The History Forum is presented monthly by the Coastal Discovery Museum between September and May. This series of historically or culturally oriented programs is intended to encourage discussion about the Lowcountry region’s fascinating past. Offered at no charge to Coastal Discovery Museum members at the Sustainer or above level; $5 per person for Basic Members; $10 per person for non-members. Please contact 843-689-6767, ext. 224 to register.

Past Lectures and Speakers

January 2013 - The Hurricane of 1893 ---- Fran Marscher-Bolin

February 2013 - African Roots of the Gullah Slaves ---- Dr. Emory S. Campbell

March 2013 - The Battle of Savannah ---- Dr. Christopher Hendricks (Armstrong Atlantic State)

April 2013 - “Laura Towne” ---- portrayed by Evylene Stevenson (Spirit of Old Beaufort)

May 2013 - A Perversion of the Ballot-Boxes: The South Carolina ‘Dual House’ of 1876-77 and the End of Reconstruction ---- Dr. J. Brent Morris (USCB)

September 2013 - Life Before the Bridge ---- Charles E. Simmons, Jr., Dr. Emory Campbell, and Louise Cohen (Native Islanders)

October 2013 - The History of Sea Island Cotton ---- Richard Porcher (Professor Emeritus, The Citadel)

November 2013 - Hilton Head’s Seafood Industry and Heritage ---- Tonya Hudson DeSalve (Benny Hudson’s Seafood)

December 2013 – Field trip to St. Helena Island

January 2014 - “Eliza Lucas Pinckney” and Indigo ---- portrayed by Peggy Pickett

February 2014 - Bold Banners: Early Civil War Flags of South Carolina ---- Allen Roberson, (Director of SC Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum in Columbia, South Carolina)

March 2014 - Northern Money, Southern Land ---- Author and Editor Stephen Hoffius

April 2014 - The Revolutionary War in the Lowcountry ---- John A. Caramia, Jr. (Coastal Heritage Society, Savannah, GA)

May 2014 - Medical Procedures During the Civil War ---- David Smoot (Parris Island Museum)

September 2014 – “The Immortal 600” - Karen Stokes (South Carolina Historical Society)

October 2014 – Yamasee Indians from 1684-1715 in Beaufort and Jasper Counties – Chris Judge (USC-Salkehatchie)

November 2014 – Lowcountry Slavery and the Plantation Era – John Monkaitis (Coastal Discovery Museum Docent and Past-President LC Civil War Roundtable)
December 2014 - **Field Trip to Savannah** – Isaiah Davenport House, Owens-Thomas House, and Juliette Gordon Lowe Birthplace.

January 2015 – **Heritage to Habitat: Rice Culture in the Lowcountry** – Marvin Bouknight (Discovery Place, Charlotte, NC)

February 2015 - **Identifying Beaufort’s Unknown Confederate Soldier** ----Penelope Parker

March 2015 - **Barbados/SC Connection** ----Stephen Hoffius and Rhoda Green

April 2015 - **Jekyll Island – The Golden Age** – Gretchen Greminger (Jekyll Island Museum)


September 2015 – **Rebellion, Reconstruction, and Redemption**----Dr. Larry Rowland and Dr. Stephen Wise

October 2015 – **Reconstruction and the National Park Service** ----Michael Allen (National Park Service)

November 2015 - **Modern Hilton Head Island: The Shaping of a Community**----David Lauderdale (Island Packet)

December 2015 – **Hearts of Lions: The Origins of the U.S. Colored Troops in the Civil War** --- Robert Eberly

January 2016 – **Lowcountry Pirates** – Jesse Wuest (Wormsloe Historic Site, Georgia DNR)

February 2016 – **History of Daufuskie Island** – Nancy Ludtke (Daufuskie Island Historical Society)

March 2016 – **Golden Age of Charleston** – Nic Butler (Charleston County Library)

April 2016 – **William Hilton and Colonial South Carolina** – Shay McNeal (Author and publisher)

September 2016 - **Hilton Head Island in the Hunting Club Era**----Natalie Hefter (Coastal Discovery Museum)

October 2016 - **Pine Trees and Turpentine** --- Dr. Mary Socci (Palmetto Bluff Conservancy) – *Reservations being accepted*

December 2016 – **Escaping Slavery in Early South Carolina** – Nic Butler (Charleston County Library)

January 2017 – **Shell Rings in the Southeast**-- Matthew Sanger (SUNY-Binghamton)

March 2017 – **Siege of Savannah, 1779** – Aaron Bradford (Coastal Heritage Society)

April 2017 – **Growing up in Beaufort** – Bernie Schein (Author)

May 2017 – **Hilton Head Goes to Earth Day: Protecting “Nature’s Showpiece” in the Lowcountry** – Will Bryan (Georgia State Univ.)

September 2017 – **Stephen Elliott: Before, During, and After the Civil War** – Neil Baxley

October 2017 –**Reflecting on Hurricane Matthew: One Year Later** – Steve Riley (Town of Hilton Head Island) – 5 PM at Coligny Theater

November 2017 – **Commemorating Tomochichi in Savannah** – Dr. Robin B. Williams (Savannah College of Art and Design)

December 2017 – **Tragedy at Ebenezer Creek** – Chris Clayton (CDM)

January 2018 – **African American Experience at Cockspur Island** - Amber DeBardelaben (Fort Pulaski National Monument)
February 2018 – **Revolutionary War Trail in South Carolina** – Doug Bostick (SC Battleground Trust) – 3 PM at Coastal Discovery Museum

March 2018 – **Rice Culture and Cultivation in the Antebellum Lowcountry** – Richard Porcher (SC Historical Society) – 3 PM at Coastal Discovery Museum

April 2018 – **Naval Station at Port Royal, 1883-1915** – Stephen Wise (Parris Island Museum)

May 2018 – **Charles Fraser: The First Green Developer?** – Will Bryan (Georgia State University)

September 2018 – **Fact Check** – Laura Waller (Fort Pulaski National Monument)


November 2018 – **Stolen Charleston** – Grahame Long (Charleston Museum)

December 2018 – **Resisting the rising tide of Jim Crow after the Great Sea Island Storm of 1893** – Caroline Grego (Univ. of Colorado, Boulder)

January 2019 – **Charleston is Burning – The Great Fire of 1861** – Danny Crooks

February 2019 – **South Carolina Women in the Revolutionary War** – Peggy Pickett

March 2019 – **Making Sporting Plantations: Rich Yankees and the Transformation of the Rural Lowcountry, 1900-1940** – Dr. Daniel Vivian (University of Kentucky)

April 2019 – **Sheriff McTeer and the Bootleggers of Beaufort County** – Neil Baxley

May 2019 – **Maritime History of Port Royal Sound** – Dr. Larry Rowland (USC – Beaufort, retired) and Dr. Stephen Wise (Parris Island Museum)