

Dinner Meeting

Monday, March 14, 2016

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

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



Upcoming Dinner Program

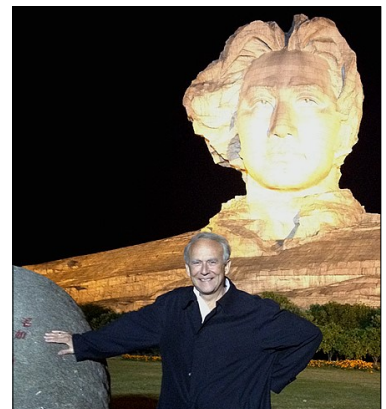
China and Charlotte — The Charlotte Trading Path Goes International

Charlotte owes its existence to its location as the central, East Coast intersection of trade and commerce. From ancient animal migratory trail to Indian migratory and trading route to cross roads for all types of commerce, Charlotte has drawn its commercial attractiveness. From wagons, to rail to train to automobile to air travel, Charlotte's logistical position has allowed her to flourish. From telegraph, to telephone, to radio, to television, cable, and now Google fiber, the flow of data enhances that position. As Charlotte enters the 21st Century, the location takes on importance not just regionally and nationally, but now internationally. What is the China connection and how did it suddenly happen and why is it a milestone? Chase Saunders will talk about his recent participation in a Carolinas Chinese Chamber of Commerce trip to China, how the trip was received, the first ever visit of the China Ambassador to Charlotte, and what this all means. The events of the past 150 days are part of another exciting chapter in the history of Charlotte.

Chase Boone Saunders is a Charlotte native, member of the Sons of the American Revolution, and former President of MHA. He was the Senior Resident Superior Court Judge, Chief District Court Judge and Assistant District Attorney before entering the practice of law. He is now moving into the field of real estate and economic development promotion. His passion is the development of Charlotte as a 21st Century global city of the future....the Charlotte city state.

In October Chase paid his way on a trade promotion mission to China sponsored by the Carolinas Chinese Chamber of Commerce and the Chinese People's Friendship Society. He was curious about China. He and the NC Leadership Delegation were given unprecedented access to places and people who could satisfy that curiosity. He was blown away by what has happened there and will share the visit and how unfolding events will impact Charlotte and the region. At our March

dinner meeting you will learn and see things you did not imagine existed.



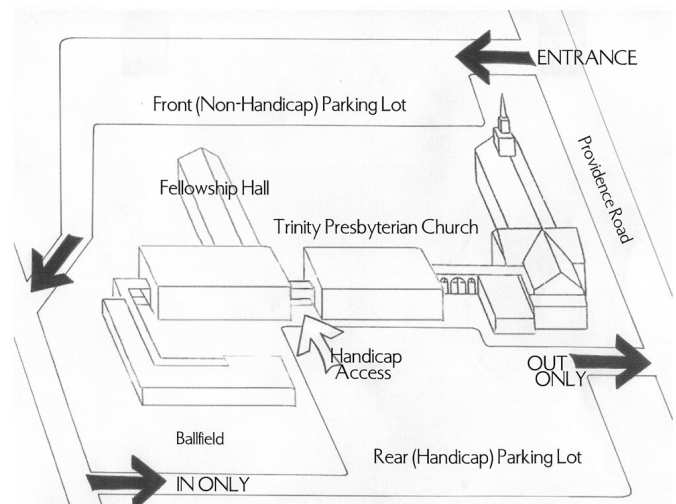
Chase Saunders at a tropical island park in Changsha, China — home of Chairman Mao.

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The MHA meets in the Fellowship Hall at:
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3115 Providence Road
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Remarks from the President

Happy Spring to our members. It will be good to see all of you at our first dinner meeting for 2016 on March 14th when we have a very unusual and fascinating program in store for you. Charlotte's history definitely informs its present reach all the way to China, as Chase Saunders will explain.

