

Dinner Meeting

Monday, March 13, 2017

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

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



Upcoming Dinner Program

Trinity Presbyterian Church. Dinner is at 6:30 followed by the program at 7:15. Those not having dinner may enjoy the program at no charge. To make a reservation for dinner, use the order form in your MHA Newsletter or contact Barbara Taylor, 1016 Goshen Place, Charlotte, NC 28211, (980)-335-0326 or btaylor797@aol.com.

For fifteen days in 1865, North Carolina was the Capital of the Confederacy. In the waning days of the Confederacy, Jefferson Davis and the members of his Cabinet fled south out of Virginia. Their train arrived in Greensboro on April 11, but the city was crowded with refugees, and with the Union Army under General Sherman's approaching from the east, the Confederate Cabinet decided to move further south. They traveled overland through Jamestown, Lexington, Salisbury, China Grove, and Concord, and arrived in Charlotte on the 19th where they established offices and stayed in local homes. When the Confederate Army surrendered at Bennett Place on April 26, Davis held a final meeting of the entire Confederate cabinet

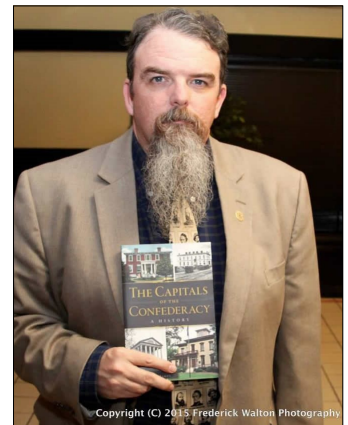
North Carolina as the Confederate Capital

and then rode out of the city. He passed through South Carolina and into Georgia where he was captured on May 10.

Historian and author **Michael Hardy** has worked as an interpreter and researched and written numerous books and articles about the Civil War. Much of his work has focused on the role of North Carolina. Among his twenty books are:

- *The Thirty-Seventh North Carolina Troops: Tar Heels in the Army of Northern Virginia* (2003)
- *Remembering North Carolina's Confederates* (2006)
- *The Fifty-Eighth North Carolina Troops* (2010)
- *North Carolina in the Civil War* (2011)
- *Civil War Charlotte* (2012)
- *The Capitals of the Confederacy: Montgomery, Richmond, Danville, Greensboro, and Charlotte* (2015)

Michael is a graduate of the University of Alabama, and was named North Carolina Historian of the Year by the North Carolina Society of Historians in 2010. He will have his books for sale and signing at the meeting.

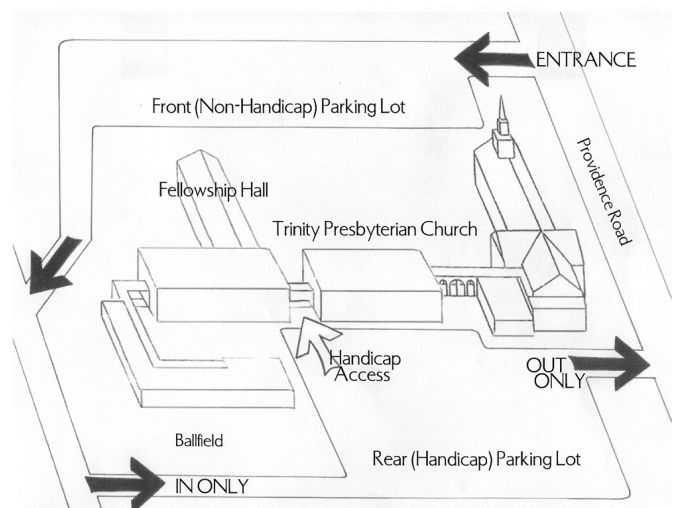


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Remarks from the President

Hello to all our members! Please make an effort to send in your membership renewal for 2017 so we don't have to mail a reminder letter to you. Your Board is excited about the speakers Barbara Taylor has lined up for us this year. Mark your calendars for Monday, May 15, when we will welcome Tom Manguson, visiting scholar at the Center for the Study of the South at UNC-CH and a military historian. Mr. Manguson will speak on the story of North Carolina's oldest roads and what factors determine how a path, trail or road wends its way across our state.

