



Dinner Meeting

Monday, May 21, 2012

6:30 pm - Dinner; Program follows at 7:15 pm

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

Upcoming Dinner Program

“The World Turned Upside Down: Lord Cornwallis in America

By Howard Burnham

We'll be invaded by the British for our May 21st dinner meeting. English actor-writer Howard Burnham will present a costumed dramatic monologue subtitled “Never Play Hockey with a Bishop” – a reference to Cornwallis’ eye injury. As the shade of Charles, Marquis Cornwallis, Burnham will revisit the scenes of his American campaigns from New York to the Carolinas. With resignation and humor, the redcoat commander gives the British perspective on the Revolutionary War. Among his many recollections are “Mr.” Washington making a monkey of him at the second

battle of Trenton, the Siege of Charleston, and the activities of “Bloody Ban” Tarleton.

Howard Burnham was born and raised in England, but claims American blood through his paternal grandfather. He has worked in England as an actor, educator, and museum curator. In 1998 he and his wife settled in Columbia, SC. He has developed numerous dramatic monologues featuring characters from history, and performed



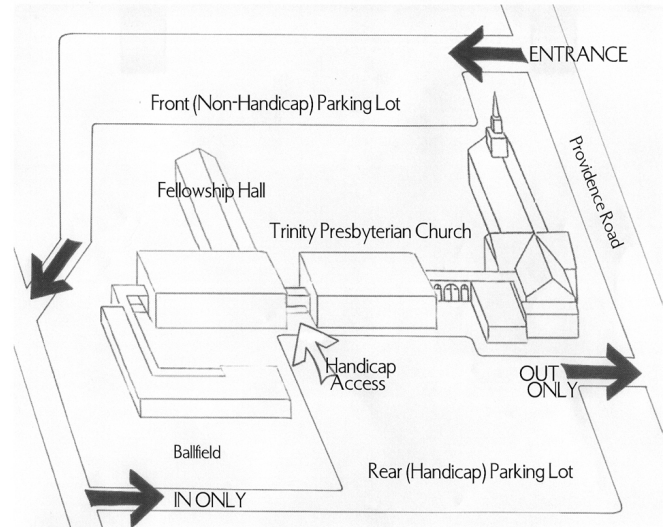
them to great acclaim on both sides of the pond. This is definitely a must-see program!

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



Remarks from the President

Hello everyone and welcome to our favorite month of the year, May. Of course, it's Mecklenburg History Month and the 237th anniversary of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence signing on May 20th. Please plan to attend all the celebration events listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

I'm very excited about our dinner program for May 21st with Howard Burnham portraying Cornwallis. He graciously agreed to present Cornwallis for us even though May 21st is Mr. Burnham's birthday! I hope you will make every effort to attend. We are getting calls from folks in South Carolina and other places who have heard that Mr. Burnham will be in Charlotte, know his reputation and want to come see his performance. Take this opportunity to invite your friends.

The history exhibit installation at Charlotte Douglas International Airport is underway and it is actually on

Concourse A rather than the international concourse. If you have occasion to go through the airport, please take a look.

The MHA Board says a reluctant goodbye to Kay Majeski who has been a Board member for the better part of 20 years, including several years as President. I don't know how we can ever replace Kay. She has been a strong leader and passionate advocate for all things related to Mecklenburg's history. She will continue as an active MHA member and we will make sure she stays involved. My personal appreciation for all Kay has done for this organization. Many of our projects moved forward because of Kay's leadership. Robin Brabham has graciously agreed to come back on the Board and we look forward to his experience and involvement.

On the History Calendar, pay particular attention to the May 12th Arts Festival at Historic Rosedale. It's a perfect Mother's Day weekend event and a great

place to find a special handmade Mother's Day gift! For those of you with children or grandchildren, the summer camps at Latta Plantation would be wonderful activities for them and they won't even notice they're learning history! Sign up soon since they fill up quickly.

