

## Dinner Meeting

**Monday, May 15, 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 this newsletter or contact Barbara Taylor, 1 016 Goshen Place, Charlotte, NC 28211, (980)-335-0326 btaylor797@aol.com

### Carolina's Oldest Roads: Geography, Physics, and Geopolitics of Movement in Pre-Modern Times in the Old North State

What geographic factors determine where a path, trail or road wends its way across North Carolina? What physical factors dictated transportation and settlement patterns in Colonial times in the Old North State? This presentation

## Carolina's Oldest Roads

touches on the geology and geography of pre-modern byways, the flora and fauna needed for travel, and the environmental and geopolitical factors determining where we live to this day.

Visiting scholar at the Center for the Study of the South at UNC Chapel Hill, military historian Tom Magnuson is the founder and CEO of the Trading Path Association (TPA), a non-profit organization committed to finding remnants of the Contact Era in the southeast and protecting them from accidental destruction. Prior to founding the TPA, Magnuson enjoyed an unconventional high-tech career, first in the integrated circuit industry and government service and later in the software business. By education a military historian who received his master's degree from San

Jose State College, Magnuson stumbled on the importance of the old roads and the TPA's methods of finding them while studying military geopolitics more than 25 years ago.

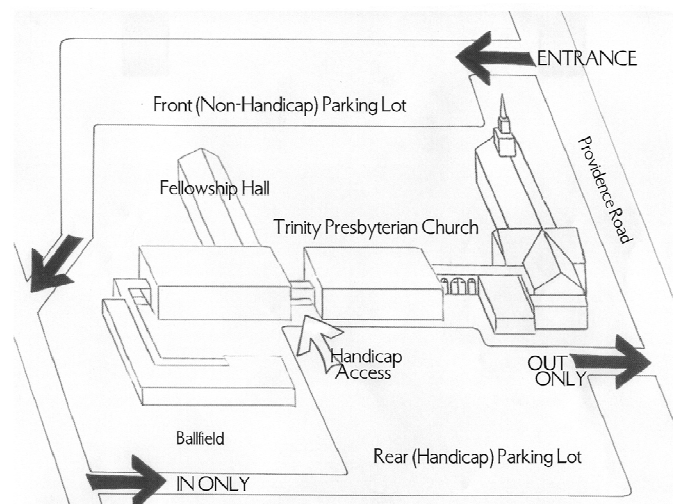


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## Remarks from the President

Well, it is already time for our May dinner meeting at Trinity Presbyterian. I look forward to the program from Tom Magnuson on the Piedmont's oldest roads and hope you will make your reservations now to attend.

At the May dinner meeting, the MHA parent organization will recognize and honor those who participated in the amazing event by our MHA Docents on April 1<sup>st</sup>, *Voices From The Past*. Lynn Mintzer deserves an award for believing we could present such a huge event and for making it happen by investing hundreds

of hours of her time to see it through. As Audrey Mellichamp, co-chairman of the MHA Docents, said, "It boggles my mind how Lynn did this—almost single handedly at times. She got others involved, donations given, support for publicity, horse and carriage rides available. Lynn believed in *"Voices From The Past"*. Then she made us believe in it, too." Special thanks also to Bill Bibby, the Director of the city-owned cemeteries, who helped make the event happen.

In the History Calendar in this newsletter, please read about a special need at the Hugh

Torance House and Store, on whose Board I also serve.

Thanks to everyone for your support of MHA. Have a wonderful summer and we'll be back for the fall dinner meetings in September and November.

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MHA President  
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## MHA Docent Program

### Tuesday May 2 To the Tune of Yankee Doodle

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.

Janet Dyer will present this program about one of our oldest and most beloved tunes. Most Americans know the song "Yankee Doodle". From the 1760's when British soldiers sang it to mock their American allies in the French and Indian War to the Americans' claiming it as their own during the American Revolution to the present, it has been our unofficial number one patriotic song. Find out more about the history of this popular tune. Listen to different 18th century versions of the tune. Dust off your dancing shoes and learn an 18th century dance to "Yankee Doodle" – no experience required. Janet is a MHA Docent with an interest and expertise in a variety of historic areas. One of them is music.

