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from the Sumter County Museum*



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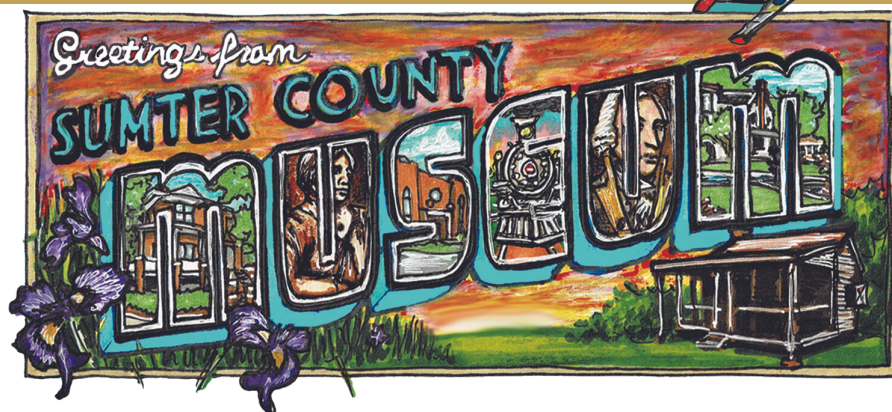
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SAFE Federal Credit Union presents the

SUMTER COUNTY MUSEUM'S

**25TH ANNUAL
CAROLINA BACKCOUNTRY
OYSTER ROAST**

Tickets
Member \$50 | Non-Member \$75
TICKETS ARE LIMITED!

*Join us in the beautiful museum gardens for
all-you-can-eat oysters, BBQ, chili, collards, and a
selection of beer, wine, and soft drinks.*

*Entertainment provided by
HeyBo*

**SAVE!
THE DATE!**

On Special Display Now And Coming Soon!

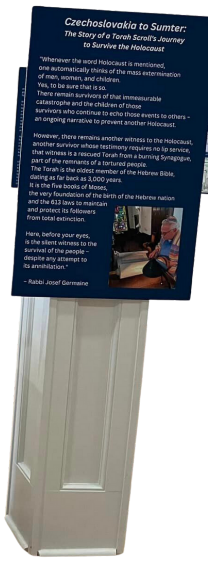
Czechoslovakia to Sumter: The Story of a Torah Scroll's Journey to Survive the Holocaust

The Czech Torah Scrolls represent the preservation of the Jewish communities of Czechoslovakia, now known as the Czech Republic. Their story, and the story of Temple Sinai's Scroll #848, is recounted in this exhibit.

LOCATION
TEMPLE SINAI JEWISH HISTORY CENTER
11 CHURCH STREET, SUMTER, SC 29150

HOURS
TEMPLE SINAI JEWISH HISTORY
1pm - 4pm Thurs.- Fri.
10am - 1pm Sat.

**ON
DISPLAY**
NOW - JAN 27TH
IN ACKERMAN
HALL



Focus on Fashion in Colonial America

A Survey of the Major Elements of Design of Women's Fashion During the 18th Century in South Carolina
Modeled on Vintage 1950's Dolls

Sponsored Jointly by
Eliza Lucas Pinkney Chapter, Charleston, SC
Sumter's Home Chapter, Sumter, SC



LOCATION
SUMTER COUNTY MUSEUM (Williams Brice House)
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Traveling Exhibit: South Carolina's 350th Celebration of European Settlement

The year 2020 marked the 350th anniversary of European settlement at Charles Towne Landing. The South Carolina Historical Society created a traveling exhibit focused on the stories of those who came to South Carolina in 1670, their reasons for leaving home, and interactions between Europeans, Native Americans, and Africans.



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Dial 1 For Sumter: Telephone Manufacturing in Sumter County By Leeam Stein, Collections Assistant

While today it is difficult to find electronics and technology manufacturing in South Carolina, that wasn't always the case. The Sumter Telephone Manufacturing Co. was formed in 1899 by Charles T. Mason Jr, who at first had been an inventor of cotton harvesting machinery. Mason's knowledge and interest in communications technology came from his father, Charles T. Mason Sr who operated telegraph communications for the Confederate States during the Civil War and manufactured telegraphic parts along with being a watchmaker and jeweler. After only a year in operation, the Sumter Telephone Manufacturing Co. was considered

one of the most advanced and largest telephone manufacturers in the country. On Harvin Street in what is today the James E. Clyburn Transportation Center, their main factory built everything from switchboards and the telephone apparatus to spare parts. The company sourced all the wood parts for its telephones from local oak trees, making their pieces quite the luxury for any home. The company was ultimately sold to a subsidiary of AT&T in 1910 as Charles Mason ventured into new businesses, and the company folded completely in 1929 at the onset of the Great Depression.