I am very pleased that the Southeastern Museum Council will have its annual meeting in Charlotte this coming October. Their offer to assist two of our historic sites while they are

here is amazing and I know Rosedale and Latta will welcome their donated professional assistance.

We thank Robin Brabham for the great job he has done as Program Chair following Jane Johnson's excellent job for several years in this position, but Robin needs to focus on other projects, so if you would be interested in helping us by becoming Program Chair, please let me know. The Board will assist with program suggestions but we need someone to be in charge of coordinating with the speakers, the caterer, and the church.

Please remember to renew your MHA membership for 2016 if you have not already done so. Your dues are needed to keep history alive in Mecklenburg and we use your contributions carefully. Thank you for being a part of the organization that has safeguarded our history since 1954. As always, we welcome your comments and suggestions to make MHA even better.

Linda Dalton,
MHA President
leaseace@aol.com
(704) 661-8470



North Branch MHA

The North Branch of the Mecklenburg Historical Association has announced its spring program schedule. All meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church at 19600 Zion Ave, Cornelius, NC 28031 (off Old Statesville Road) in Cornelius in Room 204 (enter by the cemetery – south side ramp). Meetings begin at 7:00pm.

March 8, we will have a return visit from Robert Ryals who will speak on the Catawba Indian Nation in the French and Indian War and the America Revolution.

April 12, we hope to have our annual road trip. (Alternate date is May 10.) We toured Torance House and Store last year and will tour a different site this year. We are hoping to tour Holly Bend. More details to come.

May 10, **Sarah Sue Hardinger** will discuss how to go about writing a historically-based novel. If you have ever thought of documenting your family or a time in history, this meeting is for you. As an example, she will use her



recently published book, *Ring of Luck*, a novel based on the founding of Jamestown.

No reservations are required. The meetings are free. If you have questions, contact Sarah Sue Hardinger (sarahsuenc@gmail.com) or (704) 906-6656.

Charlotte Regional History Consortium—Update

In 1994 the Mecklenburg Historical Association Docents had a wonderful idea- to bring together history museums, historic houses, and research facilities from across the region in an effort to foster partnership and mutual support. This idea became the Charlotte Regional History Consortium, known as the CRHC. The CRHC has since grown into a partnership of close to 40 area history organizations. In 2011 it obtained 501(c)3 status allowing it to move forward in an effort to better assist area organizations with marketing and grant opportunities.

Over the past several years, the CRHC has focused primarily on helping its member organizations get the word out about what they do for history in this region. The CRHC has printed out several brochures and rack cards over the years, which are designed to direct people to its member organizations and show potential visitors how much history the Charlotte region has to offer! A new brochure is currently in the works for the beginning of this year. The brochure directs people to the CRHC website (www.charlotteregionalhistory.org) so they can find out about member organizations. Through an interactive Google map, potential visitors can quickly see where regional sites are located, get directions, and link to member websites for more information.

In October 2016 the Southeastern Museum Council will hold its annual meeting in Charlotte. Within the SEMC is a group called the Historic House Museums Affinity Group (HHMAG). This group seeks to offer their services and expertise to area historic houses each year during the annual meeting. Two CRHC members will benefit from this in October. Teams of HHMAG volunteers will travel to Historic Rosedale to whitewash the English Basement Kitchen and to Historic Latta Plantation to assess collections and provide advice for updating its collections care program.

The CRHC meets five times each year, including two socials, designed to give members a chance to get to know each other better and create new partnerships. If you would like to be added to the CRHC email list, please send your information to lattakristin@gmail.com. You will then receive updates of meeting locations (which rotate to different member sites) and times. We invite you to join us on April 6th, 2016 at 3:00pm for our spring social. It will be held at the Kings Mountain Historical Museum. Hope to see you there!

Kristin Toler
President, CRHC

The photos at right are from a recent CRHC meeting at Loray Mill in Gastonia.



