



Dinner Meeting

Monday, May 12, 2014

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

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

Upcoming Dinner Program

Tom Phlegar: *The American Revolution As Occurred In The Carolinas*

Tom Phlegar, past president and member of the Mecklenburg Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), will present our May 12th program on the events in the Carolina backcountry from early 1780 to the surrender of the British at Yorktown. More battles occurred within 100 miles of Charlotte than all the rest of the colonies combined over the eight-year period of the Revolutionary War. A detailed description of the Battle of Charlotte and places such as Ramsour's Mill, Kings Mountain, Guilford Courthouse, Waxhaw and others will be included along with pictures of the areas discussed and how they look today. What is passed by on a daily basis often is the location of a very significant

occurrence. More important is the examination of the people and personalities involved on both sides.

The overall purpose of this presentation is to convey a deeper appreciation of this area's part in the struggle for our nation's independence and the sacrifices made by our forefathers so that we, as ordinary citizens, may enjoy the liberties we have today.

Mr. Phlegar received his education at VMI and Duquesne, retired from Calgon Corporation and is a retired Colonel from the US Army Reserves after serving thirty years

Active Army and Reserves. He has lived in Charlotte for forty years.

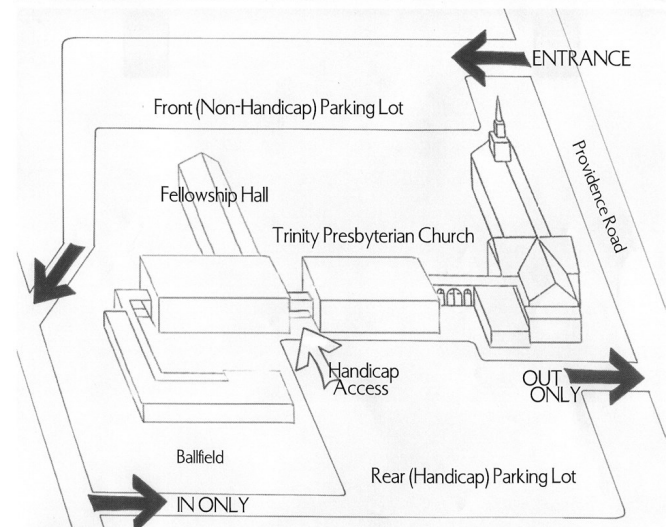


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Remarks from the President

Hello to everyone! I can't wait to hear Tom Phlegar speak to us on May 12 about our immediate area's role in the Revolutionary War. What an appropriate program for Meck Dec month. Please make your reservations now (form elsewhere in the newsletter) and join us.

I have very good news. MHA has purchased its own portable microphone and speaker system for our use at the MHA dinner meetings and other MHA events. We simply had to solve the problems with the sound system at Trinity Presbyterian so that everyone can hear our wonderful dinner speakers. When you come on May 12th, I promise you will be able to hear the speaker in the back.

Our March 29th workshop on Tips To Preserve Family Treasures was a great success. Twenty-five members of the public heard practical advice on how to care for and preserve family treasures. Almost everyone brought an item to share for the Pop-up Museum where our instructor, Adrienne Burney from Archives and History in Raleigh, told us exactly how each should be handled and stored. I now know what to do and not do with my great-great grandmother's overshot coverlet. The general information she shared was also excellent.

Jane Estep and I have co-chaired the MHA Catawba River Valley Decorative Arts Survey for (this is a shock to us) twenty years now. We have about 700 images of objects we have photographed and documented over the years and we continue to add more. Our goal

is to have a searchable website so anyone can access our information and possibly have an exhibit and catalog. We recently presented a program on the survey for the Duke Mansion history series and, the same week, for the Rowan County Colonial Dames Committee. It was great fun to finally share some of the amazing stories we have. The response was very positive and encouraging.

Remember, our fall dinner meetings will be on September 15 with David Erdman as our speaker and November 17 when Tom Link will present the history of the Charlotte Fire Department. Hope to see you all on May 12th at Trinity.

