

## Dinner Meeting

**Monday, May 23, 2016**

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

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



## Upcoming Dinner Program

### *The Tryon Resolves*

Trinity Presbyterian Church. Dinner is at 6:30 followed by the program at 7:15. Those not having dinner are welcome to enjoy the program at no charge. To make a reservation for dinner use the order form elsewhere in this MHA Newsletter or contact Barbara Taylor, (980) 335-0326, or [btaylor797@aol.com](mailto:btaylor797@aol.com).

On August 14, 1775, west of the Catawba, a 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 four 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 that 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 is a native of Cleveland County and graduate of UNC-Greensboro. She joined the staff at the Schiele Museum of Natural History in 1985, has experience with natural history, native plants, and the environment and has been actively involved with the Schiele Museum's Backcountry programs. 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.



**Suzanne Simmons**

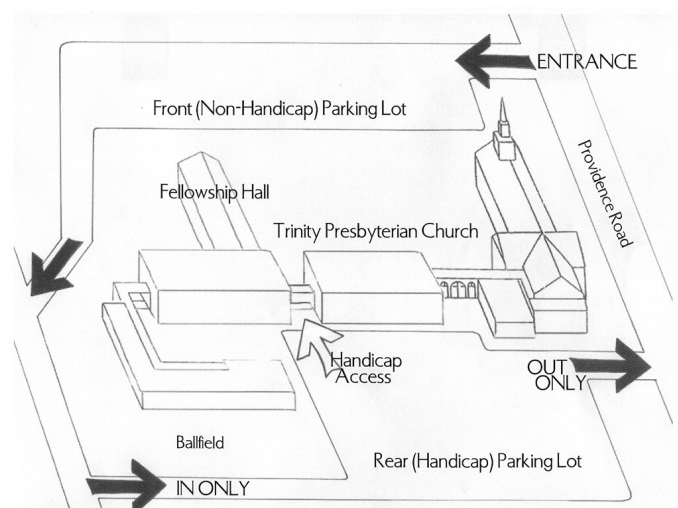
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3115 Providence Road  
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## Remarks from the President

Our May dinner program by Suzanne Simmons from the Schiele Museum of Natural History in Gastonia will be a great one. I did not know much about the Tryon Resolves and heard Suzanne speak to our MHA Docents in March. Her presentation was fascinating. I'm sure you will enjoy learning about and seeing this historic document. Yes, this document survives and Suzanne has images to show us! Please make your reservations to attend on May 23rd.

Marsha Hanna, Regent, and Susan Waldkirch from the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence Chapter DAR along with Jay Joyce,

President of the Mecklenburg Chapter, NSSAR, are to be congratulated on their tenacious work for over a year to honor Patriot Ephraim Brevard with a new marker in Settlers' Cemetery. Read about it in this newsletter and join us on May 20th at the Square and at Settlers' Cemetery.

We gratefully welcome Barbara Taylor to the MHA Board of Directors and to the job of program chairman for our dinner meetings. If you have speakers and programs to suggest, please share them with Barbara. Her contact information is listed with the dinner reservation form.

Thanks to each member for your continued support of MHA. We could not exist without your encouragement and your dues. We welcome your comments and suggestions. Everyone have a safe and restful summer and we will gather again on September 19th and November 14th for our fall dinner meetings. Mark your calendars now! My best to each of you.

Linda Dalton,  
MHA President  
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(704) 661-8470



## North Branch MHA Field Trip to Holly Bend

We do have our field trip confirmed for May 10 at 7pm. We will meet at Holly Bend, the large frame plantation house which is located on the continuation of Neck Road past Rural Hill. After you pass the walled Davidson family cemetery, turn left and go through the cedar tree canopy. Holly Bend is on your right. It was built by Robert Davidson between 1795 and 1800 on 420 acres adjacent to Rural Hill, the home of Major John Davidson, his father, who gave Robert the 420 acres in 1795. Holly Bend was completed

before Robert married Margaret Osborne on January 1, 1801. Robert and Margaret, who had no children, lived at Holly Bend until they died, he in 1853 and she in 1864.

