



Dinner Meeting

Monday, March 23, 2015

Dinner at 6:30pm, Program at 7:15pm

Fellowship Hall,
Trinity Presbyterian Church
3115 Providence Road
Charlotte, NC 28211

Upcoming Dinner Program

American Plants of Colonial Times: From the Wilds of Carolina to the Gardens of the World

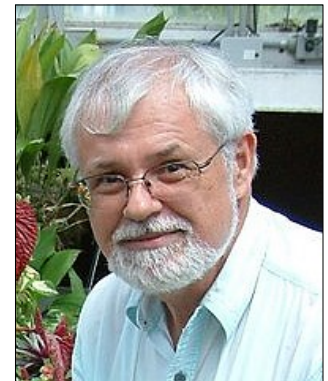
Dr. Larry Mellichamp will present this program originally slated for last year's MHA Docent educational series, "Beyond the Wagon Road," that was canceled due to wintry weather. We are very pleased to have Dr. Mellichamp present it for MHA.

The 1700s was the greatest period for botanical exploration and discovery in the Colonies of the New World. Dr. Mellichamp will talk about the major people involved in this exploration--Mark Catesby, the Bartrams, and André Michaux to name a few--and some of the most famous plants discovered--such as flame azalea, mountain laurel, big leaf magnolia, pitcher plants, Oconee bells, and the now extinct Franklinia.

Dr. Larry Mellichamp is recently retired Professor of Botany and Horticulture at the University of North

Carolina at Charlotte where he taught for over 38 years. He was also director of the University's Botanical Gardens which has ten acres of outdoor gardens including many native plants. Their new Mellichamp Natives Terrace Garden, partly sponsored by the N.C. Native Plant Society, demonstrates the use of natives directly for the homeowner. Larry is an expert on native plants of all kinds, and especially carnivorous plants.

He has written many technical and popular articles on plants and gardening, and has co-authored five books: including "The Winter Garden" (1997); "Bizarre Botanicals" with Paula Gross (2010), and most recently (2014), "Native Plants of the Southeast...the best ones for the garden". He has traveled extensively in the eastern United States, across the continent, and around the world.



Those not having dinner are welcome to enjoy the program at no charge. To make a reservation for dinner use the form in this Newsletter or contact Jane Johnson at 704-544-0695 or JJCNC@aol.com.

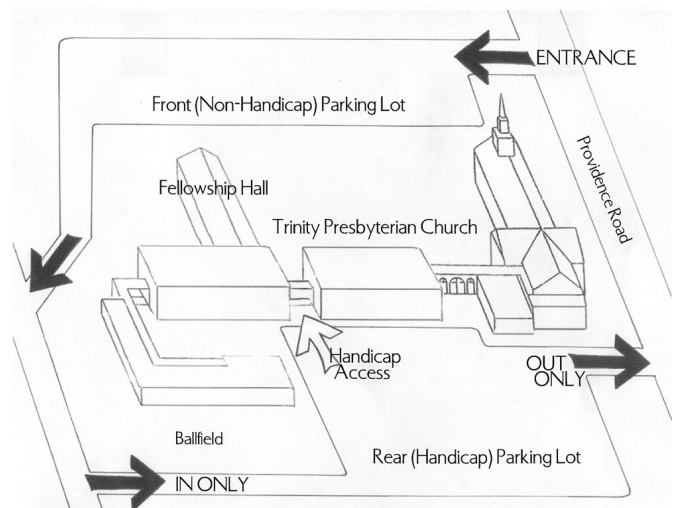
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Remarks from the President

Hello everyone! After our recent frigid weather, I'm sure we all look forward to March and the coming of Spring. Please join us on March 23rd at Trinity Presbyterian for a fascinating program on Colonial plants presented by Dr. Larry Mellichamp. Make your reservations now.

