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The Humanities Council^{SC} is proud to present the 13th Anniversary^{SC} Book Festival!

PRESENTERS More than 70 award-winning authors, poets, and presenters will appear at the 2009^{SC} Book Festival. For a complete list of participating authors, panel topics, and scheduled appearances, please see the Web site at www.scbookfestival.org. Read spotlights about 10 participating authors on **Page 3**.

SHOPPING FOR BOOKS During the festival, the Exhibit Hall will host exhibitors representing the very best of local, regional, and national book sellers, including antiquarians, publishers, independent presses, writer's collectives, individual writers, and non-profit organizations. Book lovers' treats can be found everywhere, from your favorite author's new book to that rare literary antique!

AUTOGRAPHING During the festival, all of our featured authors will sign books in the Exhibit Hall at the Signing Table Area. Check the Signing Schedule on the Book Festival Web site (www.scbookfestival.org) for detailed information. Many exhibitors also host individual signings at their booths. You are encouraged to purchase books at the festival in the Exhibit Hall but are also welcome to bring your favorite copies from home for authors to sign.

SPECIAL EVENTS Special ticketed events will take place over the course of the weekend, including an **Opening Night Reception** on Friday, February 27, **Master Classes In Writing** on Friday, February 27, **Children's Field Trip Day** on Friday, February 27, and **Brunching with Authors** on Sunday, March 1. Book appraisals by South Carolina Antiquarian Book Dealers' Association will take place on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of the festival at designated hours. For more information about these special events or to purchase tickets, please see the Web site at www.scbookfestival.org.

The 2009^{SC} Book Festival is scheduled for **February 27 – March 1, 2009** at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center in downtown Columbia, SC.

The festival is free and open to the public on Saturday, February 28 and Sunday, March 1, and special ticketed events will take place on Friday, February 27 and Sunday, March 1. For more information about the schedule of events and to register for the special ticketed events, please visit www.scbookfestival.org.

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The Humanities Council^{SC} has a thirty-five year continuous and effective approach to documenting, preserving, and shedding light on the individual and collective achievements and significant events that have contributed to the social and cultural evolution of the Palmetto State. The staff and Board of Directors of The Humanities Council^{SC} believe that the voices and stories of every South Carolinian represent a precious resource from which to learn important lessons about who we are, where we have come from, and also to guide us as we shape our future. The Council's sponsored programs, exhibits, and documentaries present a detailed, inclusive story about the people of South Carolina.

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Spotlight on 10 authors & programs!



Presenting ten of the writers who will appear at the 13th Anniversary SC Book Festival.

- 1) **Nicholas Basbanes** is an award-winning investigative reporter, a literary editor, a lecturer, and a nationally syndicated columnist. His most recent book is *Editions & Impressions: Twenty Years on the Book Beat*.
- 2) **Beverly Jenkins** is an African-American historical romance writer from Michigan. Her most recent book is *Bring on the Blessings*.
- 3) **Bret Lott** is the author of twelve books, including the novel *Jewel*, which was an Oprah's Book Club selection. His most recent books are the novel *Ancient Highway* and the edited collection *Eyes to See: Volume II*.
- 4) **Mary Alice Monroe** is the New York Times bestselling author of *The Beach House*, *Sweetgrass*, *Swimming Lessons*, and her recent novel *Time is a River*.
- 5) **Jeanne Moutoussamy-Ashe** is a photographer whose collection on Daufuskie Island has recently been republished by University of South Carolina Press as a 25th Anniversary Edition.



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- 6) **Ron Rash** is a poet, short story writer, and novelist whose most recent novel, *Serena*, has garnered wide acclaim, including being named a Best Book of 2008 by Amazon.com.
- 7) **Brian Rutenberg** is one of the most highly acclaimed visual artists to come out of South Carolina since Jasper Johns. *Brian Rutenberg* is the first major monograph on Brian's work and is published by Radius Books.
- 8) **Alexandra Sokoloff** is the author of the ghost story *The Harrowing* and the thriller *The Price*. She is a native of California.
- 9) **Shellie Tomlinson** is the author of *Suck Your Stomach In & Put Some Color On! What Southern Mamas Tell Their Daughters That the Rest of Y'all Should Know Too*. She is the owner and publisher of the Web site *All Things Southern* and hosts a daily radio show by the same name.
- 10) **Scott Turow** is a writer and attorney. He is the author of seven best-selling novels, including his first, *Presumed Innocent* (1987) and his most recent novel, *Ordinary Heroes*, published by Farrar Straus & Giroux in November, 2005.