Linda Dalton
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Highlights of the MHA Docent Committee Activities

The MHA Docents meet the first Tuesday in each month at 10:00AM in the Fellowship Hall of the Sugaw Creek Presbyterian Church. After our business meetings we have a speaker who focuses on a topic related to the history of Mecklenburg and its environs.

In January, Ann Glover recounted how a small group of dedicated women overcame countless obstacles to acquire what has become Charlotte's historic gem, Historic Rosedale Plantation. Our February speaker, Tom Link, gave a presentation on fire fighting in Charlotte including the return to the city of The Neptune, an historic vehicle used for fire fighting. Our own Alice Bostic spoke in March regarding the book *Island at the Center of the World*. She told us about many connections

between the Dutch settlers in Manhattan with the settlers in the Piedmont.

In April, our meeting was held on a tour bus that took us to Seagrove, NC. There we visited a museum and several potteries, saw demonstrations, and made purchases. Everyone agreed that this was a valuable experience for docents and guests.

Our nationally acclaimed Historic Cooking Guild was featured in the February issue of *Our State*. Not only do our docents work at sites, they also work for their sites through fund-raising activities and by speaking to state legislators. We are very proud of these docents who work at the Polk Historic Site.

Our Education Series was well received by the public on two Saturdays in February. The series is held every two years and continued the tradition of having excellent speakers who

gave new insight into Piedmont life from settlement times to the present. The docent library was reorganized last summer. In the autumn, we gratefully accepted a portion of the Norris Preyer book collection to add to our library.

Barbara Jackson
MHA Docent Committee Chairman



Sid Luck of Luck Works Pottery in Seagrove demonstrates throwing a jar for the Docents

Harry Golden Honored

Sunday May 4, 2:30pm - Sign unveiling on 7th Street near Hawthorne Lane (grass strip next to Adams 7th Street Market). Then all walk to St. Martin's Church Fellowship Hall for program 3pm - 4:15pm.

North Carolina will place a state highway marker to honor Harry Golden (1902-1981), internationally renowned author, humorist and Civil Rights activist of the 1950s and 1960s. Publisher of the quirky monthly *The Carolina Israelite*, he is best known for the best-selling

book *ONLY IN AMERICA* which looked back to his New York Jewish immigrant roots and also used satire to skewer the absurdity of segregation in his beloved adopted South.

Join us for the marker unveiling followed by a program exploring Golden's life and times with Dr. Tom Cole and Sam Shapiro of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library and retired Charlotte Observer editorial page editor Jack Claiborne.

Presented by Levine Museum of the New South in partnership with the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library and the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources.

For more information, please call:
(704) 333-1887
x 228



MHA Docent Program

Tuesday, May 6
Celebrating the Meck Dec

The meeting will be held at the Fellowship Hall of Sugaw Creek Presbyterian Church. Refreshments at 9:30 am, business meeting at 10, program at 11. Visitors are welcome.

Charlotte native Marion Redd will present a program about the history of celebrating the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. Parades, ceremonies, picnics, and other events have been held on May 20th since the mid-1820s. Some were attended by sitting presidents, and those, along with others attracted thousands of visitors to our city. After the 1975 bicentennial, these celebrations became less frequent. Then in the early 1990s Marion Redd led the movement to revitalize the practice. He will tell us the fascinating story of how generations of citizens kept our history alive.

Happy Birthday Jean Boggs!

We wish a very happy birthday to our own Jean Boggs who turned 91 years young on April 27. Jean has done so much for our history, including preserving Latta Plantation. She lobbied the County Commission for \$110,000 to restore the house, raised \$160,000 for period furnishings, and served as Latta's president for thirteen years.

The Visitors' Center there is named in her honor. Jean has received many awards including the 2008 Gertrude Carraway Award from Preservation North Carolina. She was married to the late Dr. Laurence Boggs, has sons David and Randall, daughter Elizabeth, and five grandsons. Jean has traveled to over 130 countries including seven continents. Thank you, Jean, for your enduring contributions to Mecklenburg history.

May 20th Events

On May 20th, Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence Day, we will have our celebration uptown at the square at 12 Noon. Please plan to attend and come in colonial dress if you can.

