

Jamestowne Society *First Georgia Company*



Melodye G. Brown, Governor

Spring 2014 Newsletter

COMPANY GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

I am honored to serve as the Governor of First Georgia Company, Jamestowne Society. Thank you for the confidence expressed by electing me as Governor, 2013-2015. I am excited about the next two years.

Work with our heritage organizations is supposed to be fun, and that is the approach we will take in planning future events and activities. If you have ideas on ways we can make your Jamestowne experience more enjoyable, we want to hear from you! My goal is to create activities and an environment that accommodates learning, good fellowship, and enjoyable events.

We currently have about 120 members in First Georgia Company, but there are as many more Jamestowne Society members in the state of Georgia who do not belong to our Company. Our newly revised bylaws make it easier for new and longtime members to join our company. For those Jamestowne members not conveniently located to Atlanta, we will try to find ways to give them value for associating with First Georgia, and help them feel connected. Please contact me if you are interested in having a get-together for members in your area. I hope you will invite those members you know to be your guests at all future meetings, and encourage friends with Jamestowne ancestors to apply for membership in our Society.

I will be representing First Georgia at the Governors' Roundtable, Council meeting and Membership luncheon in Williamsburg, May 16-17, which includes a special Governors' Tour of the Jamestown Rediscovery Collections Vault, housing more than a million archaeological artifacts from the "Fort Period" (1607-1625) and beyond. An update on the national activities will be presented at our June 14 meeting.

Your input is greatly appreciated and your support is essential for our success. I hope that you share my goals for our company -- to remember our purpose, follow our mission, and have a good time!

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400th Anniversary of the Marriage of Pocahontas and John Rolfe, April 5, 2014

Your Governor enjoyed attending the elaborate interpretation of the wedding of Pocahontas to John Rolfe in Jamestown on April 5. The event was part of the *World of Pocahontas* Initiative at Historic Jamestowne – a series of public programs, lectures, and an exhibit opening on June 6 to highlight the 400th anniversary of the marriage of Pocahontas. The wedding commemoration took place on the site of the church where the couple married in 1614. The 1608 church site (between the Historic Church Tower and the John Smith statue) was uncovered in 2010 by Jamestown Rediscovery archaeologists.

At a Wedding Eve dinner held at the Williamsburg Lodge on April 4, I had the good fortune to share a table with other Jamestowne members and several of the archaeologists. It was quite an enjoyable evening in the company of interesting people doing fascinating work. On Saturday morning, I encountered several of my dinner companions at their work at Jamestown – starting a new excavation, and setting the new exhibition at the Archaearium. I also ran into Jamestowne Society office manager, Bonnie Hofmeyer, at the wedding!

Pocahontas and the Indian members of the wedding party were portrayed by members of the Pamunkey tribe. Seventy volunteers spent more than 1200 hours creating the bride's embroidered wedding jacket, inspired by "the Falkland Jacket," a 17th century waistcoat in the Victoria and Albert Museum in London. The embroidery design depicts flora and fauna specific to Virginia. Members of the wedding party reflected on the social, political, and cultural implications of this union of Old and New Worlds.



New Members - We welcome our newest First Georgia members: Richard W. Owen, Atlanta; Sara G. Barfield, Columbus; Richard Noegel, Augusta; Bonnie Thrasher Bolin, Fayetteville; Frederick Neal Gleaton, Atlanta; Dr. James Fred White, Savannah; Dr. Virginia S. White, Savannah; Anne Moss Wilkerson, Atlanta; Jeane McCray Parker, Gainesville; and Mary McCullen Foster, Blairsville.