More than 80 poets, authors, and presenters are participating in the 2009 Festival! For full list of participating presenters, please see the Web site at www.scbookfestival.org.

SC Book Festival at a Glance:

What?	The 13 th Anniversary SC Book Festival
When?	Friday, February 27 (special events and writing classes) Saturday, February 28, 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. (FREE and open to the public!) Sunday, March 1, 11:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (FREE and open to the public!) Plus a special ticketed event, "Brunching with Authors," at 9:30 a.m.
Where?	Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center 1101 Lincoln Street, Columbia (downtown in the Vista, two blocks from the Statehouse)
Who?	More than 70 award-winning authors in solo and panel presentations and over 90 exhibitors of books and book-related services

HELLO, CONGRATULATIONS & GOOD BYE

The Humanities Council^{SC} is happy to **welcome** six new Board Members. **Virginia Tormey Friedman** of Charleston is the Vice President of Media Communications at the College of Charleston and is an integral part of that institution's Center for the Documentary. **Thomas R. Gottshall** is an attorney at Haynsworth, Sinkler, Boyd, P.A. in Columbia. **Paul Horne, Jr.** of Columbia is the Director of Curriculum and Program Review of the Education Oversight Committee for the state of South Carolina and the Executive Director of the South Carolina Association of Social Studies Teachers. **Walton J. McLeod**, a resident of and former mayor of Little Mountain, is the state representative for District 40, Lexington and Newberry counties. **Maggi M. Morehouse** of Aiken is an Assistant Professor of History at the University of South Carolina Aiken. **Sara Lyles Sanders** is a Professor of English at Coastal Carolina University and lives in Conway. These Board Members began three-year terms on November 1, 2008.



FIRST ROW, left to right:
Friedman, Gottshall, Horne,
McLeod; SECOND ROW:
Morehouse, Sanders

Congratulations to The Humanities Council^{SC} for receiving a commendation from the Federation of State Humanities Councils for close to twenty years of participation in the Southern Humanities Media Fund. The commendation statement reads: "Over the course of its nearly twenty year history, the Southern Humanities Media Fund has helped to underwrite 59 outstanding films, television programs, and radio projects, disbursing over \$2,000,000 in grant projects. The judges felt the collaborative nature of the project, one which brings together many councils in order to serve the collective goal of exploring the history, identity, and changing circumstances of the American South, served as a model for how councils can work in partnership to address common problems."

The Humanities Council^{SC} bids **farewell** to five retiring Board Members. **John G. Creech** of Greenville, **Carmen V. Harris** of Simpsonville, **Mary (Molly) Harts** of Ninety Six, **Sam E. McCuen** of Lexington, and **Elizabeth Anne (Betty Anne) Tate** of Charleston have all served the Council with great diligence and passion and will be sincerely missed.

Lincoln Bicentennial

In 2009, the nation will celebrate the bicentennial anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth in 1809. Programs and events across the country will investigate the life and legacy of our 16th president, a man who has become known as a model leader and a champion for human freedom.

The Humanities Council^{SC} will participate in the Lincoln Bicentennial celebration in several ways.

In September 2008, the Council gave a grant to the University of South Carolina for their major conference, "**Lincoln and the Civil War in Contemporary America**," which will take place **February 6 – 7, 2009** at the Avery Research Center for African-American History at the College of Charleston

For more information about this interdisciplinary conference, portions of which are free and open to the public, please see:

cas.sc.edu/hist/lincoln/main.html.

The Council has also recently added a scholar to our Speakers Bureau: Humanities Out Loud program who offers Chautauqua-style living history presentations on Abraham Lincoln.

Gerald Y. Pitts is the only South Carolina member of the Association of Lincoln Presenters and performs an original one-act play as Abraham Lincoln, in which he recounts stories of Lincoln's life from boyhood to presidency.



