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Jekyll Island Prepares for 5th Annual Horton House Living History Event *Patrons Can Expect an Enchanting Day Full of Music, Food and Activities from the 1700s*

JEKYLL ISLAND, GA., May 31, 2011- Visit the Horton House on Saturday, June 18 and relive the diplomacy of nations that took place on Jekyll Island, Georgia 275 years ago. From 11 am to 3 pm, enjoy music and food with historic figures from the past, and sample the daily life of long ago through a variety of hands-on activities.

In 1736, cultures collided as William Horton entertained British, Spanish, and Creek leaders on Jekyll Island. In commemoration of those events, reenactors portraying General Oglethorpe, William Horton, Don Pedro Lamberto, Don Manuel d'Arcy, and Hyllispilli will once again gather on Jekyll Island for a joint living history program. This annual living history event, offered by Fort Frederica National Monument and the Jekyll Island Museum, is in its fifth year.

"Every student in the State of Georgia learns about General Oglethorpe and the Creek," said John Hunter, Director of Historic Resources for the Jekyll Island Authority. "This is a great chance to see and experience a significant moment in time, when they were negotiating with Spanish dignitaries from St. Augustine, Florida for the future of the colonies."

During the course of the event, a bagpiper will provide entertainment from the picnic grounds. Right on Q Barbeque will recreate historic meals served on this occasion 275 years ago. Meal tickets can be pre-purchased from the Jekyll Island Museum on Stable Road or from jekyllisland.com, for \$10 plus tax until June 14. The day of the event, meals will be available inside Horton House for \$12.

Learn about colonial crafts, such as carding and spinning wool, brewing beer, and blacksmithing. Practice making change with pieces of eight. Enjoy the finest luxury goods of the day, exchanged as presents by the diplomats. Watch displays of 18th century military might, as interpreters dressed as the King's troops put on musket demonstrations.

Horton, acting as an ambassador, was arrested as a spy by the Spanish in St. Augustine in May of 1736. During his captivity, the Spanish made advances into Jekyll Sound and Fort Frederica, but were turned back. Horton was released and Spanish diplomats were sent to negotiate with the British and their Creek allies.

From June 17-22, 1736 Horton played host at his home on Jekyll Island, as the leaders of nations, British, Spanish, and Creek, sought to work out their differences in the colonies.

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For more information about this exciting peek into colonial life, call or visit the Jekyll Island Museum on Stable Road, 912-635-4036.

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