Mark your calendars now for the fall dinner meetings. On September 24th, Dr. Tony Zeiss will become Captain Jack and tell us about his experiences with Meck Dec and his ride to Philadelphia in June of 1775. The November program (yet to be confirmed) will be on November 12th. As always, please encourage your friends to join MHA. Inviting them to one of our dinner meetings is an excellent way to introduce MHA. Let me know if you have any suggestions for MHA. See you on May 21st.

Linda Dalton, President
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New Interns at Latta

In 2009 Latta was contacted by a college student from the University of Ghent in Belgium, about a possible internship opportunity at the site. Evy was browsing the internet and came across Latta's website. Since then a wonderful partnership has bloomed and four interns have come to Latta to complete 5 week education internships. Evy and Nathalie came the first two years and were absolutely wonderful! The last two lambs born at Latta were named in their honor.

The most recent interns are Michiel and Maaïke. They will be here until May 4th and are doing a fantastic job with tours and school programs. It is amazing to the Latta staff how fluently they speak and understand English, and how quickly they have learned to conduct programs and tours. Both are hard workers and a joy to have around.

Michiel is 23 years old and in his final year of Teacher Training College, and lives in Ertvelde, not far from Ghent. He has a passion for history and loves to learn about and visit historic places. At home he

gives Moving Math workshops to school children, which combine math and dance to make a memorable learning experience.

Maaïke is 21 years old and lives in Koewacht, which is on the border of the Netherlands and Belgium. Her nationality is Dutch, but she chose to study in Ghent because it was closer to home than any Dutch schools. Her favorite subjects are English and history. She loves English history novels and visiting historic places. She is particularly interested in North American history and has done research papers on slavery here.

All four interns have been hosted by families in the Overlook community, in Mountain Island. Latta is grateful to these families for creating special experiences for the interns and taking them to places like Florida and Washington, DC. The internship program between the University of Ghent and Historic Latta Plantation has become so popular that interns now must compete for a spot to come. Moving forward, the plan is to have up to four interns come each year, two in the fall, and two in the spring. Latta is so appreciative of the opportunity to meet

each of these wonderful people and looks forward to a long partnership with our friends in Belgium.

—Kristin Toler



May 20th Events

Get out your 18th and 19th Century clothing and get ready for "fun on the square." May 20th falls on a Sunday this year so our celebrations will be on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 17, 18, and 19. Yes, three days of celebration. We are working ourselves up to a full week, someday.

The Thursday night, May 17th event is at the Mint Museum, downtown and the speaker is Jeff Shaara, the well-known author of a number of books on American history. His father wrote Killer Angels about the battle of Gettysburg in the Civil War. After working on the film Gettysburg made from that movie, Jeff proceeded to write sequels and prequels and then branch out into different eras of early American history, including Revolutionary War novels Rise to Rebellion and The Glorious Cause. This is an invitation-only event presented by the May 20th Society, but reenactors and docents in 18th or 19th century

dress are welcome, and needed, and get in free. Fife, Drum and Muskets will all get a chance to show their stuff. Parking in the garage below the museum will be validated. Don't we have fun when we dress up?

On Friday, May 18th, at 11:30 am we will gather at the square for the unveiling of the Charlotte Liberty Walk – 15 historic sites in the uptown area, each marked by a bronze marker or other monument (three new ones will have just been installed) and linked by granite markers in the sidewalk.

Following the CLW unveiling, we will re-form on the square with muskets and cannon, and fife and drum for addresses by politicians and other VIPs. The Meck Dec will be read followed by traditional toasts with Huzzahs! and musket and cannon fire. Then we will parade to Settlers Cemetery to honor Col. Thomas Polk.

Interpreters should arrive at the square at 11:00 am, or earlier if possible, mingle with the crowd and hand out Meck Dec copies while the soldiers play music and march up and down. Parking is available on the streets around the square – 8 quarters for 2 hours.

Finally, on Saturday, May 19, we will participate in a street fair in NoDa (the North Davidson Street arts district) from 4 to 6 pm for a formal unveiling of Revolutionary Street Art. Artist Will Puckett has painted an extensive mural on the concrete under the Matheson Street overpass on Davidson Street at the South end of NoDa. Captain Jack will be there and we will parade and celebrate this cultural event.