Non profit organizations and public agencies are eligible to apply for Speakers Bureau programs.

For more information about the Lincoln Bicentennial on a national level, please see the Web site: www.lincolnbicentennial.gov.



**Literature & Medicine:
Humanities at the Heart of Health
Care®**

Starting in February 2009, The Humanities Council^{SC} will be partnering with two hospital systems in Spartanburg, SC to run the national program **Literature & Medicine: Humanities at the Heart of Health Care**. *Literature & Medicine* is an award-winning

reading and discussion program for health-care professionals that, as one participant wrote, “renews the heart and soul of health care.” *Literature & Medicine* discussions have helped health care professionals across the country improve their communication and interpersonal skills while increasing cultural awareness, empathy for patients, and job satisfaction.

Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System and Mary Black Memorial Hospital in Spartanburg will host *Literature & Medicine* programs from February – August 2009. Led by skilled facilitators, a diverse group of 25 participating health-care professionals at each institution will contemplate such literary works as *Complications: A Surgeon’s Notes on an Imperfect Science* by Atul Gawande, *The Epic of Gilgamesh*, and Edward Albee’s *The Sand Box*. **Dr. Jeffrey H. Barker**, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Converse College, will facilitate the program at Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System, and **Dr. Kevin M. DeLapp**, Harold E. Fleming Chair of Philosophy at Converse College, will facilitate the program at Mary Black Memorial Hospital.

The Humanities Council^{SC} has previously coordinated four *Literature & Medicine* programs in South Carolina, including two at Columbia Area Mental Health Center, one at Providence Hospital in Columbia, and one at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. The Council is delighted to be expanding the program to the Upstate.

For more information about *Literature & Medicine: Humanities at the Heart of Health Care*, please see the national Web site at: mainehumanities.org/programs/litandmed. To find out more about *Literature & Medicine* in South Carolina, please contact T.J. Wallace at 803-771-2477 or tjwallace@schumanities.org.

2008 National Humanities Meeting

Five members of The Humanities Council^{SC} attended the 2008 National Humanities Meeting, which took place in Crystal City, VA on November 6-9, 2008: **Executive Director Randy Akers, Assistant Director Paula Watkins, Vice Board Chair Judy Bynum, Board Member Byron Gipson, and Board Member Ghussan Greene**. The South Carolina group attended numerous sessions on humanities programming, interacted with staff and board members from other humanities councils across the nation, and toured humanities venues in Washington, DC. The theme of the conference was “Imagining the World.”

Randy Akers chaired the 2008 National Humanities Meeting and made a welcome speech to the more than 300 attendees. The speech was very well-received, and the 2008 Meeting was considered a wonderful success. Congratulations to Randy for representing The Humanities Council^{SC} and the state of South Carolina so ably before a national audience.



The traveling Smithsonian Exhibit *Key Ingredients: America By Food* is continuing its tour around South Carolina!

Key Ingredients is currently open at the **Edgefield County Peach Museum in Johnston, SC** and will travel to **The Edisto Island Museum on Edisto Island, SC** in March 2009. The year-long tour of the exhibit concludes in Edisto Island on May 9, 2009. Both communities are offering numerous collateral events celebrating local foodways and food history during the exhibit’s tenure in their museums.

For more information about the exhibit tour and schedule of collateral events, please see the Web site at www.schumanities.org!



January 9 - March 1, 2009

**Edgefield County
Peach Museum**

Contact: Donna C.
Livingston
416 Calhoun Street
Johnston, SC 29832

(803)275-0010

www.edgefieldcountychamber.org



March 6 - May 9, 2009

**The Edisto Island
Museum**

Contact: Gretchen Smith
8123 Chisolm Plantation
Road
Edisto Island, SC 29438

(843) 869-1954

www.edistomuseum.com

grants

Major Grants, Mini & Planning Grants,
We the People Grants, Speakers
Bureau & Let's Talk About It

Recent Major Grants:

Sponsoring Organization:

Olde Towne Preservation Association

Project Title: Living History Park/ Colonial Times

Project Director: Lynn Thompson

Award: \$1,500

Cost-share: \$44,000

Olde Town Preservation Association sponsored their 17th annual "Colonial Times: A Day To Remember" event at the Living History Park in North Augusta, SC on October 18-19, 2008. The event offered reenactments, living history presentations, and Chautauqua-style scholar presentations to show what life was like in the Colonial period in the South and was free and open to the public.

