



## **Coastal Museums Association**

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### ANNUAL REPORT 2015 – 2016 YEAR

#### **President**

**Katie Charron (Skidaway Island State Park)**

#### **Membership**

During the summer of 2015 a membership committee was formed by Sherryl Lang. She was assisted by Christy Crisp and Luciana Spracher. We continued to have another successful year with 41 institutional members and 4 individual members for 2015-2016. Our Reciprocal Admission Program also continued to have a large number of organizations participating with 35 institutions. CMA created a partnership with Savannah Heritage Emergency Response (SHER) to combine our membership participation. This partnership worked smoothly and increased the number of participants in SHER. Both organizations feel this partnership benefited all members and we continue to working together.

#### **Institutional Members**

Andrew Low House  
Bluffton Historical Preservation Society  
Bonaventure Historical Society  
City of Savannah Research Library & Municipal Archives  
Coastal Discovery Museum  
Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens  
Congregation Mickve Israel Museum  
Davenport House Museum  
Diocese of Savannah Archives  
Flannery O'Connor Childhood Home  
Fort Morris Historic Site  
Fort Pulaski National Monument  
Georgia Historical Records Advisory Council  
Georgia Historical Society  
Georgia Salzburger Museum  
Georgia State Railroad Museum (CHS)  
Green-Meldrim House  
Jekyll Island Museum  
Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace  
LAMAR Institute  
Massie Heritage Center  
Mercer Williams House Museum  
Midway Historical Society  
Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum  
Old Fort Jackson (CHS)

Ossabaw Island Foundation  
Pinpoint Heritage Museum (CHS)  
Savannah Area Council of Garden Clubs  
Savannah Children's Museum  
Savannah National Wildlife Refuges - US Fish & Wildlife  
Savannah History Museum (CHS)  
Savannah Science Museum  
SCAD Museum of Art  
Ships of the Sea Museum  
Skidaway Island State Park  
Telfair Museums  
Tybee Island Historical Society  
Tybee Island Marine Science Center  
UGA Marine Science Center  
Webb Military Museum LLC  
Wormsloe State Historic Site

### **Individual Members**

Johnson-Simon, Deborah (Individual)  
Moreton, Lydia (Individual)  
Seifert, Laura (Individual)  
Wright, Lynn (Individual)

Three new officers assumed their position responsibilities: Courtney McNeil, Vice President, Deborah Johnson-Simon, Secretary and Kat White, Treasurer. Each member of the board stepped into their role and worked hard to improve CMA. I would like to thank them for everything they did for CMA.

### **During the past year CMA awarded the following Kiah Fund Grants.**

- February 2016: Erin Dunn's Kiah fund request to attend Association of Art Museum Curators (AAMC) Annual Conference and Meeting was approved by the membership. (\$300)
- April 2016: Jamie Credle's Kiah fund request to attend the Attingham Summer School in England was approved by the membership. (\$300)
- April 2016: Jesse Rosenblum's Kiah fund request to attend training from the Greensboro Children's Museum Edible Schoolyard was approved by the membership (\$150)

I would encourage the membership to apply for a Kiah Fund Grant during the upcoming year. This is wonderful membership benefit that supports professional growth.

### **Monthly Programs for the Coastal Museums Association – Sophia Sineath (Georgia Historical Society):**

- **September (Tybee Lighthouse and Museum)** – Annual after-work kickoff event highlighting CMA plans for the coming year and provided members the opportunity to walk to the top of the lighthouse.

