



## Dinner Meeting

**Monday, November 17, 2014**

**Appetizers and Festive Beverages at 6:00pm,  
Dinner at 6:30pm, Program at 7:15pm**

Fellowship Hall,  
Trinity Presbyterian Church  
3115 Providence Road

## Upcoming Dinner Program

### Tom Link: *The History of the Charlotte Fire Department*

Our holiday social and book sale will begin at 6pm featuring appetizers and festive beverages, followed by dinner at 6:30 and the program at 7:15. Those not having dinner are welcome to enjoy the program at no charge. A special history book sale by the Carolina Room of the Charlotte Public Library will start at 6 pm and continue after dinner. To make a reservation for dinner, use the order form (page 3) or contact Jane Johnson at 704-544-0695 or JJCNC@aol.com.

**Tom Link**, Battalion Chief with the Charlotte Fire Department, is an expert on the history of the Fire Department. He will tell us of the brave men, black and white, volunteer and professional, who have risked their lives to keep us safe. Tom has traced the lives of these early firemen and will talk about their heroic exploits and family connections

in Charlotte and beyond. Little did he know that his curiosity about an old hand-pumped fire engine would lead to a fascinating discovery of stories that would illuminate the bravery and heroism of men long forgotten. Chief Link considers it a pleasure to share the stories of Charlotte's earliest firefighters with the public and you will enjoy his enthusiasm as well as his fascinating story of those early days.

Tom Link is a 29 year veteran of the Charlotte Fire Department. He grew up in Charlotte and graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a Bachelor's Degree in Public Policy Analysis. His career in the fire service began while he served as a volunteer firefighter with the Carrboro Fire Department while a student at UNC. He resides in the Mallard Creek area of Charlotte with his wife, Maureen and their two sons John and Jacob.

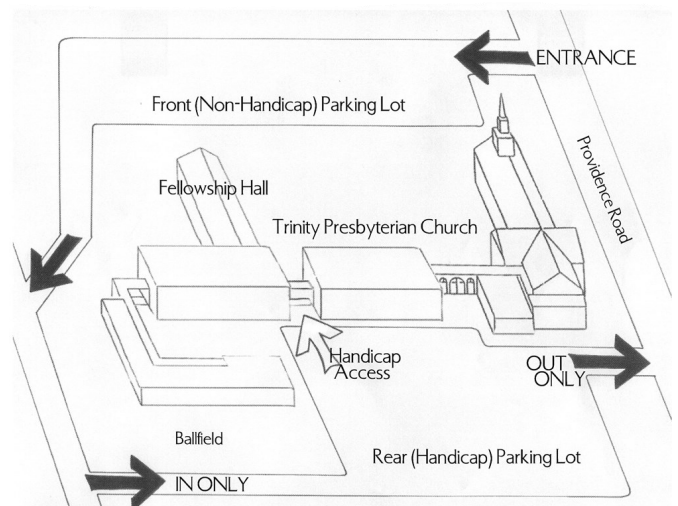


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The MHA meets in the Fellowship Hall at:  
Trinity Presbyterian Church  
3115 Providence Road  
Charlotte, NC 28211



## Remarks from the President

We welcome everyone to our last dinner meeting of 2014 on Monday, November 17th. Remember to come early at 6:00 for wine and appetizers and our book sale benefiting the Carolina Room of the Library. I have heard Tom Link speak about the Charlotte Fire Department and you don't want to miss his very interesting and informative talk.

While we are on the subject of the fire department, I spoke with Sharon Van Kuren about the fire on Oct 9th at the Polk Site. She said the fire was in the log kitchen where the back of the lintel out of sight above the cooking fireplace had apparently been charred over time. Five or six hours after the Cooking Guild finished their work for the day, the heat built up from a few embers on the hearth and the lintel combusted. None of the historic artifacts were burned,

nothing on the first floor was burned, and the damage was confined to part of the loft and the roof. Site Interpreter Sarah Walker lives in a house on the Polk property and happened to be out walking her dog and saw the smoke at about 6pm, called the fire department, and tried to stop the fire. The Pineville Fire Department responded immediately and were amazing, taking great care to put out the fire but be sensitive to the building and its contents. The fire chief said he visited the Polk site as a boy and would not want anything to happen to that place. The fire department said even for fireplaces in homes, the hearth can stay hot for three or four DAYS after a fireplace is used. So, homeowners, take care with your own fireplaces. Historic sites – inspect the inside of your cooking fireplaces from time to time. We can't afford to lose any historic building to fire.