### James K Polk: The Dead President Who Never Rests in Peace

A few months after leaving office in 1849, President James K. Polk died at the Nashville mansion called Polk Place. Because he died of cholera he was buried for a year in a mass grave in the Nashville City Cemetery. That cemetery was the first of Polk's "final" resting places. After a year the president's relatives moved his body to the Polk Place grounds where he

had asked to be buried. But the family sold that land in 1893 and bodies of Polk and his wife Sarah Childress Polk were then moved to the grounds of the Tennessee capitol.

Now the Tennessee Senate has passed a resolution to once again relocate his grave. This would cause the Polks' bodies to be exhumed and relocated to Columbia, Tenn., where the president spent part of his childhood and the James K. Polk Home and Museum is located.

The state's House of Representatives, the Davidson County Chancery Court and the Tennessee Historical Commission must all approve the resolution. And if Polk goes to his fourth grave, it will not be quietly. A few of his descendants have decried the move as a poor way to honor the president. "Every step they take is one step toward grave robbery," Teresa Elam, 65, Polk's niece by way of seven generations, told the Tennessean. "It would be like taking someone out of Arlington and taking them to the family farm and putting them behind the barn."

From The Washington Post, March 28, 2017.

### MHA Docent Bee Jay Caldwell Recognized by Area Churches

Rev. Russell Alexander, the new pastor of Hopewell AME Zion Church proposed to other pastors in this area that they unite together in community outreach fellowship. He would create a Community Service Day award for a deserving member of his congregation, then other

churches could do the same. This idea was supported by pastors at Catawba Presbyterian, Chapel Hill Missionary Baptist, Hopewell Presbyterian, and Mount Carmel Baptist churches. The award would be named for an active church member and organizer in Alexander's congregation. It would become the Thomasine Howard Grier Community Service Award.

The award was presented on February 19, 2017, and Bee Jay Caldwell was asked to present a Black History Moment in history for the occasion. Unbeknownst to her, she was really asked to attend in order to be the first recipient of the award. Reverend A. Putrill, pastor of Hopewell Presbyterian Church delivered a short meditation. Then the award was presented to Mrs. Grier who was not aware that the award was named for her; then Bee Jay became its first recipient. Congratulations, Bee Jay!

### Captain Jack's Historic Bike Ride Saturday, May 6 at 2 pm, Olde Mecklenburg Brewery

In the summer of 1775, Captain James Jack, a local tavern owner, rode 450 miles to deliver the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence to the Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia. In honor of this historic ride, there will be a historic bike ride from the Olde Mecklenburg Brewery to various historical locations around Charlotte. The ride will leave from the Olde Mecklenburg Brewery and finishing there with a social upon return. Visit [www.bikecharlotte.org](http://www.bikecharlotte.org) for more information. Contact Queen City Bicycles at [info@queencitybicycles.com](mailto:info@queencitybicycles.com) for information on how to rent a bike. Sponsored by the May 20<sup>th</sup> Society.

## Voices From The Past

Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup> was a spectacular day for our MHA Docents! Lynn Mintzer and her committee did a splendid job of organizing, researching, and attending to detail to present Voices From The Past to the public in Settlers', Elmwood and Pinewood Cemeteries. Lynn acquired an impressive array of sponsorships, and the event appears to have more than earned its keep – the final report is not yet in. We estimate at least 700 people attended; the 500 programs that were printed ran out pretty early in the afternoon. And Mother Nature could not have provided a better backdrop for our performances. There were a few glitches such as running out of programs and some of our characters being a bit long-winded, and a few logistical snags that the public probably



never noticed. Otherwise near perfection reigned.

