

Dinner Meeting

Monday, November 16, 2015

**Appetizers, Festive Beverages and Book Sale at 6:00pm,
Dinner at 6:30pm, Program at 7:15pm**

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



Upcoming Dinner Program

Historic Landmarks Revolving Fund — Preserving our Built History

*Our holiday social and book sale will be at Trinity Presbyterian Church beginning at 6:00pm. It will feature appetizers and festive beverages, followed by dinner at 6:30 and the program at 7:15. Those not having dinner are welcome to enjoy the program at no charge. A special history book sale to benefit the Carolina Room of the Charlotte Public Library will start at 6:00 and continue after dinner. To make a reservation for dinner use the order form in this MHA Newsletter or contact Robin Brabham at Mecklenburg1775@yahoo.com or 704-543-7519. **We must have your dinner reservation (written or verbal) by Thurs., Nov. 12 to meet our caterer's schedule.***

Mary Dominick, Office Administrator at the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission and employee there since 2006, will give a presentation on current projects and

the Revolving Fund of the Commission. In the 1970's, MHA played a key role in establishing the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission. Although the city and county have a reputation for tearing down much of our history, the Landmarks Commission oversees the largest locally-funded historic preservation revolving fund in the United States. This fund allows the Commission to purchase at-risk properties, place protective covenants on deeds, develop preservation plans and re-sell the properties. Current projects of the Commission range from Charlotte's only remaining 1970s General Motors New Look Bus, nicknamed the "Fishbowl" because of its large front windshield, to a 1950s pottery and kiln in

Matthews to a 1930s brick jail in Huntersville.

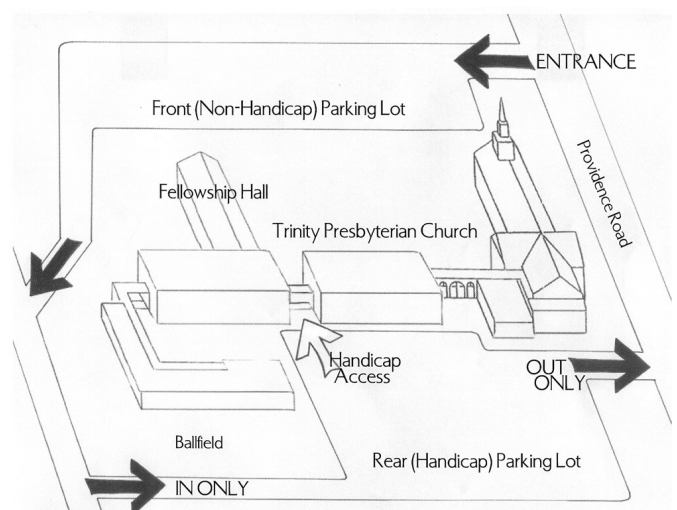
Mary Dominick is a graduate of the UNC Charlotte program in public history and wrote her master's thesis on the evolution of the built environment at Charlotte College, which became UNC Charlotte and evolved into an institution providing 46% of the enrollment increase in the UNC system in the last six years. She was an intern at the Carolina Room, digitizing the Mary Boyer Photograph Collection of 842 photographs from 1882 to 1977.

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Remarks from the President

Greetings to all! We look forward to our annual special dinner meeting and a very interesting program on Tuesday, November 16th. This will be our last dinner meeting of 2015, so please plan to join us and send your reservations now. We will see you again in 2016 on March 14th and May 23rd, so mark your 2016 calendars!

It is also time to renew your MHA memberships for 2016. MHA operates on a calendar fiscal year and cannot operate to safeguard, research and provide education about Mecklenburg's history without your dues. To help us save on printing and postage, please take the opportunity to renew your membership now by mailing in the renewal blank in this newsletter or bring your renewal payment to the November dinner meeting and save yourself a stamp!

