

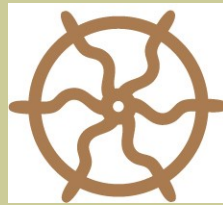
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Coming up on the Canal!

January-March Winter schedule

Discovery Center open Tues- Sat 9:30-5:00.
Boat tours Tues- Sat 11:30, 1:30 (Civil War), and 3:00.

Upcoming Events

March 27 Canal Keeper Membership Event! 5:00-7:30. RSVP Required.

April 3 Augusta Canal's **Moonlight Music Cruises**
This starts the **15TH** season of the . Music line-up announcement soon.

April 14 **Veggie Park Farmers Market begins for the season**
Mill Village Trailhead 4:30-7:00.
Every Tuesday April through October.

April 18 **"Free Learn to Fish Clinic "** with the National Game Fish Association
for the National Park Service Junior Ranger Day!
10K to LAUNCH the completion of River Levee Trail. Sign up on
Facebook. All proceeds benefit the Augusta Canal!



AUGUSTA CANAL
NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

Newsletter

First Quarter 2020

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Another great CanalFEST!

We hope you came out to our 4th annual CanalFEST November 2. We were "celebrating all things outdoors in the Augusta Canal National Heritage Area." This year was beautiful! Thank you to ALL our sponsors, especially Presenting Sponsor, Gerald Jones Subaru. We had around 1,500 visitors throughout the day! The day started with a 5K hosted by Run the Tangents Timing with about 75 participants. CanalFEST visitors learned how to fly fish with Rivers & Glen and Project Healing Waters. Savannah Rapids Kayak Rental and the CSRA Kayaking Club had a BLAST- they put 69 new users in kayaks for demos.



Tara Scheyer performing with a fun audience!



Gerald Jones Subaru displaying a brand new car at CanalFEST

Thanks to all the community supporters, sponsors and raffle donors! Those contributions and proceeds go directly into the Augusta Canal National Heritage Area, Inc. 501(c)3 to benefit projects in the park. CanalFEST also served as the Membership Fall Event. They were given VIP tickets to the festival and enjoyed a private tent, free drinks, food, and admission to the boat tours! Thanks to Finch & Fifth for sponsoring the VIP tent for the second year! **UPDATE:** The Augusta Canal staff and board have decided to move CanalFEST to the spring. Therefore, we will pass on 2020 and return **SPRING 2021!**

Julianna's Jottings

Happy New Year!
Time to get out on the trails!
We hope you will continue to support the Augusta Canal National Heritage Area in 2020 by renewing or upgrading your membership in the Augusta Canal Keeper Society and sponsor the 2021 **SPRING** CanalFEST (includes a 2nd Level membership).

Also, consider adding a contribution to the Edward J. Cashin Young Learners Fund to support student field trips.

To join or make a donation contact me by email jshurtleff@augustacanal.com or pay online at augustacanal.com/donate.

Thanks for the continued support!
-Julianna Shurtleff
Development & Outreach Manager



Thanks to the CSRA Community Foundation!



Thanks to a grant from the CSRA Community Foundation and Gerald Jones Subaru donations, the Augusta Canal was thrilled to provide the 5th graders of Richmond County a unique social studies experience. As students learned about the Industrial Revolution in school, the Augusta Canal Discovery Center brought Augusta's industrial growth and the people of that time to life. Students walked the same floors, saw the old looms, and viewed historic photographs of children their age working in mills.

Without this special funding, most of these students would never have this opportunity. Also, a big thanks to the Richmond County School System for helping schedule these field trips. We were able to bring over 2,100 5th grade students this fall! We are so EXCITED to have received this grant AGAIN for 2020! Starting this fall, every 5th grade class in Richmond County will attend a canal field trip.

If you are interested in helping other students attend Augusta Canal field trips, please consider donating to the Edward J. Cashin Young Learners Fund.

Trail Phase 3D Updates

Dayton Sherrouse, Executive Director

Work continues on our latest phase of our trail system. The picture to the left shows the progress on the boardwalk that takes the trail user from the Hawks Gulley Gate structure down the side of the Augusta Levee to the entrance to the Waters Edge residential development.

Construction is scheduled for completion in April 2020 and when completed it will connect the downtown area and Riverwalk to the Headgates in Columbia County.

Project cost is \$1,136,442.



The Final Connection is near completion!
Save the date: **April 18 8:30am**

Join the Augusta Canal National Heritage Area & Run the Tangents Timing as we host the first **10K** that will launch the opening of this trail! Registration open soon on Facebook.

Augusta Canal Keeper Spring Event!

Join your fellow Canal Keepers for our Spring Membership event!

March 27
5:00-7:30pm

5:00 Speaker & Cocktail hour in the Discovery Center.
6:00 ALL ABOARD the Petersburg Boat for a tour with musician Will McCranie plus food, drinks, and raffle items you won't want to miss!

More details to come.
Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for updates.



Digging Into the Past....

In January of 1874, the Russell and Simmons Factory started producing cotton rope, yarn, and twine. This factory claimed to be the first mill to operate after the canal enlargement was complete. This factory was built by former mayor Henry Russell and C.W. Simmons of Rhode Island. This mill was located on a portion of land from the former Confederate Powderworks property. The City of Augusta tore down the Powderworks buildings in 1872. On the other side of the canal, Russell and Simmons also purchased about 10 acres for workers' housing.

The factory changed hands and names many times; Summerville Mill, Algernon Mill, Lasetta Mill, Murray Mill, Singleton Silk Mill and Augusta Silk Manufacturing Company. At its peak in the 1880's, this mill had 4,000 spindles and 150 looms with 100 workers. In the 1970s, the buildings caught on fire and were finally demolished in 1977. Today all you see is the rake gate on the canal bank.

Sources: Dr. Ed Cashin, "The Brightest Arm of the Savannah" and the Library of Congress HAER collection.



What is left of the Russell and Simmons mill. This is located just north of Sibley Mill, across the canal

Winter Center 2020

January - March 2020
A Daycare & Early Childhood Education Program
Ages 3-7. Group sizes 10-40.

2020 Theme:
"Cotton's Journey: From Seeds to Blue Jeans"
Offering: Fun indoor activities for the cold winter months
Puppet Show starring Rae, the Rabbit
Crafts, Games, Songs, and More!

Only \$4.00 per child/Chaperones FREE!
January - February; Tuesday - Friday 10:00am-12:00pm
March; Tuesday-Wednesday 10:00am-12:00pm
To reserve, call 706-823-0440 x2 or programs@augustacanal.com



Staff Spotlight

Many thanks to our dedicated retired teachers that work so hard for the Augusta Canal education program. They not only help field trips run smoothly, but they update and advise us on our curriculum and programs for the students. Their background brings many talents to the canal.

We are lucky to work with them. We love our Tour Guides!

Kelli Spearman is a retired Elementary School teacher with over 30 years teaching in Columbia County. She has been with us since 2015.

Jenny Landrum retired two years ago after 25 years as an elementary school teacher in Richmond and Columbia Counties.

Roy Lewis retired from the Richmond County School System as a drama teacher. Roy is now a tour guide with us as well as the Director of the Augusta Junior Players!



Above: Captain Tony and Kelli on the boat!

Below: Jenny and Holley at the Georgia Welcome Center for Georgia On My Mind Day.

