

MHA NEWS



Dinner Meeting

Monday, September 15, 2014

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

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

Upcoming Dinner Program

David Erdman: *Preserving Old Charlotte - In Pictures and Reality*

Our speaker for the September 15th dinner will be noted Charlotte attorney, **David Erdman**. He will present images of many significant buildings that Charlotte has lost since 1976 and photos of many historic build-



ings that have been saved. It's a fun picture show that will have the audience trying to recall where certain buildings were located and discussing their memories of those buildings.

Mr. Erdman has asked that MHA members

bring old photographs or family photo albums to show and share at the event. We will provide display space for photos from our members.

Born on the fourth of July at Camp Lejeune, NC, Mr. Erdman grew up in Bridgeton, NC, near New Bern. He attended Duke University on an Angier B. Duke scholarship and was Duke's first graduate with a degree in Biomedical Engineering. He graduated from Georgetown University Law School and in 1973 worked on the U. S. Senate "Watergate" investigation. David moved to Charlotte in 1976 and heads the family law firm of Erdman and Hockfield, LLP.

In 1999, he served on the Charlotte City Council and is currently a member of Mecklenburg's Historic Landmarks Commission. David is a frequent lecturer on Charlotte's history, geography and future. He is married to Lynn Erdman and has two adult daughters. We look forward to hearing and seeing Mr. Erdman's presentation.

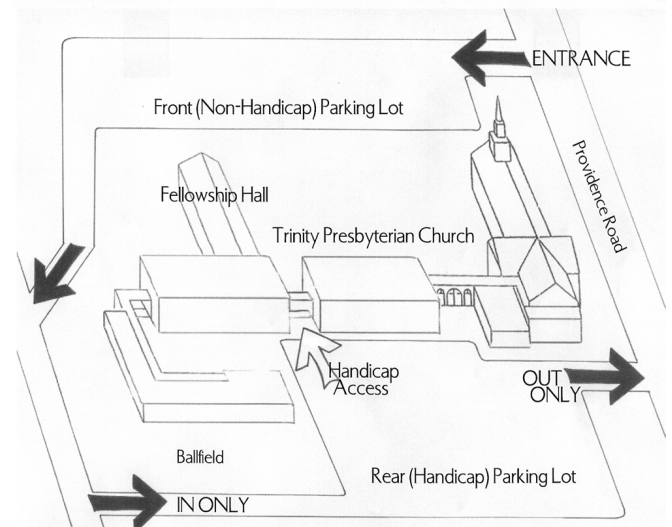
The September 15th dinner menu, catered by *The Southern Gourmet*:
Classic Chicken Marsala, Roasted Baby Potatoes, Caesar Salad, Rolls & Focaccia Bread, Almond Amaretto Pound Cake, Ice Tea & Coffee.

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Remarks from the President

Welcome back to MHA!

We are extremely happy to announce the formation of the new North Branch MHA. We have had requests for more attention to the amazing north part of the county that was so important in our early history and for programs to be presented in that area. Sarah Sue Hardinger, outstanding docent at Torance House & Store, contacted us a few months ago with a wonderful plan for a "North Branch" of our organization which will operate within MHA much like the Docent Committee of MHA. Our Board of Directors agrees that it will be a great compliment to the work of MHA and will fill a need for more history events in the north part of the county. Please read the article on the formation of North Branch MHA elsewhere in this newsletter and plan to attend their inaugural meeting on Sept 9.

Another matter I want to bring to your attention is the recent publication of a book by Richard P. Plumer titled *Charlotte and the American Revolution*. MHA was asked to promote this book so we requested and were sent a review copy. We asked two of Mecklenburg's most respected and knowledgeable historians to review the book and both found it to be deeply flawed with many errors, half-truths, misspelled words and index errors. The book is not footnoted. We have sent our long list of specific concerns to the publisher and have asked them to take action. Mr. Plumer has some good stories in his book but, on balance, it is not an accurate representation of our history. We take this very seriously. It is hard enough to find books promoting Mecklenburg's history and once a book is in print, the readers assume it is accurate. In this case, it is not.