If you can attend and participate in costume at any or all of these events, please let us know so that we can let you send you the details as they develop.

— Jim & Ann Williams,
mhadandelion@mindspring.com

From Wagon Roads to New South City

The MHA Docent 2012 lecture series, *From Wagon Roads to New South City*, is now part of history. Your MHA Docent education committee is relieved and happy to see the end of a very successful venture. Our partnership with the Charlotte Museum of History, Levine Museum of the New South and the Arts and Science Council was essential to its success as was the support from the MHA. The speakers who volunteered their expertise were critical to our success. We began with an overview of Charlotte history by Mary Kratt and the story of the Catawba people by Dr. Stephen Criswell of USC Lancaster. The second session was led by Charlotte Museum docent Tom Phlegar sharing the story of the American Revolution in our area and Mike Sullivan covering the discovery of gold. We moved on to the story of slavery in North Carolina with Michelle Lanier of the NC African Ameri-

can Heritage Commission, and the Civil War with Dr. David Goldfield of UNC-Charlotte. Then Tom Hanchett of the Levine museum took us through the twentieth century and we were introduced to four area historic sites by their staff members. We ended the series with Kitty Wilson Evans sharing the music of slavery, Tom Hanchett sharing music that began in Charlotte and Billy Hunt on music of the Native Americans.

This was the third series presented over the past six years; we have learned a lot that will help us plan for the future. The partnership with the museums is essential due the seating capacity needed for the series, and collaboration with museum staff in planning for and choosing speakers was very important. The Arts and Science Council grant provided the courage we needed to charge for the series for the

first time and have a larger number of speakers. The 143 people who attended are avid history buffs and willing to pay a registration fee. We asked the Charlotte Museum of History to take care of the registration. Even though they were going through difficult changes, they were willing to handle the task that had been a challenge for the docents.

This year's success has left us with a model that works well and hopefully will encourage new leadership to plan the next series scheduled for winter 2014. The MHA Docent Education Committee, made up of Rachel Abernathy, Alice Bostic and Audrey Mellichamp, wishes to thank our fellow docents who helped with welcoming and caring for our series participants. We end this journey with extreme gratitude for all who made this venture so successful. We are fortunate indeed to live in a community with such wonderful history.

—Alice Bostic

Membership Renewals

Membership renewal letters for the 2012 calendar year have been mailed. You can save your organization the costs of printing and mailing by renewing now. 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 _____

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

May 21, 2012 Dinner Meeting Reservation Form

Mail to: Mecklenburg Historical Association
 c/o Linda Dalton, 2401 Sharon Road, Charlotte, NC 28211
 or email: Leaseace@aol.com

Please make checks payable to Mecklenburg Historical Association.
 Questions? Please email Linda Dalton (leaseace@aol.com) or call her at 704.661.8470.
 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)



"Preserving Mecklenburg's Heritage"

Post Office Box 35032
Charlotte, North Carolina 28235
Phone: 704-333-6422

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

Historic Rosedale

3427 N. Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC,
704 335 0325,
<http://www.historicrosedale.org>

Arts Festival, Saturday, May 12 from 10 am to 4 pm.

Meet Carolina's Finest Artisans including potters, wood turners, and jewelry makers. Enjoy demonstrations of historic crafting techniques, plus fun for the entire family with a demonstration by the Carolina Raptor Center, free pony rides, and pottery-throwing for the children.

The Patron's Breakfast at 9 am is available with the purchase of a separate ticket in advance, and offers an early opportunity to mingle with the artisans, enjoy a gourmet breakfast and preview of the items for sale at the festival.

A Victorian Wedding, Saturday and Sunday June 2 and 3 from noon to 4 pm.