An assortment of comments from some of our visitors: "I learned a lot and had fun!" "I had a great time. Hope y'all do it again next year." "Can't wait 'til next year so I can learn more history of Charlotte." "This was such a great event! Thank you to

everyone who worked so hard to bring to life Charlotte's impressive history." "Maybe I enjoyed it so much because I've always loved to visit old cemeteries. Maybe it's because Charlotte was my home and the home of both my parents. Maybe it's because I was familiar with the names of many of the people being portrayed. Maybe because Harry and Bryant conducted both my parents' funerals. Maybe all of the above!"

The most popular portrayals were of Randolph Scott, Thad Tate, and the John King story. The most prevalent regret was there was not time enough to see everyone. Perhaps that's the perfect teaser to bring folks back another year for Act II.

Ann Williams, Co-Project Manager,

## Membership Renewals

If you have not yet renewed your MHA Membership, please do so 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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- ☐ General Membership  
☐ MHA Docent Membership  
☐ North Branch MHA Membership

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*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 15, 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, May 11 in order to meet our caterer's schedule.**

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

Name Tags: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_



## May is Mecklenburg History Month

**The Ron Hankins History Talks Lecture**  
**Thursday, May 18 at 6 pm to 9 pm,**  
**Charlotte Museum of History, Free**

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 sign copies of his books afterwards.



**The Uptown Celebration**  
**Friday, May 19 at noon,**  
**Independence Square, Free**

This year May 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

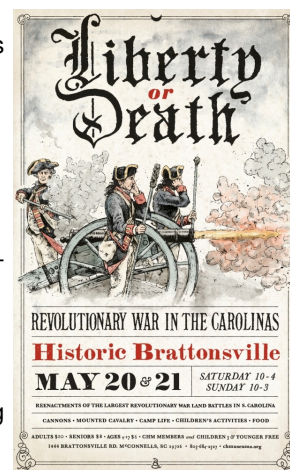
This year we are being joined by some of the reenactors who will appear at Brattonsville the next day so we expect to have 30 or 40 soldiers, three to five men on horseback and two cannon crews plus fife and drum, the SAR Color Guard and 20 or 30 of the ladies.

After the speeches and salutes, we will all parade to Settlers' Cemetery to honor Col. Thomas Polk, the founder of Charlotte and Mecklenburg, with a wreath and more salutes.

**Liberty or Death - the Revolutionary War**  
**in the Carolinas**

**Saturday May 20 from 10 am to 4 pm**  
**Sunday May 21 from 10 am to 3 pm,**  
**Historic Brattonsville, McConnells, SC**

More than 300 reenactors will form infantry and cavalry regiments for one of the largest living history demonstrations in the south-east. Over the two days they will recreate the battles of Kings Mountain, Camden and Eutaw Springs, the three largest Revolutionary War battles in South Carolina and a turning point of the war. This will feature historically accurate battlefield activities including guard mounts, infantry and artillery drills, caring for the wounded, ration distributions, cooking demonstrations, and military field music. Sutlers will be set up between the two camps with period-style goods for sale. On Sunday morning there will be period-style worship services for both opposing camps.



**"Preserving Mecklenburg's Heritage"**

Post Office Box 35032  
Charlotte, North Carolina 28235

**VISIT US ONLINE**  
**WWW.MECKDEC.ORG**

## 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

<http://www.historicrosedale.org>

**Hats off To Mom, Thursday, Friday, & Sunday: May 11, 12, & 14 from 1:30 to 3 pm, no tours Saturday, May 13 due to private event.**

See different hats and millinery fashions as they changed through the ages displayed through the house. 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 for a one of a kind experience. Light refreshment will be served.

### Fairy Camp, Tuesday, June 13 at 10 am to 1 pm.

Have your wee ones visit Historic Rosedale for this half day camp. They will explore our urban shire and hunt for fairies that hide all around while learning about the whimsical folklore behind some of their favorite characters, and create enchanting crafts that would impress the most finicky of fairies. Snacks and water are included.

### Pirate Camp, Wednesday, June 14 and Wednesday August 4 at 10 am to 1 pm.

Arrrrrg... you ready for adventure? Learn about North Carolina's rich pirate history in this swashbuckling half day camp. Create jolly good crafts, hunt for buried treasure, and find out how pirates and the open seas could affect life back here in Charlotte. Young landlubbers will also receive snacks and water.

