 2009 at the age of 87. He will be missed.

More From Archibald

The Voice I Love

I hear a music in the night;
I think it is my heart that hears
The voice I love that comes to me
Across the broken years.

Across the years that are no more,
Through shadows veiling land and sea,
The wonder of the voice I love
Makes music still for me.

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Hampton's Staff Thanks You!

Park Manager: Morgan
Interpretive Ranger: Genn
Interpretive Staff: Laura Ann
Groundskeeper: Lawrence
Volunteer Interpreter: Roy

Thanksgiving is a time of reflection and we want to take a moment and thank you for all your hard work and dedication. You help make Hampton the success that it is and we greatly appreciate everything you do!

Roy's Report

From the Desk of the President

The new gates approved to grace the entrance to Hampton Plantation will be named in honor of Rev. Benjamin Bosworth Smith. Rev. Smith resigned from the Board of Directors of the Friends of Hampton recently due to physical disabilities after many years of dedicated service. The Friends of Hampton Board has approved the naming of the gates after Rev. Smith at its last meeting. Since Rev. Ben cannot come to Hampton when the gates are completed for the dedication ceremony, it has been decided that the Board will go to him. Details for the presentation ceremony and reception at Rev. Ben and Barbara's home in Mt. Pleasant were discussed at the Friends board meeting on October 11th. The gates will be aluminum but will resemble wrought iron gates. They will be mounted on brick gate posts and will replace the old wooden gates installed in the 70s. The gates will be a gift from the Friends of Hampton to Hampton Plantation.

Genn's Corner

I cannot believe that winter is knocking on our door! It only seems like yesterday that it was 90 degrees with 100% humidity! On October 2, I officially reached my two year anniversary as the Interpretive Ranger here at Hampton. I have loved every minute so far, and I will continue to work hard and help make Hampton a success.

Programs: School season is in full swing. This fall I had 6 schools schedule field trips. So far I have two scheduled for the spring! If all goes well, I will see about 800 kids this year! My family programs are doing well to. My Sweetgrass Basket Class was totally filled, and the canoe and kayak program has done well. All in all, if things continue to go the way they are, our program attendance will be higher than last years!

Exhibits: Our new kitchen house sign is in the process of being created. We are working closely with a graphic designer to achieve the perfect look. Our tiles exhibit is almost ready to go as well. We had the exhibit panels printed and are waiting for the display risers to come in! This exhibit will be up and running in no time. Finally, I started working on a new idea for an outdoor history trail. This trail will consist of outdoor signs that explain the different layers of Hampton's history.

Art at Hampton

About a year ago, I had the pleasure to meet local artist Katherine Muschick Schneider. She was sitting outside of the mansion doing an incredible plein air painting of Hampton and I was blown away. Since that time, she has graciously painted images of Hampton and created note cards using those images. Right now, we have those note cards on sale in our gift shop. They make great stocking stuffers! If you are interested in purchasing a set, please contact us at **843-546-9361**. The insert in this newsletter shows you the two images that are available. They are \$6.95 plus tax. Besides being an incredible artist, Katherine is a dedicated Friend of Hampton. For further information on Katherine, please visit her website at <http://paintcharlestondaily.blogspot.com>

Upcoming Events

November 21, 2009 Jr. Girl Scout Badge Program

This Jr. Scouts program focuses on plantation architecture. Troop leaders please call **843-552-9910** for reservations and more details.

December 19, 2009 Christmas Through the Ages

This program looks at how citizens of the Lowcountry have celebrated Christmas from the 1700s to the present. There will be dramatic readings of classic Christmas stories, a visit from Santa Claus, a "Make Your Own Christmas Card Station," and the house will be decorated with exhibits that look at the changes in Christmas traditions over time.

Program Schedule:

Self-Guided Mansion Tours: 10 AM—4 PM

Story-Time: 10 AM—11 AM

- Featuring: *The Grinch Who Stole Christmas*

Visits with Santa: 12 PM—4 PM

Christmas Card Station: 3PM—4PM

If you have any questions, please contact **Genn** at **843-546-9361**.