On February 19th, my husband and I along with about 130 of our history friends enjoyed a wonderful dinner and program presented by the Mecklenburg Chapter Sons of the American Revolution. Making an appearance and speaking that evening was the Marquis de Lafayette himself! I learned many things about Lafayette that I did not know, including the fact that he was like a son to George Washington and named one of his own sons George Washington Lafayette and a daughter Virginia after Washington's home state. Thank you SAR.

If you have not already renewed your MHA membership for 2015, please fill out the form in this newsletter and mail it in or bring it to the March dinner. We value your participation in this great organization and we cannot operate without your support.

Names seem to be a theme in this issue of the MHA Newsletter. Read about the effort to correct the spelling of the name Alexandriana and how the Scots-Irish named their children. I hope to see each of you at the March 23rd dinner meeting.

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Left to right: Linda Dalton, The Marquis de Lafayette, and Jane Estep at the SAR dinner on February 19th.

Effort to Correct the Spelling of Alexandriana Road

The Olde Huntersville Historical Society has begun an effort, with the support of County Commissioner Jim Puckett, to amend the spelling of Alexanderana Road to the correct and historic spelling of Alexandriana. A petition to this effect has been signed by land owners with addresses on Alexanderana Road. A public hearing on this issue will be held at the Mecklenburg County Commission meeting on March 17th. All of us in the history community are encouraged to write our County Commissioners and attend the hearing if possible.

This road name has been spelled incorrectly for many years. A long time resident of this community explained that it was first misspelled when Mecklenburg County hired consultants from out of state to put up road signs on all rural roads in anticipation of establishing countywide 911 emergency service. These consultants did not know the historical significance of the name and just spelled it as they thought it sounded, "Alexanderana."

Alexandriana is a historic name that dates back to the colonial period. It began as the name of the plantation and home of John McKnitt Alexander (1733-1817), one of the signers of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. The plantation name Alexandriana is mentioned in The History of Hopewell Presbyterian Church by Charles William Sommerville, Ph.D., D. D., and published in 1939. It was the common name applied to the subject road until the county road numbering system was replaced with road names in the 1970s. Everyone called the road Alexandriana before those signs went up,

because that is the only term that made sense. If you Google the word "Alexanderana," you'll find nothing but references to the road. If you Google the word "Alexandriana," the references are numerous and varied.

Dr. J. B. Alexander (1834-1911) was a great-grandson of John McKnitt Alexander. His father built Edgewood Farm, so he grew up in the Alexandriana community and could speak about it with authority. In his book, Biographical Sketches of the Early Settlers of the Hopewell Section, published in 1897, page 11, he wrote:

"The writer remembers an old road, or rather the signs of it left by washing rains, surveyed from Alexandriana (the postoffice and name of his residence) to Mill Grove in Cabarrus county. The roads were made as straight as the nature of the ground would admit. During one of his trips to Pennsylvania, in 1759, he [John McKnitt Alexander] married Jane Bain. He had built a home on what was afterwards known as the Statesville road, nine miles northwest of Charlotte. His house was the general rendezvous for the intelligent and patriotic for many miles in all directions."

Alexandriana is mentioned several times in the Autobiography and Letters of Dr. J. G. M. Ramsey, edited by William B. Hesseltine, and published by the Tennessee Historical Commission in 1954. Dr. Ramsey (1797-1884) was a grandson of John McKnitt Alexander, and knew him personally. He was Tennessee's preeminent historian and the author of Annals of Tennessee, published in 1853.

The community was served by a post office named Alexandriana from 1804 to 1886. See page 296 from "Postoffices and Postmasters of North Carolina, Colonial to USPS, Volume II."

Long before the erection of the Alexanderana Road signs, a sign was placed at the site of John McKnitt's home. A newer sign now marks that place, and it also carries the name Alexandriana.

LeGette Blythe published his first historical novel in 1940, a tale about the American Revolution in Mecklenburg County, entitled "Alexandriana" -- taking its name from the home of John McKnitt Alexander.