### Take Walk on the Wild Side (Nature Camp),

**Thursday, June 15 at 10 am to 1 pm.**

Buzz around like a bee in this half day camp where kids connect with nature in a historic setting and urban green space. The camp includes educational games about the local surroundings, plants, and animals as well as insect themed craft activities. Pollen and nectar (snacks & water) will be provided.

### Old Timey Picnic,

**Friday, June 16 at 11 am to 1 pm.**

Come as you are or dress up for this festivity. Our counselors will don their antebellum finery to serve the picnic. Learn about the life and etiquette of those who used to live in the plantation house. Campers who join us for all four days of camp will receive a certificate during the festivities. Parents are welcome to join in on the fun.

### Paranormal Grounds Investigation, Friday & Saturday, June 16 & 17, Check in 7 pm, event 7:30 to 9 pm.

Professional ghost hunters will take groups of no more than 20 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 as their team leads the investigation. Wear flat, quiet comfortable shoes and bring a flashlight. You never know what you may find... or what may find you! Reservations suggested.

### Fashionista's of the 1800's, Exhibit open June 21 through September 5.

Take a walk through 1800's fashion, as your knowledgeable guide tells you all about Rosedale's history as well as fashion trends. Sometimes they were quite scandalous in their day.

### Rosedale Benefit Yard Sale, Saturday, August 12 from 10 am to 2 pm, Free.

Attention Collectors, Campers, and other enthusiasts! Join us for the ultimate bargain hunt. See and purchase some of our treasures including cast iron skillets and corn bread molds. There will also be a gift basket raffle with an estimated value of \$75, there will be a second raffle for bird and nature lovers. To donate to the

yard sale (no clothing or large furniture) contact [roseedu@historicrosedale.org](mailto:roseedu@historicrosedale.org)

### Historic Latta Plantation

5225 Sample Road, Huntersville, NC, 704 875 2312, <http://www.lattaplantation.org>

### World War II Reenactment, Saturday and Sunday, May 6 and 7 from 10 am to 4 pm.

Time travel back into the war-torn countryside of Germany to see troops in action. Meet uniformed Allied and Axis soldiers and see their accoutrements up close. Meet civilians and learn of the impact WWII had on daily life on the home front. Living history all day, battle reenactment at 2 pm, bring a chair.

### Open Hearth Cooking Workshop, Saturday, May 20 at 9 am to 2 pm, \$65.00.

Learn from an experienced chef the process of cooking local backcountry cuisine over an open hearth fire. Learn about firestarting, 19th century cooking utensils, prepare a full course meal, and later enjoy the meal in an authentic setting. Age 18 and older, long pants and closed toed shoes required, 8 participants. Call for registration.

### African American History Celebration, Saturday, June 3 from 10 am to 4 pm.

Joining in an African drum circle, learn the history of the Buffalo Soldiers, meet and talk with Harriet Tubman and Abraham Lincoln, and roam the plantation grounds, main house, and reproduction slave cabin.

### Civil War Reenactment, Saturday and Sunday, July 1 and 2 from 10 am to 4 pm.

Battle at 2 pm each day, lectures and talks, demonstrations, primitive living exhibits, living history farm, food vendors, sutlers.

**Hugh Torance House and Store**

8231 Gilead Road, Huntersville, NC  
[www.hughtorancehouseandstore.com/](http://www.hughtorancehouseandstore.com/)

**House Tours on first and third Sundays from 2 to 5 pm, May through October.**

We must replace the HVAC ducting throughout this historic house and store. Prior to our sealing of the structure's crawl space, critters got into the ducting, chewed it up and made quite a mess. We must raise \$7,000 to replace the ducting and have already raised almost half of that amount. If you would like to donate, please go to our Go Fund Me page or donate directly to the Hugh Torance House and Store by mailing a tax-deductible donation to Hugh Torance House and Store, P. O. Box 2674, Huntersville, NC 28070.

