

**ELIZABETH MCCLUNDIE BOLTON** (1918-1987), better known as Peggy to her family and many friends, was a native of Tennessee and a graduate of Stephens College. She became the wife of Robert H. Bolton, and they had three children and ultimately five grandchildren.

For many years, Mrs. Bolton was a civic and cultural leader in the local, state, and national levels. She was the first president and principal organizer of the Historical Association of Central Louisiana in 1975. In 1977, she established the Alexandria Museum and served as its first president and then as chairperson of its Board of Directors. In 1986, the museum board awarded her the first *Elizabeth McClundie Bolton Golden Circle Award* for excellence in the arts. She also received a *Special Congressional Citation* for outstanding service to nation, state, and community, the first recipient even in Louisiana's Eighth Congressional District.

Mrs. Bolton received the Alexandria Junior League award as *Outstanding Sustainer*; the *Harnet Kane Award* presented by the New Orleans Chapter of the Landmark Society to the person who has done most for historic betterment in Louisiana; the *Historic Preservation Award* given by the foundation for Historical Louisiana in Baton Rouge; the *Individual Preservationist Award* for the Louisiana Preservation Alliance; The *Alexandria Civic Award* given by the Alexandria Daily Town Talk for outstanding achievement in community service and betterment.

She also served as president of the Louisiana State Museum Board — the first woman and the first non-resident of New Orleans ever to hold the position — and also as a member of the Advisory Council for the New Orleans Museum of Art and of the President's National Council on Historic Preservation.

*The following paragraphs are quoted from the resolution approved by the membership of the Historical Association of Central Louisiana on June 11, 1987:*

"**WHEREAS**, Peggy Bolton additionally served as original founder, board member, and vice president of the Louisiana State Museum Foundation; as the Alexandria Historical and Genealogical Library and Anglo-American Art Museum, LSU-Baton Rouge; received the Alexandria Lions Club Good Citizenship Award; donated two beautiful sculptures by Charles Umlauf to Louisiana College and one by Lyn Emory to Emmanuel Baptist Church, of which she was a loyal member:

"**WHEREAS**, Peggy Bolton exemplified though years of service and commitment to the cultivation and preservation of that which is beautiful and noble in art, architecture, and history in Central Louisiana and beyond;

"**BE IT RESOLVED**...that the Board of directors of the Historical Association of Central Louisiana recommends the establishment of an endowment to provide continuing financial support for an annual *Elizabeth McClundie Bolton History Lecture* which will bear her name in its title, will feature an expert in the field of history, and will be open to the public... The annual history lecture will honor Peggy Bolton while it carries on the work to which she so generously devoted her time, energy and enthusiasm."

# The 2007 Elizabeth McClundie Bolton History Lecture

Sponsored by the Historical Association of Central Louisiana through a special endowment of the Elizabeth McClundie Bolton History Lecture provided by generous gifts from members of the Association and its Board of Directors.

Bolton Chapel  
Emmanuel Baptist Church  
Alexandria , Louisiana  
Sunday, November 11, 2007  
2:00 P.M.

**PROGRAM**

Welcome-----Mrs. Oberia Price  
 History and Purpose of Bolton Lecture Series ----- Dr. Philip Tapley  
 Introduction of Speaker-----Mr. Charles Charrier  
*President, HACL*  
 Lecture ----- Father Chad Partain

**Father Chad Partain**

Father Chad Partain holds a PhB from Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. and a Master of Divinity from Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans. He was ordained in 2003 and serves as Pastor of St. Paul the Apostle Church in Mansura, Louisiana.

Father Partain specialized in 19th century Louisiana church history and is currently writing the biography of Bishop Auguste Martin, first bishop of Natchitoches. Since not much is know about Bishop Martin, research has been extensive over the past five years and Father Partain continues to edit the manuscript.

A 1994 graduate of Alexandria Senior High School, he developed an early love of history. His Eagle Scout project was the restoration of the stair case and grounds at Fort Buhlow. Noted for his love of Central Louisiana history, Father Partain has served on the Mayor’s Alexandria Bicentennial Committee for the past 3 years.

Father Partain is an avid reader and loves to paint in oils. His most recent exhibit was here in Alexandria at Christus St. Frances Cabrini Hospital.

*Alexandria in the 20th Century*

*Who we Are Today*

*A reflection upon Alexandria’s identity through our history.*

*You are invited to a reception in the Fellowship Hall Of Emmanuel Baptist Church following this afternoon's lecture.*

The members and the Board of Directors of the Historical Association of Central Louisiana wish to thank the staff of Emmanuel Baptist Church for their gracious cooperation in planning this afternoon’s event.