Please take a minute to renew your MHA membership for 2015. Use the membership blank in the newsletter and either mail it with your dinner check, mail it to MHA separately, or bring it to the November meeting. You will save us time and postage! As always, we welcome your suggestions to improve MHA and we appreciate your support.

I wish for each of you a wonderful Christmas season as we bring 2014 to a close and a joyous 2015 to come.

Linda Dalton  
MHA President  
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(704) 661-8470



## North Branch – MHA

The new North Branch (NB) of MHA is off to a strong start. We have already had two presentations and helped out at a Cornelius town event. Also several new MHA members have come through North Branch.

At our September meeting, Dr. Jan Blodgett of Davidson College fascinated our attendees with her facts and stories about what is now under the waters of Lake Norman. She is still collecting input from neighbors and our attendees provided several stories and contacts. It was a wonderfully interactive gathering.

Later in the month, North Branch MHA supported the second annual Trash and Treasures event sponsored by the Cornelius Historic Preservation Committee (HPC). Over 100 residents brought items to be examined and evaluated by a team of professional appraisers. Huge thanks to the HPC, and especially one of

its members, David Stroud, for holding a Silent Auction for the benefit of NB-MHA. Cooperation with other history organizations is one of goals and this has been a fabulous beginning.

In October, Julie Miller, chair of the Cornelius Historic Preservation Committee presented her walking tour of south Cornelius to six new attendees. We did not walk, of course, but it was as chatty and informative as if we had.

On November 11, we will present an exciting program on the Great Awakening. Michael C. Scoggins, Historian for the Culture & Heritage Museums of York County, SC and Research Director of The Southern Revolutionary War Institute, will discuss his new book, *The Great Awakening and Southern Backcountry Revolutionaries*, co-written with Dr. Richard Chacon of Winthrop University. Their book examines the Protestant religious revival in colonial America known as the Great Awakening, and documents the effect that this move-

ment had on the inhabitants of the Southern backcountry in the years leading up to the American Revolution. The lecture will also highlight the important role that religion played not only in the American Revolution but in other rebellions around the world throughout history. This is important given the current trend in academia to minimize the role of religion in human history. We would love to see a full house! Please join us on November 11th at 7:00pm at the Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, 19600 Zion Ave. (off Old Statesville Rd), Cornelius, NC 28031 (Room 209, use cemetery side entrance ramp).

In December, we will not have a formal meeting. Instead, we will be cooperating with other organizations participating in the Annual North Mecklenburg Christmas Parade. We will announce our 2015 schedule soon.

Sarah Sue Hardinger  
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704-906-6656

## William R. Davie Dedication

Wednesday, November 5, at 6 to 8 pm,  
William R. Davie Park

In South Mecklenburg County, on the Pineville-Matthews Road near Rea Road lies the William R. Davie County Park. The fact that there was no information at the park about just who Wm. R. Davie was has bothered historians for many years. Finally, one of them, Bob Smith, decided to do something about it. He worked at it, talking to everyone he could find for several years until about a year ago he got some attention. It has taken a year, but due to efforts by

local historians, including Jim Williams and Tony Zeiss, and strong support from Jim Garges and James Rainey of Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation, there is now a handsome bronze plaque mounted near the entrance to the park's conference center.

On Wednesday, November 5, near the 193rd anniversary of Davie's death, Bob Smith is sponsoring a recognition ceremony at the center. There will be a formal viewing of the plaque, refreshments, and remarks from Davie himself, as interpreted by Jim Williams. Come out and learn about an important figure in the history of early Mecklenburg County, of the

State, of the University of North Carolina and of the United States itself. Refreshments will be provided.



### From the MHA Docent Chairman

It is autumn, the season of saturation of color followed by barren landscape that is soon coated by white crystals of frost or snow. This time of the year is the busiest for us docents as we work in our respective historic sites giving harvest tours this month and holiday programs next month.