Sponsoring Organization:

McCormick County Historical Commission

Project Title: Partnering for Publishing McCormick History

Project Director: Diane L. Schaffer

Award: \$2,850

Cost-share: \$12,150

The McCormick County Historical Commission is coordinating a collaborative project on researching and sharing McCormick County history. Scholar and author Bobby Edmonds will work with the Historical Commission, the McCormick County Chamber of Commerce, civic organizations, local citizens, and local schools to gather archival material about McCormick County and Cyrus McCormick to ultimately be used in the publication of a history book, *McCormick: The*

Reaper Man and the Place. Scholarly lectures and a McCormick History Mini-Course will be offered to citizens and students during the duration of the collection and research project.

Sponsoring Organization: The Catesby Commemorative Trust, Inc.

Project Title: *The Curious Mister Catesby* documentary

Project Director: David J. Elliott

Award: \$4,000

Cost-share: \$27,250

The Curious Mister Catesby is a documentary about the life and works of the little-known 18th century English naturalist and artist, Mark Catesby. Catesby's *Natural History of Carolina, Florida, and the Bahamas* is the first fully-illustrated natural history of North America. The documentary will be shown on statewide ETV.

Sponsoring Organization:

Converse College

Project Title: The Legacy of Singin' Billy Walker: Hymns in the South

Project Director: Dr. Leon Couch and Dr. Laura Feitzinger Brown

Award: \$4,500

Cost-share: \$10,418

Converse College plans an interdisciplinary symposium to explore the importance of hymns in Southern culture and to celebrate the legacy of Singin' Billy Walker, a musician native to Spartanburg who arranged the composition of the hymn "Amazing Grace" as we know it today. The symposium will take place January 28-31, 2009—in time for the bicentennial of Walker's birth.

Sponsoring Organization: USC Research Foundation

Project Title: Lincoln and the Civil War in Contemporary America

Project Director: Thomas J. Brown

Award: \$2,000

Cost-share: \$22,103

The University of South Carolina and the College of Charleston will co-sponsor a free, two-day public conference on "Lincoln at the Civil War in Contemporary America" in honor of the 2009 bicentennial of Lincoln's birth. The conference is scheduled for February 6–7, 2009 in Charleston.

Sponsoring Organization:

College of Charleston

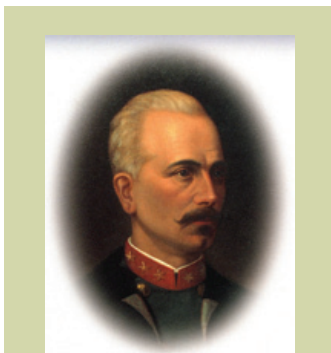
Project Title: *In Search of Ambrosio Gonzales: Soldier Under Two Flags* Documentary

Project Director: Virginia T. Friedman

Award: \$8,000

Cost-share: \$8,005

The Center for Documentary at the College of Charleston seeks funds for a documentary about Cuban patriot and Confederate Colonel, Ambrosio Gonzales. *In Search of Ambrosio Gonzales: Soldier Under Two Flags* will explore this South Carolina resident's life, military career, and legacy to our state. The film is intended for statewide public broadcast, film festivals, and DVD distribution.



This image of Cuban patriot and Confederate Colonel Ambrosio Gonzales is a portrait in oil from the estate of the late Dr. Ambrose G. Hampton, Antonio de la Cova.

Sponsoring Organization:

Southern Office of the National Trust for Historic Preservation

Project Title: South Carolina Rosenwald Schools Traveling Exhibit

Project Director: Tracy Hayes

Award: \$1,500

Cost-share: \$22,000

The Southern Office of the National Trust for Historic Preservation plans to create a traveling exhibit about the history and legacy of Rosenwald Schools in South Carolina. The exhibit will travel to several rural communities, including communities that are home to past Rosenwald Schools.

