



A monthly newsletter brought to our Friends of the South Carolina Maritime Museum

Georgetown, South Carolina...a great place to live and work!

If someone had told me 30 years ago that I would be living in Georgetown, SC, I would have told them they were nuts. But I couldn't be happier living in a small town where people are genuine in their friendship and who are so very proud of their town. My husband and I have moved many times, but never have we felt such an instant connection to a town's heartbeat and soul. There's something very special about little Georgetown, and we are excited to see the growth of businesses that will provide even more people with that source of pride and commitment. Ellen Kelpsh, Ed.D.

Renew or become a SCMM Friend of the Museum!

It's time to renew your Friends of the South Carolina Maritime Museum membership. There are great benefits to being a Friend of the Museum, and January is the time to renew! And the Friends yearly rates are staying the same.



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VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT: Nancy Lowe

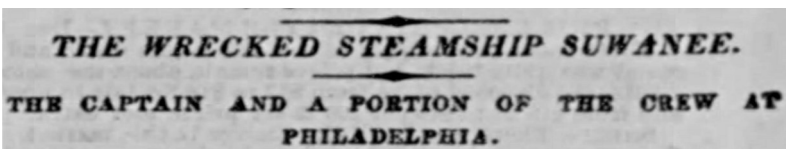
Nancy grew up in Georgetown in a large family. Summers were spent at the beach, sailing her father's Sunfish and working at the Tip Top Inn. She graduated from East Carolina University with a degree in Art Education. She has worked as a graphic designer, was the director of Kids Voting in Georgetown, and most recently as an art teacher at Kensington Elementary. Nancy is married to Dave Lowe, a former instructor at the Sailing School. She has three children and two grandchildren. She is enjoying retirement by volunteering, painting bird portraits, and spending time with her family. Nancy is one of our newer volunteers at the SCMM, and we are fortunate to have her on our team.



Maritime Moment

By Justin McIntyre: SCMM Historian and Curator

Having departed New York on November 27, 1866, for Brazos Santiago (southern Texas near Mexican border), the steamship *Suwanee*, overloaded with military surplus for the Mexican government, foundered in stormy seas off the South Carolina coast on December 4. *Suwanee* carried everything from cannons and rifles, to swords and various other forms of equipment. A number of artifacts recovered from the wreck of *Suwanee* have been graciously donated by Pete Manchee.



New York Tribune, December 13, 1866

On display at the museum: Wash bowl, Royal Ironstone China, George Wooliscroft, England, 19th century.



Interior of wash bowl



Bottom of wash bowl



"Shame on him who thinks evil of it."

UPCOMING EVENT: January 19, 6:30-8 PM [Maritime Trivia Night](#)

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