The Alexandriana Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, was organized in Huntersville in 1950 and took its name from this place.

All of these references pre-date the Alexanderana road signs and reinforce the claim that the proper name for that area has been Alexandriana ever since the name was first applied in the 1760s.

Let's hope the County Commission agrees to change the Alexanderana road signs to Alexandriana. It's long overdue.

-Information from JoAnne Brown Miller, John Blythe, Miriam Smith

MHA Docent Programs

Both meetings will be held in the Fellowship Hall of Sugaw Creek Presbyterian Church. Refreshments at 9:30, business meeting at 10, and program at 11. Visitors are always welcome.

Tuesday, March 3, 2015:

Chocolate: Early America's Favorite Drink

Money does grow on trees! Cacao pods are the

fruits of the "chocolate" tree that originated in tropical America. Each pod contains about 50 seeds, or "beans." In



the Aztec society of the 1400's, one cacao bean could buy one tamale. Today, it is a multi-billion dollar industry around the world.

Dr. Larry Mellichamp will present a program on cacao, its history, where it grows, how it is harvested and fermented, dried, and then turned into chocolate. It was a very important adult drink in Colonial times, at first flavored with cinnamon and cayenne, and later with a little sugar. Dr. Mellichamp is Director Emeritus of the UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens. You can go to the conservatory there and see ripening cacao pods on their tree.



<http://gardens.uncc.edu>

Tuesday, April 7, 2015: The Catawba River Valley Decorative Arts Survey

The Catawba River Valley Decorative Arts Survey was established in the 1990s to document the material culture of our ancestors in Mecklenburg and the surrounding counties. Since then Linda Dalton and Jane Estep have been documenting and photographing furniture, textiles, books, papers, paintings and artwork, needlework, silver, pewter, tin, iron, glass, and ceramics made or used in the area from 1750 through 1850. Some of the items are in museums or public collections, many are privately owned. Linda and Jane began their investigation in Rowan County, an early center for artisans, and spread their search across the entire area. For the April program they will show images of some of their best finds, point out interesting details, and share stories of their adventures along the way. Both Linda and Jane had considerable interest and knowledge of material culture when the project began. After twenty years of exploring Southern decorative arts, they are indeed experts.

Membership Renewals

It's time to renew your MHA membership for upcoming 2015. Please save us the cost of mailing by renewing now. Fill in the form, make your check payable to Mecklenburg Historical Association, and mail to:

MHA, P.O. Box 35032, Charlotte, NC 28235

If your employer has a matching grant program or if you retired from such an organization, include the matching grant form with your check.

Thank you for your interest in history!

Membership 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

Name	
Address	
City, State, Zip	
Email Address	

Membership type: (Please check one)

- General Membership
- MHA Docent Membership
- North Branch MHA Membership

Please send my MHA Newsletter via:

- Email
- US Postal Mail
- Both

If you have access to email, we would prefer to send the newsletter to you that way. This saves considerable time and expense for MHA.

March 23, 2015 Dinner Meeting Reservation Form

Mail to: Mecklenburg Historical Association
 c/o Jane Johnson, 210 Pineville Forest Drive, Pineville, NC 28134
 or email: JJCNC@aol.com

Please make checks payable to Mecklenburg Historical Association.
 Questions? Please email Jane Johnson (JJCNC@aol.com) or call her at 704-544-0695.
 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)

Name Tags: _____ , _____

Naming Ways in the Backcountry

The Scots-Irish who settled in Mecklenburg named their children as their forbears had done using well-worn names such as John, James, Robert, William, David, Hugh, and Joseph; or Mary, Martha, Sarah, Elizabeth, Jane, and Isabella. Many are familiar biblical names with a sprinkling of the more exotic such as Hezekiah and Ezekiel.