This will be a busy year for history in our area as World War I Camp Greene and the Mecklenburg Chapter of the American Red Cross both celebrate their centennials. We will have more information in the May issue about the Camp Greene festival and celebration which will occur on Saturday, July 15th.

We have an amazing new event, Voices From The Past, coming. It was conceived and is presented by the Mecklenburg Historical Association Docents. Please read the newsletter article for details and plan to be with us at Settlers' and Elmwood / Pinewood

Cemeteries on Saturday, April 1st.

As always, we welcome your comments and suggestions to make our organization better.

Linda Dalton
MHA President
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MHA Docent Programs

Tuesday, March 7

Southern Schoolgirl Needlework from the Carolina Piedmont, 1800-1860

This meeting 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.

Pat Veasey will present the program, which focuses on 19th century schoolgirl embroideries of the Carolina Piedmont where the Presbyterian tradition of education was strong. The use of various motifs is sometimes a clue to where a girl was schooled. Pat will show images of a number of samplers, some from Mecklenburg, and point out their interesting characteristics.

Patricia V. Veasey is an independent scholar with interest in women's education in the antebellum South. From 1990-2002 she was Director of Education at Historic Brattonsville, Culture and Heritage Museums. She has written many articles on needlework, 18th century women's dress, and related topics. She has curated several exhibits including "Virtue Leads and Grace Reveals" in 2003; she wrote the scholarly catalog and study of that exhibit.

Tuesday, April 4

Field Trip to Historic Brattonsville

Historic Brattonsville began as an 18th century farm that became a large, prosperous 19th century cotton plantation. Generations of Brattons were doctors and planters, and active participants in both the Revolutionary and Civil Wars. The site has planned a day filled with activities for us. We should arrive at the visitors' center by 9:45 am. At 10:00 we will have a tour called "By Way of the Back Door", an interpretation of the lives of the enslaved. At 11:30 we'll enjoy lunch, and at 12 we'll visit the gin house for a hands-on focus on cotton. At 1:00 pm we'll be treated to a tour of the private slave cemetery, a place not generally open to the public. Visitors are welcome to join us;

email mhadandelion@mindspring.com so we'll know how many people to expect. If you would like to carpool, meet in the Sugaw Creek Church parking lot by 8:30; we will leave there promptly at 8:45.

We have made arrangements for box lunches from Honey Baked Hams. They will include a classic ham or roasted chicken sandwich, chips, and a cookie; the cost is \$10.00. The box lunches must be ordered ahead. Jane Estep will take orders at the March Docent meeting, or you can mail her a check, made payable to Jane Estep: 10170 Foxhall Drive, Charlotte, NC 28210. Indicate on the memo line which sandwich you prefer. We will provide beverages. Instead of a box lunch, you may bring a lunch from home.

Voices From The Past

Settlers' and Elmwood/Pinewood Cemeteries A New Event, Saturday, April 1, 1-5 pm

On April, 1st, the MHA Docents will introduce a new program called "Voices From The Past". The event will be held in Settlers' (200 West 5th St) and Elmwood/Pinewood (700 West 6th St) Cemeteries in uptown Charlotte where more than 40 of the "residents" will come to life for the afternoon and visit with you as you stroll through the cemeteries. We have engaged a broad array of portrayers who will impersonate familiar characters from our local history and a few you may never have heard of. For instance, when Col. Thomas Polk isn't busy reading the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence at the square on May 20th, you'll find him at Settlers pontificating about founding our fair city and his Revolutionary War exploits. You probably haven't met the wife of Joel Baldwin the latter; his is the oldest grave in the cemetery. Don't miss the northeast corner of Settlers that was reserved for "our servants", a euphemism for slaves. None of those graves are marked, and most never were. There you'll encounter Aggie and Cherry who were enslaved at Rosedale.