The evening of May 20th at the Charlotte Knights Baseball Game in the brand new uptown stadium, they will announce the "First Annual MeckDec Day at the Ballpark." They will run the Meck Dec film from the May 20th Society on the big scoreboard, and have someone read the Meck Dec. Reinactors will march in, playing fife and drum, and fire the muskets and cannon. Please join us!!

Membership Renewals

It's time to renew your MHA membership for 2014. 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!*

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

Please send my MHA Newsletter by:
 Email U.S. Mail Both

May 12, 2014 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)



"Preserving Mecklenburg's Heritage"

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

VISIT US ONLINE
WWW.MECKDEC.ORG

News from the Matthews Heritage Museum

Museum founder, Paula Lester, was given a Special Recognition Award from the North Carolina Museums Council on March 24, 2014. This award is given to those affiliated with a museum in North Carolina who have demonstrated significant interest and support in the programs, goals, and policies or made significant contributions of time, money, or ideas to a museum in the state. Paula was given this award for her work in preserving the town's history and specifically for her leadership role in developing the new Matthews Heritage Museum, which opened in June, 2013.

On October 28th, 2013, the town recognized her ongoing efforts in preserving the history of Matthews by presenting her with a key to the city and the North Carolina Order of the Long Leaf Pine Award from the Governor.

The Matthews Heritage Museum celebrated National Volunteer Month on April 1 with a luncheon for their volunteers. Each volunteer was given a lapel pin featuring the museum as a small token of appreciation. The Volunteer of the Year,

Marty Groet was feted for his work on collection documentation and the almost 200 hours he has given in the last year. Together, the volunteers collectively donated 1090 hours, or the equivalent of another part time person. The museum could not function without their support!

News from Historic Brattonsville

Historic Brattonsville's "[By the Sweat of Our Brows](#)" received the 2014 [Preserving our Places in History Project Award from the SC African American Heritage Commission](#). "By the Sweat of Our Brows" is part of the living history programming at Historic Brattonsville and features the experience of the African American journey from enslavement to today.

This project was recognized as "a project that significantly and dramatically influences in a permanent way the preservation and interpretation of African American history and culture in SC." It was presented to York County's Culture and Heritage Museums on March 28, 2014, at the South Carolina Archives & History Center in Columbia.

Summer Camps at Historic Sites

There is a long list of amazing summer camps planned at several of our historic sites. Please contact the following sites directly or visit their websites for complete summer camp information.

Historic Latta Plantation

www.lattaplantation.org

For additional information, contact Matthew Waisner at 704-875-2312, ext. 305

Spencer Doll and Toy Museum

www.spencerdollandtoymuseum.com

Each camp costs \$35.00 and runs from 10 am to 3 pm. Reservations required. Bring a sack lunch.

Old Salem www.oldsalem.org

President James K. Polk State Historic Site

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

Schiele Museum, Gastonia

1500 E. Garrison Blvd., Gastonia, N.C.

www.schielemuseum.org

Camps are 7:30 am to 5:30 pm, reservations required, cost \$175 per week, for information contact 704-854-6676.

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>

Charlotte Folk Society

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

Charlotte Folk Society Gathering & Jams, 7:30-10:00 PM. Free; donations appreciated. Doors open 7 PM.

-Friday, May 9: New Southern Ramblers, celebrating 32 years together, perform southern dance tunes, traditional vocals, and flatfoot dancing.

-Friday, June 13: Charlotte Folk Society Members Showcase highlights our many talented musicians. Expect a variety of musical genres!

-Friday, July 11: Pete Seeger - A Musi-

cal Tribute to Courage featuring Harry Taylor, Sandra Porter Thomas, Rolfe Neigenfind, and Mason Schmitt.

- Friday, August 8: Wayne Henderson and Clay Lundsford, two world-class "thumb and finger pick" style guitarists each demonstrates his unique style.

Historic Rosedale

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

Mother's Day Tea at Historic Rosedale, Saturday, May 3 at 1 pm.