As we work in our locales, be aware that the opportunity exists for you to join our ranks. Knowledge, camaraderie, and satisfaction are a docent's reward. Encourage guests, neighbors, and friends to become a volunteer, a docent, or a member at one of our sites.

I wish you and your family a blessed holiday season. I pray that 2015 will bring us all renewal of spirit and health, a year of love and peace.  
—Barbara Jackson

### MHA Docent Programs

Both meetings will be held in the Fellowship Hall of Sugaw Creek Presbyterian Church.

**Tuesday, November 4: The First American Declaration of Independence**  
Refreshments at 9:30, business meeting at 10, and program at 11. Visitors are welcome.

Scott Syfert, Attorney, Author, Historian and a founder of the May 20th Society, will recount the history of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence as set forth in this new book, *The First American Declaration of Independence? The Disputed History of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence of May 20, 1775*. He will tell of the ten years of investigation and research that went into the writing and of the strong support he received from the Mecklenburg history community in this task. In this lively telling he recounts the complete history of the historic act and the controversy that later surrounded it. It is the first book on this subject in the last 50 years

and the first complete telling of the entire story. Bring your copy for him to sign or buy one at the program.

**Tuesday, December 2: Annual Christmas Tea.** Business meeting at 9:45, program at 10 am followed by a Christmas Tea.

The December Tea is our gift the history community, and we hope to be joined by lots of new and old friends. As usual the program will be a fine mixture of history and a special musical entertainment. After the program we will enjoy tea and generous refreshments. Visitors are welcome and need not bring a dish for the tea.

#### *This Christmas may you have...*

Walls for the wind  
And a roof for the rain,  
And drinks beside the fire,  
Laughter to cheer you,  
And those you love near you,  
And all that your heart may desire.  
-an Irish Blessing from Docent Valerie Jones

### 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.*

## November 17, 2014 Dinner Meeting Reservation Form

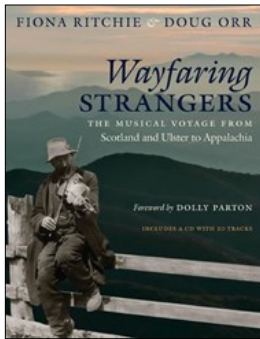
Mail to: Mecklenburg Historical Association  
c/o Jane Johnson, 210 Pineville Forest Drive, Pineville, NC 28134  
or email: JJCNC@aol.com

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)

## Journey from Scotland & Ulster to Appalachia November 14th

On Friday, November 14th, the Charlotte Folk Society, in partnership with the Mecklenburg Historical Association and the Charlotte Museum of History, will present a program of interest to anyone with a passion for our region's history and/or the roots of our musical heritage. **Fiona Ritchie and Doug Orr**, co-authors of *Wayfaring Strangers: The Musical Voyage from Scotland and Ulster to Appalachia*, will introduce us to this wonderful book through a multi-media event. *Wayfaring Strangers* tells about the musical connections between the peoples of Scotland, and of Ulster in the north of Ireland, and the Appalachian region of the U.S.



**Admission is free;** donations are appreciated and essential to presenting second-Friday CFS Gatherings in the Stella Center. The evening gets underway at 7:30 PM in the Great Aunt Stella Center, 926 Elizabeth Avenue, in the edge of Uptown Charlotte.

Doors open at 7:00 PM; arrive early to be sure of admission. Free parking is available in the Mecklenburg County parking deck on 4th Street,

between Kings Drive and McDowell Street. Exit the rear of the deck and cross the parking lot on foot to the Stella Center. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing at the conclusion of the program. Complimentary refreshments will be served downstairs in the Stella Center Café.

