

Dinner Meeting

Monday, November 14, 2016

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

Fellowship Hall,
Trinity Presbyterian Church
3115 Providence Road



Upcoming Dinner Program

"Outen Potteries: Three Generations of Potters"

Our holiday social and book sale will be at Trinity Presbyterian Church beginning at 6 pm. 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 by the Carolina Room of the Charlotte Public Library and the Matthews Heritage Museum will start at 6 pm and continue after dinner. Check or cash preferred. To make a reservation for dinner, use the order form in this Newsletter or contact Barbara Taylor, 1016 Goshen Place, Charlotte, NC 28211, btaylor797@aol.com or (980)-335-0326.

Paula Lester will speak about the history of the pottery industry in Matthews, NC. In 1922, William Franklin Outen, a trained traditional potter, opened Matthews Pottery on Shelby Street. In 1950, his son Rufus opened the R. F. Outen Pottery on Jefferson Street where he continued potting until he retired in 1976. He earned the nickname "Churn Turner" by turning 100 large churns a day. His nephew, Kenneth

Outen, continued the pottery business by opening a new Matthews Pottery on Pleasant Plains Road at Potter Road in the late 1980s. Altogether, the Outens represent three generations of Matthews potters. Today, all that's left of the business is the R. F. Outen Pottery building. It is the last known commercial kiln in Mecklenburg County. The kiln and potting shed are a local historic landmark and on the National Register of Historic Places.

Paula Lester published *Discover Matthews, from Cotton to Corporate*, arranged the Matthews history mural in the Library, published Matthews Memories with the historical foundation and received the NCMC Award of Special Recognition. She oversaw the restoration of the Massey-Clark House and the design for the Matthews Heritage Museum. Paula served on the Matthews Town Council and has received the North Carolina Long Leaf Pine Award from the Governor. She has been a leading force to save the R. F. Outen Pottery.

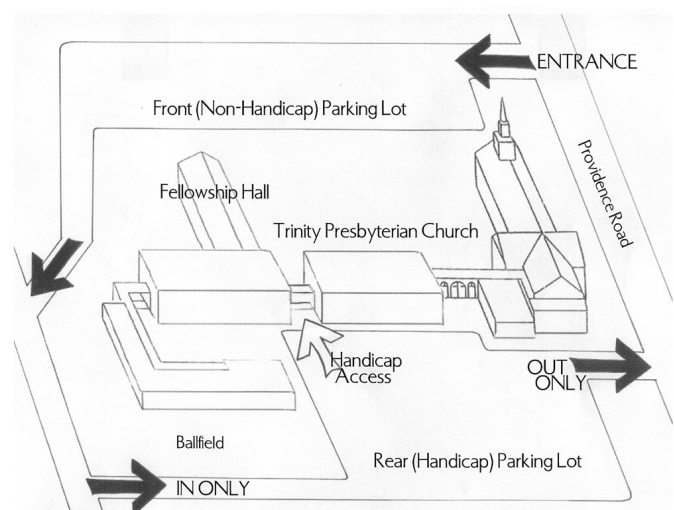


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The MHA meets in the Fellowship Hall at:
Trinity Presbyterian Church
3115 Providence Road
Charlotte, NC 28211



Remarks from the President

We hope to see everyone on November 14th at our last dinner meeting of 2016. Remember, we will begin at 6:00pm with appetizers and festive beverages. We will learn from Paula Lester about the R. F. Outen Pottery in Matthews. Please make your reservations now for November 14th but no later than Thursday, November 10th.

I am a lifelong (and multi-generational) member of Sugaw Creek Presbyterian and serve on the Historic Sugaw Creek Academy and Burying

Grounds committee. We recently discovered that someone has pushed the chain link fence in at the bottom in the back corner of Cemetery #1 on Craighead Road and entered the locked cemetery. We were horrified to find someone has dug in two of the graves. We have met with the Charlotte Police and will take steps to reinforce and more aggressively secure this, our oldest church cemetery and the resting place of Alexander Craighead. We wage a constant battle for the protection of each of Sugaw Creek's three historic cemeteries.

Your MHA Board and Program Chair Barb Taylor are busy planning interesting programs for 2017. We welcome your ideas to improve MHA and expand our membership. May each of you have a blessed and joyful Christmas season and gather with us again next March.

Linda Dalton
MHA President
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McDowell House May Be Razed

Jane Parks McDowell [1746-1824 and daughter of Hugh Parks and Margaret Young] is known as the Paul Revere of Mecklenburg County. In October 1780, during the American Revolution, she is said to have ridden ten miles on horseback from the Steele Creek area where she lived to Sugar Creek. She rode at night, with her baby, to warn her husband John McDowell and his military unit that the British were evacuating Charlotte. She is buried at Steele Creek Presbyterian Church.

