

Hampton Plantation State Historic Site Friends of Hampton Plantation

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From the Manager's Desk

Hello from Hampton Plantation,

While I've helped with the Friends newsletter before, this is my first time writing as the manager of the park. I enjoyed almost seven years as the interpretive ranger here and am excited to continue promoting and protecting the site in this new role. Over the years I've learned so much working with our visitors, the Friends, and previous park manager Jayson (now at Black River State Park—coming soon!).

We're now fully staffed, so if you're visiting you may take a tour with Ashley or Michael, or our new interpretive ranger Jonah. You may also see our maintenance team, Owain and Cody, working on keeping the grounds safe and beautiful. As we move out of the hot and buggy summer, the staff is excited to resume programs like our holiday tours, and work on special projects to improve the park. Volunteers and funding from the Friends is always hugely helpful for these!

Some of our recent and upcoming events include a sweetgrass basket making class on November 15th, holiday house tours on December 13th, and a First Day Hike on January 1st. As grass mowing season ends, we'll focus more on clearing wisteria from the gardens and maintenance of our historic buildings. If you're interested in attending or assisting with any programs or projects, please reach out to the park and we'd love to have you.

Thank you for supporting Hampton Plantation!

-Hannah Marley, Park Manager



Welcome Jonah!



We are delighted to introduce Hampton
Plantation State Historic Site's new
Interpretive Park Ranger!

Jonah Trimnal

Jonah will be taking on the role formerly held by Ranger Hannah, doing house tours and research and much more!

Here is a little bit of background, be sure to say hello, and identify yourself as a Friend of Hampton when you meet Jonah at Hampton.

I'm originally from Marion, North Carolina where I grew up surrounded by the outdoors and with a deep love of history. As a kid I remember taking some lightweight railroad ties from the backyard garden to "fortify" my Little Tikes log cabin. I even made my own daub to fill the gaps and hung garden weeds in the cabin like it was a tobacco barn. Needless to say, a lot of family vacations were to historic sites and museums throughout the country. I studied history at Brigham Young University Idaho and recently completed my master's through a joint program from the College of Charleston and the Citadel. Before coming to Hampton, I was a museum interpreter at the Powder Magazine and occasional tour guide in Charleston. When I'm not working, I enjoy spending time with my wife and daughter, learning to play music, and growing bonsai trees.

Meet Annie!

Hi! I'm Annie Owen, a professional captain and naturalist at Coastal Expeditions. I've spent most of the last six years running trips and managing our programs in Cape Romain National Wildlife Refuge. I also guide trips in the Francis Marion, Charleston Harbor, Kiawah River & Beaufort areas. It's a great privilege to be in the position to share the wild and precious ecosystems of the South Carolina coast by engaging in outdoor education and working to increase accessibility for local communities and visitors. I am pleased to continue this work as the secretary for Friends of Hampton Plantation.



Friends Updates

- Please visit our website at hamptonfriends.org
 - **We can now process memberships online!**
 - **We are also able to receive donations online!**
 - Coming soon, we will be adding some products such as books to the online store!



You can also click this QR code to go directly to the membership payment app



- The Friends of Hampton Plantation Board meets monthly, 3rd Tuesday of the Month, via virtual meeting. Please get in touch if interested in joining us.

Who are "The Friends of Hampton Plantation"?

Our Friends group is a non-profit organization that is committed to supporting the Hampton Plantation State Historic Site. The members strive to fund new projects that preserve the park structures and keep the plantation as an active historic site for visitors.

Friends' funds also allow us to construct new interpretive displays, provide educational tools for school groups, and create and provide educational demonstrations and programs. Your donations do all this!

We also have Friends that volunteer to assist the very small staff at Hampton in helping to keep the plantation up and running. Ask a Ranger about the projects coming soon.

Join Us!
The Friends of Hampton Plantation
Annual Membership Levels
All Members will receive our annual newsletter

<p>Hampton Individual Members \$30 includes one (1) house tour pass</p>	<p>Hampton Family Members \$75 includes four (4) house tour passes</p>	<p>Hampton Honor Members \$100 includes eight (8) house tour passes</p>	<p>Poet Laureate Patron Members \$300 includes Private house tour for ten (10) and a full State Park Pass</p>
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Membership is per calendar year and runs January 1- December 31. If you join after November 1, you will be granted 14 months, your membership will run through the end of the following calendar year.

*Contact the park office to schedule your private house tour prior to visiting the site.
All other tours are available on a first-come, first-served basis.
**State Park Pass is one year only—a \$99 value!

Please complete this form and return it with your check made payable to Friends of Hampton Plantation.

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