MHA receives many inquiries through our website and one of the most interesting was a call I received recently from Colonel Tom Silvis who is a retired Army officer and docent at the Fort Carson, Colorado, military museum. The Army 4th Infantry Division, located at Camp Greene in Charlotte during World War I, is now headquartered at Fort Carson. Col. Silvis asked for assistance in locating documents and photos from the Army 4th and 3rd Infantry Divisions' time at Camp Greene. He said they have very little documentation about the World War I years here. He was also interested in the whereabouts of a silver loving cup that was apparently presented to the Division in uptown Charlotte Christmas of 1918, just before the soldiers here shipped out to France. Of course, our amazing staff members at the Carolina Room were able to assist him with lots of information, photos and were off to trace the loving cup.

In an odd twist, my own DAR chapter, the Mecklenburg Chapter, held a Daffodil planting at Camp Greene on October 11th honoring children of the Holocaust, as you will read about in this newsletter.

Please take advantage of the many special programs offered by our historic sites during November and December. My best wishes to each of you for a blessed Christmas season and a Happy New Year!

Linda Dalton,
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Queens College Rediscovered

Most of us are familiar with the name "Queens College" and many of us know of that there was a school by that name in Colonial Mecklenburg County. That early Queens College was not connected in any way with the present-day Queen's University in Myers Park or with College Street in uptown Charlotte.

The first Queens College was founded by an act of the Colonial Assembly in 1771 and was long gone before the modern Queen's came on the scene in 1913. What we knew about the original Queens College came primarily from laws passed by the Colonial Assembly. We knew that an act was passed in 1771 establishing Queens College and that Royal Governor William Tryon signed the act and sent it with his strong recommendation to the Board of Trade in England. They presented it to King George III for his approval but the King disallowed the bill, perhaps because he thought it would be a training ground for dissenting (Presbyterian) ministers. News of the disallowance did not reach the Colony until 1773 but the college continued in operation under the name Queens Museum. During the Revolutionary War, a law was passed changing the name to Liberty Hall. And when President Washington passed through Charlotte in 1791, he mentioned the college in his journal.

What we didn't know until now is what the Queens College building looked like and what kind of a school it was. In 1771 the only public building in Charlotte was the County Courthouse that was a single room log cabin on brick pillars standing in the middle of the intersection of Trade and Tryon Streets. It has been said that there were only 20 or 30 buildings in town, many of them taverns, and they were all rude structures. Up to this point we have

generally thought the College must have been a log building of two stories and perhaps four or six rooms. Just recently a paper has come to light that radically changes not only our appreciation of the Queens College building but of the College itself and the nature of Colonial Charlotte and its citizens. This paper was found in the Hawks Collection at the New-York Historical Society in Manhattan and we were able to get a microfilm reel of those papers on Inter-Library Loan from them.

An undated and unsigned paper in that collection labeled "Bill for College in Mecklenburg" is a bill-of-material showing the amounts of material, types of labor and costs for "a College to be Built in Charlotte town." This was probably a document the builder used to calculate his bid price. We have no information showing whether he was the successful bidder, or if the college building was even built. However, something must have been built because the "Queens College Building" was used as a hospital by both sides during the American Revolution.

The overall description is for a building of two stories and twenty rooms that would be 116 by 40 feet. It had only been 20 years or so since the first settlers arrived here and this is an extremely large building for that time and place. The total cost of the building was £1,380, a considerable fortune at that time. From the bill of materials and labor we can conclude that this was a brick building on stone foundations with a shingle roof, containing a hewn timber frame. It had five large double doors with brass knobs and large locks. There were 53 windows containing a total of 1,500 panes of glass. All of the windows would open except for five in the attic and those on the first floor had shutters. The

twenty rooms all had doors and locks plus built-in studies. The interior walls were plastered and painted yellow with white trim. In addition to feeding all of the workmen, and a £100 fee for the builder, there was an accounting of £60 for liquor. At then-current prices this was 240 gallons of whisky.