Oldest sons were usually named for paternal grandfathers; first cousins sharing the same name abounded. Second and third sons were typically named for their fathers and maternal grandfathers in no particular order. Subsequent sons were named for other relations, or perhaps a pleasing name was chosen honoring no one. Girls could be named for mothers, grandmothers, or aunts, but their naming patterns were more random. Our earliest settlers tended to come in extended family groups bearing many shared names, a source of endless confusion for today's genealogists. These were customs, not rules. The Scots-Irish were not fond of rules. Some went far afield when naming their children. William R. Davie had two sons; one named for his father-in-law, and one named Hyder Ali after Hyder Ali Kahn, the Sultan of Mysore in India. Hyder Ali had joined the French to defeat the British Army in India, a feat much admired by Davie.

It appears those settlers were also bothered by the confusion, and began giving their children

middle names. In the 18th century few Mecklenburg residents had middle names, but there were some notable exceptions. John McKnitt Alexander, born in 1733, was the only one of his fourteen siblings and half siblings to have a middle name, a privilege he extended to four of his five children. Dr. David Thomas Caldwell's grandfather was also David Thomas Caldwell. Sources disagree as to whether General William Lee Davidson was given a middle name or adopted "Lee" for himself.

The use of middle names grew a bit at the end of the 18th century. Hezekiah Alexander gave them to two of his ten children. James Galbraith Torrance, Benjamin Wilson Davidson, and David Thomas Caldwell were all children of the 1780s and 90s. In the 19th century middle naming increased dramatically. Nine of Torrance's thirteen children, all eight of Caldwell's children, and 56 of Major John Davidson's 63 grandchildren had middle names. Surnames of extended family members often became middle names of both boys and girls.

Did this end the confusion? Not completely. Large families had to scramble to find a pair of names for ten or more children; sometimes several siblings had the same middle name. In John McKnitt's smallish family, three children shared the middle name of Bain, their

mother's maiden name. As the use of middle names increased more people were called by them. In public documents and in signatures, even on personal letters to a parent or sibling, full names were almost always used. The texts of letters, journals, and personal papers often reveal what a person was called. David Thomas Caldwell was probably called Thomas. The Clue: in several formal documents he is Thomas David Caldwell. Adam Brevard Davidson was frequently recorded as Brevard Adam, family letters call him Brevard, and his gravestone says A. Brevard Davidson.

Nicknames became more popular during this time. Major John Davidson's namesake was called Jacky; his oldest son Robert was called Robin, even though there were no other Roberts in the family. Sam, Dick, Joe, and Jim slowly began to enter the nomenclature. Some girls' nicknames are perplexing: Sarahs were called Sally, but Marys were Polly, Marthas were Patsy, and Nancy could be called Ann, or Ann could be called Nancy. Margaret Caldwell was Minnie, but Margaret Osborne was Peggy. Our ancestors naming patterns may confound us, but they never cease to amuse us.

-Ann Williams



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WWW.MECKDEC.ORG

Hugh Torance House and Store

In preparation for spring and summer tours at the Hugh Torance House and Store, a training session for docents will be held on Saturday, April 11 from 2 to 4 pm. This is a very special North Mecklenburg site that combines 18th and 19th century architecture with mercantile and cotton plantation history. Tours are given on the first and third Sunday afternoons of each month from April through October. If you are interested becoming a docent contact Ann Williams at 704-365-2402 or ann.williams@mindspring.com.

Camellia Flower Show and Plant

Sale at the Historic White Home, Saturday and Sunday, March 14 and 15 from 1 to 5 pm, Free. This show is sponsored by the Charlotte Camellia Society and is being held this year at the 1839 Historic White Home on White Street in Rock Hill. There will be hundreds of Camellias in bloom and judging will be by the American Camellia Society. The Society's home in Charlotte is Historic Rosedale where they have established a historic Camellia garden.