Left to Right: Kristin Toler (President CRHC), Kirk Johnston (Andrew Jackson State Park), Angela Thorpe (Polk), Susan Simmons (Schiele), Barbara Taylor (Matthews Historical Museum), Adria Focht, (Kings Mountain Historical Museum), Bill Helms (Matthews Historical Foundation), Kelly Mason (Gaston County Museum)



Left to Right: Billy Hughes (Loray Mills), Kirk Johnston (Andrew Jackson State Park), Jane Johnson (looking out of window, PLCMC Carolina Room), Bill Helms (Matthews Historical Foundation), Barbara Taylor (Matthews Historical Museum)

MHA Docent Programs

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

Tuesday, March 1

The Tryon Resolves

On August 14, 1775, west of the Catawba, an enraged group of Tryon County citizens convened at the Tryon Courthouse, in response to the horrific Battles of Lexington and Concord, Massachusetts that had taken place several months before. Vowing resistance to "barbarous and bloody actions" by the British Empire against its North American colonies, they formed an Association, and signed a set of resolutions which came to be known as The Tryon Resolves. Join us to learn more about this important regional document and its contribution to the atmosphere of unrest in the Carolina Backcountry on the eve of Revolution. The original manuscript is extant and now resides in the North Carolina Archives in



Raleigh. Photographs of this historic decree will be on hand for your inspection.

Suzanne Simmons, a native of Cleveland County and graduate of UNC-Greensboro, joined the staff at the Schiele Museum of Natural History as Environmental Education Program Specialist in 1985. In 2007, she donned the cap as 18th Century Backcountry Lifeways Program Specialist and Pioneer Farm site manager. Now, Suzanne weaves her interests in 18th century life, Native American/Aboriginal folklore, storytelling, and working with children "of all ages" into a fabric of educational programs and activities which bring to life the triumphs and trials of settlement in the late 1700's in the Piedmont Backcountry.

Tuesday, April 5

Book Discussion:

The Uncommon Bond of Julia and Rose

The Uncommon Bond of Julia and Rose is a history-based novel about an unusually close relationship between a slave named Rose and Julia who was her owner. It is told in their two voices by way of "memory journals" written in the spring and summer of 1860. The book

consists of those interwoven journals recounting their fifty years of life together, written against a background of fears and rumors of impending war. Julia has no use for slavery and adores Rose. Rose returns her affection with reservations; she detests being property, but accepts that her life has been easier than most. We hope that by April many of you will have had an opportunity to read about Julia and Rose, so that this program will be much more of a book discussion than a book talk.

Ann Williams, author of *The Uncommon Bond of Julia and Rose*, has researched and written about antebellum plantation life for many years, and has been an interpreter at Mecklenburg's historic plantation sites. She will lead the discussion by telling how the book came to be, and cite historic sources for some of its events. Then she will open the floor for discussion. We hope you will come with questions and comments; but there will be lots to talk about whether you've read the book or not. The complex and ever changing institution of slavery should supply plenty of meat to chew on.

Membership Renewals

It's time to renew your MHA membership for 2016. Please save us the cost of mailing by renewing now. Fill in the form, make your check payable to Mecklenburg Historical Association, and mail to:

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

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

Thank you for your interest in history!

Membership Category	Single	Couple
Senior Citizen (over 60)	\$15.00	\$25.00
General	30.00	50.00
Patron	60.00	100.00
Life (single payment)	300.00	500.00
Student	Free	n/a

Name	
Address	
City, State, Zip	
Email Address	

Membership type: (Please check one)

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

Please send my MHA Newsletter via:

- ☐ Email
☐ US Postal Mail
☐ Both

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

March 14, 2016 Dinner Meeting Reservation Form

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

Please make checks payable to Mecklenburg Historical Association.

Questions? Please email Linda Dalton (leaseace@aol.com) or call her at (704) 661-8470.

We must have your dinner reservation (written or verbal) by Thursday, March 10 in order to meet our caterer's schedule.

