



Michaux - St. James Foundation

Winter, 2019

Happy New Year to all our members and friends of the Michaux St. James Foundation.

2018 was a very successful year for the MSJ Foundation as we reached our largest member base in our 41-year history. Thank you all for your participation and support.

MSJ Foundation accomplishments throughout 2018:

- We hosted two family re-unions for different branches of Michaux family descendants. There has been tremendous interest and excitement about the new Michaux family museum which we have created on the 2nd floor of the Sallie Michaux House. As more and more Michaux descendants visit their family museum, we are getting more and more historical documents and photographs gifted, some dating back into the early 1700's such as the original will of Abraham Michaux.



July Re-Union of William Walthall Michaux Descendants



Michaux Buchanan with a Suzanne Rochet on each arm in October. Thanks to Betty Blevins for organizing.

- The 4th annual Spring Gala was a huge delicious success once again – *Thanks and kudos to Sara Corbett and her helpers!*



The sold-out Spring Gala was enjoyed by all

- The Sallie M. Book Club was started in 2018 and the club meets on the first Sunday of every month. *Please contact Pat Meek (meeksx2@verizon.net or 598-2972) if you're interested in joining.*
- We began using the fully-restored Sallie Michaux House (c.1869) for Foundation events such as spaghetti dinners, book club as well as community meetings. It is a beautiful facility available for rent and accommodating up to 50 guests.



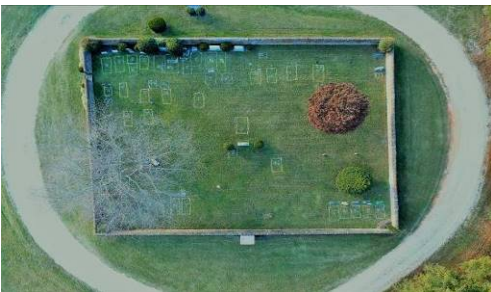
The Sallie Michaux House new (old) kitchen

- The St. James Chapel was enhanced by the removal of the old platform. To our delight, we found the original heart pine floor below which once re-finished was stunning.



For safety, we removed the stage and WOW!

- We completed a study of the Michaux family cemetery (ground-penetrating radar) and created a formal process for Michaux family members to be able to acquire plots within this beautiful resting place.

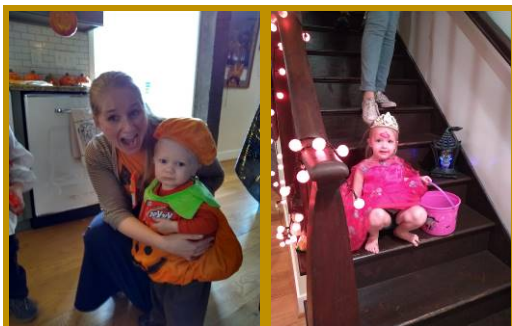


Drone picture after the GPR study & markings

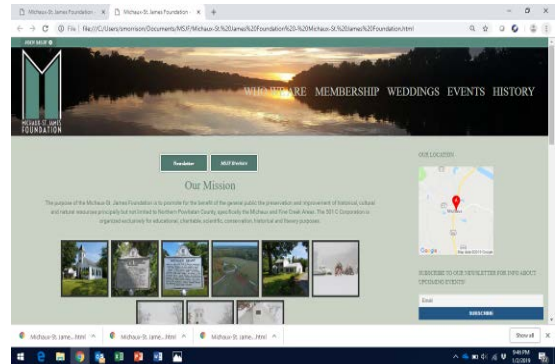
- We continued improving our landscaping on the historic properties the Foundation maintains. We planted and decorated Colorado Spruce trees on 522 & Old River Trail to accent the beautiful Chapel.



- At our first Halloween neighborhood party we welcomed some wonderful young families with great costumes.



- Thanks to Taylor Onder, we have a new MSJ Foundation website with great functionality. We now take inquiries for weddings and events and we accept credit card and PayPal for membership and MSJ event reservations. More to come.



Please visit our site at <https://msjf.org/>

- The year was capped off with an incredible holiday party in which over 100 members and friends attended. Thank you to everyone who brought your amazing holiday treats.



The holiday party had a record turnout for people, platters and compliments



Smiles ready to bring in a great 2019.

What a wonderful 2018 for the Michaux St. James Foundation.

Coming Events

Please mark your calendars

Valentine Tea - Saturday, February 16th at 2 PM

**YOU'RE INVITED
TO A
TEA PARTY**

Enjoy a wonderful afternoon at the 5th Annual Valentine Tea at the Sallie Michaux House. Please make reservations before January 26th by calling Sara Corbett at 598-3590 or send her an email at semcorbett@gmail.com.

You can bring your \$50 check to the event and give it to Sara. Make checks to MSJF.

Spring Gala – Saturday May 5th at 5:30 PM



Come join your friends and neighbors for an amazingly fun evening of fine food, spirits, and community. This is our 5th Annual Gala and it has been our highlight event every year.

Our goal this year is to raise the funds to insulate the chapel and install a discreet heating and air conditioning system to enable weddings and other events to utilize the beautiful chapel 12 months a year (finally).

Make your Gala reservations soon because seating is limited to 48 and it will sell out very quickly. Please make your reservations by calling Sara Corbett at 598-3590 or send her an email at semcorbett@gmail.com.

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Chili Cook Off – Date TBD



Calling all Chili Chefs... Please contact Jeff Onder (jeff.onder@gmail.com) by January 31 if you would be willing to make your special Chili recipe for our first MSJ Foundation Chili Cook-Off. We are hoping to get 8-12 Chili Chefs to sign up.

We will be adding detail to this event in the next month (prize \$, event date, etc.) and getting invitations out.

Foundation Workday–Saturday May 12th at
10:00 AM.



Please mark your calendars for May 12th. More information about the Spring spruce up work will be sent out in April. Thanks to the dozens of people who have helped with the Spring and Fall spruce up days over the years.

MSJF 2019 Priorities

As many of you know, since Carson Tucker laid the groundwork for the MSJ Foundation (42 years ago, in 1977), our foundation has grown, evolved and gained momentum.

We work hard to balance the caretaking and restoration work at the St. James Chapel (c. 1882); the Sallie Michaux House (c. 1869) and the beautiful Michaux Family Cemetery (c.1705).

This year, our top restoration and improvement priorities include;

- Install a discreet heating and air conditioning system (unit) in the St. James Chapel so we can promote weddings and other events year-around without harming the historical charm of the 1882 Chapel.
- Re-do/Install the exterior lighting with professional design guidance so that we can safely and efficiently keep the St. James Chapel and Sallie Michaux House lit for the communities' enjoyment and to help us gain greater awareness and interest in the MSJ Foundation and our beautiful facilities.
- Repair and re-point the brick wall surrounding the Michaux Family Cemetery. It has been nearly 20 years since we have done significant wall repairs. We are in the process of obtaining bids from qualified brick masons.
- Continue to add landscape screening to protect and beautify all of the MSJ maintained properties.

THANK

How can you help?

Get your 2019 MSJ Foundation calendar.

Please contact Marcia Pflugrath at (661)-839-5111 or email her at pflugrathmarcia@yahoo.com. The calendars are \$15 and are tax deductible.



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