Enjoy a Mother's Day Tea and a presentation of "How to Dress a Lady – from Pantaloons to Petticoats," In the formal gardens of the 200 year old plantation home. Advance reservations are required. To Dress a Lady gives a glance into the life of the plantation Mistress, Harriet Davidson Caldwell, as she dresses and prepares for the customary duty

of calling on friends and relatives. Visitors will enjoy an engaging performance by one of our Master Docents in the spring glory of Rosedale's formal garden. The lady's wardrobe will be surveyed from the inside out. from undergarments to outerwear, or in the words of the period, from chemise to mantle. And according to custom tea will be served in a gracious southern manner.

Latta Plantation

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

World War II Reenactment, Saturday and Sunday, May 3-4 from 10 am to 4 pm.

Experience the D-Day invasion of France. The plantation will be transformed into a French farm and the battle that will take place each day will be a representation of what happened after the Allied forces landed on the beach and pushed inland. Meet reenactors portraying Allied and Axis sol-

diers and French Partisans. There will be demonstrations throughout the weekend and a main battle each day.

Civil War Reenactment, Saturday, May 31 and Sunday June 1, from 10 am to 4 pm. Explore the Civil War in 1864 with a main battle each day and ongoing demonstrations throughout the weekend. Walk through the soldier camps, shop with Civil War sutlers, participate in a Saturday tea, and enjoy a hot meal from Appalachian Smoke.

Hugh Torance House and Store

8231 Gilead Road, Huntersville, NC
www.hughtorancehouseandstore.com

Summer Tour Schedule

Hugh Torance House and Store is open for regular tours from 2 to 5 pm on the first and third Sundays of each month in May through October.

Special Tour of the Hugh Torance House and Store, Wednesday, May 7 at 11 am.

You are invited to join the Colonial Dames for a tour of this historic house and store and learn about the arrival of Hugh Torance in Mecklenburg in the 1770s and about the family's mercantile and plantation life in the 19th century. The vast collection of documents saved by the family allows us to interpret the site with detailed authenticity. The tour has been arranged by the Governor John Archdale chapter of the National Society of Colonial Dames of the 17th Century.

The Charlotte Museum of History

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

Downton Abbey-style Tea, Sunday, April 27 at 4 to 5:30 pm.

Registration requested. Cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for the public. Join us for a Downton Abbey-style English tea featuring trivia games and prizes. The event will include freshly-brewed hot tea and desserts made with recipes from The Unofficial Downton Abbey Cookbook. Following tea, guests may tour the Hezekiah Alexander House and Museum galleries.

Living History Saturday, May 10 from 1 to 5 pm. Join the Piedmont backcountry folk as they go about their daily activities. Free with paid admission.

History Talks Lecture Series – Lectures and Book Signings:

The First American Declaration of Independence? The Disputed History of the Mecklenburg Declaration of May 20, 1775 by Scott Syfert, Saturday, May 17 at 1 pm.

A lively and informative discussion of the tantalizing evidence for and against the existence of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, presented by Scott Syfert, noted local author and lawyer.

“Light Horse Harry” Lee and the War for Independence in North Carolina by John Beakes, Saturday, June 14 at 1 pm.

Henry Lee was a member of the famous Lee family of Virginia and the father of Robert E. Lee. He was a skilled horseman who was commissioned as a captain in the fifth group of the Virginia Light Dragoons and sent north to join the Continental Army. Harry attracted the attention and admiration of General George Washington and was rapidly promoted. He soon earned the nickname “Light Horse Harry.”

Camp Followers and Female Civilians in the Revolution: Analyzing the Myths and Setting the Record Straight by Robert M. Dunkerly, Saturday, June 28 at 1 pm.

In early America, women managed their household, farm or plantation. Cooking and making cloth and garments occupied a majority of their time. During the American Revolution, some women left their traditional role in the home to follow the militias and the regular army. Whether as civilians or camp followers, women played a vital role in the daily routine of the armies.

Rock the Queen City! Thursday, June 12 at 6 to 8:30 pm.

There Was a Time: Rock & Roll in the 1960s in Charlotte is just out in a second, enlarged edition. Co-author Daniel Coston, a popular local photographer and writer, shares some of the images and behind-the-scene stories of the music and the people who made it. Then co-author Jake Berger, a longtime Charlotte musician, and his band Man-nish Boys play a short set that will get you up and dancing. Co-sponsored by Levine Museum of the New South.