At Elmwood you'll see Dr. Annie Alexander, the South's first licensed female physician, but

that was just one of her many accomplishments. Did you know we have a former mayor named for the Swamp Fox, or a circus trainer mauled to death by his elephant, or a poor runaway boy no one could identify in spite of a huge effort to find the child's family? You've probably passed by St. Mary's Chapel, once part of Thompson's Orphanage. Now you can learn of the marvelous adventure Thompson Orphanage's founder had early in his life. If you're familiar with the bold and colorful collages of Romare Bearden, you'll want to meet his great-grandmother who inspired him. Some portrayers will appear as their own ancestors telling stories they learned firsthand. This is only a smattering of the tales we will have to tell.

Lynn Mintzer is the MHA Docent in charge of the event. She attended similar cemetery tours in other cities. She queried them about how they organized their events, and pulled together a committee to find portrayers, research their characters' stories, locate costuming, and tidy up other details. Her committee has worked closely with The Olde Mecklenburg Genealogical Society, Charlotte's Center City Partners, Bill Bibby (director of Charlotte's cemeteries) and a number of other helpful people.

The event is free (donations are appreciated). There are parking meters on several streets surrounding Settlers; metered spaces are free all day on Saturdays. It is a pleasant 8-minute walk up 5th Street between the cemeteries or you may drive to both locations. At Elmwood / Pinewood some of the wider lanes will be available for parking. To use those spaces, enter Elmwood via Cedar Street around the corner from the main entrance on 6th Street. The 6th Street entrance will be open for foot traffic only. There are a number of public parking lots in the general area. We will not schedule a rain date, as the logistics are too complicated. We will carry on if the weather is misty or drizzly; if it rains heavily, perhaps we'll try again next year. So do put April 1st on your calendar, and pass the word to your friends and acquaintances about the event.

--Ann Williams

Plans for Meck Dec Day

Mark Your Calendar for the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence Celebration

Uptown Celebration at Noon - Friday, May 19

This year May 20th falls on a Saturday so in keeping with long-standing tradition, the MHA will hold our annual celebration on Friday, May 19, at Independence Square in uptown Charlotte. There will be fife and drum, soldiers, flags and political speeches, followed by a reading of the "Meck Dec" accompanied by Huzzahs from the crowd and the firing of cannon and muskets. So make your plans now to be on the Square at noon on Friday, May 19th.

The Ron Hankins History Talks Lecture on Thursday, May 18

The evening before the uptown celebration, the Charlotte Museum of History will present the first annual Wells Fargo Foundation Ron Hankins History Talk. The inaugural speaker will be Colonel Tom Vossler who retired from the US

Army after being director of the US Army Military History Institute and is the author of several books on the Civil War. He will speak on the Civil War Battle of Antietam and the part North Carolina Troops played in it. There will be a reception before and Col. Vossler will be signing copies of his books afterwards. This event is free and open to the public.

Liberty or Death - the Revolutionary War in the Carolinas, May 20 and 21

The Saturday and Sunday after the Meck Dec Celebration at the square in Charlotte, there will be a major Revolutionary War Reenactment at Historic Brattonsville. Over 300 reenactors from across the country will appear and recreate the battles of Kings Mountain, Camden, and Eutaw Springs. Military camps will be set up, Sutlers will be selling their goods and there will be a number of demonstrations throughout the day.

MHA North Branch Meetings

Wednesday, March 15 Tour of Irvin Law Historic Site

We will meet at 7 pm at Irvin Law, PLLC on Zion Street. This is the latest site to be recognized as a Historic Site in Cornelius. After a short business meeting, Susan Irvin will give us a tour of her renovated and restored property.

Tuesday, April 11 Changes in the Cornelius Historic Area

At 7 pm, at Mt Zion Church in Cornelius, Will Washam of the Town of Cornelius will bring us up to date on the Arts Center and other changes to the historic areas of Cornelius.

Membership Renewals

It's time to renew your MHA membership for 2017. 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 13, 2017 Dinner Meeting Reservation Form

Mail to: Mecklenburg Historical Association
c/o Barbara Taylor, 1016 Goshen Place, Charlotte, NC 28211
or email: btaylor797@aol.com

Please make checks payable to Mecklenburg Historical Association.

Questions? Please email Barbara Taylor (btaylor797@aol.com) or call her at (980) 335-0326.