The Colonial law establishing the college says the trustees are to meet at "the Grammar School" on March 1, 1771, so I believe the new building was not completed by then. Building such a structure would have taken three or four years, so construction must have started several years earlier, perhaps in 1768 or 1769, before the Assembly authorized it. It is documented that building Tryon Palace, which opened in 1770 in New Bern, took four years. This was on the same scale as the college. William R. Davie said that he attended Queens College in 1771, so I think the building was finished sometime in the fall of 1771. The cost of the college was to be paid by a special tax on all whiskey brought into the county. Today we might think it strange that a Presbyterian College was supported by whiskey sales, but in those days there was no prohibition of hard liquor and, in fact, many considered it a healthy drink.

In addition to this information on the College building, papers in the Hawks Collection reveal that Joel Brevard was the first teacher at the college and that there was a library of at least 247 volumes, many of them contributed by county residents. And finally, thanks to historian Mary Boyer and her research into other sources, we know that after the King disallowed the college it continued to operate as "Queens Museum" and was supported by a public lottery.

-Jim Williams

MHA Docent Programs

Tuesday, November 3, Sugaw Creek Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall Sacred Clay of the People of the River

Refreshments at 9:30, business meeting at 10, and program at 11. Visitors are always welcome.

A deposit of rare, sacred clay lies hidden near Lancaster, SC, not far from the Catawba River. For centuries, its exact location has been kept secret by the Catawba Nation. And yet it is at the heart of an ancient cultural tradition that is being revitalized through the passionate efforts of Catawba potters like Caroleen Sanders, our speaker and artist in residence at the Native American Studies Center in Lancaster, SC. The history of this unusual clay and its continuing significance to the Catawba

Nation, known as the "People of the River," is the subject of our November program.

Tuesday, December 1, Sugaw Creek Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall Annual Christmas Tea

Business meeting at 9:45 am, program at 10, followed by a Christmas Tea.

Please join us for the MHA Docent's December Tea, our gift to the history community that we share with friends both old and new. As usual, the program will be a fine mixture of history and a special entertainment event. After the program we will enjoy tea and generous refreshments. Visitors are welcome and need not bring a dish for the tea.

Beyond the Wagon Road

A course of lectures offered in February 2016 by the Mecklenburg Historical Association Docents in partnership with the Levine Museum of the New South. (See page 5 for full details)

North Branch MHA

The November program for North Branch MHA will be on Tuesday, November 4, when we will honor Veterans Day with a program by Martha Jenkins on the veterans buried in the Mt. Zion cemetery. For more information, contact Sarah Sue Hardinger, sarahsuenc@gmail.com, 704-906-6656.

Membership Renewals

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

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

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

Thank you for your interest in history!

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

Name	
Address	
City, State, Zip	
Email Address	

Membership type: (Please check one)

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

Please send my MHA Newsletter via:

- ☐ Email
☐ US Postal Mail
☐ Both

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

November 16, 2015 Dinner Meeting Reservation Form

Mail to: Mecklenburg Historical Association
c/o Robin Brabham, 7412 Red Oak Lane, Charlotte, NC 28226
or email: Mecklenburg1775@yahoo.com

Please make checks payable to Mecklenburg Historical Association.

Questions? Please email Robin Brabham (Mecklenburg1775@yahoo.com) or call him at (704)-543-7519.

We must have your dinner reservation (written or verbal) by Thursday, November 12 in order to meet our caterer's schedule.

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

\$ _____ (total) for _____ seats (\$14 for all others)

Name Tags: _____ , _____

DAR Daffodil Project

October 11th was the 125th Anniversary of the Daughters of the American Revolution and all chapters throughout the nation were requested to celebrate through community service. Members from five local DAR chapters gathered on October 11th at several sites around the Mecklenburg area to plant Bulbs from the Daffodil Project (a nonprofit organization dedicated to keeping alive the memory of children who died in the Holocaust). Members of Mecklenburg, Piedmont Patriots, Halifax, Clear Creek Militia and Alexandriana DAR Chapters worked at Marshall Park, the Charlotte Museum of History, the Camp Greene Monument and a veteran's monument in Mooresville.