The significance of Holly Bend lies not in its exterior



appearance, but in the treatment of the interior. The use of such lavish interior trim in an outwardly unexceptional house, together with the exuberantly vernacular handling of forms, makes Holly Bend unique. The lively creativity of the carpenter-interpreter transformed the standard Adamesque compositions into a purely local expression of Federal Neo-Classicism. Join us for a tour of Holly Bend.

No reservations are required. North Branch MHA meetings are free. If you have questions, contact Sarah Sue Hardinger, [sarahsuenc@gmail.com](mailto:sarahsuenc@gmail.com), or (704) 906-6656.

## Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence Celebration

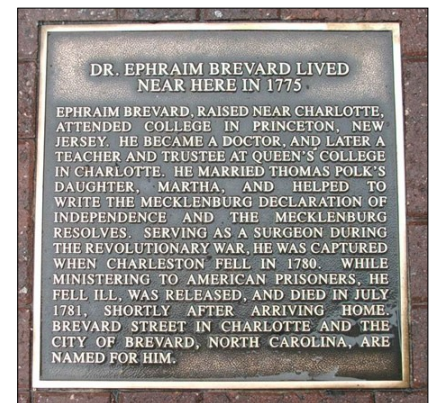
On Friday, May 20, there will be a celebration at Independence Square (the corner of Trade and Tryon Streets in uptown Charlotte) of the 241st anniversary of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence of May 20, 1775.



This famous, if controversial, event was the first time that the people of the colonies declared their independence from the King and Parliament of Great Britain, predating that other declaration at Philadelphia by more than a year. Starting at 11:30 there will be fife and drum, soldiers and flags. At noon there will be political speeches followed by a reading of the "Meck Dec" accompanied by Huzzahs from the crowd and the firing of muskets and cannon. Afterwards we will parade two blocks to Settlers' Cemetery to honor Colonel Thomas Polk with another musket volley. The event is free and the public is encouraged to attend, so come to Independence Square and join in the celebration.

## Ephraim Brevard Marker Dedication

On May 20th, immediately following the Meck Dec celebration at the Square and the laying of a wreath honoring Colonel Thomas Polk in Settlers' Cemetery, the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, working jointly with the Mecklenburg Chapter, National Society Sons of the American Revolution, will dedicate a new historic marker in Settlers' Cemetery to honor Revolutionary War Soldier and Patriot Ephraim Brevard. Ephraim Brevard was one of Charlotte's first physicians. The Charlotte Liberty Walk has commemorated his life with a marker in front of the Ritz Carlton Hotel on College Street near the site of his residence. The text of that marker reads as follows: "*Ephraim Brevard, raised near Charlotte, attended college in Princeton, New Jersey. He became a doctor and later a teacher and trustee at Queens' College in Charlotte. He married Thomas Polk's daughter, Martha, and helped to write the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence and the Mecklenburg Resolves. Serving as a surgeon during the Revolutionary War, he was captured when Charleston fell in 1780. While ministering to American prisoners, he fell ill, was released, and died in July 1781 shortly after arriving home. Brevard Street in Charlotte and the City of Brevard, North Carolina, are named for him.*"



In addition to the contributions enumerated above, Ephraim Brevard's service in the effort to achieve American independence also includes the following: Justice of the Peace (1776), participation in the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge (1776), signer of the Criticism of Confiscation Act (1779), and election to the United States Congress (1781). His death in July 1781 (thought to be at Alexandriana, the home of John McNeill Alexander) prevented him from assuming his place in Congress. Although there is some evidence that he was buried in Charlotte at the site of Queens's Museum College (aka Liberty Hall), his grave cannot be located.

Please join us in honoring Ephraim Brevard on May 20th in Settlers' Cemetery at approximately 12:30pm.

## MHA Docent Programs

Fellowship Hall of Sugaw Creek Presbyterian Church. Refreshments at 9:30, business meeting at 10, and program at 11. Visitors are always welcome.