We must have your dinner reservation (written or verbal) by Thursday, March 9 in order to meet our caterer's schedule.

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

Name Tags: _____ , _____

A Century of Helping Hands: 100th Anniversary of Mecklenburg Chapter of the Red Cross Matthews Heritage Museum Exhibit

The impending entrance into WWI brought home to Charlotte citizens the necessity for organizing a chapter of the American Red Cross. They did this on March 9, 1917, at the home of Mrs. Vinton Liddell. Three days before the United States went to war, a mass meeting was held for the solicitation of members. More than 2,000 volunteers raised about \$4,000 and the chapter received its charter on May 21, 1917. Many Red Cross chapters were founded in the US in 1917 as part of the effort to serve soldiers in World War I. The number of local chapters jumped from 107 in 1914 to 3,864 in 1918!

The Matthews Heritage Museum and the Western North Carolina Region of the American Red Cross have joined to present the exhibit "A Century of Helping Hands" in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the American Red Cross in Mecklenburg County. The exhibit will run through June 24, 2017.

Locally, the Red Cross Chapter took on a larger role in service to Camp Greene, which was hastily constructed to train over 60,000 soldiers at a time for WWI. Because of the large population it supported, health issues were a concern. The appointed health officer had a part-time milk inspector, a part-time clinician, one

sanitary inspector and two nurses. The Red Cross sent four field nurses and one nurse superintendent to assist. Later, a nurse was assigned for follow-up work in venereal disease and a Negro nurse were appointed. Red Cross volunteers provided "delicacies for sick soldiers," extra blankets and warm clothing. They sponsored a "home service" program to board wives accompanying their husbands to camp.

During WWII the Mecklenburg Chapter was called upon to assist with Pearl Harbor and by January 1942, \$94,000 was raised. The Blood Donor Program began in 1947. Four years later the American Red Cross provided Gamma Globulin to "Help Fight Polio". In 1954, disaster relief efforts for Hurricane Hazel helped 1500 families. Recently, the Mecklenburg Chapter operated a 16-day shelter for Hurricane Katrina evacuees.

The Mecklenburg County Chapter of the American Red Cross has been continuously active since its organization and now provides health services to families and youth in accordance with its national charter.

The Matthews Heritage Museum, located at 232 N. Trade Street in Matthews, is open Thursday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A small admission fee is charged. The first Saturday of every month is free to the public. To schedule a group tour, please call 704-708-4996.

--Barb Taylor



"Preserving Mecklenburg's Heritage"

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Charlotte, North Carolina 28235
Phone: 704-333-6422

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WWW.MECKDEC.ORG

Site News

Reenactment of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse, March 18 and 19.

The Revolutionary War Battle of Guilford Courthouse was fought on March 15, 1781 between American forces under General Nathanael Greene and British forces under General Cornwallis. Although the British forces were in possession of the field 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, Virginia. 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. This year it is on Saturday and Sunday, March 18 and 19 from 8:30 am to 5 pm each day at Country Park in Greensboro. Admission is free. The battle itself will be reenacted at 2 pm daily, giving spectators a glimpse of what took place on the battlefield back



in 1781. During this two-day event, visitors can see military encampments and live firearms demonstrations. They can participate

in various events, and purchase craft and trade items from that time period. For additional information please visit sites:

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

Part-Time Guest Services Team Member Needed at the Earl Scruggs Center in Shelby.

This part time job requires an enthusiastic, reliable individual to welcome guests from around the world, process admission sales and gift shop transactions, direct guests to other local attractions including restaurants and retail and assist the Earl Scruggs Center staff as required. Hours of 8-12 hours per week may be flexible. For more information or to apply, send an email to Info@earlscruggscenter.org to request full job description and Earl Scruggs Center application or stop by Guest Services during regular operating hours to pick up a copy.

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

Rosedale Winter Walk, Sunday, March 5 from 1 to 5 pm.

Dr. Larry Mellichamp, Professor Emeritus of Botany and Horticulture from UNC Charlotte will take you on a tour of the gardens at Historic Rosedale. Learn about plants that provide interest in the landscape during the cold months of winter and observe how barks, shapes of trees, berries and evergreen textures can keep your garden interesting throughout the year.