Teas of the British Isles, Sundays (dates below) at 4 to 5:30 pm.

Join us for a delightful and informative afternoon tea that explores the tea customs and food of the British Isles.

- 29 June: Ireland
- 27 July: Wales
- 17 August: Scotland
- 28 September: England

Fourth of July Celebration, Friday, July 4 from 10 am to 2 pm.

Join us for a patriotic celebration featuring lively presentations, tours of patriot Hezekiah Alexander Home Site, viewing of a rare nineteenth century Liberty flag, children's crafts, and refreshments.

-10 am, Liberty, the founding cause of the American Revolution by Kay Peninger, Charlotte Museum of History Executive Director.

-11 am, Battles of the American Revolution from British and Patriot Perspectives, by Tom Phlegar and Hugh Dussek

-12 Noon, The Civil War: The Birth of the United States of America, by Mary Turk-Meena, Gettysburg Historian and Board Chair, Charlotte Museum of History.

Robinson-Spangler Carolina Room, Charlotte Mecklenburg Library

310 North Tryon Street, Charlotte,
704-416-0150 www.cmlibrary.org

Race, Class, and Power in the New South City: Revisiting Bittersweet Legacy, Saturday, May 3 at 11 am. Beatties Ford Road Library.

In her 1994 study, *Bittersweet Legacy: The Black and White “Better Classes” in Charlotte, 1850-1910*, Dr. Janette Greenwood presented evidence of political and professional cooperation between middle-class blacks and whites in the generations following Reconstruction. Professor Greenwood is returning to Charlotte to revisit her study in the light of twenty years of subsequent scholarship and to reflect on the importance of community members whose stories, documents, and photos made her work possible.

Matthews Heritage Museum

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

Let's Play Ball, a new exhibit open May 22 through August 23. This new exhibit features the Matthews Athletic and Recreational Association and it's over 50 years of history. It will present a history of the organization from its founding in 1956 to the present. What started as an effort to sponsor a Little League Baseball Program has grown over the years to include programs for softball, baseball, football, lacrosse, soccer, tennis and cheerleading. The community has supported this growth and MA-RA continues with a strong youth program today and thirteen fields for sports.

Levine Museum of the New South

200 E. Seventh Street, Charlotte, NC,
704-333-1887
www.museumofthenewsouth.org

Harry Golden Marker Unveiling, Sunday May 4 at 2:30 pm outdoors at 7th Street & Hawthorne Lane, Charlotte, Followed by a program at 3 pm at St. Martin's Episcopal Church, 1510 E. 7th St., Free. See article elsewhere in this newsletter.

Schiele Museum

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

Sheepshearing, Sunday, May 4 from 1 to 5 pm. Each spring the sheep are sheared (given a haircut) at the Backcountry Farm; the sheep are cool in the summer and the wool is made into cloth to keep the Pioneer family warm in the winter. At this annual event 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 tapeloom. Discover the difference between a short-gown and a waist coat as youngsters "dress the part" of a backcountry child.

Plant to Petticoat: The Story of Flax, Sunday, June 1 from 1 to 5 pm.

Long before cotton became King in the South, the early settlers in the Carolinas relied on the strong fibers of the flax plant for processing into linen thread and fabric for hand-sewn clothing. Visit the Backcountry Farm to see costumed interpreters processing flax in 18th Century fashion. Try your hand at braking, scutching and hackling.

The Catawba Indians: People of the River, Sunday, July 13 at 2 pm.

Native American culture comes alive in this special presentation by Keith Little Bear Brown. Keith is a Catawba potter and storyteller dedicated to the preservation and practice of the traditional arts passed down to him from his grandmother and other elders of the tribe.

Tools of Stone, Saturday, August 2, from 1 to 3 pm. Visit the Aboriginal Studies Center to see live demonstrations of stone tool making as a group of east coast flint knappers gather to reproduce the knives, axes and projectile points of our prehistoric ancestors. While you're there explore recreated prehistoric structures at the Stone Age Heritage Site.