### Tuesday, May 3 — The Spirit of 1775

**Whereas** on the 20th of May in the year of our Lord 1775, the brave citizens of Mecklenburg County of the former colony of North Carolina did declare themselves free and independent of Great Britain; and subsequently 150 year later, in 1925, the citizens of Mecklenburg did honor and remember their esteemed forefathers (and foremothers) with a pageant celebrating the said declaration:

Docents Janet Dyer and Rachel Abernathy will lead us in a whimsical, light-hearted adaptation of that pageant. The 1925 performance was probably straightforward and serious. Ours will be a bit campy, but certainly not disrespectful. There will be interesting props, and audience participation will be encouraged. So join us for some fun as we gear ourselves up for the BIG May 20th celebration on the square.

## Summer Camps

**President James K. Polk State Historic Site**  
— Registration required at the web site.

**Positively Presidential Day Camp**, June 21-25 at 10 am to 2 pm each day, ages 8-13. During this camp students will learn how the election process has changed over time. They will create political parties, craft a platform, and draft a campaign team. Then they will embark on the "campaign trail," giving speeches, debating, and last (but not least!) voting.

**Work & Play in Young Polk's Day** — Day Camp, Tuesday, July 19 or Thursday, July 21 from 9:30 am to 4 pm each day, ages 8-13. Campers will explore traditional chores, games and activities of the late 18th and early 19th centuries and learn what made Mecklenburg County a unique home for the Polk Family through guest demonstrations and hands-on experiences.

**Latta Plantation** — Registration required at the web site.

**Civil War Soldier Camp** (ages 8-12) July 18-21 or August 1-4 at 9 am to 3 pm each day. Boys and girls experience life as a Civil War soldier and relive the war through a week of drills, battles, hikes, and 19th century life. Campers receive several items to use during the week and keep: a replica musket, kepi, haversack and t-shirt. The week ends with a battle engagement that families can watch and a formal graduation ceremony.

**53rd Call to Arms Camp** (ages 13 and up) July 11-14 at 9 am to 3 pm each day. This is an Advanced Civil War Camp for graduates of the Civil War Soldier Camp. Learn strategic battle planning, tactics in the woods, fire starting with flint and steel, campfire cooking, and many more camp skills.

**Revolutionary War Soldier Camp** (ages 8-12) June 13-16 at 9 am to 3 pm. Boys and girls relive the American Revolution as a Patriot or Loyalist with drills, battles and colonial life, exploring the grounds, hiking in the woods and participating in mock battles. *(continued on page 4...)*

## 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     |

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| 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.*

## May 23, 2016 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, May 19 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 (...continued from page 3)

Participants will receive a tricorn hat, canteen, toy musket, and camp t-shirt to keep and use throughout the week. At graduation on Thursday parents can see the soldiers demonstrate a Rev War battle.

**Miss Jane's Academy** (ages 8-12) July 18-21 or August 1-4 at 9 am to 3 pm each day.

This Antebellum era camp takes girls back in time to see what life was like for women during the time of the Civil War. Hands-on activities include making fans, sewing, weaving, open-hearth cooking, making ice cream, tie-dying, and Olde English Country Dancing. There will be a showcase and graduation on the last day of camp to demonstrate their skills, including a dance performance, for their parents.

**Mini Farm Camp** (ages 4-5) May 31 to June 2 or August 9-11 at 9 am to noon each day.

This camp is for boys and girls to learn about farm life. Campers will meet the Latta animals, including chickens, pigs, sheep, goats, a cow, mule, and horse plus hands-on farm activities, crafts, games, and getting up close and personal with the animals.

**Jr. Farm Camp** (ages 6-8) June 20-23 or July 11-14 at 9 am to 1 pm each day.

This camp is for children who like the outdoors and animals. In addition to getting up close to a variety of farm animals, campers will learn and participate in farm chores, animal care, natural plants and medicines.

**Advanced Farm Camp** (ages 13-17) June 20-23 at 9 am to 3 pm each day.

This is an extremely hands-on and labor intensive training course in all things farming including animal husbandry, historic natural farming techniques and woodworking. For those with a serious interest in agriculture and farming, as well as those who have a future interest in veterinary medicine.