Enclosed: \$ _____ (total) for _____ seats (\$12 for Seniors)
\$ _____ (total) for _____ seats (\$14 for all others)

Name Tags: _____ , _____

Summer Camps

Historic Latta Plantation Summer Day Camps in June, July and August

Each summer Latta Plantation offers a variety of fun outdoors camps which focus on history, agriculture, and primitive life. Farm Camps are available for children ages 4 to 17 and include age appropriate activities. Historical camps are offered to boys and girls alike, ages 8-12, including Miss. Jane's Academy, Civil War Soldier Camp, and Revolutionary War Soldier Camp. For a complete listing of summer camp offerings, check the Latta webpage at www.lattaplantation.org Camps fill quickly so be sure to register early.

Polk Summer Camps

Registration is now open for Summer Camp at the President James K. Polk State Historic

Site. Visit www.jameskpolk.net for information — space is limited, reservations required.

Hart Square

Behind the Scenes at Hart Square, Saturday, April 16 at 10 am to 3 pm.

Hart Square is the largest collection of original log buildings in the United States. Once each year, on the fourth Saturday in October, docents, artisans, craftsmen and thousands of eager visitors descend upon Hart Square to experience life as it once existed in the North Carolina backcountry.

On April 16 you can enjoy an intimate view of the property and its interpretation of early American life including a

special lecture by Dr. Hart himself as well as an up-close view of the village's architecture, art and antiques. Visit fifteen of Hart Square's meticulously restored 19th-century log structures, and browse the period-appropriate furnishings and other objects within them. Tours throughout the day will pay special attention to the buildings' architecture and craftsmanship and the history behind them. Photography is encouraged.

An outdoor barbecue lunch is included and the event will take place rain or shine, so do come prepared. The cost of this special event is \$60.00. To purchase tickets contact the Historical Association of Catawba County at (828)-465-0383, cchamuseum@gmail.com or <http://catawbahistory.org/events/19/1491>



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WWW.MECKDEC.ORG

Site News

Reenactment of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse, Saturday and Sunday, March 12 and 13.

The Revolutionary War Battle of Guilford Courthouse was fought on March 15, 1781 between the American forces under General Nathanael Greene, and British forces under General Cornwallis. Although the British forces were in possession at the end of the day, they were so destroyed, in men and materiel that they retreated back to the coast at Wilmington. From there they went to Virginia and later surrendered at York Town. Guilford Court House is generally considered to be the final turning point of the war.

This battle is reenacted each year on the weekend nearest March 15 and is the largest Revolutionary War reenactment in the South. Unfortunately, as of this date, no information on this reenactment has been made available by the City of Greensboro, the National Park Service or the Guilford Battleground Company. If and when such information becomes available we will publish it in the weekly MHA email. The web sites of these three organizations are:

<http://www.greensboro-nc.gov>
<http://www.nps.gov/guco>
<http://guilfordbattlegroundcompany.org>

The Mummy Treasure of Al Faiyum, Exhibit Opening,

March 14 at the Iredell Museum, Statesville. This exhibit features North Carolina's only Egyptian Mummy. This rare 22nd Dynasty mummy was acquired

in 1956 by the Iredell Museums from the Crozier Museum in Upland, PA, where it had been on exhibition since the late 1800s. The style of the mummy's three coffin ensemble identify it as from Faiyum, Egypt in the Libyan Period (1070 -712 BCE). According to Egyptologists at the British Museum, there are few examples of mummies from this time period.

In recent years the museum staff have conducted extensive research and uncovered a number of secrets regarding her mummification. Recent X-rays and CT Scans donated by Iredell Health System documented her condition and answered many questions about her mummy's health and possible age at the time of death.

Kaye Brown Hirst, Long Time Executive Director of the Rowan Museum is Retiring. The Board of Directors of the Rowan Museum in Salisbury has announced the retirement of Kaye Brown Hirst, effective late spring and are soliciting applications for the position. The Museum encompasses three historic sites and other historic properties in the Rowan County area. Those interested in applying for the full time salaried position should have a background in event planning, collections management, security and safety and leading a non-profit organization plus a knowledge of Rowan County and Salisbury. To apply, mail a cover letter and current resume to:

*The Rowan Museum
 202 North Main Street
 Salisbury, NC 28144*

Employment Opportunity at Historic Camden, SC.

