

MHA NEWS

Dinner Meeting

Monday, March 22, 2010

6:30 pm. Dinner; program following at 7:15 pm

Fellowship Hall

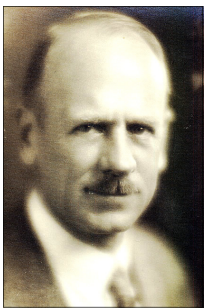
At Trinity Presbyterian Church

3115 Providence Road



Upcoming Dinner Program

Dr. Tom Hanchett presents "John Nolen, Neighborhood Maker"



John Nolen

Dr. Tom Hanchett, Staff Historian, Levine Museum of the New South, will give a slide talk JOHN NOLEN, NEIGHBORHOOD-MAKER: From Myers Park to Today's New Urbanism. Nolen, one of America's leading landscape architects

when he created Myers Park in the 1910's and 1920's, is now an inspiration for a new generation of neighborhoods across the U.S.A.

Dr. Hanchett wrote the nomination of Myers Park to the National Register of Historic Places and is co-author of Legacy: The Myers Park Story, just out in a new edition from The Duke Mansion.



Dr. Hanchett

Mark your calendars now for upcoming MHA Dinner dates:

May 24 - David Erdman - Old Maps and Streets of Charlotte.

September 27 - Dr. Tony Zeiss - will make a presentation regarding his latest book about Thomas Young, a 16-year-old South Carolina Patriot who fought in the Revolutionary War.

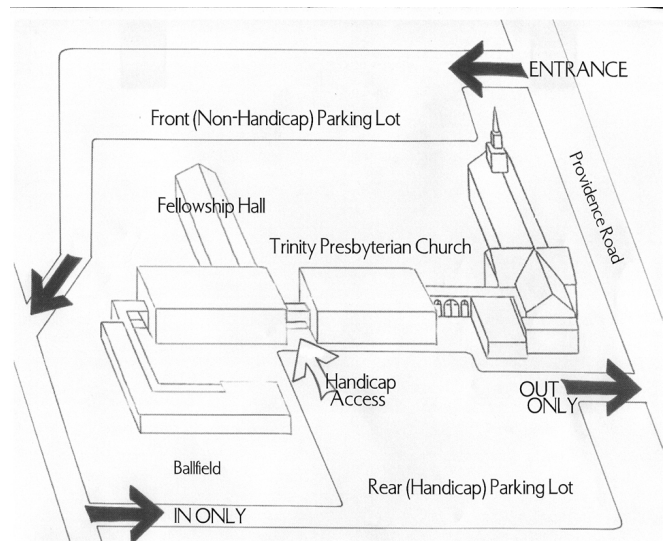
November 15 - Kathy Herran - will speak about her new book, a collection of biographies of women who impacted the 1800's, which comes out in September.

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**The MHA meets in Trinity Presbyterian Church's Fellowship Hall.
3115 Providence Road**



Remarks from the President

If you have not renewed your MHA membership, please see the membership renewal information included in this newsletter and sign up for this year. We value your participation and want to expand the membership of MHA. Please take a few minutes to ask your friends to join or give us their contact info and we'll send them a membership request. We really need your help to achieve this goal of expanding our membership.

Central Piedmont Community College asked MHA to participate in the filming of

a new Trail of History program called Community Resources. The program is being aired on Channel 17 and is also accessible at <http://www.cpcc.edu/tv/online/trail-of-history>. We were pleased to promote the accomplishments of MHA in the community.

We will have a new caterer beginning with the March MHA dinner. Andrew King, known to many of you as a great supporter of history and historic sites in Mecklenburg County, is also an accomplished caterer. He now owns and operates the Hotel Charlotte restaurant and

continues his longtime catering business. Andrew has graciously agreed to provide our MHA dinners at Trinity and we look forward to enjoying his delicious Southern food.

Please let me know if you have any ideas, concerns, or suggestions about how we can improve MHA. I want to see us expand and do an even better job of serving the preservation of history in Mecklenburg County. Contact me at 704.661.8470 or leaseace@aol.com.