**Historic Encounters Summer Camp** (ages 9-12) June 27-30 at 9 am to 3 pm each day.

Children will enjoy a number of outdoor activities including woodworking and fire starting, plus working with the Latta farm animals, canoeing and horseback riding.

**Charlotte Museum of History** – Registration required at the web site.

## Passport to World Cultures Geography

**Camp**, August 8-12 at 8:30 am to 5 pm., ages 6 to 9. Campers will explore geographic regions and cultures of the world through research, stories, crafts, and activities. They will build and label a topographical map, research and present a country's unique culture for the Parade of Nations, learn about and participate in the Olympic Games and explore world cultures with an international meal. Each day of camp will focus on a different human or environmental geography theme, and will tie in the history of Charlotte and the Carolina Backcountry:

*Geography and Landforms, Animals and the Environment, History and Government, Art, Music, and Cuisine, Architecture and Monuments, Religions and Celebrations*

**Historic Rosedale Plantation** – Registration required at the web site.

**Adventure Camps**, June 14 -17 at 10 am to 1 pm each day, ages 6-12, Snacks and Water Included.

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## Summer Camps *(continued from page 4)*

### –Fairy Camp Tuesday, June 14.

Explore our urban shire and hunt for fairies that hide all around. Learn about the whimsical folklore behind their favorite characters, and create enchanting crafts that would impress the most finicky of fairies.

### –Pirate Camp, Wednesday, June 15.

Learn about North Carolina's rich pirate history, create jolly good crafts, hunt for buried treasure and find out how pirates on the open seas affected life here Charlotte.

–Take a Walk on The Wild Side, Thursday, June 16. Buzz around like a bee and connect with nature in a unique historic setting and urban green space. Includes educational games about the local surroundings, plants, and animals as well as insect themed craft activities.

### –Old Timey Picnic, Friday, June 17.

Come as you are or dress up if you like. Our

counselors will don their Antebellum finery to serve our picnic with a lesson on the life and etiquette of those who lived in the plantation house. Parents are welcome to join in the fun.

**Fort Dobbs State Historic Site** – Registration required at the web site.

### Life on the Carolina Frontier Summer

**Camp**, July 12-15 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm each day. Boys and girls ages 8-12 will experience the life of an 18th century soldier, learn about weapons and tactics, hike historic trails and help to tend a recreated garden and construct a log cabin.

**Rowan Museum**, 202 N. Main Street, Salisbury, Contact the Museum for Details.

**Elementary Camp**, grades 3-5, 9 am to 2 pm each day, refreshments provided, bring your lunch. June 20-24 or August 8-12. This camp involves all museum sites plus the Old English Cemetery and Freedman's Cemetery. Activities include book making/journal

keeping/quill writing, cemetery search / rubbings, local lore and ghost stories, tin punch, weaving fabric and rugs, old tools / antiques / artifacts use and recognition, candle dipping, outdoor cooking/butter making and gardening plus early children's games and folk music.

**Middle School**, grades 6-8, 9 am to 2 pm each day, refreshments provided, bring your lunch.

### Colonial Camp, July 11 to 15.

Activities include many of the above plus making gourd bird houses, basket weaving, studying period clothing, historical interpretation, an evening "lanterned" trip to the Old Lutheran Cemetery, a scavenger hunt and an overnight stay at the museum.

### Civil War Camp, July 25-29.

Campers will be mustered into the Union and Confederate Troops, study the history of the war, especially local history, and relive the life of a soldier through 19th century life skills, cooking and medicine, as well as marches, drills, and military maneuvers.

## The History Calendar

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

[www.charlotteregionalhistory.org](http://www.charlotteregionalhistory.org)

### Historic Rosedale

3427 N. Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC 704-335-0325  
[www.historicrosedale.org](http://www.historicrosedale.org)

### Hats Off to Mom, Thursday, Friday, & Sunday: May 5, 6 & 8 (no tours Saturday, May 7 due to private event) at 1:30 & 3 pm.