Wedding bells are ringing at Rosedale as the Caldwell family prepares their home for two weddings. The first is the wedding of Dr. Caldwell to his second wife Adeline Hutchison, and the second is the wedding and "jumping the broom" ceremony of Rhea, an enslaved girl living on Dr. Caldwell's plantation. As a wedding guest you will enjoy the sounds and spirit of an antebellum wedding as one of the largest groups of living history re-enactors ever seen at Rosedale portrays the members of Dr. Caldwell's enormous household. This is the only time this year one of Rosedale's most prized artifacts, a green silk bonnet owned by Adeline Hutchison and likely made by Charlotte's renowned milli-

ner Mary Porter, will be on display to the public.

Relish Carolina, A Dinner Celebration of Southern Ingredients, Like-Minded People & Unique Spaces, Thursday, July 12th at 7:30 pm.

Reserve your spot at the 150 foot farm table which will canvas the bountiful garden and grounds of Historic Rosedale Plantation on a summer evening. Dinner will be prepared by Chef John Cornely and served family style. The mood will be relaxed, yet tasteful - similar to how the occupants of Rosedale and their guests used to feast. Celebrate with local farmers, artisans, spirit makers and Carolina lifestyle enthusiasts. One requirement: Show your personality and BYOP (Bring Your Own Plate) - there will be a plate valet. Tickets go on sale May 15th.

Latta Plantation

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

Civil War Mustering Event, Saturday, May 19 from 10 am to 4 pm, Sunday, May 20 from 1 to 4 pm.

150 years ago the Sample boys left their home at Latta (then called Riverside) and were mustered into the Company B Mecklenburg Grays. Experience the Civil War as those did who were mustered into the army. Visit the camps, watch the company drill, and much more.

Living History Weekend Fundraiser, Saturday, May 26 from 10 am to 4 pm, Sunday, May 27 from 1 to 4 pm.

Experience 19th century life with living history demonstrations that include open hearth cooking, woodworking, weaving, blacksmithing, and more. Children can make crafts, dance around the maypole, and see farm animals.

Mini Farm Camp, Tuesday through Thursday, June 12-14 from 9 am to noon each day.

This camp is for boys and girls ages 4-5 who want to learn about farm life. Campers will meet the Latta animals, including chickens, pigs, sheep, goats, a cow, mule, and horse. Each day will include hands-on farm activities, crafts, games, and of course, getting up close and personal with the animals.

53rd Call to Arms Camp, Monday through Thursday, June 18-21 from 9 am to 3 pm each day.

Advanced Civil War Camp for 13-14 year olds that have graduated out of the Civil War Soldier Camp. Experience strategic battle planning, tacticals in the woods, fire starting with flint and steel, campfire cooking, and much more.

Farm Camp, Monday through Friday, June 18-22, July 16-20, August 13-17, from 9 am to 4 pm each day.

This is an intense, extremely hands-on training course in all things 'farming' for ages 12-17. The course will include animal husbandry, historic natural farming techniques, woodworking, and more. Participants should be prepared for labor intensive work and training. This camp is designed for those with a serious interest in learning about farming, animals, and agriculture, as well as those who have a future interest in veterinary medicine.

Civil War Soldier Camp, Monday through Thursday, June 25-28, July 9-12, August 6-9, from 9 am to 3 pm each day.

Boys and girls ages 8-12 are mustered into the Union and Confederate armies to experience life as a Civil War soldier. Relive the war through a week of drills, battles, hikes, farm programs, and 19th century life. Campers receive items to keep that they will use during the camp week, including a replica musket, kepi, haversack, t-shirt, and more. The camp week will end with a

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battle engagement that families can watch and a graduation ceremony.

Miss Jane's Academy, Monday through Thursday, June 25-28, July 9-12, August 6-9, from 9 am to 3 pm each day.

This Civil War camp takes girls ages 8-12 back in time to see what life was like for women in the 19th century. Hands-on activities include spying, making fans, sewing, open-hearth cooking, and English Country Dancing plus a horse drawn wagon ride through the nature preserve. Each girl will receive an apron, bonnet, and t-shirt to keep.