Sponsoring Organization: Town of Mt. Pleasant

Project Title: Sweetgrass Cultural Arts Pavilion Exhibit at Waterfront Park

Project Director: Kelly Cousino

Award: \$8,000

Cost-share: \$38,543

The Sweetgrass Cultural Arts Pavilion will be a structure at the Waterfront Memorial Park in Mt. Pleasant that will have a permanent exhibit showcasing the history, culture, and art of sweetgrass basket making. The Pavilion is scheduled to be completed by May 2009 and will host the 2009 Sweetgrass Cultural Arts Festival.

Sponsoring Organization:

Culture & Heritage Museums

Project Title: Historic Brattonville Community Oral History Project

Project Director: Owen Glendening

Award: \$3,000

Cost-share: \$11,416

The Culture and Heritage Museums in Rock Hill will sponsor an oral history project in the historic African-American community of Brattonville. Noted scholar Lisa M. Bratton, a descendent of the Brattonville community, will conduct 25 oral history interviews, which will be transcribed, cross-referenced, provided to several repositories, and integrated into the existing interpretive programming at Historic Brattonville.

Sponsoring Organization: The Gardner Group, Inc.

Project Title: *Changing Lives: The Peter Cooper Story* Documentary

Project Director: Janet Gardner

Award: \$7,975

Cost-share: \$29,262

Changing Lives: The Peter Cooper Story is a documentary project about 19th century business man and philanthropist Peter Cooper, who founded the Cooper-Limestone Institute that became Limestone College in Gaffney, SC. The documentary is planned for nationwide public broadcasting and will have premiers at Limestone College, the Upcountry History Museum, and the South Carolina State Museum.

Recent We the People Grants

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Sponsoring Organization:

South Carolina Department of Archives and History

Project Title: National History Day 2009

Project Director: Joel Walker

Award: \$5,000; **Cost-share:** \$72,615

An ever-increasing number of 6th through 12th grade students statewide participate in National History Day, learning the use of historical method through projects in documentary study, performance, historical research, Web site development, and exhibit origination.

Sponsoring Organization:

Trident Technical College

Project Title: Clemente Course 2009

Project Director: Mary Ann Kohli

Award: \$5,000; **Cost-share:** \$5,640

The Clemente Course attracts and retains economically disadvantaged students into college study. The participants study, at no cost, art, literature, history, and philosophy.

Recent Mini & Planning Grants

Sponsoring Organization:

Black Creek Arts Council of Darlington County

Project Title: Tobacco Barns Photography Exhibit for the South Carolina Tobacco Trail

Project Director: Bruce Douglas

Awarded: \$1,500; **cost-share:** \$2,100

The Black Creek Arts Council of Darlington County will create an exhibit based on the art of local Pee Dee photographer, Benton Henry. The exhibit will display photographs of tobacco barns and will explore the historical context of the importance of tobacco in this region of the state. The exhibit will travel to six communities on the South Carolina Tobacco Trail: Hartsville, Darlington, Latta, Conway, Florence, and Lake City.

Sponsoring Organization:

Upcountry History Museum

Project Title: Upcountry History Museum Oral History Program

Project Director: Dr. Courtney L. Tollison

Awarded: \$1,500; **cost-share:** \$6,220

The Upcountry History Museum will create an oral history lab and recording studio to more efficiently collect oral histories of upstate residents. The Project Director and staff traveled to study successful oral history programs at seven institutions in South Carolina and North Carolina in August 2008.

Sponsoring Organization:

Historic Beaufort Foundation

Project Title: 3rd Annual Architectural Field School, Beaufort

Project Director: Maxine Lutz

Awarded: \$800; **cost-share:** \$2,300

Historic Beaufort Foundation helped organize and sponsor a summer field school for a group of students and scholars from the Colonial Williamsburg Architectural Research Department. A team of students and professors documented approximately 12 historic structures in

Beaufort and the surrounding islands.

Sponsoring Organization:

C.C. Pinckney Elementary School

Project Title: Pinckney Patriots Unified by Weaving

Project Director: Annette Francis

Awarded: \$1,200; **cost-share:** \$1,573

C.C. Pinckney Elementary School offered an educational weaving residency that involved all grade levels in Fall 2008. Artist Victoria Sowers of Sandy Creek Weavers taught students about weaving; students also learned about textile production throughout history and in South Carolina.