A special look at hats & headwear through the ages. Examples of how millinery fashion changed as displayed by different hats in the many rooms of the home. As part of this special program our prized green silk bonnet, one of the oldest locally made textiles, will be on display for these three days only. Wear your favorite hat and come on out to Rosedale for a one of a kind hats off experience.

### Thank You Note Tea Party, Saturday, June 4th at 11 am to

**1 pm.** Teach your child to be thoughtful and considerate through the lost art of handwritten thank you notes, an essential part of being a Southern lad or lady. We will teach the etiquette of the note while your child learns the valuable lesson of expressing gratitude they will carry into adulthood. Dress up or come as you are and enjoy the atmosphere of a tea party in the charming English basement kitchen of our 200 year old Federal home. The lady of the house will be teaching the lesson and Rosedale will provide stationery to get you started.

### Paranormal Grounds Investigation, Sunday, June 19 at 7:45 to 9:30 pm.

Join professional ghost hunters as they take no more than 30 guests through the grounds of Rosedale's 200 year old plantation and attempt contact with the beyond. You will use the latest technology in partnership with the Charlotte Area Paranormal Society. Their team will lead the investigation. Please wear flat, quiet comfortable shoes and bring a small twist top flashlight.

You never know what you may find... or what may find you!

### Latta Plantation

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

### African Drum Circle, Saturday, May 14 from 10 am to 4 pm.

Learn the history of music and musical celebrations within the African culture. See and participate in the drum circle.

### Cooking With Sukey Workshop, Saturday, May 21 at 10 am to 4 pm.

Back by popular demand. Cook on the open hearth alongside Cheryl Henry as you learn some of Sukey Latta's very own recipes. Learn how the Latta's head cook prepared daily meals in the kitchen building, including fire starting, using 19th century utensils and historically accurate local ingredients. Finish out the day by enjoying the home-style meal you spent the day preparing.



**Civil War Battle Re-enactment, Saturday and Sunday, June 4 and 5 from 10 am to 5 pm.**

Living history exhibits, ladies antebellum tea, suttlers, food vendors, and a battle re-enactment each day at 2:00pm.

**Hugh Torance House and Store**

8231 Gilead Road, Huntersville  
hughtorancehouseandstore.com

**House Tours open to the public on first and third Sundays from 2 to 5 pm, April through October.**

The Hugh Torance House and Store is truly a Mecklenburg treasure. The log house section of the building was built as a residence about 1780. In 1805 the building was expanded to include a store which operated until 1825. As the Torrance family obtained land and wealth it became a cotton plantation of 3,000 acres worked by over a hundred slaves. Extensive family history kept through the generations allows us to interpret nearly a century of Mecklenburg's rich mercantile and plantation history.

**The Charlotte Museum of History**

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

**Colonial Gem, a History Museum Fund Raiser, Thursday, May 12 from 6 to 8:30 pm.**

Supporters will spend the evening at the Hezekiah Alexander Home Site with craft beer, wine, hors d'oeuvres and music, plus guided tours of the house and log kitchen.

**Meck Dec Day Celebration, Saturday, May 21 from 10 am to 2 pm.** Celebrate the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independ-

ence and Resolves. Enjoy cupcakes and lemonade, tours of the Hezekiah Alexander Home Site and kid's crafts and games.

**Teas of the British Isles**

This is a series of afternoon teas accompanied by lectures that explore the history of the British Isles:

*-Legends and Mysteries of England, Sunday, June 26 at 4 to 5:30 pm. Stories of Robin Hood, King Arthur, and Stonehenge plus an Irish themed menu of tea sandwiches, scones, and desserts, and a favorite Irish tea.*

*-Henry VIII and the Tudors, Sunday, July 31 at 4 to 5:30 pm. The intrigue and international politics of King Henry VIII and his six wives plus a Welsh themed menu of tea sandwiches, scones, and desserts and a favorite Welsh tea.*

*-The English Colonies in America, Sunday, August 28 at 4 to 5:30 pm. Tales of the early English attempts to found colonies in North America: Roanoke, Jamestown, and New England plus a Scottish themed menu of tea sandwiches, scones, and desserts and a favorite Scottish tea.*

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

A patriotic celebration of Independence Day with lectures, kids' crafts, tours of the Hezekiah Alexander home site, and a ringing of the American Freedom Bell

**Charlotte Folk Society**

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

**Charlotte Folk Society Gathering & Jams, Friday, May 13, The Kollard Kings. 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. Performing songs recorded in Charlotte in the 1930s.