Pictured - Mecklenburg Chapter, Clear Creek Militia and the youth from Christ Presbyterian after planting 360 daffodils at the Camp Greene Monument.



"Preserving Mecklenburg's Heritage"

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Beyond the Wagon Road

A course of lectures offered in February 2016 by the Mecklenburg Historical Association Docents in partnership with the Levine Museum of the New South.

February 6, 2016:

"The First American Declaration of Independence? The Disputed History of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence of May 20, 1775"

-Scott Syfert, corporate attorney at Moore & Van Allen and co-founder of the May 20th Society

"Portrayal of a Sixteen-Year-Old Backcountry Revolutionary War Soldier"

-Dr. Tony Zeiss, President of Central Piedmont Community College

February 13, 2016:

"A Visit with an 18th Century Woman"

-Kay K. Moss, founder of the 18th Century Backcountry Lifeways Studies Program and adjunct curator at the Schiele Museum

"Dr. David Thomas Caldwell: Medicine in Antebellum Charlotte"

-Janet Dyer, historical researcher and MHA Docent

February 20, 2016:

"Music in Charlotte During the 1930's"

-Dr. Tom Hanchett and the Kollard Kings, a String Band

"The Scotch-Irish Influence on Music of the Carolinas"

-Michael C. Scoggins, historian at the Culture and Heritage Museums (SC)

Registration fee for the course: \$20.00 due by January 31, 2016. Please make check payable to MHA Docents. Mail check and registration form to:

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

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone (In case of cancellation due to weather): _____

For more information, email Janet Dyer at jdye399@gmail.com.

All lectures at Levine Museum of the New South are from 9:30am-12pm. Doors open at 9am.

Site News

Library News

An important new feature has been added to the Robinson-Spangler Carolina Room to support historical researchers and genealogists. Of course, the books in the Carolina room do not circulate and must be used there. However, they have a number of duplicates of these books. They have put those duplicates in a special section so they can be checked out. The Carolina room is on the third floor of the main library uptown and the circulating collection is in a section on the second floor, marked Genealogy. This is located

at the extreme end of the non-fiction books at the west end of the second floor.

When you visit the uptown branch, browse this section and see what you can find. And when you search the library catalog on-line, notice if the book you are interested in has a copy that circulates. You can request that the book be delivered to your home branch and you will have it in a day or two and check it out for three weeks.

Opportunity for Part Time Work

Historic Latta Plantation is looking for a part time employee. The position will be

for approximately six hours on Sundays, with occasional Saturday hours. Applicant needs to be experienced and comfortable around large animals and interact well with the public.

Responsibilities include:

- Feeding animals and making sure they are safely put away in the evening.
- Opening and locking all buildings.
- Operating the gift shop register.
- Giving tours of the circa 1800 home.

Please send inquiries and resumes to David Clay at dclay@lattaplantation.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

Historic Rosedale

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

Bulb planting Class, Saturday, November 7 at 10 am to noon.

Join our garden curator as he teaches us the how's, when's, and where's of planting bulbs. This is a great opportunity to ask an expert any questions you may

have about fall gardening. This fun and informative lecture includes snacks.

The Harvest Table, Thursday, November 19 from 10 am to noon.

In this interactive workshop we provide the materials and the teacher, our Garden Curator. Then our guests will make their own special living centerpieces that will look amazing atop their Thanksgiving tables.

Scottish Heritage Christmas, Saturday & Sunday, December 5 & 6 from 1 to 5 pm.

This Christmas season as Rosedale celebrates her bicentennial year

we are tying in our Scottish heritage of those who founded this magnificent home and will be celebrating our Scottish roots. For these two days there will be house tours, music, food, entertainment, kid's crafts, vendors and artists. Come and do some Christmas shopping.