They Don't Make Them Like They Used To, Saturday, March 25 at 10 am to 4 pm, cost \$45. In this ICAA Hands-On Workshop, skilled artisans will reveal trade secrets & teach current methods along with hands-on demonstrations of historic plastering, masonry restoration, and forged metal arts.

Back to Architectural Basics, Brick by Brick, Saturday, March 25 at 6 to 8:30 pm, Cost \$85. Help us welcome Cal-

der Loth, world renowned architectural historian, to Rosedale. The cocktail hour from 6 to 7 is followed by a lovely dinner and a unique presentation from Calder Loth. Mr. Loth is the retired Senior Architectural Historian of the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, the first recipient of the Secretary of the Interior's Preservation Award and the Honor Award from the Institute of Classical Architecture and Art.

Oyster Roast Fund Raiser, Sunday, March 26 from 2 to 5 pm, Cost \$50.

Oysters will be roasted outside in the true Southern coastal tradition and served with the usual sides. There will be beer for adults and games for the kiddies plus hot dogs, snacks, and side fixins.

Rosedale Spring Cleaning, Saturday, April 1 from 10 am to 2 pm, Free.

Come to the Historic Rosedale Spring Cleaning and purchase some of her treasures plus those donated by our friends. See the Facebook page for item listings. And if you would like to donate something, contact roseedu@historicrosedale.org

Historic Rosedale's Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 8 at 10 or 11 am or noon.

Explore our enchanting gardens and wander through our ancient boxwood maze as you and your child hunt for Easter eggs left by the Easter Bunny himself. Reserve your place now as this event fills up fast. And bring your own Easter Basket.

Rosedale Garden Tour, Saturday, April 8 from 1 to 5 pm.

This year the Rosedale Garden Tour starts at the Botanical Garden at UNC Charlotte where Director Emeritus Dr. Mellichamp will lead you through the gardens, especially the native wildflowers. Some of these will be available for sale. Then to Rosedale for a tour of the gardens and the house and refreshments.

Historic Latta Plantation

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

Celtic Festival, Saturday and Sunday, March 11 and 12 from 10 am to 4 pm.

Celebrate all things Celtic by enjoying live music, food and beer vendors, arts and crafts vendors, historic Celtic warriors and heritage demonstrations. Children will enjoy story times, dancing and visiting the farm animals.

Celtic Music Night Fundraiser, Saturday, March 11 at 6 pm.

Enjoy an outdoor concert on the lawn of the plantation grounds with food and beverage as you relax with friends and family.

Exploring a Catawba Valley Victory Trail, Thursday, March 30 at 6 pm.

North County Public Library, 16500 Holly Crest Lane, Huntersville. Award-winning author and storyteller, Randell Jones will tell of recent discoveries showing that a quarter of the men who fought at Kings Mountain marching through Mecklenburg County and

up the Catawba River to join with the Overmountain Men. Hear this new history, and meet representatives from area historical sites and organizations.

Latta Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 15 from 10 am to 2 pm. A skilled historical musician will teach children how to play the Bones and the Tin Penny-Whistle which they will take home with them along with a customized song book. Pre-registration required.

Family Farm Day, Saturday, April 22 from 10 am to 4 pm. Visit the living history farm and see all of the new life and activities of Spring. See farm animals, (hopefully brand-new baby lambs), the newly planted spring garden, sheep shearing, fiber working, and open-hearth-cooking.

The Charlotte Museum of History

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

Siloam Rosenwald School Fundraiser, Saturday, March 25 at 5 pm, Cost \$25. Silver Star Community, Inc. and Charlotte Museum of History present a dinner and presentation by Stephanie Deutsch. Ms. Deutsch, whose husband is a great-grandson of Julius Rosenwald, will discuss the inspiring story of the partnership between Booker T. Washington and Julius Rosenwald to provide schools for African American communities in the South in the early twentieth century. This program will benefit the restoration of the Siloam Rosenwald School, relocation and installation at the Charlotte Museum of History, creation of an exhibition on Charlotte and Mecklenburg County's African American history, and provide an endowment to maintain the building.

