

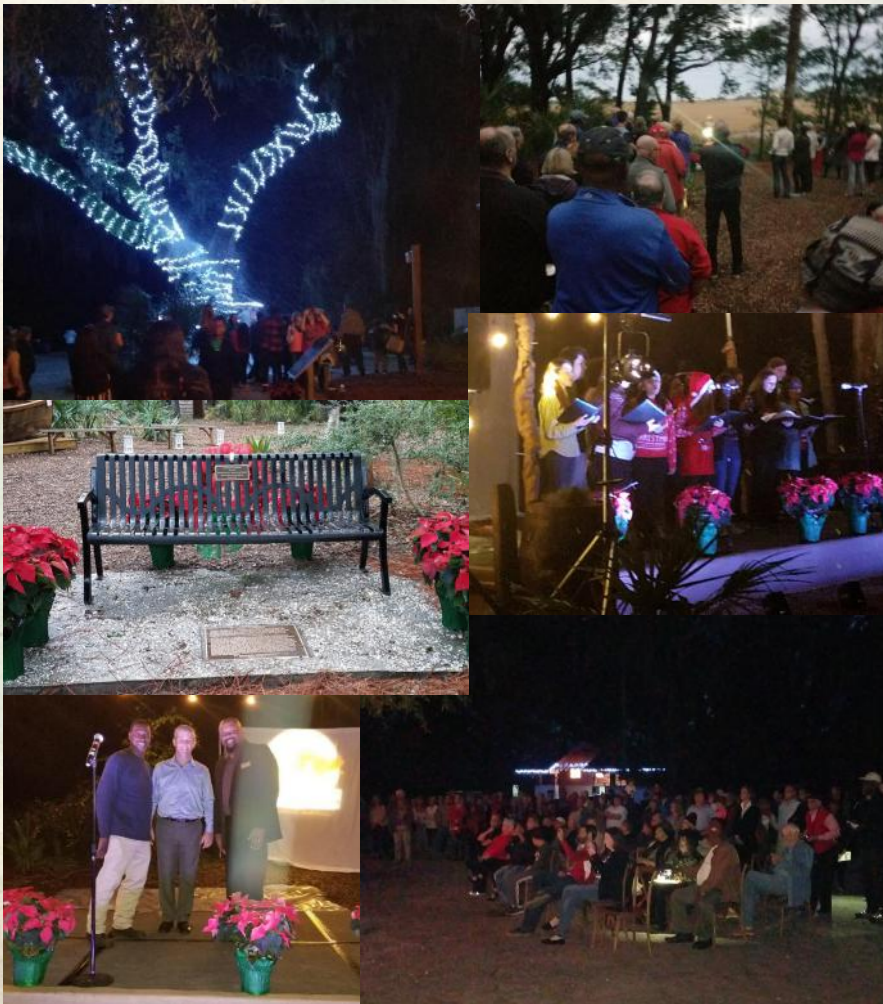
# Mitchelville Times

December 2018

Newsletter

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## **Community fills Historic Mitchelville Freedom Park for Tree Lighting & Bench Celebration**



### **Top Highlight of 2018**

At a late morning ceremony with supportive citizens, local government and community members, the formerly known Fish Haul Creek Park became Historic Mitchelville Freedom Park on February 3, 2018.

### **Upcoming**

**December 31, 2018**

**Watch Night Services**

Historic Churches on Hilton Head Island

**February 2, 2019**

**Freedom Day Celebration with  
HHI Gullah Celebration**

Historic Cherry Hill School

**March 30, 2019**

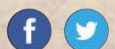
**Blues+BBQ**

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On December 3, over 200 people filled Historic Mitchelville Freedom Park to commemorate 5 years of the Toni Morrison Bench by the Road in Mitchelville as well as helped kick-off the 2018 holiday season with the 2nd Annual Lighting of the Big Oak Tree. We would like to give a special thank you to the Bluffton High School Chorus, Gullah Heritage Tours, Gullah Geechee Catering, Dave Delaney and the Town of Hilton Head Island for making the evening a success!

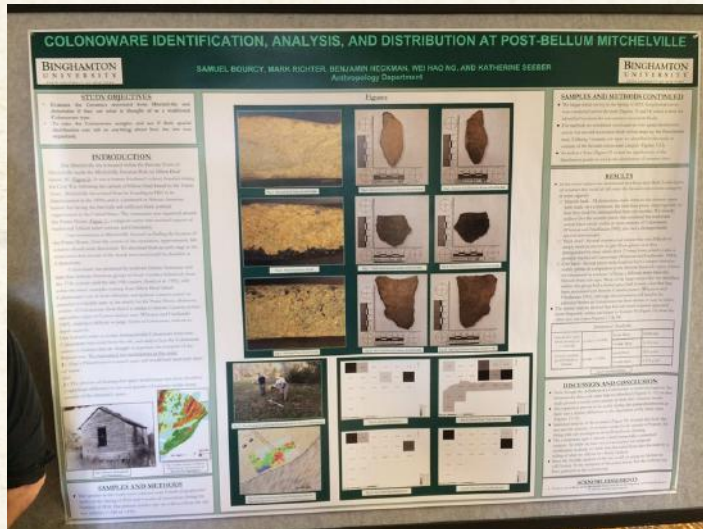
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## Artifacts from Archaeological Dig Presented at SEAC Conference



During late spring, a group of archaeologists from the MAPA at Binghamton University team conducted an archaeological dig in Historic Mitchelville Freedom Park. A few of the excavated findings were first presented during our annual Juneteenth Celebration this summer where attendees also had a chance to speak firsthand with Katie Seeber and the MAPA team.

Katie Seeber along with Samuel Borcy, Mark Richter, Benjamin Heckman, and Wei Hao Ng, the newly discovered artifacts were presented again at the Southeastern Archaeological Conference. Katie and the summer crew presented the above poster on their preliminary colonoware analysis from the excavations.

## Holiday Dessert Recipe



### Gullah Bread Pudding

- 1 and 1/2 loaves white or wheat bread (day-old bread works great)
- 3/4 cup melted butter or margarine
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 1 and 1/2 cup whole milk
- 2 tablespoons vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 16-ounce can fruit cocktail
- 8 and 1/4 ounce can crushed pineapple
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans
- 1/2 cup dark raisins

Tear each slice of bread into about 5 or 6 pieces and place in a large bowl. In a separate bowl, place the butter or margarine, sugar, eggs, milk, vanilla, and spices. Mix well, until the sugar dissolves. Add the fruit cocktail, pineapple, pecans, and raisins, and then gently fold in the torn bread, making sure it soaks up the liquid ingredients. Pour equal amounts of the mixture into 2 greased 13x9-inch baking pans. Bake in a preheated oven at 350 degrees for 40 minutes, stirring once after 15 - 20 minutes. Stirring helps rich bread pudding bake evenly.

Best served warm.



We are so grateful for the donations made to Mitchelville this year. Whether your donation was made through time, volunteerism, financially, or just simply by visiting Historic Mitchelville Freedom Park, it helped to make this one of the best years for the Mitchelville Preservation Project. From our families to yours, we wish you all a safe and happy holiday season.

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