

# VIEWS *from the* WOODS



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## CENTENNIAL AIKEN HORSE SHOW April 2016



### Tradition in the Woods



From the first horse show on March 18, 1916, to our Centennial celebration in April 2016, the horse show has always taken place in our beloved Hitchcock Woods, and the Longleaf pines have always had the best view. In the early days the Southern Railway transported travelers from the Midwest and Northeast to attend this society event and watch the competition from behind a natural pine fence. Today friends and families picnic at the rail side, carrying on a show tradition that has been passed down through the generations.

This picture appeared in "The Sportsman" May 1929, of Mrs. Thomas Hitchcock with her horse Coronet.



Photo courtesy of the Columbiana Library and Jane Page Thompson  
Enjoying the Aiken Horse Show in 1916, is (left to right) Marshall Field, Mrs. W. Scott Cameron, and Claudia Phelps.








# 100 Years Old and Still Going Strong - The Aiken Horse Show

The Aiken Horse Show turned 100 years old this spring! The Foundation's dedicated Aiken Horse Show Committee and special Centennial Honorary Committee and volunteers worked tirelessly traveling through the decades to compile its magnificent history and grandeur in the process of planning a celebration worthy of this milestone. And was it ever! Despite the need to cancel the show's first day due to weather, the show enjoyed record attendance, exhibitors, and sponsorship support. The Foundation is immensely grateful to the army of dedicated volunteers whose time and talent not only took this event to the next level, but made it one that will be remembered fondly for years to come. Special hats off to show Directors Dana Massey and Gail King for bringing together a winning Centennial Aiken Horse Show team! This level of success bodes well for the future of this great Woods tradition.

To catch a glimpse of the show, purchase candid photographs, or simply to reminisce, visit the following links;

 Producer Marion Vogel captured footage of the show from start to finish and turned it into a beautiful piece and gift to the Foundation that can be viewed at the following link: <https://vimeo.com/161787577#t=0s>. If you have not seen it already, you are in for a treat!

 Moose Nicholson's candid photos from the show can be viewed or purchased at:  
<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/mugnudaemyux2k/AABoy70q5COMnhbAvQvE-aFpa?dl=0>

 Centennial Show winners can be viewed at: [www.Aikenhorshow.org](http://www.Aikenhorshow.org). Show photos and its history through the decades will be posted shortly.



## Supporting and Sporting Hitchcock Woods



Be sure to stop by Birds & Butterflies on Laurens Street to purchase Hitchcock Woods merchandise.



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## SC State House Honors the Centennial Horse Show

A proclamation was presented by Representative Bill Taylor and Senator Tom Young, Jr., for the Aiken Horse Show upon the occasion of its one hundredth anniversary and to commend the organizers for promoting the love of this splendid sport and respect for its place in the history of the Palmetto state. The show was also honored with a Governors Proclamation.



Attending the presentation, (L to R), Board member Dana Massey, Senator Tom Young Jr., Board member Dr. Harry Shealy, Executive Director Christine Rolka, Representative Bill Taylor, Chairman Greg Paschal, and Board members Connie Young and Dr. I. Lehr Brisbin and Trustee Emerta, Gail King.

## Did You Know?

The Hitchcock Woods Foundation is not endowed and relies exclusively on the support of donors who value this resource. By naming the Hitchcock Woods Foundation as a beneficiary of your will, trust, or retirement plan, you can make a Legacy Gift that will conserve and protect our precious Woods for future generations.

For more information about planned giving, please contact the Hitchcock Woods Foundation office at (803) 641-0538.





## Woods Education and Outreach



### Aiken Earth Day and People Chase Run

Community members participate in the annual People Chase Run through historic downtown Aiken and Hitchcock Woods, while Foundation Trustee Lehr Brisbin, educates visitors about the Woods at the Foundation's Earth Day booth in the Alley during the City of Aiken's Earth Day celebration in April.

### Aiken Students and Campers Learn about the Woods



Woods Superintendent Bennett Tucker welcomes a group of kindergarteners from First Presbyterian in June. In July, Odell Weeks Summer Campers visit as part of the Aiken Land Conservancy's young conservationist program.