**Charlotte Folk Society Gathering & Jams, Friday, June 10, CFS Members' Showcase. 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, August 12, The Snyder Family Bluegrass Band. 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.

**Robinson-Spangler Carolina Room, Charlotte Mecklenburg Library**

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

**Exploring History: Hitler's Last Day, Tuesday, May 3 at 6 pm, South County Regional Library.**

Dr. Rita Botwinick takes you inside the bunker at the fall of the Third Reich. April 29, 1945. Soviet Armies are at the outskirts of Berlin, US & British forces approach. Hitler is underground. This is his last day.

**Duke Mansion**

400 Hermitage Road, Charlotte  
704-714-4400

**Explore neighborhood history — Inventing Charlotte's Greenways, Sunday, May 22 at 3 pm.**

Dr. Tom Hanchett, Consulting Historian with Levine Museum, will look back at planner John Nolen's 1910s vision for a Charlotte greenway system. Beth Poovey, landscape architect for LandDesign of Charlotte, will tell some of the sto-

ries behind creation of the Little Sugar Creek Greenway.

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## **President James K. Polk State Historic Site**

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

**Back-Country Music, Dance 'n 'Que, Saturday, May 14 from 11 am to 3 pm.** This festival features local artists playing historic music plus local barbeque. Bring the family, your lawn chairs and blankets to enjoy the Appalachian Dulcimer Club, Red Hills Dancers, and the Myers Park Consort, headlined by the Myers Park High School Bluegrass Club.

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## **Matthews Heritage Museum**

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

### **Tea Parties and Teddy Bears Exhibit Closing May 28.**

Teacups old and new, miniature tea sets, special pots and tea pots for one. From Sadler to Wedgewood to Beatrix Potter to even a tin set. Teddies of all varieties and beanie babies. Something for everyone. Bring your bear with you when you come to see the exhibit.

### **Pine Wood Derby Racer Exhibit Open from June 4 to September 3.**

Partnering with the Mecklenburg County Council of the Boy Scouts, small cars carved out of pine wood by cub scouts will be on display. The exhibit includes the winners of this year's Derby Race and those from years ago.

### **Book Sale at the Museum**

The Craig Marek collection of 275 books on World Wars I and II are

offered for sale. The inventory includes the complete 156-volume Ballantine Illustrated History of WWII. See the web site for a complete listing of the books including title, author, condition, and cost.

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## **Schiele Museum**

1500 E. Garrison Blvd, Gastonia  
704-866-6900  
[www.schielemuseum.org](http://www.schielemuseum.org)

**Kephart Days: Classic Camping Event, Saturday, May 21 from 10 am to 4 pm.** Enjoy a bit of time travel at the backcountry farm as you step into a demonstration campsite featuring a variety of canvas tents, open fire cookery and interpreters dressed in the fashion of Golden Age Campers of the 1920s.

**The Colonial Kitchen Garden, Memorial Day, Monday, May 30 from 10 am to noon.** Visit the pioneer farmsite to see the kitchen garden in its prime. Learn interesting uses of herbs, flowers, and vegetables grown in early Carolina gardens. Discover that the kitchen garden is much more than an herb garden.

### **The Woodsman's Companion: Carolina Plott Hound, Sunday June 26 from 1 to 5 pm.**

Arriving in America in the 1750's, the Plott bear hound has become one of the premier big game hunting dogs in America. This official state dog of NC was also Daniel Boone's faithful hunting companion. Join us at 3 pm for a feature presentation by Bob Plott, NC Humanities Council Roads Scholar, and his Plott hound companion to discover more of this classic American breed. Visit the backcountry farm to see backwoodsmen in period attire as they prepare for the hunt.