Our September program will be an enjoyable one; although it will be sad to see the buildings we have lost. Please join us as David Erdman shares his extensive knowledge of Charlotte buildings from the past. We believe we have solved the microphone/speaker problem in Trinity's Fellowship Hall, so everyone should be able to hear the speaker. Please plan to attend our November 17th dinner meeting (with wine and appetizers before the meeting) when Tom Link will present the history of the Charlotte Fire Department. I have heard Tom's presentation. It is excellent and you don't want to miss it.

Please contact me if you have any suggestions to improve MHA. Thanks to each of you for your support.

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Plans to Restore an Old Cannon

Recently Duke Power discovered what appeared to be the remains of a Colonial Era cannon stored in a warehouse at McGuire Nuclear Station near Cowan's Ford on the Catawba River. Their plan was to restore it and put it on display at their visitor's center. They began by contacting the History Community, through the DAR, and asking for local historians to examine it.

On Thursday, June 26, we gathered at the facility to view the artifact. The preliminary consensus is that this is almost certainly a replica of an original British cannon, perhaps constructed during the Bicentennial of the American Revolution, 1975-1983. It was apparently displayed outside for many years as the weather took its toll, rusting the iron barrel and rotting the oak carriage. It was then put in

a warehouse and forgotten. The iron barrel can be restored, the other iron parts restored or replaced and the wooden parts restored or replaced. Duke Power is planning this restoration and searching for experts to accomplish it.



The plan is to display the restored cannon, inside the visitor's center, as a centerpiece for discussions of what went on here during the



revolution. Whether it can be fired on special occasions will be determined during the restoration.

This location is historically important.

On the morning of February 1, 1781 the Southern British Army under the command of General Cornwallis crossed the Catawba at Cowan's Ford. They were opposed by the Mecklenburg and Rowan Militia under the command of General William Lee Davidson, Commander of the North Carolina Militia. General Davidson was mortally wounded and left on the battlefield where British soldiers stripped him naked. That night, his friends and neighbors removed his body and buried him at Hopewell Church where he lies today.

-Jim Williams

Hugh Torance House and Store Awarded DAR Grant

This spring the Hugh Torance House and Store was awarded a national DAR Special Projects Grant to make possible structural repairs to the oldest standing store in North Carolina. Funding for this project was made possible through the sponsorship of the Alexandria Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

The grant will fund replacement of several structural piers and a girder, floor stabilization

and repairs in the store, repair of wiring damaged by animals, and installation of flashing adjacent to the two chimneys. Andrew Roby Contractors is currently completing these repairs.

The Hugh Torance House and Store Board of Directors is extremely grateful for the grant, which will allow this 18th century site to continue to serve the public as an educational destination.



A Revolutionary Weekend

Saturday through Tuesday, October 4 through 7, at Three Historic Sites: <http://rev-war-weekend.com>

Walnut Grove Plantation, near Roebuck, SC. Friday, October 3 from 7pm to 9pm there will be Lantern Tours of the Plantation.

Saturday, October 4 from 10am to 5pm and Sunday, October 5 from 10am to 3pm there will be a military encampment with battle reenactments at noon and 2:30pm on Saturday and at 2:30pm on Sunday.

Both days there will be a living history festival with colonial crafts and trades such as blacksmith, cooper, broom and basket makers, surveyor, gunsmith, woodworker, weaver and soap maker. Young visitors can make their own candles, play with colonial-era toys and games, and write with quill and ink. Bring a picnic or food vendors will be available on site.

Kings Mountain National Military Park. Saturday, October 4, from 9am to 5pm and Sun-

day, October 5 from 9am to 3pm there will be demonstrations including musket and rifle firing, children's militia drills and demonstrations of trades and crafts, 18th-century medicine, cooking, and fife and drum.

Also on Saturday, Guided Lantern Tours along the Battlefield Trail start at 7pm. Living history interpreters will tell about the night after the battle using actual accounts from participants of the battle. The last tour leaves at 8pm. Reservations required at 864-936-7921. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a flashlight.

Cowpens National Battlefield

- Saturday, October 4:
- Non-firing cannon demonstration.
 - Living Historians Common Knowledge will discuss colonial life from the female perspective, with a focus on medicine and textiles.
 - Ranger guided Battlefield Tour.
 - Southern Campaign talk.
 - Living Historian
- Sunday, October 5:
- Non-firing cannon demonstration
 - Ranger led guided Battlefield Tour.
 - Southern Campaign talk

- Ken Johnston as "Benedict Arnold" Monday, October 6: 6:00pm – 7:30pm.
- The Overmountain Victory Trail Association presents the drama: "A Night before Kings Mountain." Hear the story of the Overmountain Men and their journey from the colonial frontier to the Battle of Kings Mountain.

