

Friends of the Gaston LIVERY STABLE

Physical address: 1315 Richland Avenue East, Aiken, SC 29801

November 2026

Dear Friend of the Gaston Livery Stable,

We are very grateful to our Dedicated Volunteer Angels, who have been maintaining and restoring the Barn since day one. This year there were two instances where the scope of work required licensed plumbers, heavy equipment operators and tree removal experts.

The bad news was that a large item was flushed down the toilet. This very expensive plumbing issue revealed another huge problem. Roots from the Bradford pear trees were crushing the sewer pipes. Instead of waiting for the roots to completely cause even greater damage, it was decided to remove all three trees and their roots. The total cost was $11,000. The good news is that the problems were resolved and future problems were averted!!

Earlier this year, we purchased the cupola base, copper dome and weathervane. In 2027, we plan to complete phase two of the cupola project by installing the interior support system. Phase three of the project will be putting the cupola atop the Barn. The cost of materials and the need for professionals has greatly increased the cost of the project. We are actively seeking grants and planning fund raising events in order to proceed.

We need YOU to help with tasks, such as yardwork, display maintenance, carriage cleaning.

Several events will take place in 2027. These include Gaston Market Days, the Gaston Unplugged music series and more. Follow us on Facebook for dates and details. *As a reminder, the Barn is available for rent at reasonable rates for meetings, weddings, parties, special events, etc*.

The Annual Meeting will be December 5 at 1 pm at the Barn. Linda Johnson will be the Guest Speaker.

Thank you for supporting the FGLS by renewing your membership (form attached or available on our website). Dues are used for monthly expenses. Those monies go to utilities, insurance, and general maintenance on the Gaston Livery Stable property. Fundraising monies are used to help finance special projects. Rental monies are held in the general fund and cover emergencies.

Thank you so very much for your generous support and continued membership.

Coleen

Coleen Reed, President

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - 2027

- [ ] Individual Friend Membership - $25
- [ ] Family of Friends Membership - $35
- [ ] Foxhound Level Membership - $50
- [ ] Horseshoe Level Membership - $100
- [ ] Carriage Level Membership - $500
- [ ] Winter Colony Level Membership - $1,000

Donation to Capital Projects $ _____

Name _____ Phone _____

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If you would prefer, you may pay the membership through our Givebutter account by scanning the QR code.

Please note that you may opt out of the TIP option.

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