

Well, don't expect a lot from me this month. As great as last month was with the cruise and all, the Panama Canal sent me home with a gift! Yep, the last night there I started coughing and it turned out to be a 'nasty little bug'. I guess I was due, as I had not had anything for quite a while. It kept me under the weather for a good five weeks. I gave it to Bob too, but he fared better than I did. In fact, he did the newsletter for me last month, bless his heart. I am just thankful that it did not interfere with my cruise experience. Consequently, I have not done much during this period. We did do a day tour to one of South Carolina's Plantations on May 18th. We also got some of our annual medical appointments out of the way, which I won't bore you with. Then, to break up a long month, we went to see our student friends from the Carolina Forest High School when they put on another great show, 'Show Stoppers' on Saturday, May 14th. Unfortunately, I did not take many pictures this month, so this newsletter will be a one pager. Bob took some pictures of the new out door pool that is in the process of being built by *Sun Communities*, the new owners of Lakeside Communities. They have made numerous improvements since they bought the development, which have been quite impressive. Below is a picture of the construction site. On May 18th, Bob and I went on a plantation tour with Robin McCall of Storehouse Tours. This included a ride on Capt'n Rod's Tour Boat to the Hobcaw Barony Plantation. The Plantation is on the Waccamaw Neck peninsula between the Winyah Bay and the Atlantic Ocean and was one of many plantations during the rice era. This plantation dates back to the 1700's. Barnard Baruch purchased the properties between 1905 and 1907 to be used as a hunting lodge. The original home burned in 1929 and was rebuilt as it appears on the right. Belle Baruch, daughter of Barnard Baruch, was the last family member to live there and passed away in 1964 with no family to pass the property on to. Belle set up a Foundation for the Estate, and gave it to South Carolina.

On the same tour, Robin took us to the Prince George Winyah Episcopal Church and adjacent graveyard in Georgetown. Both are in the National Register of Historic Places since May 6th, 1971. The Church is one of the oldest congregations in South Carolina and dates back to 1700's. See picture below and the graveyard to the right.

