



## ESSAY CONTEST

The **Friends of McLeod** announce an essay contest for students attending the middle schools and the high school on James Island. In preparation for the opening of McLeod Plantation, we are sponsoring this contest to bring awareness of the rich history of James Island.

Each school on James Island has two copies of our DVD entitled *McLeod Plantation: A Walk with History*. If your school does not have the copies, please have your teacher contact Mrs. Chisolm-Cox for another copy. Contestants are required to:

1. Watch this 15-minute video presentation
2. Research information from the attached list of suggested readings
3. Write an essay on some aspect of McLeod Plantation
4. Put the completed essay in an envelope. *Do not put your name or address on the essay itself.* Put your name, address, and telephone number on a separate sheet of paper and enclose it in the envelope.

### Essays for High School Entrants:

Essays must be typed, double-spaced with a font size of 12 points.

The minimum length is 500 words with a maximum of 750 words. Essays must be turned into your school office by February 24, 2012. Prizes for High School Entrants are:

1st place- \$100

2nd place-\$50

3rd place- \$25

### Essays for Middle School Entrants:

Essays must be typed, double-spaced with a font size of 12 points.

The minimum length is 350 words with a maximum of 500 words. Essays must be turned into your school office by February 24, 2012. Prizes for Middle School Entrants are:

1st Place- \$50

2nd Place-\$25

Prizes will be awarded to winners at a program featuring Keynote speaker Doug Bostick, historian and author, to be held at the auditorium at the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on Fort Johnson Rd., March 8, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

### Suggested Reading List for Topic Ideas and Information

Following is a list of books and a website where you can find information on McLeod Plantation. These are suggestions only; they are NOT required reading. You may use other reliable sources of information for your essay. Please cite your sources at the end of your essay, and please do your own work. Essays found to contain plagiarized material will be disqualified.

Books:

*James Island: Stories from Slave Descendants.* Eugene Frazier, Sr., 2006.

*James Island.* Carolyn Ackerly Bonstelle and Geordie Buxton, 2008.

*A Brief History of James Island, Jewel of the Sea Islands.* Douglas W. Bostick, 2008.

*The Story of Sea Island Cotton.* Richard Porcher and Sarah Fick, 2005.

*Art and Landscape in Charleston and the Low Country.* John Beardsley, 1998. (See chapter on Martha Schwartz's "Field Work" installation at McLeod Plantation.)

*McLeod Plantation, James Island, SC: Proposed Restoration and Interpretation.* Sea Island Historical Society, 1999.

*Conservation and Development Plan, McLeod Plantation.* Jaeger/Pyburn Inc., 1991.

Website:

[www.friendsofmcleod.org](http://www.friendsofmcleod.org)

The Friends of McLeod, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, formed to protect and preserve historic McLeod Plantation including the buildings, the character-defining fields, the burial grounds, and the 300-year-old history of this James Island treasure. The Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission purchased the entire property this year, and are working to preserve and restore the buildings before McLeod will be opened to the public.

Our goal is to continue to find out more about McLeod Plantation, especially from our Oral History project and information about the burial grounds.

For further information, please contact Adrienne Chisolm-Cox at 377-6413 or Carol Jacobsen at 795-7519

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