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HEART OF THE LOWCOUNTRY

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The Bluffton Historical Preservation Society, in Conjunction with the Town of Bluffton,
Hosts Year-Long Lecture Series

The Bluffton Historical Preservation Society/Heyward House, which is the official Welcome Center for the Town of Bluffton, is hosting a lecture series starting June 12. The year-long series will feature lectures and discussions every other month, and will generally be held the second Monday of the designated month from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the locations designated below. All lectures are open to the public. The Bluffton Historical Preservation Society (BHPS) will use the \$5 admission fee to help fund the preservation and digitization of documents, photos, maps, family histories and books. The Society plans to use these historic components to document Bluffton's history in a compilation known as the Caldwell Collection.

The lecture series is as follows:

- June 12, 2017/Town Hall
Speaker: Annelore Harrell, Freelance Writer
Topic: Growing up in Bluffton as “Summer People”
- August 7, 2017/Rotary Community Center
Speaker: Professor Dr. Larry Rowland, Local Historian & USCB Professor Emeritus
Topic: The Indigenous People & Lowcountry's Early Settlements
- October 9, 2017/Rotary Community Center:
Speakers: Emmett McCracken & Jacob Martin
Topic: What it was Like to be a Kid in the Late Fifties and Early Sixties in Bluffton
- December 11, 2017/Rotary Community Center:
Speaker: David Lauderdale, Local Opinion Column Contributor, *Island Packet*
Topic: Lowcountry Life & Times in Beaufort County

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- February 19, 2018/Town Hall:
Speaker: Air Force General Lloyd “Fig” Newton, Retired four-star general, Commander, Air Education & Training Command, first African-American pilot in the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds and Ridgeland-native. Newton is also the founder/promoter of the new Polaris Tech Charter School in Jasper County.
Topic: Military Stories
- April 9, 2018/Town Hall:
Speaker: Jonathan Haupt, Executive Director, Pat Conroy Literary Center
Topic: Pat Conroy Literary Center and the legacy of Pat Conroy as a student, teacher and mentor.
- June 11, 2018/Town Hall:
Speaker: Jeff Fulgham, Bluffton native, historian and author of, “The Bluffton Expedition: The Burning of Bluffton, SC, During the Civil War”
Topic: The Burning of Bluffton

“To keep Bluffton’s history alive, we must tell and preserve the stories of those who contributed to what Bluffton is today,” Mayor Lisa Sulka said. “The Town is pleased to give the Bluffton Historical Preservation Society a place for these stories to be told. Please come and enjoy the tales of our town’s culture and characters. I promise these lectures will make you laugh and smile and you will leave proud you are a part of Bluffton’s current chapter.”

BHPS Executive Director Anthony Barrett said this lecture series has an “open-mic” format.

“The Society’s lecture series is geared to gather stories from the region’s academia, local personalities and other local folks who have contributed to our rich cultural history through their personal stories and current or former positions. Our speakers will cover topics from the antebellum era, civil war and the early settlements of the Lowcountry. We will mix those stories with personal anecdotes of people’s experiences of not only Bluffton but from their lives elsewhere. We are excited to present this wide-ranging lecture series to Bluffton’s greater community.”

For more information about Bluffton’s Historical Preservation Society’s lecture series, please call 843-757-6293.