-Linda Dalton, President

Historic Rosedale Plantation

announces "The Art of Craft" pottery and craft sale and family festival on Saturday, May 8, 2010. It will be on the 8-acre grounds of Rosedale at 3427 North Tryon Street in Charlotte, NC from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. (Rain or shine)

Some of North Carolina's best-known potters will have their wares for sale. Other craftsmen will include jewelry makers, a wood turner, a drum maker, and a sweet grass basket maker. Historical reenactors in costume will be giving demonstrations throughout the day. There will be free tours of the newly renovated historic garden.

Children can experience hands-on historical activities such as a pottery wheel, yarn doll making, and tin punch all day. Also there will be free pony rides, and a Carolina Raptor Center demonstration.

General admission tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and students ages 5-18. Children 4 and under are free. Family passes are available for \$25. Gates open for general admission at 10:00 a.m. and the event continues until 4:00 p.m.



HAT Thompson & Catherine Fleming

Early access to the pottery and crafts show is available by purchasing tickets to a preview breakfast for \$75, or \$500 for a table of eight. It will be from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

A silent auction featuring a special piece designed for the event by HAT Thompson, and many donated items from artists and collectors will be from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

For further information call Rosedale at 704-335-0325. Tickets are available on their web site at www.historicrosedale.org.

The May 20th Society invites you to join us for the 235th Celebration of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, featuring the unveiling of our **"The Spirit of Mecklenburg"** statue by local artist Chas Fagan. **Thursday, May 20, 2010 @ 12pm**
For more information, please visit: www.May20thSociety.org

Upcoming Events

How Women Defended Themselves During the Revolutionary War, MHA Docent Meeting Tuesday, April 6, 2010, Sugaw Creek Presbyterian Church, 101 Sugar Creek Road W, Charlotte. Business meeting at 10am, program at 11am.

Patti Proctor will appear as a properly dressed backcountry lady during our War for Independence. War is harrowing for women when fought on native soil; something no modern American woman has experienced. This should be a most interesting adjunct to the more familiar accounts of soldiers and battles.

Patti Proctor has interpreted various aspects of women's history for ten years. She has over forty programs she pre-

sents to civic groups, and contributes to programming at a number of local historic sites.

Latta Plantation welcomes new Executive Director Nicole Cheslak! Mrs. Cheslak has been a member of the Latta staff since 2007, serving as the Visitor Services Manager. On February 10th, 2010 she accepted the position of Executive Director. Mrs. Cheslak graduated from UNC-Charlotte and is dedicated to historic preservation and interpretation. Already a respected member of the Latta staff, Mrs. Cheslak looks forward to leading a great site and staff into the future.

Rosedale will be holding a one-day volunteer training session on Saturday, April 3rd. Ann Williams will be conducting the

class from 9 am to noon on that day. In the afternoon attendees are encouraged to accompany one of the trained docents on a tour of the house and grounds. To attend, contact Deb Hunter or Sara Craig. 704-335-0325. www.historicrosedale.org

Loch Norman Highland Games at Rural Hill, April 16-18. Please visit www.ruralhill.net for the schedule. This annual event includes traditional Scottish competitions such as tossing the stone and Caber Toss (throwing a telephone pole) plus children's games, piping and drumming, highland dancing and much more. Celtic music concert Saturday evening featuring visiting groups and performers.

From the Docent Committee

DOCENTS ARE DELIRIOUS! Did that get your attention or did you already know that? The education series, held for the last 3 out of 5 dates (our unusual weather did us in for two of the dates) have been wonderful and quite successful in attendance. As President of the Docents, it has been my pleasure to receive enthusiastic phone calls from persons attending about the content of the lectures, and many of them have ordered tickets for our upcoming fashion show. **WHATEVER DID THEY WEAR?** Find out all about period clothing from 1700-early 1900 at the **EVENT** of the year, complete with learning, food, live music and great fun. Our own Sharon Van Kuren, guru of all things clothing, is gathering interesting things for you to see as well as terrific models. After the show we will enjoy a wonderful catered and served