Under the Shade Tree, Sunday, August 24, from 1 to 5 pm. With the early harvest behind them, families and friends gather to rest and recreate, escaping the searing Piedmont heat under the shade of the old oak tree. Join us for a lazy day of Piedmont pastimes – watermelon eating, seed-spitting contests, games and amusements enjoyed by early settlers in the late 1700's.

Museum of the Waxhaws

8215 Waxhaw Hwy., Waxhaw, N. C.
704-843-1832 museumofthewaxhaws.org

Armed Forces Day, Saturday and Sunday, May 17-18, 10 am to 4 pm.

Military displays and reenactors. Admission free for Veterans and their families.

Memorial Day, Saturday and Sunday, May 24 and 25, 10 am to 4 pm.

Military displays and reenactors. Admission free for Veterans and their families.

Living History Day, Saturday, June 21, 10 am to 4 pm.

Featuring a lively debate between two historical figures "Why Do We Need Freedom From the King."

Fort Mill History Museum

310 North White Street, (803)-802-3646
www.fortmillhistorymuseum.org

Shifting Ground, the History of Land Use in Fort Mill, a New Exhibit.

This exhibit tells the history of land use in the Fort Mill area from the 1600s to the present day. It is told through the media of high school art students' paintings depicting five significant periods of Fort Mill's history.

York County Genealogical & Historical Society

P.O. Box 3061 CRS, Rock Hill, SC
29732, www.weblandinc.com/ycghs/member.html

Visit Flint Hill Baptist Church, Fort Mill, Sunday, May 18 at 2 pm.

Annual meeting to honor veterans from all wars from the Revolution through the mid-20th century.

Visit Winthrop University, Rock Hill, Saturday, July 26, at 9 am.

Dr. Eddie Lee will talk about the history of Winthrop University and then lead a

walking tour of historic sites on the Winthrop campus. Gathering point to be announced.

Fort Dobbs State Historic Site

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

Living History Weekend, Saturday, June 14 from 10 am to 4 pm and Sunday, June 15 from 10 am to 3 pm, Free.

Historic interpreters will present musket and cannon firing demonstrations as well as on-going displays of French and Indian War military camp life.

Cowpens National Battlefield

I-85 South Carolina Exit 83, follow signs,
(864)-461-2828 www.nps.gov/cowp

Kings Mountain and Cowpens: Our Victory Was Complete, Lecture and Book Signing by Robert Brown, Saturday, May 10 at 2 pm, Free.

Mr. Brown will speak about the American Revolution in the back country as a civil war.

The Military Staff Ride, Saturday, May 24 at 12:30 pm, Free.

Retired Lieutenant Colonel John Moncure researched and wrote the original Cowpens Staff Ride the military uses today. He will speak about what a military Staff Ride is, how the military uses battlefields to train officers, conduct a Staff Ride of the battlefield for the visitors to experience. Additional information and The Staff Ride by John Moncure is available in PDF form on the website.

Women of the Revolution: Bravery and Sacrifice on the Southern Battlefields, Lecture and Book Signing by Robert Dunkerly, Saturday, June 28 at 10:30 am, Free.

Mr. Dunkerly will speak about the roles of women during the war.

Kings Mountain Historical Museum

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

"Say Ahh!" The Incredible Medical History of Kings Mountain, Exhibit Open from June 14 to October 25, Free.

From doctors and dentists, to pharmacies

and folk remedies, this exhibit presents an historical overview of all things related to health and well-being in Kings Mountain and the surrounding region.

King's Mountain, Lecture and Book Signing by Sharyn McCrumb,

Wednesday, May 14 at 5:30 pm, Free. Sharyn McCrumb is an award-winning Southern writer of best-selling historical novels. Her 2013 novel King's Mountain tells the story of the battle from the points of view of Patriot militia colonel John Sevier and Tory camp follower Virginia Sal. It brings to life a little-known story of the American Revolution: how the Overmountain Men, an unpaid, poorly equipped volunteer army of Appalachian frontiersmen, set off in search of the enemy and won a battle against well-trained British troops, thus giving the colonists renewed hope of victory.