Civil War Symposium, Saturday, April 29 from 8:30 am to 3 pm. Join the Charlotte Metrolina Civil War Roundtable and Charlotte Museum of History for the Third Annual Civil War Symposium. This year will feature experts who will examine four key battles: Antietam, Vicksburg, Shiloh, and Chickamauga. Register before April 22; \$10 fee plus \$10 lunch.

President James K. Polk State Historic Site

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

Coffee and Conversation: The Mexican Flag, Saturday, March 18 from 11 am to Noon, Free. Over coffee we will discuss what the Mexican Flag means, and has meant, to our community and nation past and present.

Earth Day Celebration—Growing Our History, Saturday, April 22 from 10 am to 1 pm, Free. Join us for an intimate discussion of some environmental issues we face today. The day will also feature a native and historical plant sale, along with an interpretation of historic gardening.

Historic Cooking with Cheryl Henry, Saturday, April 29 at 9:30 am, Cost \$40. Join trained chef and historic cook Cheryl Henry as she leads an intimate historic cooking class. Participants will be guided by Cheryl in our back-country kitchen house as they prepare a 19th century meal, enjoy the fruits of their labor and receive a special gift. Space limited; pre-registration required.

Historic Rural Hill

4431 Neck Road, Huntersville
704-875-3113, www.ruralhill.net

Loch Norman Highland Games, Saturday and Sunday, April 8 and 9, All Day. This Scottish Festival features Heavy Athletics, Highland Dancing, Scottish Country Dancing, Pipe Bands, an Historic Encampment, Kilted Races, Battle Axe and Longbow, Whiskey Tasting and children's activities. For details or to register go to www.lochnorman.com

Charlotte Folk Society

Great Aunt Stella Center,
926 Elizabeth Ave., Charlotte
704-563-7080 www.folksociety.org

Charlotte Folk Society Gathering & Jams, Friday, March 10, featuring Piedmont North Carolina Bluesman, Logie Meachum, Free. 7:30 PM. Doors open 7:00 PM. Family-friendly & Free; donations appreciated. Free parking. Refreshments, song circle, songwriter's workshop, and jams follow concert. Accessible entry & elevator on ground floor.

Charlotte Folk Society Gathering & Jams, Friday, April 14, featuring "Primitive Bluegrass" by The South Carolina Broadcasters. Free. 7:30 PM. Doors open 7:00 PM. Family-friendly & Free; donations appreciated. Free parking. Refreshments, song circle, songwriter's

workshop, and jams follow concert. Accessible entry & elevator on ground floor.

Davidson Historical Society

PO Box 144, Davidson, NC 28036
www.davidsonhistoricalsociety.org

Hidden Figures: Remarkable American Women Slighted by History, Sunday, March 19 at 4 pm. Davidson Friends Meetinghouse, 625 South Street, Free. Sally McMillen will share stories about some amazing but unheralded American women who did so much to advance issues such as abolition, civil rights, women's rights and suffrage, education, political reform, child labor, and the arts. Sally McMillen is the Mary Reynolds Babcock Professor of History Emerita at Davidson College and the author of numerous books on women's and southern U.S. history.

Fort Dobbs State Historic Site

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

The War for Empire, Saturday, April 8 from 9 am to 5 pm, Sunday, April 9 from 10 am to 3 pm. During Fort Dobbs' largest event of the year, 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.

Kings Mountain Historical Museum

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

First Peoples: Catawba & Cherokee Nations, Exhibit on display now through May 20, Free. This original exhibit features archaeological and historical collections on loan from the Schiele Museum of Natural History, the Inn of the Patriots, and several private collectors. The display includes stone and bone tools, ceramics, basketry, weaponry, and other artifacts.

Martyr of Loray Mill: Ella May and the 1929 Textile Workers' Strike in Gastonia, NC, Saturday, March 11 at 2 pm, Book Talk by Kristina Horton, Free. Textile worker, labor activist, and protest balladeer Ella May played a central role in the Loray Mill strike of 1929, the largest communist-led strike in United States history. Ella's union involvement, ability to move audiences with her music, and her efforts to sup-

port desegregation and labor rights for African Americans at the height of Jim Crow made her a target of violence. At only 28-years old, pregnant and a mother of five children, Ella May was assassinated on her way to a union meeting in Gastonia, NC. Although there were many witnesses, no one was ever held accountable for the crime.