The McDowell house on South Tryon Street at Beam Road stayed in the McDowell family from the original 18th century land grant until 2006 when it was sold. The house is rumored to include a remnant of the 1790 log cabin and has additions from 1843 and 1912. It is under contract to BNA Homes, a multi-family housing developer. A "grassroots" group of interested citizens from the Steele Creek area want to save the house. Upon rezoning of the 15.87-acre parcel, the developer, Mark Blythe, has offered to give the house and a small piece of land on the edge of his development to a qualified group that would move it, restore it, and come up with a viable business plan for the house. The grassroots group is working on such a plan. Moving and restoring this house will be extremely expensive. This must all be accomplished before the multi-family development is ready to be marketed. Mr. Blythe is a Charlotte native and is very interested in our history. Earlier, he considered making the house a clubhouse or pool house for the new development but the cost was prohibitive. The current site plan submitted for rezoning states "Existing historical marker to remain undisturbed" and shows a "Potential location for McDowell House and drive if preserved" just

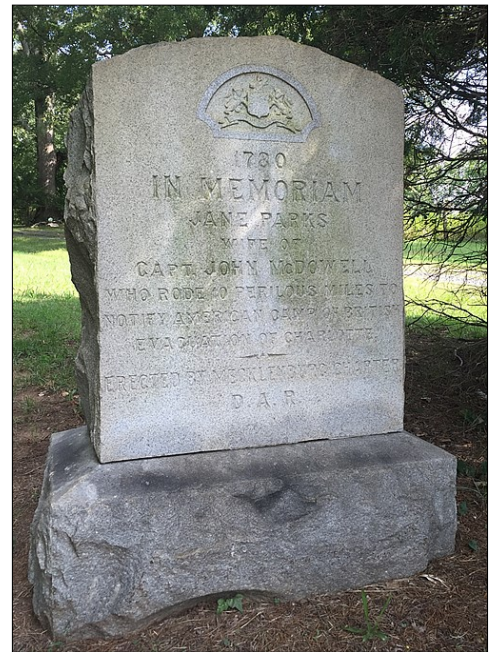
behind the current marker location on South Tryon Street. This rezoning was approved on October 17th.

The existing stone DAR marker was placed on the property one hundred years ago in 1916 by the Mecklenburg Chapter NSDAR. The Mecklenburg NSDAR Chapter will continue to monitor this situation to make sure the marker is saved and protected. It reads:

1780
IN MEMORIAM
JANE PARKS
wife of
CAPT. JOHN McDOWELL
WHO RODE 10 PERILOUS MILES TO
NOTIFY AMERICAN CAMP OF BRITISH
EVACUATION OF CHARLOTTE
ERECTED BY MECKLENBURG CHAPTER
D. A. R.

Mecklenburg Chapter NSDAR Regent Amanda Ellinger, Past Regent Anne Glover, and I visited the McDowell house with the developer's permission and looked through and under the house. It is in very bad shape, has been vandalized, and has apparently shifted off its foundation. Stone piers are visible under and around the entire existing house. Stewart Gray with the Historic Landmarks Commission also visited the house recently with the grassroots group. The Landmarks Commission made several requests over the years for the owners to allow a designation study. They received no response. Because of this, their hands were tied and the structure could not receive Landmark designation. MHA has offered to help in any way we can to save this piece of Mecklenburg's history.

-Linda Dalton



North Branch MHA Meeting

Meetings are at 7pm at Mr. Zion United Methodist Church, 19600 Zion Avenue, Cornelius, NC 28031 (off Old Statesville Road) in Room 204. Enter by the cemetery – south side ramp.

Tuesday, November 15

The Catawba River During the American Revolution

The November meeting will move to the 15th to avoid election day. Emilee Syrewicze, Executive Director of Catawba Riverkeeper Foundation, will discuss the history of our river with special emphasis on its role in the American Revolution.

As always, we will not meet in December or January. We have our house tour for May set, but we will let the location be a surprise for the next newsletter.

Sarah Sue Hardinger
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MHA Docent Programs

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

Tuesday, November 1

Cloviss through Catawba Coalescence

Jim Daniel, historian and author will present an overview of Native American history in the NC Piedmont from the end of the last ice age to circa 1850. Humans first set foot in the Carolinas over 12,000 years ago. The arrival of the first Europeans marked the beginning of transformations that would result in the decimation and dispersal of the Carolina Native Americans. Here in the southern Piedmont, bands of Indians coalesced into what we now call the Catawba Nation. Through diplomacy and strategy the emergent Nation was able to maintain their tribal status and avoid removal from their ancestral lands.