A Passel of Hate, Lecture and Book Signing by Joe Epley, Friday, May 23 at 6 pm, Free.

Joe Epley, retired from the Army Green Berets and a career in public relations, has written a fact-based historical novel telling of the triumphs and tragedies of the lives surrounding the Battle of Kings Mountain. This pivotal Revolutionary War conflict brutally pit brother against brother in the Carolina Piedmont frontier in 1780. The context of the battle is brought into sharp focus through the highly personal experiences of the families and individuals who shaped its outcome.

Little Known and Fascinating Facts about the Battle of Kings Mountain, Lecture and Book Signing by Robert Dunkerly, Friday, June 27 at 6 pm, Free.

Robert Dunkerly is the author of several local Revolutionary War history books. He will present a 30-minute lecture highlighting some of the fun facts from his book The Battle of Kings Mountain: Eyewitness Accounts, and will be available after to sign some of his many titles available in the Museum's Gift Shop.

Old Salem

www.oldsalem.org

Karsten Petersen & Sons: A Trade Shop in Transition, opened March 21 in the J. Blum House.

Karsten Petersen, originally from Christiansfeld, Denmark set up a turner's shop in Salem in 1813 to produce chairs, tables, and textile equipment such as reels and spinning wheels. He then transitioned to producing case furniture in the

new classical style. With his two sons he operated one of the most important cabinet shops in 19th-century Salem, defining the style of mid-19th century Salem furniture. The sons continued the shop until the end of the 19th century.

Mom's Herbal Remedies, Saturday, May 24, from 10 to 11 am. Free.

Single Brother's Workshop. Learn many ways to use herbs throughout the year, fresh or dried. Herbal products will be available for purchase following the workshop.

Independence Day Celebration and Naturalization Ceremony, Friday, July 4 from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Enjoy hands-on activities, music, games, food and fun. Experience a moving naturalization ceremony at 10 a.m. and a jazz concert at 1:30 & 2:45 p.m. featuring the free flowing sounds of the Freeport Jazz Band.

Independence Weekend Celebration, Saturday, July 5 from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Patriotic activities and demonstrations for the whole family.

War of 1812 Commemoration, Saturday, August 23 from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Commemorate the anniversary with a day of special hands-on activities, demonstrations, music, and more.

Spencer Doll and Toy Museum

108 Fourth St., Spencer, NC,
(704)-762-9359
www.spencerdollandtoymuseum.com

Bodacious Birthday Bash, Saturday, June 7 from 1 to 4 pm.

Come help celebrate our big second birthday. Drop in and see our new exhibits. Light refreshments, door prizes, special gift shop discounts all day.

New Doll Exhibits, Mid-June.

Say goodbye to Sassy Senile Sisters cloth doll creations extraordinaire and hello to hand created story book dolls made by a club from Western North Carolina. These creations need to be seen to be appreciated. They will join GI Joe and the Schoenhut Circus, Beaudoir Dolls and much more.

Antiques Appraisal Fair (Roadshow style), Friday and Saturday, August 22 and 23, from 10 am to 4 pm.

Fundraiser for the museum. Antiques dealer Michael Hanson will examine your treasures and will offer advice and infor-

mation regarding a broad spectrum of general merchandise including toys. Bring in any type of family heirloom or yard sale bargain to find out the truths about them. Cost is \$5.00 per item, limit two items per person.

FOR ADDITIONAL EVENTS, please visit these sites:

- **Andrew Jackson State Park**
www.southcarolinaparks.com/park-finder/state-park/1797.aspx
 - **Duke Mansion**
www.dukemansion.com
 - **Fort Dobbs State Historic Site**
www.fortdobbs.org
 - **Historic Brattonsville**
www.chmuseums.org/brattonsville
 - **Historic Camden**
www.historic-camden.net
 - **Matthews Historical Foundation**
704-846-6693
 - **Mint Hill Historical Society**
www.minthillhistory.com
 - **Mount Holly Historical Society**
mhhistoricalociety@gmail.com
 - **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.htm/
 - **Rural Hill**
www.ruralhill.net
 - **Stanly County Museum**
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