Want to see more of our collection? Check out Curator of Collections Charles Broadwell's article in each issue of *Sumter Living* and Collections Assistant's Leeam Stein's *From the Collection* blog on our website at www.sumtercountymuseum.org/blog-fromthecollection



ASHLEY BLUM



THIS MONTH, MEMBER SPOTLIGHT
FEATURES ASHLEY BLUM, FAMILY MEMBER.



(L TO R) GUS, ALEXANDER, & ASHLEY BLUM

Get to know Ashley Blum!

We are a military family that moved to Sumter on a Third Army (ARCENT) assignment in 2010. After four years stationed at Shaw Air Force Base we had an assignment to Germany. After our military tour in Wiesbaden. We came back to Sumter to retire from the military. As the daughter of an Army Engineer and then marrying an Army Aviator, I've been around the military my whole life. As a family we have lived and traveled all over the world. I am the Bible and special programs teacher at First Presbyterian Preschool.

My husband, Gus grew up in Scarsdale, New York, but is originally from Mendoza, Argentina. We have one son, Alexander who is a senior at the College of William and Mary.

How long have you been a member?

I've been a member for about a year, but I've enjoyed attending many of the museum's events since we first moved to Sumter.

What brought you to the Museum?

Interest in our community and its history and wonderful events the museum hosts.

What is your family's favorite Museum experience?

My family's favorite Museum experience was when my son received a Sumter Historical Society scholarship at the museum.

The author's book events are a personal favorite of mine. I really enjoy meeting and talking with the authors. These author events are a real gift to the Sumter community.

Any fun facts about you and/or your family that you wish to share?

We love being part of the Sumter community and are very active in our church. We also enjoy volunteering with many community programs such as the Cinderella Shop, Backpack Blessings, and Boy Scouts.

Not a museum member?

Scan the QR Code and fill out the easy online form to become a Sumter County Museum Member today! Museum members receive exclusive member pricing on all museum events.



UPCOMING MEMBER SAVINGS!

25TH ANNUAL CAROLINA BACKCOUNTRY OYSTER ROAST

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH
6:00 PM TO 9:00 PM
@ SUMTER COUNTY MUSEUM

TICKETS
MEMBER \$50 | NON-MEMBER \$75
TICKETS ARE LIMITED!

CAROLINA BACKCOUNTRY
OYSTER ROAST TICKETS
ON SALE THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 28 @ 10AM

FROM BOOK SIGNINGS TO TRICK OR TREATING THERE ARE MANY EVENTS HAPPENING AT THE MUSEUM.

Upcoming Events



PICTURES ABOVE TAKEN AT PREVIOUS TWILIGHT IN THE BACKCOUNTRY EVENT

SEPT 30 PIRATE DAY W/ THE BACKCOUNTRY PRIVATEERS
Free & Fun!
11AM-4PM

OCT 14 BACKCOUNTRY HARVEST
Living history program c. 1800 fun for all ages!
All museum facilities, including the Temple Sinai Jewish History Center will be open for free.
10AM-3PM

OCT 17 TALK & BOOK SIGNING
With Susan Beckham Zurenda
on her novel, *The Girl From The Red Rose Motel*
6PM

OCT 28 TRICK OR TREAT IN THE BACKCOUNTRY
Trick or treating in the backcountry. Free & Fun!
3PM-5PM

SAVE THE DATE

NOV 16

Sumter County Museum's
Carolina Backcountry Oyster Roast
Presented By
Safe Federal Credit Union

Tickets will go on sale Thursday, September 28th
and can be purchased through our website, over
the phone, or in the museum office.

6PM-9PM

There is much variety
when it comes to events
that the museum puts
on. Included with this
newsletter are event
flyers with more
detailed information
about upcoming
events!

Visit our website to register and see the full list
of upcoming events.