Long-time executive director of the Historic Camden Revolutionary War Site in Camden, South Carolina, Joanna Craig has retired and they are searching for a replacement. If you are qualified and interested, send a cover letter, current resume and three references to:

*Historic Camden,
 c/o Amy Sheheen, Interim Director
 PO Box 710, Camden SC 29021*

NC's Southern Boundary: a Refresher Course, Saturday, March 5 at 9:30 am to noon.

William P. Cumming Map Society, Charlotte Mecklenburg Library, Uptown Branch, Dowd Learning Room. The History and Re-survey of North Carolina's Southern Boundary: Stephen R. Kelly, author of *The Boundary Hunters: Uncovering North Carolina's Lost Borders* (The Atlantic) and "How the Carolinas Fixed Their Blurred Lines" (New York Times), will discuss the historical background of the boundary between the two Carolinas, and the current status of the recent re-survey to determine its true location.

Prior to Mr. Kelly's presentation, Jay Lester, author of the North Carolina Map Blog, will give a brief introduction to the variety and frequently peculiar cartographic shapes of the Carolinas.

Shelia Bumgarner, librarian in the Robinson-Spangler Carolina Room at the Charlotte Library will have a fascinating selection of 19th century regional maps available for viewing and study. Among these treasures are maps of local gold mines.

The History Calendar

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

www.charlotteregionalhistory.org

Historic Rosedale

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

Three Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday March 19 at 10 am, 11 am, and noon. Explore our

enchanted gardens and wander through the ancient boxwood maze as you and your child hunt for Easter eggs. Children of all ages are welcome and don't forget your Easter Baskets. Reservations required and sell out fast.

Archaeology Camp, Saturday, March 26 from 10 am to 1 pm.

Be an archaeologist for a day. Join us at our dig site to find artifacts from the plantation.

Oyster Roast, Sunday, April 10

from noon to 4 pm. Good food, live music, games for the kids, house walkthroughs, and alcohol is included... what could be better? \$40, advance registration required.

Garden Tour, Saturday, April 30 from 11 am to 5 pm and Sunday, May 1: Noon to 4 pm.

Stroll through multiple gardens around town at your own pace. Your final stop is Rosedale at 5 pm Sunday evening for a wine & cheese garden party. \$35 in Advance \$45 at the door.

Latta Plantation

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

Celtic Festival, Saturday and Sunday, March 12 and 13 from 10 am to 4 pm. Celebrate all things Celtic in lieu of St. Patrick's Day with live music, dance performances, children's activities, historical demonstrations, arts & crafts vendors and food & beverage vendors.

Celtic Music Night Fundraiser, Saturday, March 12: 6 to 9 pm.

Enjoy an evening of Celtic music under the stars. Food and beer vendors will be serving throughout the evening.

Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday March 26 from 10 am to 2 pm.

The annual Latta Easter Egg Hunt on the grounds of the historic plantation is a great favorite. Children will participate in an egg hunt and try to win candy and toy filled eggs while enjoying live children's music, crafts, children's activities, and the Latta Farm Animals. Reservations by pre-payment only, reservations open March 1st and fill quickly- please note that registration procedures are different from years past.

Sheep to Shawl Saturday April 23 from 10 am to 4 pm.

See fiber working in all of its forms: a live sheep shearing demonstration, wool cleaning, carding, dyeing, spinning, and weaving. Join the artisans as they display and teach their craft.

World War Two Re-enactment Saturday April 30 and Sunday May 1 from 10 am to 4 pm each day.

World War Two Battle Reenactment each day at 2 pm. Food vendors, live music and living history exhibits.

The Charlotte Museum of History

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

Backcountry Explorers – The Environment, Thursday, March 3 from 2 to 3:30 pm or Saturday, March 5 from 10:30 am to noon.