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 Torance 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,  
<http://www.charlottemuseum.org>

**Charlotte Neighborhood Walking Tour- NoDa, Saturday May 6 at 10:30 to 11:30 am, Free.**

Join us for an hour walking tour of the NoDa neighborhood, an eclectic arts district and community that began as a mill village. The tour will begin and end at Benny's Pizza, 2909 N. Davidson Street #100. Following the tour, we will have a reception at Benny's. Please wear comfortable walking shoes.

**Backcountry Explorers, Saturdays at 1 pm.**

Become a Backcountry Explorer and journey through our region's history! This

year, we will be learning all about Colonial professions. Saturday, May 13 – Farmer. Saturday, June 10 – Wheelwright.

**Ron Hankins History Talks Lecture Series sponsored by Wells Fargo, See above.**

**Meck Dec Day and Family Fun Day, Saturday, May 20 from 1 to 4 pm, Free.**

Explore the concept of Liberty and why this led to the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. Meet Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Polk, one of the first families to live in Charlotte Town, while enjoying performances from Drums4Life, poet Queen Isis, and LATIBAH Collard Green Museum.

**Catawba Indian Nation Symposium, Saturday, June 10 from 10 am to 2 pm.**

The Native American Studies Center University of South Carolina Lancaster and the Charlotte Museum of History present a symposium on the history and culture of the Catawba Indian Nation. Topics include "Tho Much is Taken, Much Abides: A Brief History of the Catawba Indian Nation," "Catawba Women in a New World, 1746 – 1840", and "Catawba Indian Pottery: An Ancient Tradition."

**Backcountry Days & Ice Cream Social, Saturday, August 26 from 1 to 5 pm, Free.**

Presented by Charlotte Folk Society, Charlotte Museum of History, and Storytellers Guild of Charlotte. Enjoy an old-fashioned family afternoon with ice cream, singing, storytelling, and open old-time, bluegrass, and Celtic jam sessions. Demonstrations of everyday activities of 18th century living.  
[www.folksociety.org](http://www.folksociety.org) ;  
[www.charlottemuseum.org](http://www.charlottemuseum.org)

**Into the Hornet's Nest Summer Camp, Monday, June 26 through Friday, June 30 at 8:30 am to 4:30 pm each day, Ages 6-9.**

In September of 1780 General Cornwallis came marching into Charlotte and descended into a Hornet's Nest of Rebellion. Campers will explore the Carolina

Backcountry from its earliest beginnings through the American Revolution and will experience life as explorers, naturalists, colonial tradesmen, and patriots as they join the Rebellion and create a free and independent Mecklenburg County.

**Passport to World Cultures Geography Camp, Monday July 17 through Friday, June 21 at 8:30 am to 4:30.**

Campers will explore the 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, learn about and participate in the Olympic Games and explore world cultures with an international meal. Ages 8-11.

**Teas of the British Isles, Sundays at 4 to 5:30 pm.**

June 25 – King George III and Queen Charlotte.

July 30 – Highland Scots of North Carolina.

August 27 – Winston Churchill and the Second World War.

October 1 – The Story of London.

**Historic Brattonsville**

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

**Liberty or Death, Revolutionary War Re-enactment, Saturday and Sunday, May 20 and 21. See above.**

**Frolic and Play on the Plantation, Wednesdays and Fridays from June 7 through August 11.**

Costumed interpreters will play games of the early 19th century with children of all ages, including games of skill and quick thinking, games for exercise and games to challenge the individual.



**Time Travel Tuesdays, from 10 am to 4 pm each Tuesday from June 6 to August 8.**

June 6-Draft Animals on the Plantation  
June 13-Heritage Breeds and Seeds  
June 20- Blacksmithing  
June 27- Revolutionary War Dragoon  
July 4- Independence Day Celebration  
July 11-Worms, Linstocks and Sponges  
July 18- Indigo: Many Shades of Blue  
July 25-Historic Cooking  
August 1-Dairying on the Plantation  
August 8- Antebellum School Days

**Teacher Appreciation Day, Thursday, July 27 from 10 am to 2 pm.**

Historic Brattonsville will thank area teachers on this special day for their tireless dedication to our nation's youth and their support of our nation's past. There will be guided tours, food and free admission for all current teachers and their families. Teachers will meet our interpretive staff and learn of our school programs for the next school year.