Kristina Horton, great-granddaughter of Ella May, will discuss the 1929 strike and ongoing efforts to memorialize Ella May's legacy, as well as her personal journey in discovering an unsung heroine in one of her ancestors.

Rediscovering the Civilian Conservation Corps Camp at Kings Mountain State Park, Wednesday, March 29 at 5:30 pm, Free. Mike Baxter, History Professor at Central Piedmont Community College and Belmont Abbey College, will discuss recent archaeological excavations at the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Camp at Kings Mountain State Park and efforts made by his students to understand the importance of the CCC's work in this area.

Carolina Belle, Wednesday April 12 at 5:30 pm, Free. You will never look at an apple the same way again after reading Rose Senehi's most recent book, *Carolina Belle*. The story follows Belle McKenzie, a botanist and farmer who is obsessed with creating a "billion dollar apple" she'll call the Carolina Belle, and determined to rekindle the love her obsession has nearly destroyed.

Public Scanning & Oral History Day, Thursday, April 20 from 1 to 5 pm, Free. Do you have family photos you'd like to digitize to preserve and share? Do you have stories to tell about Kings Mountain's history? Come share your stories and photographs of the area's history, from family photos to stories about the textile mills and racecar drivers.

Historic Brattonsville

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

Children's Day on the Farm, Saturday, March 25 from 10 am to 4pm.

Children can experience work and play on the farm in the 18th and 19th centuries with candle-dipping, blacksmithing and cooking. Visit the new lambs, oxen and horses. Pony and wagon rides will be available as will food concessions or bring your own picnic lunch.

Reed Gold Mine

9621 Reed Mine Rd., Midland, NC 28163
<http://www.nchistoricsites.org/reed/reed.htm>
 704-721-GOLD (4653)

More Than a Woman, Saturdays in March at 1 pm. This specialty tour examines the role of women in Cabarrus County and the societal expectations placed on women in Antebellum North Carolina, including Sarah Kaiser Reed, wife of John Reed.

Reed Gold Mine Anniversary Celebration, Saturday, April 22 from 9 am to 5 pm. In the 40 years since opening in 1977, Reed Gold Mine has welcomed more than two million visitors to the site of America's first gold discovery. Reenactors and living history specialists will descend on Reed from across the country to celebrate this historic anniversary.

Matthews Heritage Museum

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

Victorian Lawn Party on April 8, 2017. From 12 to 4. Dr. and Mrs. Reid invite you to their Victorian Lawn Party on April 8, 2017. From 12 to 4 at their home at 134 W. John Street in Matthews, they will greet their guests and invite them to join in playing games popular in 1915. Children will make crafts and toys of the period. A number of craftsmen will demonstrate tatting, basket making and wood carving. Children can even learn to "milk a cow". A number of vintage automobiles will also be on display. Join us in a cake walk and maypole dance. All activities are FREE. Event sponsored by the Matthews Heritage Museum.

If you are interested in learning more about the town, a narrated bus tour of Matthews will be given. In order to make reservations, call 704-846-6693. For further information, please visit: www.matthewsheritagemuseum.org.

Cowpens National Battlefield

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

71st Highlander Encampment, Saturday and Sunday, April 8 and 9 from 9 am to 4:30 pm, Free. At the North Carolina Highland Regiment encampment there will be weapons firing demonstrations at 10:30, 11:30, 1:30, and 2:30 on Saturday and drilling for the children.

York County Genealogical & Historical Society

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

Industrial Transformation: The Bleachery Site, Sunday, March 19, at 3 pm.

Rock Hill City Hall, Hampton Street. Walter Hardin, Tony Vaughan and Stephen Turner will discuss the history of the Bleachery Site. Over the past 130 years it has gone from a buggy company to an auto manufacturer to one of the world's largest textile operations and finally to an emerging high-tech center.

