



# SRS HERITAGE FOUNDATION

September 2014

## SPECIAL EDITION

### DIBBLE MEMORIAL LIBRARY TO HOUSE SRS MUSEUM



The Savannah River Site Museum is coming to Aiken. Long-standing Foundation plans and dreams are being translated into bricks and mortar. The Museum will occupy the former Dibble Memorial Library building at 224 Laurens Street in downtown Aiken.

The Dibble Building is owned by Aiken County and

has been occupied by Records Management offices since 1974. These offices were moved recently to the new County Administration Building and the Dibble Building will be converted to use as the Savannah River Site Museum. The new Museum will be owned by Aiken County and will be operated as an affiliate of the existing Aiken County Historical Museum.

The building will be maintained by the County and the SRS Heritage Foundation will raise the capital funds required to adapt the building for use as a museum and to create exhibits

for the new facility. For several months, the Foundation has been engaged in the five-year "Aiken Together" capital campaign to raise funds for the SRS Museum, the Railroad Museum and Visitors Center and the African-American Heritage Center. The Foundation share of the money raised by the "Aiken Together" campaign will be used to



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adapt the Dibble building and to create exhibits. No federal tax money will be required for this project. Architectural and engineering design of building modifications required to adapt the building for museum use will begin in the near future, as soon as



adequate funding is available. Construction of the required building modifications and exhibits is expected to require several years. However, while fund-raising and construction are in progress, the building will be staffed by Foundation volunteers and will be open to the public with limited hours and exhibits.

The Dibble Memorial Library was named for Henry M. Dibble a prominent Aiken banker, agriculturalist and philanthropist, who had established a library on the fourth floor of his bank building during the 1880's. Mr. Dibble died in 1921 and his friends raised money to establish a library in his name. The building was designed by Murray Hoffman, a well-known New York architect and artist, and was built in 1926. The original library building features 14 foot ceilings, Palladian windows and a fireplace. A two-story addition increased total floor space to 3,700 square feet in 1952 when the Dibble Building was incorporated into the Aiken County Public Library. The Library moved to Banksia in 1974 and Aiken County has used the Dibble Building for Records Management and other activities since that time.

The Foundation office moved from the Chamber of Commerce Building to the Dibble Building August 1<sup>st</sup> and volunteers are working to prepare the building for its new role. An official ribbon-cutting will take place October 27<sup>th</sup> and a wine and cheese celebration for Foundation members is scheduled for November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Adaptation of the former Library for use as the SRS Museum will provide an exciting new venue in downtown Aiken to promote interest in science and technology for young people, inform local residents about the Site's impact on the area and promote heritage tourism. It corrects a long-standing inequity in that *Aiken has been the only community supporting a DOE site that does not have a museum or visitor center devoted to the site.*

**Save the Date!!**

**WE'RE HAVING A PARTY**

**Members of the SRS Heritage Foundation and their significant others are invited to the celebration of our new SRS Museum Saturday, November 1st. The wine and cheese celebration will be held from 4:30 to 6:30pm in the Museum building at 224 Laurens Street in downtown Aiken.**

**Plan to come and see the building and initial exhibits and to share the excitement of a dream realized after 10 years.**

**SRS MUSEUM  
Celebration...Wine and Cheese  
Party  
Saturday, November 1, 2014  
4:30-6:30pm  
224 Laurens Street  
Aiken, SC**



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### *The move...*



### *The preparation...*





*Still working...*



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SRS HERITAGE  
FOUNDATION  
TODAY!!  
WE NEED  
YOUR SUPPORT!**

# It's Not Too Late To Renew

**2014** is a **SPECIAL YEAR!** The SRS Heritage Foundation has a building... a building in Aiken for a museum! Our mission to preserve and present the heritage of the Savannah River Site has come to fruition.

We need you to renew your membership to help us go forward to continue preserving the history of SRS and making it available to all.

Your continuing membership is **very** important to the Foundation. Financial support helps us with projects to preserve Site history. But, **numbers** of members are also important to establish a broad base of support and to show to government entities and other sponsors that the Foundation represents a strong segment of the population.

The membership term is on an annual basis running from January through December of each calendar year. The SRS Heritage Foundation is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization open to all individuals, businesses and corporations. Membership dues are tax deductible for federal income tax purposes.

Please renew your membership and continue your support of the SRS Heritage Foundation as it moves to a new level of meeting our mission. Complete the membership form and mail it to:

SRS Heritage Foundation  
P. O. Box 2226  
Aiken, SC 29802

The membership list is confidential and is not released or sold.

**LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!** We will be posting news and tidbits during these exciting times of Foundation progress. The SRS Heritage Facebook page is open for business. Please join us at <http://www.facebook.com/srs.heritage>. And don't forget the news and archives at the website, <http://www.srsheritage.org/>.



**DON'T MISS OUT ON ALL THE GREAT NEWS AND EVENTS  
THAT ARE COMING....JOIN TODAY...(use this form to become a member)**



## SRS HERITAGE FOUNDATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

*I would like to become a member of the SRS Heritage Foundation in the following level. (Please Check One)*

<i>Benefactor</i>	<i>\$120.00</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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*I would be willing to help with Publications\_\_\_\_, Membership\_\_\_\_,  
Fundraising\_\_\_\_, Publicity\_\_\_\_, other\_\_\_\_*

**This membership is valid through December 2015**

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Fax #:

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**SRS Heritage Foundation  
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