The Southern Independent Booksellers Alliance selected *Wayfaring Strangers*, published in September by UNC Press with a companion CD, as a Fall 2014 Okra Pick: Great Southern Books Fresh Off the Vine, one of only a dozen the group recommends for great reading. Read excerpts from the book here:

[www.uncpress.unc.edu/browse/book\\_detail?title\\_id=3549](http://www.uncpress.unc.edu/browse/book_detail?title_id=3549)

Fiona Ritchie is founder, producer, and host of NPR's award winning *The Thistle & Shamrock* Celtic music program, which is broadcast worldwide. She was awarded an MBE (Member of the Order of the British Empire) in Queen Elizabeth's 2014 Birthday Honors list for services to broadcasting and traditional Scottish music. Doug Orr, Warren Wilson College President Emeritus and founder of the Swannanoa Gathering Folk Arts Workshops, is presently serving as interim chancellor at UNC Asheville.

As Fiona and Doug share the stories of the migrants and their songs, many of the book's



beautiful photos and illustrations will be projected for the audience to enjoy. Little Windows (Julee Glaub and Mark Weems) will perform a selection of songs chronicled in *Wayfaring Strangers*. The duo tours nationally and abroad with a focus on the art of the pure voice with tight harmonies in traditional songs.

The November 14th Gathering will be special for many reasons. The evening marks a Charlotte homecoming for Fiona and Doug and his wife Darcy. All three were active in the Charlotte Folk Society when Fiona originated *The Thistle & Shamrock* at WFAE. Doug Orr met his future wife Darcy, *Wayfaring Strangers* art director, in a jam class taught by CFS founder Marilyn Meacham Price. Fiona Ritchie and Doug Orr are both CFS Folk Heritage Award recipients (2002). Please join us in welcoming them home and celebrating the culmination of their many years of research and interviews with elder culture bearers.

—Wanda Hubicki



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[WWW.MECKDEC.ORG](http://WWW.MECKDEC.ORG)

### James K. Polk Historic Site Fire

On behalf of the Division of State Historic Sites and Properties, I want to thank each and every one of you for your support during the recent fire at President Polk State Historic Site. Due to the quick thinking and rapid response of staff and local fire and police, the accidental fire was quickly extinguished and the building and the overwhelming majority of artifacts were saved. The 200-year old building experienced considerable damage, especially to the loft and roof, but it is still standing. The cleaning of the building will begin immediately and repairs will soon follow. Artifacts will be cleaned or conserved as needed. While the building will be closed for a while, the site is open to the public. President Polk State Historic Site will continue not just to survive but to thrive! Thanks to all of you for the role that

you played and/or will be playing to make this possible!

*-Keith A. Hardison*

*Director, Division of State Historic Sites and Properties, North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources*

### Latta Clock

Latta Plantation is happy to announce that an important piece of Latta history has permanently joined the collection: James Latta's tall case clock. James Latta died in October of 1837 at the age of 82. Shortly thereafter an estate sale was held to dispose of his possessions. James A. Henderson, a neighbor of Latta's bought "1 Eight day Clock" for \$33.25. In 2002 a gentleman came to Latta Plantation and said he believed he had Mr. Latta's clock that had been pur-

chased all those years ago by his Henderson ancestor. It turned out that he did. He gave the clock to the site to be exhibited on indefinite loan. Several years ago the gentleman passed away. His widow at first thought she might sell the clock to the site. An appraisal was done to determine the clock's value which proved to be much less than expected. The clock, made with wooden works, was one of many mass produced by Seth Thomas in Philadelphia and sold very inexpensively. The widow decided to leave things as they were for the time being. Recently she had a change of heart and decided she wanted to take the clock back. Fortunately Latta Plantation found an "angel" who offered to buy the clock from the widow. She agreed and now the clock is at home to stay, right where it belongs.

*-Ann Williams*

## 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](http://www.historicrosedale.org)

#### Lunch and Learn – Planting Bulbs now for Spring Blooms, Wednesday, November 12 at 12:30 to 1:30.

Historic Rosedale's Garden Curator Jeff Drum will talk about what bulbs you should be planting this fall for Spring blooms and which ones to plant next Spring for Summer and Fall blooms. Bring your questions and your lunch.

#### Christmas Candlelight, Saturday, December 6 from 4:30 to 6:30.

Historic Rosedale Plantation displays the 1815 home by candlelight. The Carillon Ringers Hand Bell Choir of Christ United

Methodist Church from Greensboro will fill the great hall with carols; costumed docents will bring the home to life circa 1840. Experience holiday antebellum Southern hospitality at its best and soak in the fragrances of natural decorations of a backcountry Carolina Christmas. Hot cider and refreshments will be served.