Tuesday, October 7, the Anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain: 9am to 5pm.

-Honor those who fell in the Battle of Kings Mountain. A wreath laying ceremony at the US Monument will be held at 11am. The Overmountain Victory Trail Marchers will arrive at 3pm followed by a keynote address by author John Buchannan.

Please mark your calendars now for our November 17th dinner meeting.

Our speaker will be **Tom Link**, Charlotte Battalion Fire Chief, who will present a program on the history of the Charlotte Fire Department. Tom has compiled extensive research and will present this fascinating story. We will also have our now traditional wine and appetizers before the November meeting.

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!*

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

September 15, 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)

MHA Announces New North Mecklenburg Branch

We are excited to announce the formation of North Branch MHA. As a part of MHA, the goal of this group is to preserve the history of North Mecklenburg County through programs and projects of particular interest to that part of the county. This group will also function as the Historical Society for the Town of Cornelius, which currently has no such organization, and will take on some special interest projects for that community. We will coordinate with existing history-oriented organizations in Davidson, Huntersville and north Mecklenburg County. We will hold public meetings beginning on September 9th. Programs will be presented monthly September thru May, with one

or two of those being shared with long-standing events such as the North Meck Christmas parade or the Mt. Zion Homecoming. Watch the MHA newsletter for announcements of each meeting. If you are interested in helping with this group, contact Sarah Sue Hardinger at 704-906-6656 or sarahsuenc@gmail.com.

The public and MHA members are invited to the first meeting of the newly formed North Branch of the Mecklenburg Historical Association (North Branch MHA). The meeting will be held Tuesday, September 9 from 7pm to 8:30pm at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church 19600 Zion Ave, Cornelius, NC 28031 off Old Statesville Road in Cornelius, NC. (Room 209, use cemetery side entrance ramp).

The program will be Under The Lake and our speaker will be Dr. Jan Blodgett of Davidson College who will discuss her project to identify what was covered by Lake Norman and is now "Under the Lake." Additional fall programs will be on the Cornelius History Walk and Michael Scoggins' new book on Religion and the Revolutionary War, dates to be announced.

We need volunteers to help guide this new organization dedicated to preserving the history of North Mecklenburg County. Key areas of need are membership, refreshments, archives and special projects. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Sarah Sue Hardinger at 704-906-6656, sarahsuenc@gmail.com, or plan to stay after the meeting.



"Preserving Mecklenburg's Heritage"

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WWW.MECKDEC.ORG

Site Development at Fort Dobbs

Fort Dobbs State Historic Site has announced that phase one of the site's master development plan has been implemented. With funds raised by the non-profit Friends of Fort Dobbs, the site has completed construction on a new bathroom facility. Not only will the new bathrooms be a marked improvement over the old ones, but they are integral to the plan to reconstruct the blockhouse fort itself. Fundraising is underway for the second phase of the project, which will include the chimney and foundation of the fort.

Tar Heel Junior Historians

The Matthew Heritage Museum in association with Crestdale Middle School will be starting a Tar Heel Jr. Historian Group this Fall. Youngsters interested in history will have an opportunity to join a group

that will explore local and state history and conduct projects either independently or with others. Further details to follow. People interested in learning more can call 704-708-4996.

The Care and Handling of Family Papers, Photographs, and Essential Records

The State Historical Records Advisory Board (SHRAB) in collaboration with the State Archives of North Carolina has produced a series of tutorials that provide basic information about the care and handling of family papers. The complete series is available on YouTube and selected tutorials are also available in the Preservation section of the State Archives website.

Videos in this series include:

1. Identifying and Protecting Essential Family Records
2. General Paper Preservation Tips
3. Caring for and Sharing Family and Personal Papers
4. The Care and Preservation of Family Photographs
5. Managing and Preserving Digital Images

Site Development at President James K. Polk State Historic Site

The visitor center will be closed to the public from September 2 to October 31 for the repair and renovation project. The museum area will have limited visitor access and there will be daily tours of the historic cabins and limited programming during this time. The Visitor Center will have a Grand-Reopening Celebration on November 15th. See details in the History Calendar, below.

