

SRS HERITAGE

SRS Heritage Foundation Newsletter



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The President's Corner

WE'RE MAKING IT HAPPEN

In the last few months the Foundation has turned the corner from planning to producing. We are beginning to see real progress beyond preserving artifacts toward documenting the heritage of the Savannah River Site.

Preliminary design of the Heritage Center is nearing completion and is generating exciting visions of the Center's future. A preview of some of these visions is included in this issue. At the same time, interviews for the video on Ellenton, Dunbarton and the other rural communities displaced by the coming of the Site are essentially complete. The oral histories will be combined with photographs and narration to provide a compelling picture of the impact of the Site on this area.

Many challenges remain, particularly as we begin major fund raising, but we have made remarkable progress toward achieving our goal.

By Bill Mottel, Chairman

Todd Crawford Memorial

Todd's family suggested that memorial contributions in Todd's name be made to either the SRS Heritage Foundation or the Ruth Patrick Science Education Center. To date 46 individuals and groups have contributed \$4,500. to the Heritage Foundation. These generous contributions reflect the respect and esteem accorded to Todd. The family will decide how these funds will be used to honor Todd.



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GRANT RECEIVED FOR ELLENTON VIDEO

On June 11th the Foundation received a \$25,000.00 grant from the Aiken County Accommodation Tax. The grant is to support the video called “Like Heaven on Earth” which is based on Ellenton, Dunbarton, Myers Mill and other small communities displaced by the massive Savannah River Project in the early 1950’s. The grant was partially matched by an earlier contribution of \$10,000.00 by Fluor Daniel.

These funds will provide substantial aid to Mark Albertin of Scrapbook Video Productions in this production. Since 2005, Albertin has been working on the 60-minute feature film geared toward Public Television. The SRS Heritage Foundation has contracted Albertin to produce a shorter, twenty-minute video that will be used in the SRS Heritage Center. Both productions will be completed by early next year. The shorter version will be made available to civic groups and will be distributed to local middle schools. Mr. Albertin recently produced the video “Aiken Remembers” which was very well received.

Mr. Albertin has interviewed about 30 former residents of Ellenton and the other communities to date. Many of the former residents are elderly so collecting their stories is urgent if first-hand remembrances are to be collected. The interviews will be combined with photographs and narration to tell the story of how the Cold War brought SRS to South Carolina and forever transformed the area.

The funds in hand will permit purchasing professional music rights, historic film clips, and aerial camera footage. They will also help provide a professional narrator and an editorial assistant to enhance the quality and speed the production of the video.

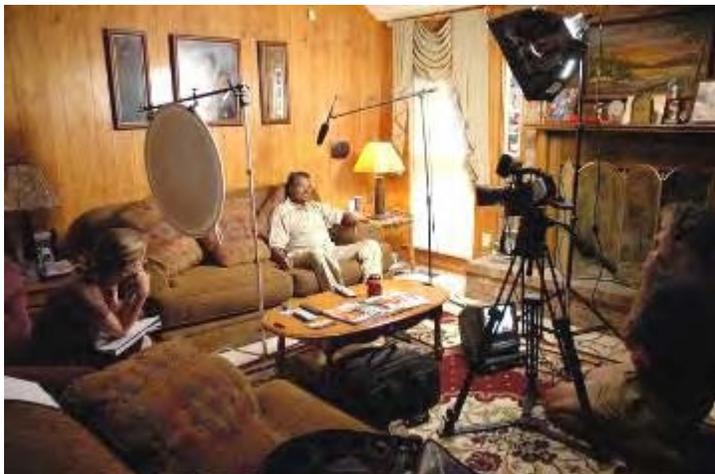


PHOTOS FROM ELLENTON VIDEO



Video producer, Mark Albertin filming background scenes along the Savannah River.

Mrs. Elizabeth B. Kammer being interviewed by Mark Albertin. Mrs. Kammer grew up in Ellenton, South Carolina where her father owned a grocery store.



Mr. Ulysses S. Bell talking about the two-room schoolhouse he attended in Leigh, South Carolina.

PRELIMINARY ARCHITECT DRAWINGS O



PRELIMINARY DESIGN OF HERITAGE CENTER NEARS COMPLETION

The design team has nearly completed preliminary design of the SRS Heritage Center. The team includes architects from Lord, Aeck and Sargent of Atlanta; exhibit designers from Van Sickle and Roller of Medford, NJ; and engineers from Johnson Lachober and Associates of Augusta.

The preliminary design will be published as a large book containing an artist's rendering of the building, layouts, exhibit themes and sketches, an engineering analysis of the building and cost and schedule estimates. This design should be completed by late August. The Foundation will hold a celebration and publish a special edition of the newsletter to unveil the design. However, we can provide a few elements of the Center's design as a preview of things to come.