Students ages 6-12 will immerse themselves in Colonial history, discover Colonial life at the Hezekiah Alexander Home Site and create hands-on projects.

Backcountry Explorers – Herbs and Medicine, Thursday, April 7 from 2 to 3:30 pm or Saturday, April 9 from 10:30 am to noon.

Students ages 6-12 will immerse themselves in Colonial history, discover Colonial life at the Hezekiah Alexander Home Site and create hands-on projects.

Backcountry Explorers – Cooking, Saturday, November 7 at 10:30 am.

A hands-on class for students ages 6-12 to immerse themselves in Colonial food preparation. Join us as we discover Colonial life at the Hezekiah Alexander Home Site and create hands-on projects.

Civil War Symposium, Saturday, April 30 from 9 am to 3:30 pm.

The Metrolina Civil War Roundtable and Charlotte Museum of History present their Annual Civil War Symposium. Please register before April 22.

-Keynote speaker Dr. Chris E. Fonvielle, Jr., - *The Wilmington Campaign: Last Rays of Departing Hope*
-Dr. Jim Sasser - *The Civil War and Individual Valor*

-Leonard R. (Deacon) Jones – *African-Americans in the Civil War*

-Chris Hartley – *Who Was the Real D. H. Hill?*

-Kay Peninger – *The Morrison Sisters: Their Extraordinary Lives and Accomplishment*

Charlotte Folk Society

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

Charlotte Folk Society Gathering Concert & Jams, Friday, March 11, "One Man Folk Show" Joe Craven.

Great Aunt Stella Center, 926 Elizabeth Avenue, Charlotte. 7:30 pm; doors open 7 pm. Free; donations appreciated, accessible entry & elevator on ground floor. Features multi-instrumentalist and "one man folk show" Joe Craven.

Charlotte Folk Society Gathering Concert & Jams, Friday, April 8, Female Trio Beeswing.

Great Aunt Stella Center, 926 Elizabeth Avenue, Charlotte. 7:30 pm; doors open 7 pm. Free; donations appreciated, accessible entry & elevator on ground floor. Features Irish songs and tunes by female trio Beeswing.

Sons of the American Revolution

Information contact: Jay Joyce at jay@mecklenburgsar.org or call 704-526-9548

Letters from Home, Thursday, May 12 at 6 pm, Hilton Charlotte Executive Park Hotel.

"Letters from Home" is America's Bombshell Duo, featuring their 1940's-style patriotic music, comedy and dance. These dynamic entertainers travel the country honoring our nation's Veterans, active military heroes and their families by reviving patriotism through their 1940's-style music. Veterans are encouraged to wear their ribbons or part of a uniform to signify their service. Tickets are \$29 for adults and \$15 for children, including dinner, so buy your tickets now by sending your check, to the Mecklenburg Chapter SAR, c/o Tom Phlegar, 7324 Marlbrook Drive, Charlotte, NC 28212-4770.

Matthews Historical Foundation

Programs held at the Matthews Woman's Club, 208 S. Trade St.

The Evolution of Historic Rosedale, Tuesday March 29 at 7:15 pm. Deborah Hunter, Executive Director at Rosedale Historic Plantation, will speak on the Evolution of Rosedale, including the house, the gardens and the upcoming 2016 bicentennial celebration.

The History of Charlotte Douglas International Airport, Tuesday, April 26 at 7:15 pm. Wally Coppinger, Executive Director of the Carolinas Aviation Museum, will speak on the history of the Charlotte Airport and the transformation of the museum from a hangar filled with aircraft to a more refined gallery of aviation artifacts.