Christmas Candlelight, Saturday & Sunday, December 5 & 6 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Come to Historic Rosedale Plantation as we showcase the 1815 home by candlelight. Live music will once again fill the great hall with carols as costumed docents bring the home to life circa 1840. Experience antebellum

Southern hospitality and soak in the fragrances of natural decorations typical for a backcountry Carolina Christmas. Hot cider and refreshments will be served in the English basement kitchen.

Greenery Workshop, Saturday, December 5 & Wednesday, December 16 at 10 am to noon.

Learn about many types of greenery for the holidays, and make and take home a nice bowl of greenery that will last through the season. Learn how to add your favorite flowers to impress your guests all season long. Jeff, our Garden Curator, will show you how to make a boxwood wreath and garlands for the house. Bring a pair of hand pruners and be ready to work and learn.

The Art of the Thank You Note, Wednesday, December 30 at 11 am to 1 pm.

Would you like your child to have a reputation for impeccable manners? Teach your child to be thoughtful and considerate through the lost art of handwritten thank you notes. Writing your own thank you notes was a pivotal 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 that they will carry into adulthood. Dress up or come as you are and enjoy the fun atmosphere of a tea party in the charming English basement kitchen of our 200 year old Federal home. Rosedale will even provide stationery to get you started.

Latta Plantation

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

Folk Life Festival, Saturday, November 7 from 10 am to 4 pm. Local vendors will have handcrafts including pottery, jewelry, preserves, paintings, and woodcrafts. There will be living

history demonstrations of wood-working and cooking and the house will be open for tours. There will be the farm animals and games for the children plus food vendors and the Olde Mecklenburg Brewery.

One Hundred Years of Christmas, Friday and Saturday, November 27 and 28 from 10 am to 4 pm.

Celebrate Christmas from 1768 to 1868 with clothed interpreters from the Federalist through the Victorian eras. The Latta Home, Cooks Kitchen, Alexander Cabin, and Yeoman Cabins will be transformed with period Christmas décor plus live music, tours, demonstrations, and farm animals.

Candlelight Christmas, Saturday, December 5 from 6 to 9 pm.

Stroll on the property and visit the candlelit buildings that make up Latta Plantation. See first person dressed interpreters as they celebrate Nancy Latta's holiday wedding. Visit James and Jane Latta in their home and discuss the wedding, the state of crops and current events of 1827. Enjoy caroling, refreshments, and an 1800's inspired live nativity scene. This unique and timeless event is a fine way to start the Christmas season.

A Christmas Tea for Caroline the American Girl Doll, Sunday December 13 at 2 pm.

At the end of this year Caroline Abbott, the 1812 American Girl Doll, is going into the vault. Say goodbye to her in style with an early 19th century Christmas tea. Bring your Caroline, or other American Girl doll. Enjoy tea and pastries, learn about early American Christmas customs and make a 19th century Christmas decoration inside the Latta's Alexander Cabin. RSVP to Heather Lineberger at 704-875-2312, ext. 301 or hlineberger@lattaplantation.org by Friday, December 4th. Only 25 places are available.

The Charlotte Museum of History

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

English Tea Rescheduled, Saturday, November 7 at 4 pm, reservations required.

The English Tea that was postponed last March due to inclement weather has been rescheduled. The program will be led by England native and Museum volunteer and member, Felicity Wray. She will be discussing her favorite English landmarks as well as making her family's traditional English cake. If you previously registered and paid, be sure to contact the Museum to confirm your reservation.

Backcountry Beer Fest, Saturday, November 14, from 1 to 5 pm.

Join us for a Backcountry Beer Fest featuring Birdsong Brewing Company, Olde Mecklenburg Brewery, Rock Bottom Restaurant & Brewery and Heist Brewery. Enjoy live music by local artists Christopher Suter and Jason Marcum as well as food from the popular Ruthie's of Charlotte Food Truck. A corn-hole tournament and home site tours are included.