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

Spirits of Rosedale, Fridays and Saturdays, October 24 and 25, 31 and November 1 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

Join us for Halloween as the Spirits of Historic Rosedale Plantation come back to life. Discover why, even today, they remain in this 200 year-old plantation. Let the spirits themselves transport you through the history of this mysterious place. Meet spirits bound here because of tragic epidemics, insanity, greed, and even the hope for freedom on the Underground Railroad. Be careful not to linger too long with the spirits.... they might put the Hoodoo on you! Appropriate for ages six and up.

The Feast of the Hunter's Moon, Monday, October 27 at 6 pm.

This is a period farm to table five course gourmet dinner. It is our signature event and primary fund raiser to support preservation and education for the Historic Rosedale Plantation Foundation. The Feast of the Hunter's Moon Antebel-

lum Dinner is phenomenal; there really isn't anything like it in the Southeast. Tickets are \$150 each.

The meal is coordinated by celebrity chefs and headed up by Executive Chef Chef Rob Marillo from CPCC. The event will have an open bar cocktail hour in the garden, butlered h'ordeuvres and is a candle light dinner is served under a tent on our expansive lawn. There are carefully selected wine pairings with each course.

Latta Plantation

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

Revolutionary War Reenactment: The Battle of Charlotte Saturday and Sunday, August 30-31 from 10 am to 4 pm.

In September of 1780 General Lord Cornwallis the southern British army entered Charlotte and found a Hornets Nest. Come out to learn about this struggle – what British and Patriot Soldiers wore, what gear they used and what their lives were like with a battle each day at 2 p.m., and talk with Col. and Mrs. Polk. The Latta House will be open throughout the weekend with clothed interpreters and cooking in the kitchen. There will be time period vendors to shop with, a food vendor, and The Olde Mecklenburg Brewery.

Hugh Torance House and Store

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

The House & Store is open for tours on September 7 and 21 and October 5 and 19 from 2 to 5 pm each day. It will be closed over the winter and regular tours will resume in April.

The Charlotte Museum of History

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

Backcountry Days, Saturday, September 6, from 1 to 5 pm, Free.

Join us for a free community-wide celebration of the Piedmont Backcountry, featuring free ice cream and music by the Charlotte Folk Society, demonstrations of crafts such as pottery, blacksmithing, basket weaving, rifle and cartridge making, along with children's crafts and colonial games. Free tours of Hezekiah Alexander Home Site and Museum.

Charlotte Folk Society

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

Ice Cream Social and Old-Time Acoustic Music Jam, Saturday, September 6 from 1 to 5 pm, Free.

This will be held on the grounds of the Hezekiah Alexander Homesite at the Charlotte Museum of History. See above for more information.

Celebrate with The WBT Briarhoppers at their 80th Birthday Bash on Saturday, August 30th, in McGlohon Theatre.

When the Briarhoppers call out, "Do y'all know what hit is?" you'll want to be there to answer, "Hit's Briarhopper time!"

The Orpheus Supertones in Concert, Friday, September 19 at 7:30 pm at the Levine Museum of the New South.

One of the country's best old-time stringbands makes a rare Charlotte stop. Tickets are \$20. The Charlotte Folk Society and Levine Museum of the New South are co-sponsors of this concert.

Duke Mansion

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

Our Vanishing Americana - A North Carolina Portrait, Sunday, October 19 at 3 pm, Free.

In today's sprawling Charlotte region, are there still places to connect with an earlier rural South? Davidson-based author/photographer Mike Lassiter has tracked down a whole book full. He'll share discoveries from his volume *Vanishing Americana: A North Carolina Portrait*, and the PBS documentary he produced which chronicled his journey.

President James K. Polk State Historic Site

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

The Visitor Center will be Closed from September 2 to October 31 but the Site will be Open. The visitor center will be closed to the public from September 2 to October 31 due to the repair and renovation project. The museum area will have limited visitor access and there will be daily tours of the historic cabins and limited programming during this time. The Visitor Center will have a Grand-Reopening Celebration on November 15th. See details below.

