

Achievements of 2010

- The Robert Kennedy Historical Trail is a self-guided trail of historic island sites. Visitors follow a detailed trail guide to signs placed at locations island wide. The trail guide includes historical information and photographs of the sites.
- The Children's Exhibit in the Billie Burn Museum Complex includes a Touch Table, Activities Brochure and a Touch Screen Video Presentation.
- Creation of the Daufuskie Island History Archives, housed in the Little White Schoolhouse.
- The Old Oyster Hall Renovation project is in the final planning stages. Stabilization will commence in February, 2011. Funding is currently under way for this project, to be followed by restoration.
- The Daufuskie Island Historical Foundation Web Site has been created and is now a work in progress. The Web Site address is: www.daufuskieislandhistoricalfoundation.org
- A Logo was established for the Foundation.
- A Descriptive Handout Booklet of the Gullah Learning Center Panels is in production.
- Multiple Grants were received, enabling the Foundation to accomplish their goals
- Collaboration is under way with Haig Point to repair and restore the Haig Point Tabby Ruins

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- The Brothers and Sisters Oyster Union Society Hall stabilization project was completed. With the generous support of our members, we have also accomplished much of the restoration phase of the project. This exciting project has attracted much attention in Beaufort County and the Gullah Geechee Corridor. When funding allows the completion of the project, visitors will be able to enter the building and read about its varied and interesting history.
- The Daufuskie Island Historical Foundation web site was completed and contains photos and information about our organization, as well as the Robert Kennedy Historical Trail Guide in a downloadable format. The web address is www.daufuskieislandhistoricalfoundation.org.
- The Gullah learning panels located in the Janie Hamilton School were reproduced in brochure format for visitors to take away with them.
- The trees that were causing damage to and the potential loss of the Haig Point tabby ruins were removed. DIHF funded and coordinated the partnership between Haig Point and Beaufort County's Arborist and Historical Preservationist in this project. The trees were donated to the Daufuskie Island Community Farm to be milled and used for buildings on the Farm site.
- The Billie Burn Museum Complex began welcoming all visitors with free admission. Thanks to our dedicated volunteers, the Museum was opened on Saturdays during the tourist season. The Museum welcomed an estimated 2000 visitors in the past 12 months.
- Work was begun on the DIHF Archives with the computerization of documents targeted for 2012.
- Our first Annual Dinner Meeting was held on March 23, 2011 with over 100 members attending.
- We offered two classes in the historical art form of sweet grass basket weaving conducted by fifth generation weaver Barbara McCormick.
- We continued to apply for and receive grants to support our work including a recent grant from the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry which will allow us to complete our external restoration of the Brothers and Sisters Oyster Union Society Hall.
- Our Robert Kennedy Historical Trail Guide has been added to the Daufuskie link on the Hilton Head Chamber of Commerce's web site.
- We have established significant partnerships with the Palmetto Trust and the Coastal Heritage Society. These partnerships allow us to share the significance of our island's history with a larger audience.

Achievements of 2012

- Completion of the Brothers and Sisters Oyster Union Society Hall restoration project, including a parking area allowing for improved viewing of the building.
- Outdoor informational panels installed at the Oyster Hall documenting the importance of oysters in the history of our island and the cultural significance of the Oyster Hall.
- Research on the names of the members of the Brothers and Sisters Oyster Union Society so that these native islanders could be honored in the outdoor panels located at the Oyster Hall site.
- Ribbon cutting and dedication of the restored Oyster Hall with descendants of the original members of the Brothers and Sisters Oyster Union attending as honored guests
- Refurbishment and upgraded exhibits in the Billie Burn Museum and the Janie Hamilton School
- Native American history segment added to the Touch Screen Exhibit in the Bille Burn Museum
- Cataloguing of archival documents to provide research access on the deep history of our island
- Exterior painting of the Billie Burn Museum and power washing of the Janie Hamilton School
- Permanent signage for the Midwife's Carriage
- Our wonderful volunteers welcomed over 5000 visitors to the Museum Complex from 38 states and 7 foreign countries in 2012
- Recipient of a Beaufort County Accommodations Tax Grant to assist in funding ongoing costs of providing Rob Kennedy Trail guides and Gullah History brochures to our many visitors and guests.