Revolutionary War Soldier Camp, Monday through Thursday, July 23-26, from 9 am to 3 pm each day. Boys and girls ages 8-12 can relive the American Revolution as a Patriot or Loyalist, during a fun filled week of drills, battles and learning about soldier life.

Jr. Farm Camp, Monday through Thursday, July 30-August 2 from 9 am to 1 pm each day.

This camp is for boys and girls ages 6-8. If your child likes the outdoors and animals, they will love this experience! In addition to getting up close with a variety of farm animals, campers will learn and participate in farm chores, animal care and natural plants and medicines.

Hugh Torrance House and Store

8231 Gilead Road, Huntersville, NC,
www.torrancehouseandstore.org

The Hugh Torrance House and Store is open for tours from 2 to 5 pm on 1st and 3rd Sundays through October. The site is located on Gilead road, two miles west of I-77 exit 23. Tour dates for the summer are May 6 & 20, June 3 & 17, July 1 & 15 and August 5 and 19.

Charlotte Folk Society

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

Charlotte Folk Society Gathering Concert & Jams; all events free

Friday, May 11: featuring a CFS Members' Showcase.

Friday, June 8: featuring Viva Klezmer.

Sunday, July 1: Annual Old-Time Music Jam and Ice Cream Social, Charlotte Museum of History, 1 to 4 pm.

Friday, August 10: featuring finger style guitarist and luthier Wayne Henderson and Friends.

President James K. Polk State Historic Site

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

The Art of Music in the Mid Nineteenth Century, Saturday, June 9 from 10 am to 4 pm, Free.

This program features the music that was popular during President James K. Polk's administration. It varies from classical to folk and visitors will get the chance to try their hand at making music. Artisans will sell instruments and sheet music and create a hand-on area where visitors can make their own simplified versions of instruments.

Breaking the Mold: Mixed Media Creations, Saturday, July 14 from 10 am to 4 pm, Free.

This program focuses on the process of creating utilitarian and decorative objects from wood, metal, and clay. Watch a blacksmith demonstration, learn about the art of woodworking, and meet with local potters. The craft area lets you try your hand at creating your own pottery. Local artists will be on hand to sell their work.

Be the President for a Day Camp, Monday, July 23 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Children will learn about the electoral process and the Polk Campaign of 1844. They will nominate candidates for President and hold a mock election filled with speeches, campaign posters and slogans! Lunch is provided. Boys and girls aged 8-12 years. Hours: 9am-3pm, Fee: \$35 per child.

Mecklenburg County Settlers Camp, Monday, July 30 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Experience life as an early pioneer of Mecklenburg County. Participants will learn about the early days of settlement in North Carolina. They will try their hand at land surveying, panning for gold, building a portion of a log cabin, and help prepare lunch over a campfire. Boys and girls aged 8-12 years. Fee: \$35 per child.

Young Artisans Camp, Monday, August 6 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Let your creative side take charge and learn about various artistic mediums common during the 19th century. We will partner with the Cultural & Civic Arts Center of Pineville to give campers an opportunity to create their own pottery, learn about period music, try their hand at quill writing, design their own tin punch decoration, learn about the art of blacksmithing, and much more. Boys and girls aged 8-12 years. Fee: \$35 per child.

Threading the Story: Spinning and Weaving, Saturday, August 11 from 10 am to 4 pm.

This program will focus on the process of creating fabric from fiber to yarn to clothing. Staff will interpret the various steps that are involved in the fabric making process. Visitors will learn about spinning, weaving, knitting, and dyeing. The market area will feature the creations of local artisans.

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Matthews Historical Foundation

Programs held at the Matthews Woman's Club,
208 South Trade Street
matthewshistoricalfoundation.org

Discover Matthews Day, Saturday, May 12, from 10 am to 4 pm.

Visit the downtown shops and restaurants, learn about local non-profits, hear about the Seaboard Railroad, visit the Library, learn about the new Matthews Heritage Museum, go on the downtown walking tour, visit the Reid House, see what your town has to offer. At Renfrow's get your own bottle of Blenheim's Ginger Ale, bottled since 1903.