Charlotte 240, a project of the Charlotte Museum of History

Charlotte 240 is a multi-media digital history project celebrating 240 years of Charlotte history in honor of the Hezekiah Alexander House reaching that milestone. It will consist of 240 vignettes highlighting the people, artifacts, buildings, architecture, places, environment, art, ideas, events, women, men, war, etc. that make up the collective history of our region. Notable guest authors from around the region will contribute essays.

Currently posted on the History Museum web site at www.charlottemuseum.org are:

- Catawba Indian Nation by Richard Carney
- European Immigrants to Mecklenburg County, North Carolina by Hugh Dussek, Ph.D.
- Hezekiah Alexander Home Site reaches 240 Year Milestone by Kay Peninger
- King Hagler, Catawba Chieftain by Mary Kratt
- The Formation of Mecklenburg County by Jim Williams
- The Southern Campaign of the American Revolution: Significant Battles by William Lee Anderson III
- Thomas "Kanawha" Spratt, Early Settler and Friend of the Catawba by Jim Williams

Latta Summer Camps

Historic Latta Plantation announces their summer camps for this year. These camps generally sell out so it is not too early now to make your reservations. Here are the dates for the camps. For details and to register go to www.lattaplantation.org:

Soldier Camps:

- Civil War Soldier Camp (ages 8-12) July 20-23 and August 3-6 (9am-3pm)
- Revolutionary War Soldier Camp (ages 8-12) June 15-18 (9am-3pm)

Girls Camps:

- Miss Jane's Academy (ages 8-12) July 20-23 and August 3-6 (9am-3pm)

Farm Camps:

- Mini Farm Camp (ages 4-5) June 2-4 and August 11-13 (9am-12pm)
- Junior Farm Camp (ages 6-8) June 22-25

and July 27-30 (9am-3pm)

- Advanced Farm Camp (ages 13-17) June 22-26 (9am-4pm)

History Camps:

- Historical Encounters (ages 9-12) July 7-10 (9am-3pm)
- Historical Ambassadors (ages 12+) July 13-16 (9am-3pm)

DAR Grave Marking at Hopewell Presbyterian Church

William Bain/Bane Alexander
Soldier of the American Revolution

On Saturday, April 18th, 2015, at 3:30pm, the Mecklenburg Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution will conduct a grave marking ceremony at William Bain Alexander's grave at Hopewell Presbyterian Church, Huntersville, NC. You are cordially invited to attend.

William Bain Alexander (1764-1844), the oldest son of John McKnitt Alexander and Jane (Jean) Bain (Bane) Alexander, served in the Salisbury, NC, District Militia during the American Revolution at age 16. In 1791, he married Violet Davidson, daughter of Major John Davidson and Violet Wilson Davidson of Rural Hill. Violet is buried at William Bain Alexander's side.

William was Recorder of Deeds for Mecklenburg County for many years and was postmaster for fifty years at Alexandriana (now Croft) in Huntersville, NC. He was an active member and elder of Hopewell Presbyterian Church.

The History Calendar

Admission charged at all events unless otherwise noted. Check the Charlotte Regional History Consortium website for other events.

<http://www.charlotteregionalhistory.org>

Historic Rosedale

3427 N. Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC 704-335-0325
www.historicrosedale.org

Oyster Roast Fundraiser, Saturday, March 21 from 2 to 5 pm. Tour the 1815 plantation house and support the historic site in its bicentennial year. Enjoy roasted oysters with all the

fixings plus a low country boil, craft beer, children's activities, live music and hot dogs for the kids. Bring your own gloves and oyster knives, rain or shine.

Latta Plantation

5225 Sample Road, Huntersville, NC, 704-875-2312
www.lattaplantation.org

Celtic Festival, Saturday and Sunday, March 14 and 15 from 10 am to 4 pm. Celebrate all things Celtic including authentic cuisine, brew, music, vendors, and historical demonstrations

plus children's activities, games and face painting.

Celtic Concert Fundraiser, Saturday March 14 at 6 pm.