#### Greenery Workshop & Sale, Saturday, December 6. Workshop at 10 am, Sale at 1 pm.

Workshop is \$12 plus tax, Sale is Free. This could be the most fun you have all holiday season! We will talk about many types of greenery for the holidays, and you will make and take home a nice bowl of greenery that should last through the season. You will leave knowing how to add your favorite flowers to impress your guests all season long. Jeff, our Garden Curator, will show how to make a boxwood wreath and garlands for the house. ---Bring a pair of Hand pruners ---and be ready to work and learn.

#### Visions of Christmas, Sunday, December 7, tours at 4:30 and 5:30 pm.

Children, and the young at heart, wear your coziest Christmas pajamas to Rosedale for a simpler Christmas time. Enjoy a special reading of "The Night Before Christmas" in the great hall and tour the main floor of the plantation home by candlelight. Then have hot cocoa, treats, and a special surprise in the English basement kitchen. Absorb the fragrances of natural decorations created from plants from our nine acre plantation grounds. You'll leave with visions of sugar plums dancing in your heads!

### Latta Plantation

5225 Sample Road, Huntersville, NC, 704-875-2312  
[www.lattaplantation.org](http://www.lattaplantation.org)

**Folk Life Festival, Saturday and Sunday, November 8 and 9 from 10 am to 5 pm.** The festival features an array of arts and crafts vendors selling everything from

jewelry to pottery. Local food and beverage vendors will be on site serving up everything from BBQ to funnel cakes and local beer. Children will enjoy storytelling, crafts, games, and face painting. The home and exhibit hall will be open to the public seeing historic demonstrations and more! Entertainment by Southern Express bluegrass band.

**Civil War Soldier for a Day Camp, Saturday, November 22 from 9 am to 3 pm, boys and girls age 8 to 12.** Become a Civil War soldier for a day and learn about soldier life during the war, practice drills, and battle it out across the plantation. Equipment loaned to campers for the day, and each will receive a kepi (hat) to keep. \$40 per camper. Pre-registration is required at [latplantation.org](http://latplantation.org).

**Plantation Christmas, Friday, November 28 from 10 am to 4 pm.** Experience a Colonial Christmas as you walk through the cotton plantation. See period Christmas decor, meet Father Christmas, see Christmas baking in the kitchen, and learn about period Christmas traditions during this special holiday living history event!

**Latta Plantation is looking for volunteers. Please call 704-875-2312 ext. 304.**

**Candle Light Christmas & Live Nativity, Saturday, December 6 from 6 to 9 pm.** Step back in time to a Latta family Christmas as you tour the plantation by candlelight. Meet the Latta family and see them celebrate the holiday through dancing, music and storytelling. See cooking in the kitchen, hear holiday caroling, and visit the Latta Farm animals in a Live Nativity.

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## The Charlotte Museum of History

3500 Shamrock Drive, Charlotte, NC, 704-568-1774  
[www.charlottemuseum.org](http://www.charlottemuseum.org)

***The Road to Black Ned's Forge: A Story of Race, Sex, and Trade on the Colonial American Frontier, History Talks Lecture Series, Saturday, November 1 at 1 pm.*** Historian and Professor Dr. Turk McCleskey will discuss his book, *The Road to Black Ned's Forge: A Story of Race, Sex, and Trade on the Colonial American Frontier.*

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## President James K. Polk State Historic Site

12031 Lancaster Hwy., Pineville, NC, 704-889-7145  
[polk.nchistoricsites.org](http://polk.nchistoricsites.org)

**Grand Reopening Celebration: James K. Polk Revisits Pineville, Saturday, November 15 from 10 am to 4 pm. Free.** Celebrate with us as we reveal our newly renovated visitor center to the public. Bring the whole family to shuck corn, dance a jig and speak with none other than President Polk himself. Have a free hot dog and piece of cake, too. You won't want to miss out on this grand celebration.

