

ABOUT OUR DISTINGUISHED GUEST SPEAKERS for 2011

Dr. Thomas Robert Hart, a Holly Hill, South Carolina native, received his BA in History from Furman University, his MA in History from Clemson University and his PhD in History the University of Alabama. He has taught at Furman University, The University at Buffalo, Canisius College, University of North Alabama and currently teaches History of the South and US Environmental History at the University of North Carolina, Wilmington. He has published several articles and book reviews and is currently finishing a book *The Santee Cooper Project, and Its Impact on the Culture and Environment the Lowcountry*. Dr. Hart is well versed in the history of eastern Orangeburg County and his topic for the evening will be “German-Swiss and the New South in Lower Orangeburg County”.

Chris Weatherhead Felder, director and co-producer of the award winning film *All for Liberty* (Clarence Felder, Producer) Story of the Revolutionary War hero Captain Henry Felder of Orangeburgh District.

Chris Weatherhead was born and raised in California, and trained with Brewster Mason of the Royal Shakespeare Company at UC Irvine and in London, and also in New York with Michael Shurtleff and Warren Robertson. She became a leading lady in the American theatre in 1971 at the American Conservatory Theatre and married actor, Richard Council. She performed in theaters across the nation, as well as film and television, including a two-year run as Alicia Van Dine on *Edge of Night* for ABC and a two-year run as The Wife in James Lapine's Off [Broadway](#) hit, "Table Settings". In 1984, Chris starred in "Whatever It Takes" with James Rebhorn before moving to Los Angeles. She married actor, Clarence Felder in 1985 and guest starred in numerous episodic TV series and independent film projects. She recently starred as Catherine Felder in the Revolutionary War, action-adventure independent feature, "All For Liberty", co-starring with husband, Clarence Felder, Rob Gorman, David Reed and Trevor Erickson. Ms. Weatherhead also directed the project, co-wrote the script and was a co-producer. She is the author of *Kumakani, Against the Wind*, an historical novel set in 18th century Hawaii.

She is the Producing Director and Co-founder of both Moving Images Group, a digital motion picture company and its companion organization, the award-winning Actors'

Theatre of South Carolina, where five of her productions have been chosen to perform at the International Piccolo Spoleto Festival in Charleston, SC.