An evening under the stars with Celtic food vendors and local breweries. Bands including the Thistle-down Tinkers, Sterling Bridge, Loch Norman Pipes.

Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 4, 10 am to 4 pm.

Online registration opens March 1 and all sessions fill up quickly.

Crochet Workshop, Saturday, April 18 at 10 am to 2 pm.

Learn basic crochet stitches and make a washcloth. Participants will receive one skein of cotton yarn and a crochet hook to keep! Please bring a bag lunch to eat during the workshop.

The Charlotte Museum of History

3500 Shamrock Drive, Charlotte, NC, 704-568-1774
www.charlottemuseum.org

Civil War Forum, Saturday, March 14 from 9 am to 3:30 pm.

Join us for the Charlotte Mecklenburg 150th Anniversary Civil War Symposium, featuring preeminent Civil War historian Gary Gallagher, along with noted historians Gordon McKinney, Chris Hartley, Suzy Barile, and Larry Walker. Doors open at 8:30 am. Register in advance. Visit www.charlottemuseum.org for complete registration information and fees.

Women's History Tea, Sunday, March 22 at 4 pm.

In honor of women's history month, historian Ann Williams will share the fascinating stories of six nineteenth-century women who lived in Mecklenburg County. We will enjoy freshly brewed tea, scones, tea sandwiches, and sweets.

Schiele Museum

1500 E. Garrison Blvd., Gastonia, N.C. 704-866-6900
www.schielemuseum.org

Spring Festival, Sunday, March 22 from 1 to 5 pm.

*Still is the toiling hand of Care;
The panting herds repose:
Yet hark, how through the peopled air,
The busy murmur glows!*

—Thomas Gray, 1753.

Spring is here! Immerse yourself in the exciting bustle of seasonal activity. See the Main House busy with spring cleaning. Help with stuffing fresh straw in a bed "tick. Watch as skilled interpreters prepare and bake a traditional tansy in a Dutch oven. Enjoy displays of eggs dyed naturally in rainbow colors.

Sheepshearing, Sunday, April 26 from 1 to 5 pm.

Each spring the sheep are sheared (given a haircut) at the Backcountry Farm; it keeps the sheep cool in the summer and the wool is made into cloth to keep the Pioneer family warm in the winter. See historical interpreters in 18th century dress card and spin the freshly shorn wool into thread. Try your hand at shearing or the simple craft of weaving on a tape loom. Discover the difference between a shortgown and a waist coat as youngsters "dress the part" of a backcountry child.

President James K. Polk State Historic Site

12031 Lancaster Hwy., Pineville, NC, 704-889-7145
polk.nchistoricsites.org

Historic Tatting, Fridays, March 13 and 27 from 2 to 4 pm, Free.

Volunteer Michele Glover will explore with visitors this historic weaving technique. This drop-in program will take place in the museum lobby.

America 1844, An Evening with Author John Bicknell, Thursday, May 14 at 7 pm, free.

Author John Bicknell will discuss his new book, America 1844, exploring a variety of important events from 1844, including the momentous election of that year.

Matthews Heritage Museum

232 North Trade St., Matthews, 704-708-4996
www.matthewsheritagemuseum.org

Dr. and Mrs. Reid's Lawn Party, Saturday, April 11 from noon to 4 pm, 134 John Street, Matthews, Free.

Turn-of-the-(20th)-century activities include games, demonstrations of making root beer and butter and crafts; making kazoos and spinning tops. Dr. and Mrs. Reid will welcome you to their home and tours will be given of the Reid House. See three antique cars from the 1910s and 1920s.

Charlotte Folk Society

Great Aunt Stella Center, 926 Elizabeth Ave., Charlotte
www.folksociety.org

Charlotte Folk Society Gathering Concert & Jams, Friday, March 13, Mipso Southern String Band.

7:30 PM; doors open 7:00 PM. Free; donations appreciated.