Jim Daniel has been studying and reenacted the history of the Carolina Piedmont since 1960. He has appeared at many historic sites including

Mount Vernon and the Smithsonian and was a consultant to Colonial Williamsburg for many years. In recent years he has concentrated his research on the early Native Americans in this region and published several books on this and other subjects.

Tuesday, December 6

Annual Christmas Tea

Business meeting at 9:45 am, program at 10, followed by the tea. Please join us in the fellowship hall at Sugaw Creek Presbyterian Church for the MHA Docent's December Tea, our gift to the history community to share with friends both old and new. This year we will also share with children. If you would like to participate, bring a new unwrapped toy and we'll donate them to a worthy children's charity. After a program of musical history, we'll enjoy tea and delicious food.

Music is a part of Christmas today as it was in the past. The Myers Park Consort formed at the Myers Park Presbyterian Church will treat us to a musical program. Consort members Julie Harris, Tammy Bucy, Gregg Miller and Amy

House all have extensive musical training and experience. They are especially drawn to the Celtic and folk tradition of our early settlers. They will play Christmas carols using a variety of folk instruments including the Bouzouki, Hammered and Appalachian Dulcimers, Mandolin, Celtic Harp, Percussion, and Guitar. They will share historical tidbits, answer questions and join us for Tea.

*Now Christmas comes, 'tis fit that we
Should feast and sing, and merry be;
Keep open house, let fiddlers play.
A fig for cold, sing care away
And may they who whereat repine
On brown bread and on small beer dine.*

—The Virginia Almanack

Membership Renewals

It's time to renew your MHA membership for 2017. Please save us the cost of mailing by renewing now. Fill in the form, make your check payable to Mecklenburg Historical Association, and mail to:

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

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

Thank you for your interest in history!

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

Name	
Address	
City, State, Zip	
Email Address	

Membership type: (Please check one)

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

Please send my MHA Newsletter via:

- ☐ Email
☐ US Postal Mail
☐ Both

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

November 14, 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, November 10 in order to meet our caterer's schedule.

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

Name Tags: _____ , _____



"Preserving Mecklenburg's Heritage"

Post Office Box 35032
Charlotte, North Carolina 28235
Phone: 704-333-6422

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WWW.MECKDEC.ORG

Voices From the Past Update

The MHA Docents' upcoming event - Voices From The Past - is scheduled for Saturday, April 1, 2017, 1:00pm-5:00pm in Elmwood/Pinewood and Settlers' cemeteries. We have had a great response to our Adopt an Ancestor campaign. We have over 20 volunteers to portray many historical figures and community leaders who are interred at Settlers' and Elmwood/Pinewood cemeteries.

We are still looking for "native" Charlotteans who have family in any of these cemeteries. If you or

anyone you know fits that description, please contact Linda Dalton, 704-661-8470 or Ann Williams, 704-365-2402.

April 1st may seem like a long way off, but we are trying to fill ALL our volunteer needs as soon as possible. We still need 7 more volunteers to staff the MHA information table. This task will involve telling the visitors about MHA and passing out the map showing where the portrayers are located in the cemeteries. Shifts will be 1:00pm to 3:00pm

and 3:00pm to 5:00pm. Tent and chairs will be provided.

Lynn Mintzer
MHA - Docents Committee
Project Manager
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Ann Williams
MHA - Docents Committee
Co-Project Manager
704-365-2402

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

The Harvest Table, Saturday, Saturday, November 19 at 10 am, \$25.00.

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.

Celtic Heritage Christmas, Saturday and Sunday, December 3 and 4, 12:30 to 4:30 pm.

Experience wonder and merriment as we celebrate our Scots-Irish roots. The home will be open to explore and there will be music, kids crafts, and entertainment included. Food & beverages will also be available... Best of all you might even get some Christmas shopping done!

Greenery Workshop, Saturday, December 10 from 10 am to noon, 25.00.

You will learn about many types of greenery for the holidays, and make to take home a nice bowl of greenery that should last through the season. Our garden curator will show how to make a boxwood wreath and garlands. Bring a pair of hand pruners and be ready to work and learn.

Historic Latta Plantation

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

Folk Life Festival, Saturday, November 5 from 10 am to 4 pm.

Home-grown, handmade, and local vendors will all be open for business during this craft and folk arts festival. The Latta home will be an open-house, the plantation grounds self-guided and the museum and farm buildings will be open for viewing. Kick off the holiday season with some early shopping in a beautiful historic setting.

One Hundred Years of Christmas, Friday and Saturday, November 25 and 26 from 10 am to 4 pm.

The circa 1800 plantation home and buildings will be decorated in period holiday décor as re-enactors demonstrate activities in preparation for the Christmas holiday. Fun for the entire family – picnicking available.

A Candlelight Christmas, Saturday, December 3 from 6 to 9 pm.