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## Matthews Heritage Museum

232 North Trade St., Matthews, 704-708-4996  
[www.matthewsheritagemuseum.org](http://www.matthewsheritagemuseum.org)

**Santas on Parade, a new exhibit opening Saturday, November 22 through Christmas.** This exhibit features a variety of Santas from the 30s, 40s and 50s. A great way to start the Holiday Season.

**Downtown Matthews Christmas Stroll, Saturday, December 6 from 5 to 8 pm.** Visitors will walk along the luminary-lighted streets of downtown Matthews while enjoying refreshments and treats at participating businesses. There will be goodies for the children, carolers on the streets, and Santa's Helpers to guide you along the way.

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## Fort Dobbs State Historic Site

438 Fort Dobbs Road, Statesville, NC (704)-873-5882  
[www.fortdobbs.org](http://www.fortdobbs.org)

**Military Timeline, Saturday and Sunday, November 15 and 16 from 10 am to 3 pm, Free.** North Carolina has survived numerous invading military forces and sent tens of thousands of her sons and daughters off to war over the centuries. Visit with Cherokee warriors, Johnny Reb and Billy Yank, WWII G.I.'s and grunts from Vietnam, among others, and learn how their uniforms, equipment, and experience have changed over hundreds of years. Small arms and artillery demonstrations will be scheduled each day.

**Winter on the Western Frontier, Saturday, December 13 from 10 am to 5 pm, Free.** Historic interpreters will present musket and cannon firing demonstrations as they explain how soldiers fared in winter quarters during the French and Indian War.

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## Robinson-Spangler Carolina Room, Charlotte Mecklenburg Library

310 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, 704-416-0150 [www.cmlibrary.org](http://www.cmlibrary.org)

**North Carolina Music, from the 1960s to Today with Daniel Coston, Saturday, Nov. 22 at**

**11am to 12:30pm.** University City Regional Library, 301 E. W. T. Harris Blvd. — In part 4 of the Robinson-Spangler Carolina Room: Bringing History to You Series, Daniel Coston brings you Rock and Roll. For years, author and photographer Daniel Coston traveled with and photographed some of America's most popular musicians, including the Avett Brothers, the Kings Of Leon, and the "Man in Black" Johnny Cash. Now Coston turns his attention to the history of music and rock and roll in Charlotte and North Carolina. Join us for what will be a lively and entertaining program.

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### Schiele Museum

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

**Harvest Day – 40th Annual Celebration, Saturday, November 22 from 10 am to 4 pm.** Join us in celebrating 40 years of Living History at the Schiele Museum during Harvest Day 2014 – the 18th century version of our contemporary Thanksgiving. Watch as skilled interpreter's labor by open hearth and outdoor fires roasting, baking, and stewing a "grand Fare" of traditional delights. See hunters make ready their firearms while swapping stories of the "ones that got away". At the close of the day, costumed interpreters sit down to partake of the Harvest meal in the manner and spirit of our ancestors.

**Colonial Christmas & Candle Lighting, Saturday, December 13 from 2 to 6 pm.** Bring your family and celebrate the Season in the 18th-century style at the Schiele's Annual Colonial Christmas & Candlelighting. Join us in the "Procession of the Yule Log," decorating with greenery, singing early American carols, and Eng-

lish country dancing. As the day draws to a close, gather with our Backcountry family for the traditional Candle-lighting Service and scripture reading. Enjoy colonial hospitality with a taste of Christmas pudding and hot gingered apple cider.

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### Duke Mansion

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

### Eyewitness to WWII, Sunday, November 9 at 3 pm, Free.

*Charlotte Observer* reporter David Perlmutter is tracking down World War II veterans, most now in their 90s. He'll bring some to share their stories including Henry Hirschmann, a Holocaust survivor who joined the U.S. Army "to get even" and fought through Europe; and Andy Andrews of Black Mountain, part of the third wave at Omaha Beach on D-Day. Part of the Explore History series sponsored by Levine Museum of the New South and The Duke Mansion.

### Holiday Tea at the Duke Mansion, Sunday, December 14 at 3 pm.

Brighten your holiday season with a delicious holiday tea at The Duke Mansion. Enjoy strolling the public areas and grounds of the mansion, a Colonial Revival Estate on the National Register of Historic Places. Reservations 704-714-4445 or kelis@tlwf.org.