Charlotte Folk Society Gathering Concert & Jams, April 10, Andrea Beaton Trio.

Traditional Cape Breton Scottish fiddling and piping. 7:30 PM; doors open 7:00 PM. Free; donations appreciated.

Duke Mansion

400 Hermitage Road, Charlotte, 704-714-4448
www.dukemansion.com

At Home at the Duke Mansion, Sunday, March 15 at 3 pm, Free.

2015 marks the 100th Anniversary of the grand Duke Mansion. To kick off a year of special programs, some of the history-making families who resided here will share memories. You'll hear about Buick wholesaler and WBT radio ("Watch

Buicks Travel") owner C.C. Coddington. About the Cannon and Lineberger families who shaped the region's textile economy. About the founders of TV's Raycom Sports. Hosted by Levine Museum historian Dr. Tom Hanchett.

John Nolen's Landscape Legacy, Sunday, April 26 at 3 pm, Free. Perhaps the most important landscape planner of the early 20th century, Boston-based John Nolen designed the tree-shaded avenues and greenways of the Myers Park neighborhood. Levine Museum historian Dr. Tom Hanchett gives an illustrated talk, then leads a brief walking tour.

Rural Hill

4431 Neck Road
Huntersville, NC,
704-875-3113 www.ruralhill.net

Scottish Festival and Loch Norman Highland Games, Saturday and Sunday, April 18 and 19. Celtic Music, Highland Heavy Athletics, Bagpipe Bands, Highland Dancing, Children's Activities, Food and Merchandise Vendors, Scottish Country Dancing, Historic Reenactments, Scotch Whisky Tastings, Kilted Running Events, Long Bow and Battle Axe Contests and Individual Piping and Drumming. See www.lochnorman.com for more information.

Hugh Torance House and Store

8231 Gilead Road,
Huntersville, NC
hughtorancehouseandstore.com

House Tours, Sunday, April 19 from 2 to 5 pm. Regular tours of the Hugh Torance House and Store resume on April 19th and

will continue the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month through October. The log portion of the building was constructed as a residence about 1780. In 1805 it was expanded to include a store which operated until 1825. The site eventually became a 3,000 acre plantation worked by over 100 slaves. Extensive family records allow us to interpret nearly a century of mercantile and plantation history.

Historic Brattonsville

1444 Brattonsville Rd.,
McConnells, SC, 803-684-2327
www.chmuseums.org/brattonsville

Children's Day on the Farm, Saturday, March 28 from 10 am to 4 pm. Experience farm life in the 18th and 19th centuries with candle-dipping, blacksmithing and food preparation. See our newborn lambs, and other farm animals plus pony and wagon rides for an additional fee. The Gullah Lady will tell stories and food concessions will be available.

Sheep Shearing Day, Saturday, April 11 from 10 am to 4 pm.

Do sheep really want a "hair cut?" And what do you do with that dirty wool once it is off the sheep? Learn the answers to these questions as we shear our flock of Gulf Coast sheep. And learn about carding, spinning, dyeing, weaving and sewing to turn raw wool into finished garments. And be sure to meet our spring lambs while you are here.

Andrew Jackson State Park

196 Andrew Jackson Park Road
Lancaster, SC 803-285-3344
www.southcarolinaparks.com/

park-finder/state-park/1797.aspx

Andrew Jackson Birthday Celebration, Saturday, March 14 from 10 am to 4 pm.

Celebrate the birthday of the Seventh President of the United States at his boyhood homeplace. Through living history demonstrations see what the Carolina Backcountry was like in Jackson's time. See traditional crafters at work and hear historians discuss the legacy of Andrew Jackson.

Kings Mountain Historical Museum

100 East Mountain Street, Kings Mountain, NC 704-739-1019
www.kingsmountainmuseum.org

Women of the Revolution, Saturday, April 11 at 2 pm.