Sarah Polk: A Wife, A First Lady, Saturday, September 6 at 11 am to 12:30 pm. Due to the renovation project this event will be held at The Hut, 413 John-

ston Drive, Pineville. Free. Celebrate the 211th birthday of First Lady Sarah Polk. Catherine Halford, a UNCC graduate student, will explore the intellectual and devoted First Lady. Mrs. Polk herself will be in attendance to meet and talk with you.

Matters of Grave Importance, Saturday, October 11 at 10 am to noon.

Due to the renovation project, meet in the museum parking lot and walk the short distance to the family cemetery. Free Glimpse into the past, present, and future of local cemetery history. Jason Harpe, a historic cemetery specialist, will guide visitors through a first-hand look at the Polk family cemetery and the importance behind the preservation of this historic landmark.

Grand Reopening Celebration, Saturday, November 15 from 10 am to 4 pm.

Free. Polk Revisits Pineville! Come and celebrate with us as we reveal our newly renovated visitor center to the public. Bring the whole family to take part in an array of fun activities. Shuck corn, dance a folksy jig and snap pictures with none other than President Polk himself. You won't want to miss out on this grand celebration.

Historical Cooking Guild of the Catawba Valley Demonstrations, September through May on the second and fourth Thursday of each month from 10 am to 2 pm, Free.

The Cooking Guild will be in the kitchen house for cooking demonstrations. Observe as the ladies prepare elaborate meals over the open hearth.

Matthews Heritage Museum

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

Through the Lens: A Century of Cameras. Starting Thursday, September 4, this exhibit will be open Thursdays through Saturdays from 10 am to 4:30 pm.

This collection of Kodak cameras dates from the 1890s to the 1990s and shows a variety of styles as new technologies were developed. From "folding pocket cameras" to Brownies, to instant cameras, Kodak provided many families with their first affordable camera. Today the film camera has nearly disappeared as every cell phone is also a camera.

A Demonstration of Early Baseball, Saturday, October 18, at 1 pm, MARA ball park, Free. The museum will pre-

sent a demonstration game of 19th century baseball for the education of local citizens and visitors to the area. Using volunteers to play the game, we will conduct a practice session on September 6th at noon at the Mara fields and then put on the demonstration game using volunteers from the Museum and MARA on Saturday October 18 at the MARA ball park. If anyone would like to join with us call 704-708-4996 and leave a message.

Museum of the Waxhaws

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

War of 1812 and the Great Pirate Invasion, Saturday, September 20 from 10 am to 3 pm.

Schiele Museum

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

Early American Cornhusking, Sunday, September 28 from 1 to 5 pm.

At harvest time, or in gathering corn, it was a practice for every man to invite all neighbors, male and female, to assist in reaping, or husking the corn...

James Potter Collins, 1783

Visit the backcountry farm to learn about corn, a useful, nourishing crop for early settlers. Grind corn by hand. See traditional dishes prepared at the hearth. Join in the celebration of an early American corn husking.

Frontier Fishing, Sunday, October 19 from 1 to 5 pm.

Discover the world of the frontier fisherman... a time of quiet streams and free-flowing rivers where fishing occurred for sustenance as well as sport. Displays of handcrafted fishing gear, nets & traps, and artful angling by the pond highlight the event. Watch as experienced interpreters "plank a fish" and prepare other interesting 18th c fish dishes.

Gaston County Museum

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

Loray Mill: Past, Present, & Future, Tuesday, September 16 at 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

Historic Loray Mill, the largest textile mill under one roof in the South, had once been the heart of Gaston County's bustling textile industry. The mill operated from 1900 to 1993, employing thousands of Gaston citizens and providing homes for

their families in the mill village that surrounded the factory. Since its closure, a massive renovation project has been taking place. William R. Hughes, developer for the Loray Mill project, will speak about this historic mill and the restoration project and how the building will be utilized for generations to come. Reservations required. Contact Jason Luker at 704-922-7681 ex 105 or Jason.Luker@gastongov.com

Halloween on the Square, Friday, October 31 from 6 to 9 pm, Free.

The Town of Dallas will host its annual Halloween on the Square. Children of all ages can walk along the historic square and trick or treat from community organizations. The Gaston County Museum will set up games that were popular during the 1800s. And you might meet someone from Gaston County's past.

Historic Brattonsville

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

By the Sweat of Our Brows, Saturday, September 13 from 10 am to 4 pm.