### The Schiele Museum

1500 E. Garrison Blvd., Gastonia, N.C.  
704 866 6900 <https://www.schielemuseum.org>

**Sheepshearing & Other Rites of Spring, Sunday, May 7 from 1 to 5 pm.**

Historical interpreters in 18th-century dress card and spin freshly shorn wool into thread. Try your hand at shearing or weaving on a tapeloom. Visit the kitchen garden in springtime finery to discover heritage herbs and vegetables; see these natural seasonings applied to dishes cooked on the open hearth.

**August 1775, Sunday August 13 from 1 to 5 pm.**

Summer heat fuels the unrest and uncertainty of new colonists struggling for survival and independence. Forty-nine men are about to sign a document that will change their lives forever, the Tryon Association. Visit Moss Station on the Backcountry farm to learn of this important event in Gaston County's history while exploring the daily chores, pastimes and challenges of frontier life. Reenactors from the 6<sup>th</sup> NC Historical Society will demonstrate flintlock firearms and black powder firing. A reading of the Tryon Resolves will be held at 4 pm.

**President James K. Polk State Historic Site**  
12031 Lancaster Hwy., Pineville, NC,  
704 889 7145  
[www.polk.nchistoricsites.org](http://www.polk.nchistoricsites.org)

**Music, Dance 'n Que Fest, Saturday, May 6 from 11 am to 3 pm, Free, BBQ plate \$10-.00.**

Artists will dance, sing and play their way through historic tunes, folk songs and bluegrass music. Bring a chair or a blanket.

**Kids Bubble Day, Saturday, August 12 from 11 am to 1 pm, Free.**

There will be arts & crafts, bubble-making stations and water play areas with light, cooling refreshments and take-home treats.

### Matthews Heritage Museum

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

**A Century of Helping Hands, Current Exhibit Through June 24.**

The Museum and the Western North Carolina Region of the American Red Cross joined together to put on this exhibit in celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the American Red Cross in Mecklenburg County.

**Widgets and Thing-a-ma-Jigs II, A New Exhibit Opening July 1 and Running Through October 28.**

If you missed the first installment, you have another chance to guess what these odd objects on exhibit are. Once used on a regular basis, these items have passed into obscurity and are not used like they once were.

**Camp Funshine Museum Participation.**

This year the Museum is joining with Matthews Park and Recreation to sponsor two days of Camp Funshine, a week of fun-filled activities. Trips to the Museum and Reid House will be held during the week of June 19-23 and July 24-28. To register, go to [www.matthewsfun.com](http://www.matthewsfun.com) or call 704-321-7275.

**Kings Mountain Historical Museum**  
100 East Mountain Street,  
Kings Mountain, NC (704) 739-1019  
[www.kingsmountainmuseum.org](http://www.kingsmountainmuseum.org)

**New Exhibit: Great Gatsby: Cleveland County in the Roaring Twenties, June 17 through October 14, Free.**

Open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 am to 4 pm. See dramatic social, economic, and political changes reflected in clothing, music, dances, slang, and products. This was an era of economic boom and bust with the growth of the textile mills, plus the racial inequity of the Jim Crow system and violent disputes over labor rights.

**Old Timey Spring Picnic, Saturday, May 20 from noon to 4 pm.**

Live music, BBQ, historic games, storytelling, and craft demonstrations by costumed interpreters plus tours of the historic Barber & Cornwell homes.

**Roaring Twenties Program for Children & Families, Saturday, June 17 at 2 pm, free.**

Experience the fashion, dancing, and music of the 1920s with a special performance. Make your own flapper headband to take home.