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### Charlotte Folk Society

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

See article (page 4) in this newsletter about the appearance of Fiona Richie and Doug Orr on Friday, November 14.

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### Andrew Jackson State Park

196 Andrew Jackson Park Road  
Lancaster, SC 803-285-3344  
www.southcarolinaparks.com/parkfinder/state-park/1797.aspx

### Life in the Waxhaws Lantern Tour, Saturday, November 8 from 6 pm, last tour at 7:30 pm.

Spend an evening in the 18th-century. See what life was like for early settlers living in the Waxhaws and how the American Revolution affected our region. Experience life in our area during Andrew Jackson's time and watch as costumed volunteers bring the events that shaped the community to life and demonstrate the skills it took to survive in this backcountry settlement.

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### Historic Camden

Highway 521 just South of Camden, SC 803-432-9841  
www.historic-camden.net

### Revolutionary War Field Days, Saturday and Sunday, November 1 and 2 from 10 am to 5 pm.

Muskets and Cannons roar as Redcoats & Patriots face off on the battlefield. The camps are alive with soldiers and Colonial demonstrators. Tavern tales, artillery demos, period fashion show, Kershaw House tours, "War in the Backcountry" discussion, sutlers row shops, kid's activities, food concessions, free parking, no pets.

### Colonial Christmas in Camden, Saturday, December 13 from 2 to 5 pm.

The Kershaw House is decked with boughs of holly. Guides in gay apparel share Yuletide customs. Meet militiamen, play colonial games, write Christmas greetings with a quill pen, don period clothes, enjoy the Christmas scavenger hunt and sample colonial refreshments.

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## Southern Campaign of the American Revolution

[www.southerncampaign.org/cod.php](http://www.southerncampaign.org/cod.php)

**November 8 - Washington, Ga. - Southern Campaigns RW Roundtable from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm** at the Washington Women's Club – short presentations and discussions by all interested on relevant RW topics. Free, public invited to both SCAR events.

**November 9 – Washington, Ga. - SCAR Corps of Discovery** — Tour the Kettle Creek battlefield and Robert Carr's Fort with principal site archeologist Dan Elliott, military historian Steve Rauch, and historians Robert Scott "Bob" Davis and Walter Andrea: <http://www.southerncampaign.org/roundtables> Depart in a car pool at 9:00 am from the Washington Courthouse Square.

As always, please see SCAR's on-line Calendar of Upcoming Events for up to date information at <http://www.southerncampaign.org/calendar-of-events>.

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## Gregory Creek Homestead and Iredell Museums

1335 Museum Road, Statesville, NC 704-873-4734  
[www.iredellmuseums.org/4101.html](http://www.iredellmuseums.org/4101.html)

**Christmas at the Cabins at Gregory Creek Homestead, Saturday, Dec. 6, Tours at 11am, 2:30, 5, and 6:30 pm.** The later tours are conducted by lantern and candlelight. Each tour consists of an hour-long program that details the home life of residents of Iredell County during Christmastime 1864.

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## FOR ADDITIONAL EVENTS, please visit these sites:

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- Andrew Jackson State Park  
[www.southcarolinaparks.com/park-finder/state-park/1797.aspx](http://www.southcarolinaparks.com/park-finder/state-park/1797.aspx)
- Charlotte Folk Society  
[www.folksociety.org](http://www.folksociety.org)
- Charlotte Museum of History  
[www.charlottemuseum.org](http://www.charlottemuseum.org)
- Cowpens National Battlefield  
[www.nps.gov/cowp](http://www.nps.gov/cowp)
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[www.fortmillhistorymuseum.org](http://www.fortmillhistorymuseum.org)
- Gaston County Museum  
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- Matthews Historical Foundation  
704-846-6693
- Mint Hill Historical Society  
[www.minthillhistory.com](http://www.minthillhistory.com)
- Mount Holly Historical Society  
[mhhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:mhhistoricalsociety@gmail.com)
- Museum of the Waxhaws  
[www.museumofthewaxhaws.org](http://www.museumofthewaxhaws.org)
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