This book talk by Sharyn McCrumb is based on her book King's Mountain. She will tell about the women whose courageous actions helped to turn the tide of the revolution, such as Mary Patton, who provided over five hundred pounds of gunpowder, essential to the victory at the Battle of Kings Mountain.

Fort Dobbs State Historic Site

438 Fort Dobbs Road, Statesville, NC (704)-873-5882
www.fortdobbs.org

War for Empire, Saturday and Sunday, April 18 and 19 from 10 am to 3 pm.

Experience life on the North Carolina frontier during the French and Indian War through battle re-enactments, living history encampments, historical vignettes and lectures.

Union County Public Library

316 E. Windsor St., Monroe, NC,
704-283-8184

www.unionlib.nc.us

Lady Spy: Wild Rose, Sunday March 15 at 3 pm. Kelly Hinson returns with a dramatic interpretation of Rose O'Neal Greenhow, a confederate spy and the first female ambassador to Europe from the States (albeit the "Confederate States"). Rose tragically drowns off the coast of North Carolina in September of 1864.

York County Library

www.yclibrary.org

At War's End: South Carolina Families Face the Aftermath, Saturday, March 14 from 2:30 to 3:30 pm, York County Library, Rock Hill, or Saturday, March 28 from 10:30 to 11:30 am, Lake Wylie Public Library, Free. Historian Colleen Pappas will discuss the effects of the Civil War on women and families in our state, the living conditions at the end of the war, the social, cultural, and political changes brought about by the conflict, mourning customs, and the important events at war's end that took place in Fort Mill, Cross Keys, and Abbeville, SC.

FOR ADDITIONAL EVENTS, please visit these sites:

- **Andrew Jackson State Park**
www.southcarolinaparks.com/park-finder/state-park/1797.aspx
- **Charlotte Folk Society**
www.folksociety.org
- **Charlotte Museum of History**
www.charlottemuseum.org
- **Cowpens National Battlefield**
www.nps.gov/cowp
- **Duke Mansion**
www.dukemansion.com
- **Fort Dobbs State Historic Site**
www.fortdobbs.org
- **Fort Mill History Museum**
www.fortmillhistorymuseum.org
- **Gaston County Museum**
www.gastoncountymuseum.org
- **Gregory Creek Homestead & Iredell Museums**
www.iredellmuseums.org
- **Historic Brattonsville**
www.chmuseums.org/brattonsville
- **Historic Camden**
www.historic-camden.net
- **Historic Rosedale**
www.historicrosedale.org
- **Hugh Torance House and Store**
www.hughtorancehouseandstore.com
- **Kings Mountain Historical Museum**
www.kingsmountainmuseum.org
- **Latta Plantation**
www.lattaplantation.org
- **Levine Museum of the New South**
www.museumofthenewsouth.org
- **Matthews Heritage Museum**
www.matthewsheritagemuseum.org
- **Matthews Historical Foundation**
704-846-6693
- **Mint Hill Historical Society**
www.minthillhistory.com
- **Mount Holly Historical Society**
mhhistoricalsociety@gmail.com
- **Museum of the Waxhaws**
www.museumofthewaxhaws.org
- **Old Salem**
www.oldsalem.org
- **President James K. Polk State Historic Site**
polk.nchistoricsites.org
- **Reed Gold Mine State Historic Site**
www.nchistoricsites.org/reed/reed.html
- **Robinson-Spangler Carolina Room, Charlotte Mecklenburg Library**
www.cmlibrary.org
- **Rural Hill**
www.ruralhill.net
- **Schiele Museum**
www.schielemuseum.org
- **Southern Campaign of the American Revolution**
www.southerncampaign.org
- **Spencer Doll and Toy Museum**
www.spencerdollandtoymuseum.com
- **Stanly County Museum**
www.stanlycountymuseum.com
- **Union County Public Library**
www.unionlib.nc.us
- **York County Genealogical & Historical Society**
www.weblandinc.com/ycghs/member.html