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

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

Backcountry Explorers – Trade and Barter, Saturday, December 5 at 10:30 am.

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

President James K. Polk State Historic Site

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

Celebrate the Birthday of US President James K. Polk, Saturday, November 7 from 10 am to 4 pm, Free. On the 220th birthday of President Polk step into 19th Century Mecklenburg County, chat with back-country residents, talk with blacksmiths, carpenters and musicians, visit open-hearth cooks and ladies spinning and tatting, plus children's activities. Meet the President himself and discuss the events of the day.

Death & Dying Tour, each Saturday at 1:15 pm. This 45 minute walking tour of the Polk Site gives visitors a look at the culture of death in the late 18th and early 19th century and highlights the stories of some of those buried in the Polk Family Cemetery. Admission charged.

Matthews Heritage Museum

232 N. Trade St, Matthews, NC 704-708-4996
matthewsheritagemuseum.org

Matthews Holiday Stroll, Saturday, December 5 from 6 to 8 pm. Walk along the luminary-lighted streets of downtown Matthews while enjoying refreshments and treats at participating businesses. There will be goodies for the children, carolers on the streets, and Santa's Helpers to guide you along the way. Pick up a map at the Chamber Depot office so you can enter the Holiday Treasure Hunt. Also in the Chamber Depot office you'll find an amazing display of Gingerbread Houses crafted by talented locals and an array of "Very Beary Christmas" Bears.

Girl Scouts through the Years Exhibit through January 30, Thursdays through Saturdays from 10 am to 4:30 pm. This year the Girl Scout program in Mecklenburg County reached its 80th birthday. Many troops have scheduled visits, other girls have come individually. Individual girl scouts in uniform are free. There is a modest fee for Troop tours.

Charlotte Folk Society

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

Charlotte Folk Society Gathering Concert & Jams, Friday, November 13, Roots Music, Blues & More by the Harris Brothers. Great Aunt Stella Center, 926 Elizabeth Avenue, Charlotte. 7:30 pm; doors open 7 pm. Free; donations appreciated. "The Harris Brothers are one of my favorite groups. Great playing, singing and soul. It just doesn't get any better than this." – David Holt

Charlotte Folk Society Annual Holiday Potluck & Jams, Saturday, December 12, Featuring the Thistledown Tinkers with Music of the Season. Dilworth United Methodist Church, 605 East Blvd., Charlotte 28203. 4 to 9:45 pm. Dinner 5 pm. The Thistledown Tinkers Music of the Season 6:00-6:30 PM. Song circle & jams before & after dinner. Bring a dish to share or donate \$5 per person towards expenses.

Duke Mansion

400 Hermitage Road, Charlotte, NC 704-714-4400
www.dukemansion.com

Explore History, the 38th Evac. in World War II, Sunday, November 8 at 3 pm, free, reservations required. An idea first floated at Charlotte's Duke Mansion made military history in

World War II. Visiting General George Marshall and local physicians including Dr. Paul Sanger came up with the notion of a portable hospital that could move close to the line of battle. The pioneering 38th Evacuation Hospital, staffed with Charlotte doctors and nurses, became the model for subsequent units, including MASH (Mobil Army Surgical Hospital) units during the Korean War. Dr. Brian Madison Jones, history professor and dean at Johnson C. Smith University, will discuss historic context, followed by screening of a WTVI documentary on the 38th Evac.

Schiele Museum

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

Harvest Day, Saturday, November 21 from 10 am to 4 pm. Join in celebrating the harvest season at the 18th-century Backcountry Farm. Watch our cooks and bakers at work as they prepare a traditional holiday feast in a spirit of thanksgiving for the season's harvest. Visit with craftspeople and farm folk as they demonstrate early American skills & crafts.

Colonial Christmas & Candle Lighting, Saturday, December 12 from 2 to 6 pm. Celebrate the Season in the 18th-century fashion at our 40th Annual Colonial Christmas & Candle Lighting. Join in the "Procession of the Yule Log", decorating with greenery, singing early American carols, and English country dancing. As the day draws to a close, gather with our Backcountry family for the traditional Candle-lighting Service and scripture reading. Enjoy colonial hospitality with a taste of Christmas pudding and hot gingered apple cider.