Schiele Museum

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

Cowboys: Dust of the Trail, New Exhibit, Opening Day Saturday May 19 from 10 am to 4 pm.

Exhibit open through December. Take a ride back in time to the real Wild West of the American Cowboy. Retrace their evolution from the Mexican vaqueros of the old Spanish southwest to the hardworking cowhands of today's Great Basin ranches. Discover the tools and techniques necessary for work in the cattle trade. It's an epic tale of doggies, drifters and drovers—roundups, riatas and rodeos—bunk houses, bronco busters and buckaroos!

"Of Canes and Reeds..." Sunday, May 27 from 1 to 5 pm.

In the 1700's the Piedmont region of NC contained vast areas called Canebreaks where Rivercane grew. This native grass was a source for Catawba and Cherokee basketry, important forage for livestock, and

served settlers as angling rods, pipestems and other "gadgets". On the Backcountry Farm discover some of the uses of this plant which was once common to our 18th Century ancestors and in the 21st Century is critically threatened.

Backcountry Frolick, Sunday, June 24 from 1 to 5 pm.

Enough of the hard work – time for some frivolity and fun! Join us as costumed interpreters try their hand at an assortment of traditional games familiar to Backcountry folks – card, dice, board games and more! Visit the cabins to glimpse the daily life in the late 1700's. Be sure to save enough energy for a round of dance and a reel or two stepped to the lively tunes played by our fine musicians.

Unite Ourselves: The Tryon Resolves, Saturday, August 25 from 10 am to 4 pm.

Come for a day of history and fun as we celebrate our local Independence Day! The Tryon Resolves, signed August 14, 1775, is a local Declaration of Independence adopted by citizens of Tryon County (now Gaston, Lincoln, Cleveland and Rutherford Counties) which predates the United States Declaration of Independence by almost a year! In it the signers vowed resistance to "unprecedented, barbarous and bloody actions committed by British troops [against] our American brethren". Witness the confusion of Backcountry folk – to sign was treason!

An official reading of the Tryon Resolves will be held at 3:00pm featuring 51 names of local pioneers who bravely signed for freedom. There will be firing demonstrations and settlers with 18th century trade items all day.

Workshop: Handmade Traditional 3-legged Stool, Saturday, May 26

from 9 am to 4 pm.

Master Woodsman Bob Thornburg will guide participants in making a traditional 3-legged stool from the Tulip (Yellow) Poplar tree. Learn to identify this important native species as you hone skills with period tools: hatchet, draw knife, auger, froe and maul. Each participant will take home their very own hand crafted period piece.

Registration fees: \$30 per person. To Register contact Susan Dyer at the Schiele, susand@cityofgastonia.com or 704-854-6676. Space is limited to 8. Your registration fee guarantees your place. Registration Deadline: May 11.

Historic Brattonsville

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

Memorial Day Monday, May 28 from 10 am to 4 pm.

Brattonsville will be open for a special day of Living History to honor those who have served in our military through the ages. Learn about 18th or 19th century military customs from men who represent units from the past.

Independence Day Celebration, Wednesday, July 4 from 10am-4 pm.

Members of the 34th regiment of the South Carolina Militia will parade before the home of Dr. J. S. Bratton. Ladies and Gentlemen, both young and old, not belonging to the company, who may feel desirous of participating in the festivities on the day, may join the 34th Regiment. Come and hear the Declaration of Independence read, raise your glasses in toasts, and play a friendly game of stick ball to celebrate the day.

The Battle of Huck's Defeat, Saturday July 14 from 10 am to 4 pm, Sunday, July 15 from 10 am to 3 pm.
The Revolutionary War in the Carolina

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backcountry was one of intense fighting that involved all society. See how soldiers and civilians survived the war. Two battles will be reenacted including Huck's Defeat, which will take place near the actual site of the engagement. Reenactments will be at 2 p.m. each day. Music performances, firearms demonstrations, talks by noted experts, and camp life will be shown throughout the day. Younger visitors can explore the Children's Encampment area with toys and games, military drills and Revolutionary War camp.