Davidson Historical Society Post Office Box 144, Davidson, NC 28036.
www.davidsonhistoricalsociety.org

The Uncommon Bond of Julia and Rose, Sunday, March 6 at 4 pm. DDavidson Town Hall, 216 South Main Street, free. Author and historian Ann Williams will discuss her new book, *The Uncommon Bond of Julia and Rose*. Set on a piedmont plantation during the first half of the 19th century, the book tells the story of an unusually close relationship between Julia and her slave Rose. Their observations and experiences reveal how complex slavery was, and how it differed from place to place and changed over time. Although the story is fiction, the historical background of the book is very real. Ann has drawn from her decades of research, reading and interpretation at antebellum historic sites.

Ann Williams has been active in local history for over 30 years, with particular interest in Mecklenburg's historic plantations: Latta, Hugh Torrance House and Store, Rural Hill, and Rosedale. She has done research at all of them, and tours at most. She is the author of *Your Affectionate Daughter, Isabella* which is drawn from the papers and experiences of the Torrance family of Cedar Grove and co-editor of *A Life in Antebellum Charlotte: the Private Journal of Sarah F. Davidson, 1837*. Books will be available for purchase. This program is free and open to the public.

President James K. Polk State Historic Site

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

Traffic Pattern Changes at the President James K. Polk State Historic Site. Lancaster Highway (S. Polk St.) is closed near the President James K. Polk State Historic Site while repairs are being made to the Sugar Creek Bridge. Alternate directions are: On Highway 51 traveling toward Pineville just past Carolina Place Mall turn left on Carolina Place Parkway. Turn right where the Parkway comes to an end at Lancaster Highway. Pass the Waldhorn restaurant on the right, and turn right into the Polk historic site.

First Ladies Sarah Polk, Margaret Taylor, and Abigail Fillmore Film Screening, Saturday, March 12 at 10 am, Free. Learn about the lives and legacies of three First Ladies: Sarah Polk, Margaret Taylor and Abigail Fillmore. This documentary is one in a series produced by C-SPAN entitled: *"First Ladies: Influence and Image."*

Historic Brattonsville

1444 Brattonsville Rd., McConnells, SC, 803-684-2327
chmuseums.org/brattonsville
Children's Day on the Farm, Saturday, March 26 from 10 am to 4 pm. Learn about farm life in the 18th and 19th centuries with candle-dipping, blacksmithing, and food preparation. See the newborn lambs and pet other farm animals. Pony and wagon rides available for an additional fee. Food concessions available, so come and spend the day with us exploring the past.

Sheep Shearing, Saturday, April 9 from 10 am to 4 pm.

It is time to shear the flock of Gulf Coast sheep. Observe a shearing demonstrations and learn about carding, spinning, dyeing and weaving to turn raw wool into finished garments. And be sure to meet our spring lambs while you are here.

Kings Mountain Historical Museum

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

Kings Mountain Historical Museum's 30th Anniversary Celebration, Saturday, March 19 from 10 am to 4 pm. A full day of activities with a Battle of Kings Mountain theme: historical craft demonstrations, a firearms demonstration and a program on *Every Insult and Indignity: the Life, Genius and Legacy of Major Patrick Ferguson* by Ricky Roberts, performances by the Log Cabin String Band and a chance to make your own contribution to a time capsule.

Washington's 1791 Southern Tour, Presentation and Book Signing, Thursday, April 7 at 5:30 pm, free. In the spring of 1791, President Washington spent nearly three and a half months traveling from Philadelphia to Georgia and

back – the last of three trips in the first two years of his presidency through all 13 states. Author, historian, and broadcaster Warren L. Bingham will speak about this fascinating chapter in American History during which our nation's first President promoted the new constitution and brought the face of the new federal government to the people.

The Mauney Brothers' Civil War, Presentation and Book Talk, Wednesday, April 13, at 5:30 pm, free. Kings Mountain Historical Museum is pleased to announce that the Civil War diary of William Andrew Mauney, which has recently been donated to the Museum by Mr. Frank Summers, has been digitized and published online through the North Carolina Digital Heritage Center. The diary and the museum's other DigitalNC.org content can be viewed at: <http://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/kings-mountain-historical-museum/>

To celebrate the publication of this unique primary source material, historian and author Lawrence Lohr will present a program about his book, *The Mauney Brothers' Civil War*. The book chronicles the Civil War experiences of the Mauney brothers, Jacob, Andrew, and Peter. The war would claim the life of one of the brothers; the other two would go on to have a major role in the establishment of the City of Kings Mountain and the area's industries. The book includes photographs and transcriptions of original source materials, including the W.A. Mauney diary.