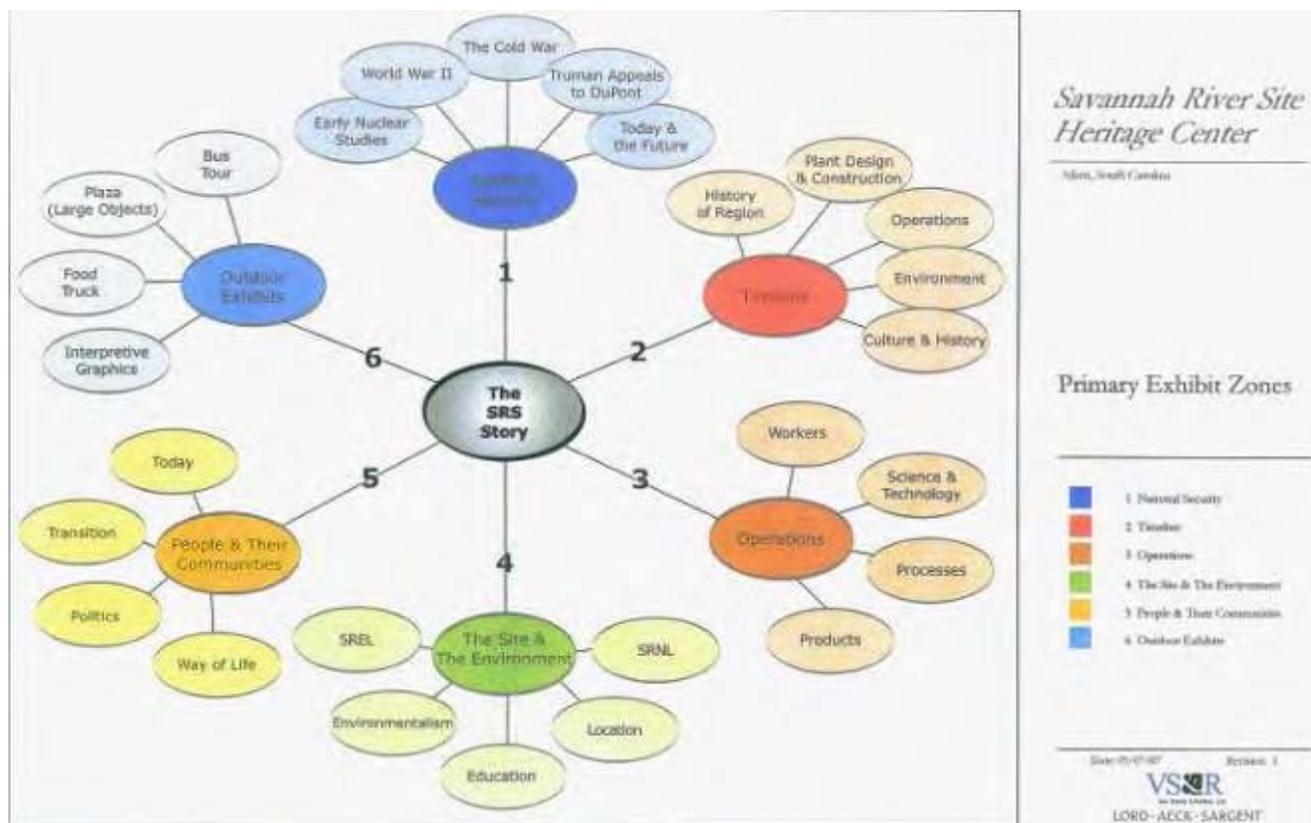
As currently envisioned, the SRS Heritage Center will include:

- 5,000 square feet of permanent exhibit space
- 2,000 square feet of classroom space
- 2,000 square feet for conferences and changing exhibits
- an impressive lobby
- a gift shop
- a small theater
- offices
- work areas

Themes for the exhibits have been developed as well as preliminary sketches of some exhibit areas.

Work on the design began in February and has included two visits to the Site by team members, numerous emails, and several conference calls. Several design reviews by Heritage Foundation members have guided the design process. The Foundation Board of Directors has reviewed preliminary design concepts.

OF THE SRS HERITAGE CENTER/MUSEUM



STRATEGIC PLANNING DEFINES EXHIBIT THEMES

Design of exhibits for the permanent exhibit space in the Heritage Center began with development of a series of themes that will be combined to tell the story of the Savannah River Site. The designers first worked with Heritage Foundation members to list themes that would be important to telling the story. They then combined these themes into a set of six primary exhibit zones as shown in the above bubble diagram. The six exhibit zones are:

- National Security
- Timeline
- Operations
- The Site and the Environment
- People and Their Communities
- Outdoor Exhibits

The first five zones will be located in the Heritage Center. The sixth zone will be around the outside of the building and will contain items that are too large to be placed conveniently in the Center. Many of these exhibits will be placed to provide photo opportunities for visitors.