### Clemson Students Talk Forestry



Clemson Forestry students learn about the flora, fauna and forest management practices applied to keep the Woods healthy and resilient from former Woods Superintendent, SC State Forester and Clemson Alum, Gary Burger and Woods staff.

## America's Longleaf Restoration Tour



Woods Superintendent Bennett Tucker provides an overview of Woods management practices.

The National Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Council toured the Woods in June as part of their tour of model Longleaf Restoration sites. Representatives included the Southeast Regional Director of the US Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS), Southeast Regional Conservationist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Southern Region Forester for the US Forest Service, Director of Cooperative Forestry/State & Private Forestry for the Southern Region of the US Forest Service (USFS), and the Chief Conservation Officer for the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTf), among other agencies and conservation organizations across the country.

### Digging up the Past of Hitchcock Woods



Hitchcock Woods Foundation staff and trustees listen intently as archaeologists Carl Steen and Bobby Southerlin, of the Diachronic Research Foundation, interpret artifacts and evidence of Hitchcock Woods past found at dig sites excavated during Phase II of the Cultural Resources Survey of the Woods this past winter.

### PBS's Making It Grow Visits the Woods

Clemson Extension Agent and PBS's Making it Grow Host, Amanda McNulty, visited the Woods as part of an Aiken Arboretum tour hosted by Bob McCartney, Hitchcock Wood Foundation Forestry Committee member and Co-owner of Woodlanders Nursery. The Aiken Arboretum features hundreds of trees from all over the world in a 4 mile radius around downtown Aiken, SC, and includes trees found in Hitchcock Woods.



To view this episode of Making It Grow, visit [www.sctv.org/television/programs/making-it-grow](http://www.sctv.org/television/programs/making-it-grow). Visit [http://www.visitaikensc.com/whattodo/detail/aiken\\_arboretum\\_trail](http://www.visitaikensc.com/whattodo/detail/aiken_arboretum_trail) to learn more about the Aiken Arboretum.



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## Welcome Our New Chairman



W. Greg Paschal *Chairman*

Greg Paschal was elected as Chairman at the Board's Annual Meeting in March of 2016. As a Trustee, he has served on many committees for the Foundation and has been particularly active on the Finance and Forestry committees. Greg has a personal interest in the return of the longleaf pine ecosystem to the southeastern United States. He is also focused on ensuring the sustainability of the Hitchcock Woods Foundation for many generations to come. Having grown up in Aiken, Greg has been in and around the Hitchcock Woods for most of his life. After graduating from the University of Georgia and serving in the U.S. Army, Greg and his wife Michele returned to Aiken in 1993. Since that time, he has served as a financial advisor in the Aiken community. Greg is a Certified Financial Planner and heads the Paschal Financial Group of Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC.

## New Staff Member



Joanne C. Gunnell

*Administrative & Communications Assistant*

Originally from New Jersey, Joanne has lived in Michigan and Illinois working as a consultant in Educational Services for Deloitte and in Development for Elgin Academy. As a volunteer at a major hospital in Illinois, she has chaired many fundraisers including galas, golf outings, and fashion shows. At the hospital she also served on the volunteer board as the Community Outreach Director, Treasurer and President.

Joanne and her husband were transferred to Aiken in January 2010. She worked as the Director of Development for Aiken Preparatory School and retired in 2012.

Joanne is currently an Eucharistic Minister at St. Mary Help of Christian Church. She is an avid golfer and photographer, and she enjoys hiking, traveling, cooking and spending time at the beach with her husband Dennis and their dog, Anna Sabrina.