lunch, enjoying lovely music by Duo Con Brio throughout, and for all those who wish to participate, guided tours of this wonderful old church will be offered, including the school building on the corner. Parking is plentiful and complimentary. June White has worked hard to make sure we have something Yummy to eat as well as a comfortable venue. There are so many to thank, and all the names will be in our program. **Synopsis: WHATEVER DID THEY WEAR?** fashion show and luncheon, **SATURDAY, MARCH 20**, show begins at 11:00 a.m., doors will open at 10:30 a.m. to the social hall of **SUGAW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**, corner of Sugar Creek Road and S. Tryon Street. **TICKETS** are available from Jo Anne Dickens, 704-547-8410 at a cost of \$35.00 per person. There are only 160 spaces available and all seats are reserved. **DEADLINE FOR TICKETS IS MARCH 12.** See any do-

cent, Linda Dalton, or call Jo Anne. Ya'll come on now--you don't want to miss this! We did a show 9 years ago and who knows how long till the next one. This is a lot of work! And well worth it!

After we all get some sleep, we will be participating in the May 20 celebration of the Captain Jack unveiling of the statue. The plans are coming along and our own Jim Williams is keeping us informed. This is another one you should not miss, so please pay attention to the articles being written about this great day. Docents will be represented in full dress and you don't want so miss that, either. As you all my know, the Docents meet the first Tuesday of every month, usually at Sugaw Creek unless we are on a field trip. We eat (always!), meet, greet, eat some more and have a program at 11:00 a.m. Join us!

Submitted by Jo Anne Dickens, President, Docent Committee

Membership Renewals

It is that time of the year again when we fund the modest budget of your organization with dues. Please fill in the form, make your check payable to the Mecklenburg Historical Association, and mail it to P. O. Box 35032, Charlotte, NC 28235. If your employer has a "matching grant" program, or you are retired from such an organization, please include the matching grant form with your check.

Membership form:

Name _____
 Address _____
 City, State and Zip _____
 E-Mail Address _____
 Please send my MHA Newsletter by:
 Email US Mail Both

You may also bring your check with you to the dinner program.

category	single	couple
senior citizen (over 60)	\$15.00	\$25.00
general	30.00	50.00
patron	60.00	100.00
life (single payment)	300.00	500.00
student	free	n/a

March 22, 2010 Dinner Meeting Reservation Form

**Mail to: Mecklenburg Historical Association
 c/o Kathy Herran, 5015 Sharon Woods Lane, Charlotte, NC 28210
 or email: kathyherran@hotmail.com**

Please make checks payable to Mecklenburg Historical Association.
 Questions? Please email Kathy Herran (kathyherran@hotmail.com) or call her at (704) 553-0936.
 Please mail your check one week before the dinner so we know how many meals we need.

Enclosed: \$ _____ (total) for _____ seats (\$12 for Seniors)
 \$ _____ (total) for _____ seats (\$14 for all others)

From Wagon Roads to New South City

This is the title of a series of lectures and presentations presented by the MHA Docent Education Committee. The programs, offered free to the public, were planned for five Saturday mornings (January 30 through February 27). Somehow, Mother Nature was offended and ice and snow storms caused the cancellation of two of the sessions. For the other three sessions our attendance was outstanding: ninety (yes, 90) new and old citizens of Mecklenburg or nearby gathered to hear programs planned around topics of importance to

the region. Among the topics addressed were the Revolutionary War, religion(s), gold-mining, plantations, the lifestyles of our colonial ancestors, a young Charlotte entering the 20th century, and a special tour of Sugaw Creek Presbyterian Church. Unfortunately we did not get to hear about the Catawba Indians and their arts and crafts, or Reconstruction. Topics were chosen and sessions designed to cover four centuries: 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th. Our goal was to provide factual, reliable, and entertaining information.

We owe special thanks to the Charlotte Museum of History, Levine Museum of the New South, and Sugaw Creek Presbyterian Church for the use of their large meet-

ing rooms and sanctuary. The staffs at all three facilities made us feel welcome and attended to all our needs and those of our presenters. And-our presenters! What a grand group, knowledgeable, interesting, and entertaining. They made our jobs easy.

YOUR Docent Committee brings to you and the community a love of learning and a commitment to accuracy. We bring enthusiasm and affection to local history. We sincerely thank MHA and all the MHA Docents for their encouragement and support.

Rachel Abernathy
for the MHA Docent Education Committee:
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