**A Passel of Trouble: The Saga of Loyalist Partisan David Fanning, Thursday, June 29 at 5:30 pm, Free.**

Joe Epley presents his fact-based historical novel about one of the most extraordinary characters of the American Revolutionary War.

**They Don't Build 'Em Like They Used To, Wednesday, July 19 at 10 to 11 am, Free.**

Mauney Memorial Library Summer Reading Program. Tour KMHM's two historic homes and learn about colonial building techniques.

**Reed Gold Mine State Historic Site**

9621 Reed Mine Rd., Midland, NC  
28163, 704 721 GOLD (4653)

<http://www.nchistoricsites.org/reed/reed.htm>

**Iron Peddlers Tractor Meet,  
Saturday, May 13 from 11 am to 3 pm.**

The Iron Peddlers Antique Power Club will visit Reed Gold Mine during their spring ride for lunch and pictures at the mine. Visitors will have the opportunity to meet the owners and photograph the tractors while on site.

**Chronology of Mining Tour,  
Saturday, May 20 at 2 to 3 pm.**

This walking tour of the gold mine property shows various types of gold extraction methods, with demonstrations of cradle and log rockers.

**Gold as Currency,  
Saturday July 15 at 1 to 2 pm.**

At Reed Gold Mine we spend most our time focusing on the discovery and history of NC gold mining rather than what happened to the gold after it was removed from the ground. This lecture will discuss stamping gold coins here in North Carolina at the Bechtler and Charlotte Mints plus an introduction to gold as the universal currency.

**Charlotte Folk Society**

Great Aunt Stella Center, 926 Elizabeth Ave., Charlotte

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

**Charlotte Folk Society Gathering & Jams, Friday, May 12, features Americana/Bluegrass by Tellico, Free.**

Great Aunt Stella Center, 926 Elizabeth Avenue, Charlotte. 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. 704-563-7080; [www.folksociety.org](http://www.folksociety.org)

**Charlotte Folk Society Gathering & Jams, Friday, June 9, features The Kollard Kings, Free.**

The Kollard Kings specialize in performing old-time stringband songs from Charlotte's surprising heyday as a country music recording center back in the 1930s – roots of the music now known as bluegrass.

Great Aunt Stella Center, 926 Elizabeth Avenue, Charlotte. 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. 704-563-7080; [www.folksociety.org](http://www.folksociety.org)

**Charlotte Folk Society Gathering & Jams, Friday, August 11, features Appalachian Old-Time Music by Strictly Strings. Free.**

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**Backcountry Days & Ice Cream Social, Saturday, August 26 from 1 to 5 pm, Free.**

Charlotte Museum of History & Hezekiah Alexander Homesite, 3500 Shamrock Drive, Charlotte 28215.

Presented by Charlotte Folk Society, Charlotte Museum of History and Storytellers Guild of Charlotte. Enjoy an old-fashioned family afternoon with ice cream, singing, storytelling, and open old-time, bluegrass, and Celtic jam ses-

sions. Demonstrations of everyday activities of 18th century living.

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

**Let the Land Say... Amen**

**Saturday, May 6 from 10 am to 4 pm  
Sunday, May 7 at 10 am.**

**Allison Creek Presbyterian Church,  
York SC.**

On Saturday this festival will tell the story of Elias Hill, a former slave who led the migration of freed slaves from York County to Liberia. This was after facing acts of terrorism by the Ku Klux Klan during Reconstruction.

It will also tell the history of the Clay Hill Community near Hill's Iron Works and Plantation and include:

Guided tours of the church and its historic cemeteries with costumed interpreters.

Period games for kids.

A concert and lecture by renowned banjo player and historian Bob Carlin.

A short film on the history of Allison Creek Presbyterian Church which was built in 1854 by the enslaved.

The church's recent visit to Liberia.

Food concessions will be available.

On Sunday the church will hold an outdoor service at 10 am (weather permitting). At the close of service, a state marker will be unveiled commemorating Elias Hill and the Liberian migration. This marker is the first state marker to mention the Ku Klux Klan.

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