Sponsoring Organization:

Katie & Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center

Project Title: The South Carolina Shalom Project - Part 1

Project Director: Lyssa Harvey

Awarded: \$1,400;

cost-share: \$2,523

The Katie & Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center plans a two-year, multi-part project to illuminate issues of cultural differences, religious differences, and tolerance. Part 1 was a full-day program for an interfaith mix of youth, including a creative writing workshop and panel discussion on tolerance in September 2008.

Sponsoring Organization:

Midlands Technical College

Project Title: In Their Own Words: A History of Harbison Institute - Preserving and Sharing Interviews

Project Director: Helen Kingkade

Awarded: \$1,500; **cost-share:** \$30,726

Midlands Technical College will continue work on the oral history project and documentary, *In Their Own Words: A History of Harbison Institute*. The project, originally started in 2005, has captured oral histories of alumni at the African American Harbison Institute, resulting in a 33 minute documentary. Project organizers will expand the project

by completing additional research and interviews, professionally transcribing and organizing the research materials, and re-editing a final cut version of the documentary suitable for public television.

Sponsoring Organization:

Temple B'nai Israel and Morningside Baptist Church

Project Title: 2008 Spartanburg Interfaith Scholar-in-Residence Program

Project Director: Rabbi Yossi Leibowitz and Dr. Kirk Neely

Awarded: \$1,500; **cost-share:** \$15,650

The first "Spartanburg Interfaith Scholar-in-Residence Program" facilitated interfaith dialogue and understanding. Dr. Amy-Jill Levine spoke on the program theme, "The Historical Jesus in Context" at four locations in August 2008: USC-Upstate, Temple B'nai Israel, Morningside Baptist Church, and Central United Methodist Church in Spartanburg.

Sponsoring Organization:

Coastal Discovery Museum

Project Title: Daufuskie Island, Photographs by Jeanne Montoussamy-Ashe - Exhibit

Project Director: Natalie Heffer

Awarded: \$1,000; **cost-share:** \$11,300

The Coastal Discovery Museum on Hilton Head Island is currently hosting an exhibit of photographs of Daufuskie Island from the 1970s and 1980s taken by photographer and scholar Jeanne Montoussamy-Ashe. Interpretive materials will describe the Gullah culture of the island and how



"Jake and His Boat,"
Copyright Jeanne
Moutoussamy-Ashe

development has changed the island and its people in the last thirty years. The exhibit is on display until March 1, 2009.

Sponsoring Organization:

Centre Stage - South Carolina
Project Title: Centre Stage - South Carolina's 2008 New Play Festival

Project Director: B.J. Koonce

Awarded: \$1,500; **cost-share:** \$13,815

The 6th Annual New Play Festival was a six-day event in September 2008 presenting public readings of five new plays, four selected from entries in a nationwide contest and one by playwright-in-residence, Arlene Hutton. Each reading was followed by discussion between the audience and the playwright, moderated by a scholar.

Sponsoring Organization:

Furman University
Project Title: Science Inspiring Art: Peter Sis and *The Tree of Life: Charles Darwin*

Project Director: Michael Svec

Awarded: \$1,500; **cost-share:** \$3,745

Furman University will host a series of three lectures in Greenville by noted artist and children's book author Peter Sis in February 2009 in celebration of the bicentennial of Charles Darwin's birth.

Sponsoring Organization: USC Aiken

Project Title: The Documentary *Edgewood*

Project Director: Deidre Martin

Awarded: \$1,500; **cost-share:** \$2,500

The University of South Carolina Aiken will create a two-part documentary film about the historic Pickens-Salley House, formerly known as Edgewood. The documentary will investigate the two famous women who lived in the home, Lucy Pickens and Eulalie Salley, and will present the history of the house from pre-Civil War to the Civil Rights era.

Sponsoring Organization:

Gibbes Museum of Art
Project Title: Alfred Hutty: A Reassessment

Project Director: Sara C. Arnold

Awarded: \$1,350; **cost-share:** \$2,430

The Gibbes Museum of

Art plans a major traveling exhibition on the artist Alfred Hutty, who has strong Charleston ties and is considered one of the leading artists of the Charleston Renaissance. The Exhibit will debut in January 2012.