- **October (Jepson Center )** – Bea Wray the Executive Director of The Creative Coast gave a presentation on how to utilize the Creative Coast to improve and better market your organization. This meeting had a large attendance with an enthusiastic crowd.
- **November (Congregation Mickve Israel)** – Joseph Marinelli the President of Visit Savannah spoke about his observations and how he has seen Savannah evolve. He also spoke about how the guests to the city have changed.
- **December (Midway Museum)** – After-work social event that included food and drink. Diane and Kitty of the Midway Museum gave a brief site overview and allowed CMA members to tour the museum. The Old Town Trolley company generously donated transportation from downtown Savannah to the Midway Museum.
- **January (Congregation Mickve Israel)** – Presentation by Doug Mund, of Dmdg2. Dmdg2 creates unique spaces for people to learn, experience and share; through the practice of museum planning, architecture and exhibit design. During the presentation, Doug shared the firm's beliefs, practices, and areas of expertise along with examples of previous projects.
- **February (Congregation Mickve Israel)** – Deborah Johnson-Simon presented about her experience at the Georgia Council for Social Studies Conference. Deborah attended the conference in October 2015 on behalf of the Coastal Museums Association.
- **March (Congregation Mickve Israel)** – New Member Spotlight Series: Gary Webb, founder of the newly-opened Webb Military Museum. Gary Webb discussed the recent opening of his museum and provided an update on his first few months of operation.
- **April (Congregation Mickve Israel)** – Leisa Vaughn, M.A. student at Georgia Southern University gave a presentation of her thesis "The German Hun in the Georgia Sun: German Prisoners of War in WWI Georgia." The presentation highlighted the administration of war prisoners in WWI which is often an overlooked part of WWII history.
- **May (Congregation Mickve Israel)** – Laura Seifert and representatives from local fire departments presented on the importance of SHER, our local emergency management group. Laura stressed the importance of the program and how volunteers are needed to get involved.
- **June (Bethesda Academy William H. Ford, Sr. Museum) – The third annual CMA Awards of Excellence.** The CMA Awards of Excellence provide an opportunity for the CMA membership to nominate a unique member program, event or publication. The awards for this year went to:
  - ❖ **Excellence in Education & Interpretation:** The Pin Point Heritage Museum for daily interpretation and programming.
  - ❖ **Excellence in Public History:** Savannah History Museum for their Loyalist and Liberty Program.
  - ❖ **Excellence in Outreach & Collaboration:** Georgia Historical Society and Massie Heritage Center for their "Discovering Hernando de Soto and the Impact of Spanish Exploration" programs.
  - ❖ **Excellence in Exhibition:** Congregation Mickve Israel Gutstein Museum Renovation.
  - ❖ **Individuals of Excellence:** Raleigh Marcell from the Davenport House Museum for his contributions to the programming and facilities of the Davenport House.

**CMA Treasurer's Annual Report for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year – Kathryn White (Juliette Low Birthplace)**

**Starting balance**, as of 6/1/2015 **\$5,107.00**

**Income**

Membership Dues	\$1605.00
Kiah Fund Donations	\$ 160.00
Website Donations	\$ 85.00
October Meeting Lunches Balance	\$ 3.64
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$1853.64</b>

**Expenses**

Kiah Fund Expenditures	\$ 750.00
GA Council for Social Studies October Conference	\$ 325.00
Travel funds for Deborah Johnson-Simon to attend GCSS on CMA's behalf	\$ 138.00
Website Annual Expenses	\$ 321.14
Georgia Historical Society Records Storage	\$ 286.40
Post Office Box Fees	\$ 70.00
Georgia Secretary of State Corporate Registration Fees	\$ 30.00
June 2015 CMA Awards Expenses (Trophies & Lunch Balance)	\$ 181.20
September 2015 Kick-Off Party Expenses	\$ 345.19
Catherine Nava for Auditing Services	\$ 100.00
December Meeting Supplies	\$ 38.91
Reciprocal Admission Cards Printing Fees	\$ 50.40
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>(\$2636.24)</b>

**Ending Balance**, as of 6/1/2016 **\$4324.40**

- Completed are the Post Office box annual renewal (March 2016: \$70), filing of the IRS E-Postcard (no payment required: September 2015), and corporate registration renewal with the Secretary of State (March 2016: \$30).
- A 10% Kiah fund replenishment from available funds (\$333.52) took place in January 2016 per membership vote.
- Payments of \$270.00 to Wild Apricot for our website and of \$51.14 for our domain name with GoDaddy left our Website Fund with a deficit of -\$87.50. At our April 2016 meeting, membership approved a transfer of \$87.50 from our General Fund to cover the deficit, and bring our Website Fund to \$0.00.
- An audit was held on October 1, 2015. \$100 was paid to Catherine Nava, for auditing services.