County Court Day: To Administer the Peace, Saturday, August 4 from 10 am to 4 pm.

Actual 18th century court cases, as they were recorded in the handwritten books of the county court, will be recreated at Historic Brattonsville to give visitors a glimpse into the legal system of our early republic. Trespassing, slander, overcharging for liquor at taverns and rioting were common offences of the time. Witness the court activities through scripted scenarios delivered by costumed interpreters.

Gaston County Museum

131 West Main Street Dallas, NC.
(704)-922-7681, #2
www.gastoncountymuseum.org

Mother/Daughter Tea, Saturday, May 12 at 11 am and 2 pm.

Learn about Victorian etiquette, manners, and the history of tea in America. Partake in a tea party complete with fresh brewed tea, lemonade, pastries, whipped cream, and other traditional offerings. While dressing up is not required, it is encouraged! Ladies – wear your favorite hat! For ages 6-up, \$10 per person, limited to 25 per session. RSVP by May 9 to Lynn Duncan at 704.922.7681 x106 or lduncan@co.gaston.nc.us

Civil War Living History, Saturday, May 12 from 11:30 am to 2:30 PM.

The Confederate History and Monument Preservation Society, portraying Company H of the 23rd NC troops will have a display and answer questions about the Civil War, and give firing and drilling demonstrations. The wreath laying at the Confederate Marker in Dallas, at 1 pm will be in honor of North Carolina Confederate Memorial Day

Civil War Soldier Camp, Tuesdays, June 19 and August 7 from 10 am to 3 pm.

This special one day experience for kids ages 8 – 12 is \$30 per child. Children will begin the day by setting up a camp, learning period military marching drills, and observing historic firing demonstrations. Then campers will learn about home life, experience writing letters to soldiers, play a game of Town Ball, and finish the day by engaging in a special mission! Campers should bring a bag lunch and wear closed-toed shoes. This program will be very interactive and hands-on. RSVP required to Lynn Duncan at (704)-922-7681 x106.

Victorian Girls Camp, Tuesday, July 10 from 10 am to 3 pm.

Go back in time to the 1800's when young ladies wore aprons and ribbons in their hair. Learn needlework, use watercolors, and plant flowers! Create a Victorian fan to escape from the summer sun while enjoying amusements such as graces, rolling hoops, and croquet! Lastly, relax at a formal afternoon tea of delicious refreshments! An apron will be provided for each girl to take home at the end of the day. This special one day experience for kids ages 8 – 12 is \$30 per child. Campers should bring a bagged lunch and wear closed-toed shoes. This program will be very interactive and hands-on. RSVP required by June 19 to Lynn

Duncan at 704.922.7681 x106.

Red Hills English Country Dancers at the Museum, Monday, July 30 at 7:30 pm.

The Red Hills English Country Dancers of York County, dressed in clothing of the 18th and 19th centuries, will dance such favorites as "The Virginia Reel," "Picking Up Sticks," and "Mr. Issac's Maggot." The audience may participate in several dances. Light refreshments will be served.

Other Sites with Upcoming Events

Andrew Jackson State Park
www.southcarolinaparks.com/park-finder/state-park/1797.aspx

Cowpens National Battlefield
www.nps.gov/cowp

Fort Dobbs State Historic Site
www.fortdobbs.org

Guilford Courthouse National Military Park, www.nps.gov/guco/index.htm

Kings Mountain National Military Park
SC Hwy 216. I-85, Exit 2 in North Carolina. Follow the signs. (864)-936-7921
<http://www.nps.gov/kimo>

Kings Mountain State Park
I-85 Exit 8 in NC and follow the signs.
www.southcarolinaparks.com/park-finder/state-park/945.aspx

The McCelvey Center
212 E. Jefferson St., York, SC,
803.684.3948 x 33
www.chmuseums.org/ourmuseums/hiscenter

Reed Gold Mine State Historic Site
9621 Reed Mine Rd., Midland, NC
28163, 704 721 GOLD (4653)
www.nchistoricsites.org/reed/reed.htm