Fort Dobbs Historic Site
438 Fort Dobbs Rd, Statesville,
NC 704-873-5882
www.fortdobbs.org

War for Empire, Saturday April 16 from 9 am to 5 pm and Sunday, April 17 from 10 am-3 pm.

Join the soldiers, settlers, and American Indians who inhabited North Carolina's colonial frontier and learn about their lives and struggles through encampments, trades demonstrations and battle re-enactments.

York County Genealogical & Historical Society

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

Events Leading to the American Revolution, Sunday, March 20, at 3 pm, free. Scott Syfert is the author of *The First American Declaration of Independence?* which discusses the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence of May 20, 1775. He will give an overview of events in our area leading to the American Revolution. Unity Presbyterian Church, 303 Tom Hall Street, Fort Mill, SC.

FOR ADDITIONAL EVENTS, please visit these sites:

- **Andrew Jackson State Park**
www.southcarolinaparks.com/park-finder/state-park/1797.aspx
- **Charlotte Folk Society**
www.folksociety.org
- **Charlotte Museum of History**
www.charlottemuseum.org
- **Cowpens National Battlefield**
www.nps.gov/cowp
- **Duke Mansion**
www.dukemansion.com
- **Fort Defiance**
www.fortdefiancecnc.org
- **Fort Dobbs State Historic Site**
www.fortdobbs.org
- **Fort Mill History Museum**
www.fortmillhistorymuseum.org
- **Gaston County Museum**
www.gastoncountymuseum.org
- **Gregory Creek Homestead & Iredell Museums**
www.iredellmuseums.org
- **Guilford Courthouse National Military Park**
www.nps.gov/guico

- **Historic Brattonsville**
www.chmuseums.org/brattonsville
- **Historic Camden**
www.historic-camden.net
- **Historic Rosedale**
www.historicrosedale.org
- **Hugh Torance House and Store**
www.hughtorancehouseandstore.com
- **Kings Mountain Historical Museum**
www.kingsmountainmuseum.org
- **Kings Mountain National Military Park**
www.nps.gov/kimo
- **Kings Mountain Historical Museum**
www.kingsmountainmuseum.org
- **Kings Mountain State Park**
southcarolinaparks.com/park-finder/state-park/945.aspx
- **Latta Plantation**
www.lattaplantation.org
- **Levine Museum of the New South**
www.museumofthenewsouth.org
- **Matthews Heritage Museum**
www.matthewsheritagemuseum.org
- **Matthews Historical Foundation**
704-846-6693
- **Mint Hill Historical Society**
www.minthillhistory.com
- **Mount Holly Historical Society**
mhhistoricalociety@gmail.com
- **Museum of the Waxhaws**
www.museumofthewaxhaws.org
- **Old Salem**
www.oldsalem.org
- **President James K. Polk State Historic Site**
polk.nchistoricsites.org
- **Reed Gold Mine State Historic Site**
www.nchistoricsites.org/reed/reed.htm
- **Robinson-Spangler Carolina Room, Charlotte Mecklenburg Library**
www.cmllibrary.org
- **Rowan Museum**
www.rowanmuseum.org
- **Rural Hill**
www.ruralhill.net
- **Schiele Museum**
www.schielemuseum.org
- **Southern Campaign of the American Revolution**
www.southerncampaign.org
- **Spencer Doll and Toy Museum**
www.spencerdollandtoymuseum.com
- **Stanly County Museum**
www.stanlycountymuseum.com
- **Union County Public Library**
www.union.lib.nc.us
- **York County Genealogical & Historical Society**
www.weblandinc.com/ycghs/member.html