

ESCAMBIA ECHOES

JUNE 1999

MEETING JUNE 22, 1999 AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE FINE ARTS CENTER IN THE THOMAS E. MCMILLAN MUSEUM AT JEFFERSON DAVIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

Our June meeting will be "Show and Tell". This is where you bring something of special (historical) meaning to you that you would like to share information on it with other members. They are a lot of fun and informative. Hostess for the June meeting will be Mrs. Jewel Williamson.

Submission deadline of July 31, 1999 is drawing near for articles and pre-publication orders of The Heritage of Escambia County, AL. This is an opportunity to preserve your family's history in this book. For more information please write to The Escambia County Heritage Book Committee, Post Office Box 472, Brewton, AL 35426.

We had 20 members and guests present at the May meeting.

We were presented a new book at the May meeting. Mr. Les Shelton donated book entitled "Miscellaneous Alabama Newspaper Abstracts" Volume 2. Authors: Michael Kelsey, Nancy Graff Floyd and Ginny Guinn Parsons. Heritage Books, Inc.

LOOKING AHEAD:

June 19 Brewton's Annual Blueberry Festival
June 20 Father's Day
June 22 Escambia County Historical Society meeting (Show and Tell)
July 4 Independence Day
July 27 Escambia County Historical Society meeting (subj: Railroad Bill)

INDEPENDENCE DAY. -- In the United States this is an annual holiday commemorating the formal adoption by the Continental Congress of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, in Philadelphia. Even though the signing of the Declaration of Independence was not completed until August, the Fourth of July holiday has been accepted as the official anniversary of U. S. Independence and is celebrated in all states and territories of the U.S. The holiday was first observed in Philadelphia on July 8, 1776, at which time the Declaration of Independence was read aloud, city bells rang, and bands played. It was not declared a legal holiday, however, until 1941. The Fourth is traditionally celebrated publicly with parades and pageants, patriotic speeches, and organized firing of guns and cannons and displays of fireworks; early in the 20th century public concern for a "safe and sane" holiday resulted in restrictions on general use of fireworks. Family picnics and outings are a feature of private Fourth of July celebrations.

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