*The Foundation bid farewell to Sam Lovejoy this spring. He returned to Rochester New York with his wife Kerrie to be near family.*

*We appreciate Sam's service to the Foundation and wish him and his family well.*



*The Foundation is thankful for our Friends of the Woods and Contributors! In order to share more news and conserve resources, a complete listing of Woods Friends and Contributors can be viewed at [www.Hitchcockwoods.org/support/current\\_members](http://www.Hitchcockwoods.org/support/current_members).*

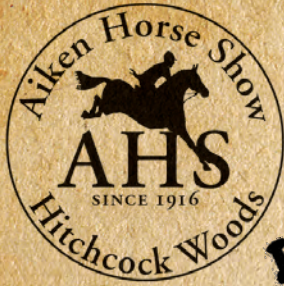
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- protect and preserve the Hitchcock Woods in a natural and ecologically healthy state,
- maintain and manage historic and traditional equestrian and pedestrian uses, and
- foster education and research on the history and resources of the Woods.



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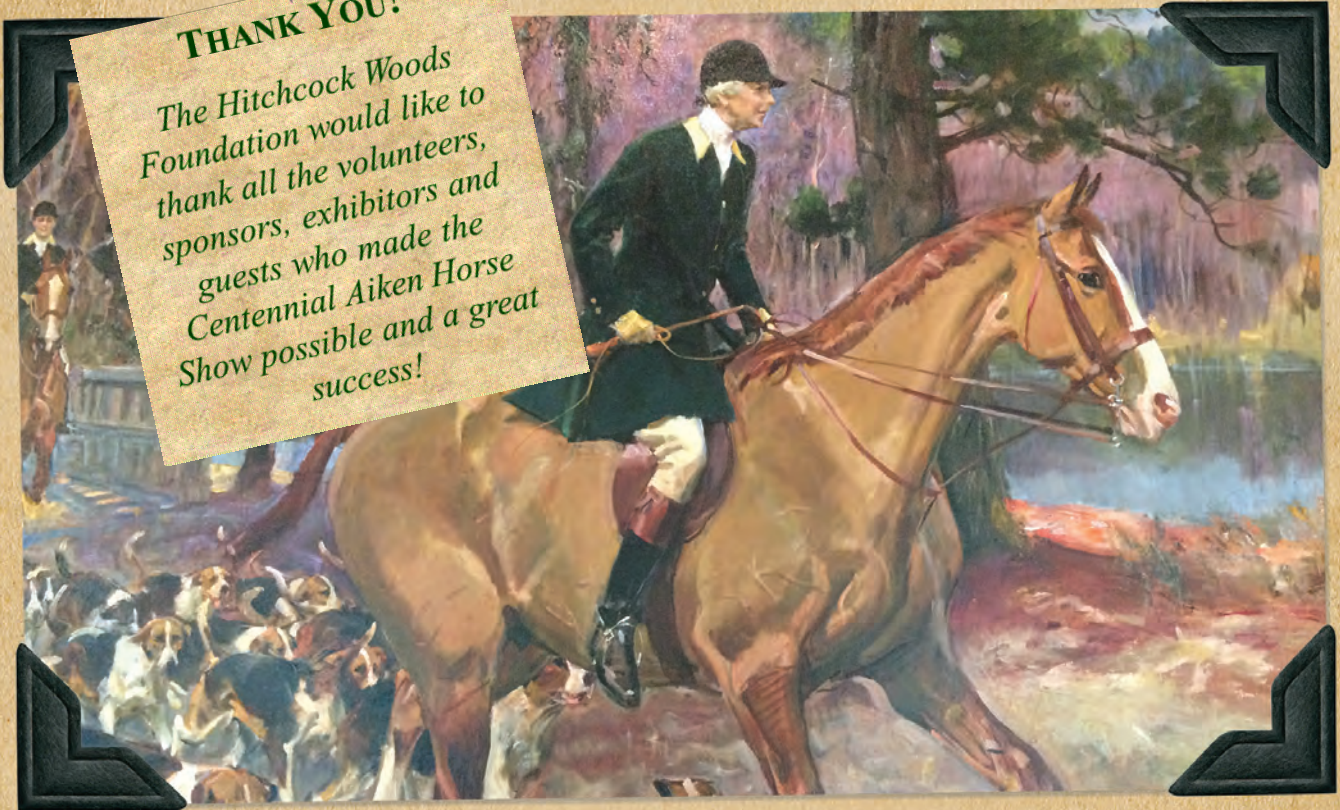
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# Aiken Horse Show

April 1, 2 & 3, 2016

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