Experience the African-American journey centering on the lives of enslaved Africans who lived in the Brattonsville Community in the 1800's.

Fort Dobbs State Historic Site

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

Living History Weekend, Saturday and Sunday, September 13-14 from 10 am to 4 pm, Free. Historic interpreters will present musket and cannon firing demonstrations as well as on-going interpretation of French and Indian War camp life.

Kings Mountain Historical Museum

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

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Cowpens National Battlefield

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

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Kings Mountain Historical Museum

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

Tracks Through Time Reverse Raffle & Auctions Fund Raiser, Saturday, September 13 at 5:30 pm.

Support the Museum exhibits and programs you enjoy. Each \$100 raffle ticket provides dinner for two guests; the grand prize winner will receive \$10,000 and at least every fifth ticket drawn will win a door prize. Ticket holders do not have to be present to win. There will be both live & silent auctions with hand-crafted jewelry, signed sports memorabilia and delicious home-baked cakes. The event will be held at the H. Lawrence Patrick Senior Life and Conference Center.

Backcountry Fury: A Sixteen-Year-Old Patriot in the Revolutionary War, Living History Presentation by Dr. Tony Zeiss, Saturday, October 11 at Noon, Free.

Dr. Tony Zeiss, historian, author, and president of CPCC, will appear as Thomas Young, the main character of Dr. Zeiss's book *Backcountry Fury: A Sixteen-Year-Old Patriot in the Revolutionary War*. Thomas will recount his memories of going off to war in 1780 with family members and other compatriots to avenge his brother's death at the hands of the Tories, and to liberate South Carolina's backcountry from British domination. Thomas fought barefoot in the battle of Kings Mountain, led his company of militia cavalry into battle at the Cowpens, was held prisoner and escaped, all before his 18th birthday. This thrilling true story will entertain and inform audiences of all ages. Dr. Zeiss will be available after the presentation to sign copies of *Backcountry Fury*, available for purchase.

"Say Ahh!" The Incredible Medical History of Kings Mountain, Exhibit on display now through October 25, Open Tuesday through Saturday 10 am to 4 pm, 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.

The display celebrates the medical pioneers of this area, and highlights the evolution of science and technology in medicine over the past three centuries plus Military and Red Cross medical history.

Fort Mill History Museum

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

Book Signing, Saturday, September 13 at 11 am to 12:30.

Dr. Richard J. Chacon, Associate Professor of Anthropology at Winthrop University, and Michael C. Scoggins, Historian for the Culture & Heritage Museums and Research Director of The Southern Revolutionary War Institute, will discuss their recent book about the impact of the Great Awakening on the inhabitants of colonial America's Southern Backcountry. The lecture will highlight the important role that religion played in the American Revolutionary War. Additionally, the authors document the impact that religion played in other rebellions around the world. Books will be available for purchase at the event.

The Wall that Heals – The Traveling Vietnam Veterans Memorial & Museum, Thursday through Sunday, October 16-19, Free.

Open to the public all day and night for these days at Veterans Park, White Street in Fort Mill. This traveling display includes a mobile museum with exhibits including photos, letters, and memorabilia left at the Memorial.

FOR ADDITIONAL EVENTS, please visit these sites:

- **Andrew Jackson State Park**
www.southcarolinaparks.com/park-finder/state-park/1797.aspx
- **Fort Mill History Museum**
www.fortmillhistorymuseum.org
- **Historic Camden**
www.historic-camden.net
- **Levine Museum of the New South**
www.museumofthenewsouth.org
- **Matthews Historical Foundation**
704-846-6693
- **Mint Hill Historical Society**
www.minthillhistory.com
- **Mount Holly Historical Society**
mhhistoricalsociety@gmail.com
- **Old Salem**
www.oldsalem.org
- **Reed Gold Mine State Historic Site**
www.nchistoricsites.org/reed/reed.htm/
- **Robinson-Spangler Carolina Room, Charlotte Mecklenburg Library**
www.cmlibrary.org
- **Rural Hill**
www.ruralhill.net
- **Spencer Doll and Toy Museum**
www.spencerdollandtoymuseum.com
- **Stanly County Museum**
www.stanlycountymuseum.com
- **Union County Public Library**
www.unionlib.nc.us
- **York County Genealogical & Historical Society**
www.weblandinc.com/ycghs/member.html