Descriptions of the exhibit zones and preliminary drawings of potential exhibit areas are being prepared.



**IN MEMORIAM
TODD V. CRAWFORD
1931-2007**

The SRS Heritage Foundation lost one of its founders and most enthusiastic supporters when Dr. Todd Crawford died on May 11th. His quick mind and cheerful persistence helped guide the Foundation through its formative years and position us for future accomplishments.

Todd was born and raised in California. He earned a BS in Agricultural Engineering from California Polytechnic State College in 1953 and went on to receive an MS and PhD in Meteorology from the University of California at Los Angeles in 1958 and 1965. He served a 4-year tour of duty in the Air Force and was on the faculty of the University of California at Davis for 7 years before transferring to the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

In 1972, Todd came to SRNL where he was an environmental scientist and manager for DuPont and Westinghouse Savannah River Company. He led development of the Weather Information and Display (WIND) System to support emergency response capabilities. This system set the standard for similar systems in use around the world. He was selected by the DuPont Company to be named an Environmental Fellow in recognition of his outstanding technical contributions. He retired from the Site in 1993.

Throughout his life, Todd was an enthusiastic participant in a wide range of environmental and educational activities. He was a Fellow of the American Nuclear Society and was active in the American Meteorological Society. He was a long-time member of the Board of Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness. He consulted with the SRS Citizens Advisory Board and with the SRS Health Effects Committee of the Center for Disease Control. He served on the Board of the Ruth Patrick Science Education Center. In 1993, he helped found and lead the SRS Heritage Foundation.

In his spare time, Todd was a gentleman farmer and an avid horseman. He and his wife, Bea, enjoyed life on their farm, getting together with their family, traveling, staying at their beach cottage, and a variety of outdoor activities.

The Foundation has lost a founder, guiding light, and leader. Most of all, we have lost a ready smile, a quick mind, and a true friend.

NEW MEMBERS NEEDED!

Membership in the SRS Heritage Foundation has been growing at a steady pace during the year. We currently have 114 paid members. We have an approximately equal number of people on our mailing list who have expressed interest in our efforts but have not yet gotten around to joining.



As we prepare to begin a major fund raising effort, it is very important that we be able to show strong local support for the Foundation. Membership is one measure of that support. Accordingly, we are conducting a mid-year membership drive. If you are not a current member, payment of just \$18.00 will pay for Foundation Sustaining Membership through the end of 2007. Of course, if you would like to join at a higher level, we'd be glad for the help. If you are already a paid-up member, please offer this opportunity to a friend or associate.

Take advantage of the good deal by filling out the enclosed application,

SRS HERITAGE FOUNDATION SPONSORS THANK YOU!

The SRS Heritage Foundation is a relatively new organization but, thanks to our strong base of supporters, we are growing steadily. We are particularly pleased that several organizations have such faith in our future that they have made substantial financial contributions to get our programs started. Among these supporters are:

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AIKEN COUNTY MUSEUM UPGRADES SRS EXHIBIT

The SRS exhibit in the Aiken County Historical Museum is being upgraded and expanded. Museum Director, Elliot Levy, is overhauling the exhibit to better emphasize the importance of the Site to Aiken County, the State of South Carolina and the Nation.

Members of the SRS Heritage Foundation and the Washington Savannah River Company have been assisting in the renovation by providing suggestions and exhibit materials.

We still have the *BEBBINGTON BOOKS* AVAILABLE—The Foundation and CNTA have recently acquired a stock of Bill Bebbington's book, History of DuPont at the Savannah River Plant. The 271-page book was published by DuPont in 1990 and contains many photographs and diagrams from the early days of the Site. Copies are available from CNTA or the Foundation for \$30.

Artifact of the Month:

Family Food Stockpile for Survival:

Home and Garden Bulletin No. 77, US Department of Agriculture

- This 16 page booklet was issued in 1961 and reissued in '66. It features storage tips, rationing guidelines, and no-cook or limited cooking meal plans for survival in the event of a nuclear incident. It is designed to make families self-sufficient in times of national crisis.
- Pamphlets such as this and motion picture versions of similar material were made available in libraries for use by schools and families. They represent the uncertainty felt by Americans awaiting a cataclysmic event.
- The example shown was donated by Glenn Rodgers, an SRS employee, during our ongoing atomic pop culture drive onsite.



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