Fort Dobbs Historic Site

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

Military Timeline, Saturday and Sunday, November 14 and 15 from 10 am to 3 pm, Free.

North Carolina has survived numerous invading forces and has sent tens of thousands of her sons and daughters off to war over the centuries. Learn the stories of these men and women through living history displays of uniforms, weapons, equipment and vehicles from the Revolution, Civil War, World Wars and Vietnam.

Winter on the Western Frontier, Saturday, December 12, from 9 am to 5 pm, Free.

Historic interpreters will present musket and cannon firing demonstrations as they explain how French and Indian War soldiers fared in the winter.

Gaston County Museum

131 West Main St, Dallas, NC
704-922-7681, ext 2
www.gastoncountymuseum.org

Holiday Open House, Friday, December 11 from 4 to 6 pm, Free.

Enjoy the Town of Dallas Christmas Parade beginning at 4 pm, and then join us at the Museum for Christmas traditions for the whole family. See the Museum decorated for Christmas, visit the Museum Shop for holiday gifts, take part in cookie decorating and historic crafts, hear live music, and get a chance to meet some very interesting traditional characters from early Christmas celebrations including Saint Nicholas, Christkindl, and Krampus.

Historic Brattonsville

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

Christmas Candlelight Tours, Saturdays, December 5 and 12, from 3 to 9 pm. Walk the candlelit paths of Historic

Brattonsville and experience a Southern-style Christmas in the Carolina Backcountry. Costumed interpreters bring to life the holiday seasons of the past with stories of people who lived in the 18th and 19th centuries. Enjoy hot drinks, seasonal foods, baked goods and musical entertainment around a campfire while visiting with Father Christmas.

After-Thanksgiving Cotton Picking, Friday and Saturday, November 27 and 28 from 10 am to 4 pm.

Help us bring our yearly crop in. Enjoy 19th century demonstrations of the cotton production, from the plant to the cloth. There will be weaving, spinning, sewing, ginning, and of course picking.

Living History Saturdays from 10 am to 4 pm.

Every Saturday, except when there are scheduled special events, the Interpreters bring to life aspects of colonial and antebellum history. The weekend activities change throughout the month, usually to reflect the time of year or major monthly event. Call ahead to find out what's coming up.

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 Torance House and Store**
www.hughtorancehouseandstore.com
- **Kings Mountain Historical Museum**
www.kingsmountainmuseum.org
- **Kings Mountain National Military Park**
www.nps.gov/kimo
- **Kings Mountain Historical Museum**
www.kingsmountainmuseum.org
- **Kings Mountain State Park**
southcarolinaparks.com/park-finder/state-park/945.aspx
- **Latta Plantation**
www.lattaplantation.org
- **Levine Museum of the New South**
www.museumofthenewsouth.org
- **Matthews Heritage Museum**
www.matthewsheritagemuseum.org
- **Matthews Historical Foundation**
704-846-6693
- **Mint Hill Historical Society**
www.minthillhistory.com
- **Mount Holly Historical Society**
mhhistoricalsociety@gmail.com
- **Museum of the Waxhaws**
www.museumofthewaxhaws.org
- **Old Salem**
www.oldsalem.org
- **President James K. Polk State Historic Site**
polk.nchistoricsites.org
- **Reed Gold Mine State Historic Site**
www.nchistoricsites.org/reed/reed.htm
- **Robinson-Spangler Carolina Room, Charlotte Mecklenburg Library**
www.cmllibrary.org
- **Rural Hill**
www.ruralhill.net
- **Schiele Museum**
www.schielemuseum.org
- **Southern Campaign of the American Revolution**
www.southerncampaign.org
- **Spencer Doll and Toy Museum**
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