**LET'S TALK ABOUT IT :
Reading and Discussion
Program**

Let's Talk About It is not your average book club. Connecting interested readers with classic literature, resonant themes, and scholarly interpretation, Let's Talk About It creates an exciting classroom-style discussion forum where ideas and insights abound. The Humanities Council^{SC} partners with the South Carolina State Library to make these series available to libraries and other nonprofit organizations. The Humanities Council^{SC} makes \$500 grants available to participating organizations to pay for scholar honoraria; the SC State Library provides complete sets of books. For more information about Let's Talk About It: Reading and Discussion program, please contact Susanna Brailsford, Literary Arts Programmer, at sbrailsford@schumanities.org.

**Recent Let's Talk About It
Hosts:**

Aiken County Public Library
Charleston County Public Library
Chapin Memorial Library (Horry County)
Seneca Branch Library (Oconee County)
Pendleton Branch Library (Anderson County)
North Myrtle Beach Library (Horry County)
Surfside Beach Branch Library (Horry County)



**Speakers Bureau:
Humanities Out Loud**

Speakers Bureau: Humanities Out Loud provides a roster of scholars with a wide variety of speaking topics who are available to present at public gatherings around the state. Non profit organizations and public agencies are eligible to apply. For more information about the Speakers Bureau: Humanities Out Loud program, please contact T.J. Wallace, Grants and Program Officer, at tjwallace@schumanities.org.

The Humanities Council^{SC} is delighted to welcome two new scholars to Speakers Bureau: Humanities Out Loud.

Caroline McIntyre is a former history teacher, theater manager, and corporate presenter with a Masters in American History. She recreates the roles of two of her heroes - Rachel Carson and Mary Draper Ingles. She weaves the stories of these heroic women and, in Chautauqua fashion, inspires the audience to ask questions directly to the characters. Her speaking topics are: **Rachel Carson, Silent Spring, 1962** and **Mary Draper Ingles, Survivor of the Wilderness, 1755.**



Gerald Pitts is the only South Carolina member of ALP, the Association of Lincoln Presenters. ALP is a national organization of approximately 166 members whose purpose is to further knowledge and appreciation of the 16th president of the United States. Lincoln was a boyhood hero

of Mr. Pitts (along with Joe DiMaggio, Roy Rogers, and Mark Twain). When Mr. Pitts read about ALP in 2007, he realized that he, like Lincoln, was 6'4" tall, wore a size 14 N shoe, and had four sons, he became a Lincoln presenter. Mr. Pitts spent 30 years in the Army on active duty and in the reserve and was awarded The Soldiers Medal in the name of President Reagan in 1985. He graduated from Presbyterian College on a National Merit Scholarship and holds graduate degrees in microbiology and counseling psychology. He taught every science course in the curriculum from grades 7 through 12 during 12 years at Cambridge Academy. His speaking topic is **An Afternoon With Abraham Lincoln.**



**Recent Speakers Bureau
Hosts:**

Ashley Park Retirement Center (Charleston County)
Beaufort County Public Library
Bishop Gadsden Retirement Community (Charleston County)
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Picturing America

AMERICA'S HISTORY THROUGH OUR NATION'S ART



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To date, more than 357 schools and libraries in South Carolina have received high-quality reproductions of American art and other resources to encourage learning about our nation's history in a fresh and engaging way.

Through a We the People grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, The Humanities Council^{SC} is providing collateral programming in South Carolina on the theme of Picturing America. State scholar Martha R. Severens, curator at the Greenville County Museum of Art, will present two free public programs on "Picturing America: How Art Helps Us Understand America." Detailed information about these programs is provided to the right.

For more information about the national Picturing America program, please see the national Web site at: picturingamerica.neh.gov. For more information about Picturing America in South Carolina and Martha Severens's lectures, please contact T.J. Wallace at 803-771-2477 or tjwallace@schumanities.org.



Sunday, February 22

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Illustrated talk by Martha R. Severens, Curator, Greenville County Museum of Art

Sponsored by the We the People Initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities in partnership with the Georgetown County Public Library

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Monday, March 9

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