Earl Scruggs Center

103 S. Lafayette St., Shelby, NC
 704-487-6233 www.earlscruggscenter.org

Spring Square Dance, Saturday, March 18 from 2 to 4 pm. Barn Dance – without the barn. Join us for recreational family fun square dancing featuring Laura Wheeler and the Log Cabin String Band. No experience or partner necessary.

Lunch-N-Learn: In the Footsteps of Daniel Boone, Wednesday, March 29 from noon to 1 pm. Market hunter, frontier guide, wilderness scout, master woodsman, expert marksman, Indian fighter, militia leader, surveyor, land speculator, judge, sheriff – Daniel Boone led one of the fullest and most eventful lives in American history. North Carolina Humanities Council Road Scholar Randell Jones shares the episodes and adventures that made this frontiersman famous.

Lunch-N-Learn: Mystery Artifacts, Wednesday, April 26 from noon to 1 pm. Join Earl Scruggs Center Curator Adrienne Nirde for a Lunch-N-Learn to celebrate Preservation Week and learn more about mystery items from the Cleveland County Historical Collection. What will she bring from the vault?

Iredell Museums

1335 Museum Road, Statesville, NC,
 704-873-4734 www.iredellmuseums.org

Preserving Your Family Heirlooms Workshops, Sundays at 2 pm, Cost \$20.

Instructed by Executive Director Melinda Herzog at the Museum. Participants are encouraged to bring two personal artifacts related to the topic of the workshop. The instructor will assist in dating your artifacts. Advanced reservations required, see the web site for details and to register: www.iredellmuseums.org

-March 12 – China, Pottery & Glass: Pottery vs. Porcelain, Dating & Identification, Cleaning Different Finishes, Storage & Display.
 -March 26 – Metals: Identification, Marks & Signature, Storage & Display.
 -April 9 – Painting & Art Prints: Identifying Painting Mediums, Identifying Print Techniques, Manufacture Abbreviations, Signed Limited Editions Prints, Framing & Display.
 -April 23 – Archival Material: Identifying Paper vs. Hides, Genealogical Documentation, Transcription, Storage & Display.

FOR ADDITIONAL EVENTS, please visit these sites:

- **Andrew Jackson State Park**
www.southcarolinaparks.com/park-finder/state-park/1797.aspx
 - **Archaeological Institute of America, Central Carolina Chapter**
morgdeth22@gmail.com
 - **Charlotte Folk Society**
www.folksociety.org
 - **Charlotte Museum of History**
www.charlottemuseum.org
 - **Clover Community Center**
www.cloversc.org
 - **Cowpens National Battlefield**
www.nps.gov/cowp
 - **Duke Mansion**
www.dukemansion.com
 - **Earl Scruggs Center**
www.earlscruggscenter.org
 - **Fort Defiance**
www.fortdefiancenc.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/guco
 - **Historic Brattonsville**
www.chmuseums.org/brattonsville
 - **Historic Camden**
www.historic-camden.net
 - **Historic Rosedale**
www.historicrosedale.org
 - **Hugh Torrance House and Store**
www.hughtorancehouseandstore.com
 - **Iredell Museum**
www.iredellmuseums.org
 - **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
 - **Lincoln County Historical Association**
www.lincolncountyhistory.com
 - **Matthews Heritage Museum**
www.matthewsheritagemuseum.org
 - **Matthews Historical Foundation**
 704-846-6693
 - **McCelvey Center, The**
www.chmuseums.org/ourmuseums/histcenter/index.htm
 - **Mint Hill Historical Society**
www.minthillhistory.com
 - **Mount Holly Historical Society**
mhhistoricalsociety@gmail.com
 - **Museum of the Waxhaws**
www.museumofthewaxhaws.org
 - **Museum of York County**
www.chmuseums.org/ourmuseums/mycol/index.htm
 - **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.cmlibrary.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
 - **Walnut Grove Plantation**
www.spartanburghhistory.org/walnutgrove.php
 - **York County Genealogical & Historical Society**
www.weblandinc.com/ycghs/member.html
 - **York County Library**
www.yclibrary.org