**The Tryon Resolves, Sunday, August 14 from 1 to 5 pm.** Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Visit the

Schiele as interpreters reenact the promise and confusion of the backcountry folk in 1775. At 4 pm an official reading of the Tryon Resolves will be held featuring the names of 49 local pioneers, our ancestors, who bravely signed for freedom. The Broad River Genealogy Society will assist visitors in tracking connections to old Tryon County and the Tryon Resolves. Don't miss this historic celebration, 241 years to the day of the signing. Huzzah!

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## **Historic Brattonsville**

1444 Brattonsville Rd., McConnells, SC, 803-684-2327  
[chmuseums.org/brattonsville](http://chmuseums.org/brattonsville)

**Independence Day Celebration, Monday, July 4 from 10 am to 4 pm.** Celebrate Independence by playing English Cricket as the founding fathers did. Join in the game – no experience required. Also period music and dancing, cooking demonstrations and the reading of the Declaration of Independence from the front steps of Hightower Hall. Food will be available for purchase.

**Battle of Huck's Defeat, Saturday, July 9 from 10 am to 4 pm and Sunday, July 10 from 10 am to 3 pm.** The Battle of Huck's Defeat 2016 will reenact the early stages of Christian Huck's career. Reenactors will engage in the siege of Charleston on Sat, and the Battle of Huck's Defeat on Sunday. There will be living history demonstrations for all ages, including infantry, artillery, and cavalry demonstrations throughout the weekend.

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## **Reed Gold Mine State Historic Site**

9621 Reed Mine Rd, Midland, NC  
704-721-GOLD (4653)  
[nchistoricsites.org/reed/reed.htm](http://nchistoricsites.org/reed/reed.htm)

**From Mercenary to Miner, Saturday, June 18 from 9 am to 5 pm.** John Reed was more than just a miner; he was also a Hessian soldier who deserted during the American Revolution in 1782. Demonstrations, military reenactors and special lectures will be offered.

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## **Mount Holly Historical Society**

131 South Main, Mount Holly, NC  
mhhistoricalociety@gmail.com

**Restoration of the Mundy House in Denver, NC, Tuesday May 24 at 7 pm, Free.** Jason Harpe, Director of Lincoln Co. Historical Society, will speak.

**Mount Holly Oral Histories, Tuesday June 28 at 7 pm, Free.** Bobby Black will speak on several oral histories that have been completed with local Mt. Holly citizens.

**The Great Flood of 1916, Saturday, July 16 from 10 am to 4 pm, in Downtown Mt. Holly, Free.** Flood Fest: The 100th Anniversary of the Great Flood of 1916. Celebrating Mt. Holly, NC citizens' resilience.

**The Great Flood of 1916, Tuesday, July 26 at 7 pm, Free.** Mike Baxter from CPCC will discuss "The Great Flood of 1916" and how it impacted Mt. Holly.

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## **Kings Mountain National Military Park**

SC Hwy 216, Exit 2 in NC  
864-936-7921  
www.nps.gov/kimo

**Military Through the Ages, Saturday and Sunday, May 28-29 from 10 am to 4 pm.** Living history interpreters from every war

from the French & Indian War to today's military will represent their respect time periods. Weapons demonstration will be held throughout the day.

**Children's Colonial Day, Saturday, June 11 from 10 am to 4 pm.**

**Fourth of July Encampment, Saturday and Sunday, July 2 and 3 from 10 am to 4 pm.** Backcountry Militia will be encamped this weekend demonstrating a variety of skills from the 18th Century.

**North Carolina Highland Regiment Encampment, Friday and Saturday July 23 and 24 from 10 am to 4 pm.** Come learn about this Loyalist Regiment.

**Backcountry Militia Encampment, Saturday and Sunday, August 6 and 7 from 10 am to 4 pm.**

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## **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.charlottesmuseum.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/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
- **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.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
- **York County Genealogical & Historical Society**  
www.weblandinc.com/ycghs/member.html