In the candlelit home, visitors become guests at the Christmas wedding of Nancy Latta and Rufus Reid in December 1828. The wedding couple will dance with their guests in the parlor as Mr. and Mrs. Latta welcome guests in the dining room. Young children will be in their bedchamber being put to bed by Sukey. Christmas in 1828 comes alive in the plantation house, enhanced by activities on the grounds including a live nativity scene, live music, and refreshments.

Children's Music Workshop, Saturday, December 10 from 10 am to 1 pm.

A skilled historical musician will teach children how to play the Bones and the Tin Penny-Whistle which they will take home with them along with a customized song book. Pre-registration required.

Private Visits with Santa, Saturday, December 10 from 10 am to 8 pm.

Enjoy a visit with Santa as your family gets cozy by the fire inside the cabin. Enjoy time alone with Santa as he gives each child a gift and poses for pictures. Enjoy hot chocolate, see the Latta farm animals and a holiday movie in the exhibit hall.

Christmas Tea Party, Sunday, December 11 at 2 pm.

This annual tea party is popular with mothers, daughters, grandmothers and friends. Wear a fancy hat and come prepared for tea, refreshments, and crafts inside the Alexander cabin. Reservations required.

The Charlotte Museum of History

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

Charlotte's Road to Revolution: Featuring the paintings of Charlotte artist Dan Nance, Open now through June 15, 2017.

Charlotte native Dan Nance has been quietly painting scenes of American history for more than two decades. His paintings hang in national parks and heritage sites and in the private collections of Charlotte notables. This retrospective exhibit tells the story of the Piedmont Backcountry and its role in the founding of our nation.

The Longrifle Makers of the Mecklenburg School, Saturday, November 5 from 10 am to 3 pm.

At this seminar on the Longrifle Makers of the Mecklenburg School, a panel of experts – Michael Briggs, Kenneth Orr, Bill Ivey, Robert Leath, and Blake Stevenson – will discuss the Longrifle Makers of the Mecklenburg School and display the 19 known rifles from that school. Cost \$40 including continental breakfast and a box lunch. Pre-registration required.

Backcountry Beer Fest, Saturday November 19 from 1 to 5 pm.

This event features local breweries, live music, and food trucks. Craft Brewing is popular now but settlers in 18th century Mecklenburg County brewed their own beer and believed alcohol was the key to health and happiness. Sample last year's winning brew and learn more about our region's history with a tour of the Hezekiah Alexander Homesite.

Charlotte Folk Society

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

Charlotte Folk Society Gathering Concert & Jams, Friday November 11, Internationally Renowned Irish Singer/Songwriter/Guitarist John Doyle.

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 Annual Holiday Potluck, Saturday, December 3, Dilworth United Methodist Church, 605 East Blvd from 4 to 10 pm.

Bring a dish to serve 8 or donate \$5 per person. Meats provided. Please bring veggie side dishes or desserts. Song circle & jam sessions 4 to 5 pm, dinner at 5 pm. Singing and jamming resume after dinner. 704-563-7080.

Duke Mansion

400 Hermitage Road, Charlotte
704-714-4400

Charlotte's Military History — Places to Visit, Sunday November 13 at 3 pm, Free.

Where can you see our military heritage in Charlotte? In honor of Veteran's Day, popular history speaker David Erdman returns to the Duke Mansion to take us on a "visual tour" of places that mark the Queen City's military past. Discover the site of the Hornet's Nest skirmish in the Revolution, see controversial Confederate monuments, learn the WWI story of Remount Road, and more.

Holiday Tea & Shopping At The Duke Mansion, Sunday, December 4 from 2 to 4 pm, \$35.00. Brighten your holiday season with a delicious holiday tea at The Duke Mansion! At 2 pm, shop for memorable gifts from some of Charlotte's top boutiques. At 3 pm, savor tea in the living room with tea sandwiches, canapés, scones, and sweets. Stroll the public areas and grounds of the mansion, on the National Register of Historic Places.

Rural Hill

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

Sheepdog Trials and Dog Festival, Saturday and Sunday, November 12 and 13 from 10 am to 5 pm. Bring

your dog and see the shepherding competitions, historic skills demonstrations, dog sports demonstrations, and dock dog competitions.

Schiele Museum

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

Harvest Day, Saturday, November 19 from 10am to 4pm. Celebrate the harvest season at the 18th-Century backcountry farm. Watch 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 & Candlelighting, Saturday, December 10 from 2 to 6 pm. Celebrate Christmas on the Carolina frontier. Join in the "Procession of the Yule Log," singing traditional carols, and English country dancing. Discover folklore of holiday greenery as you decorate the cabins. At dusk, pause and reflect on this Season of Wonder during the Scripture & Candlelight Service. Round out the evening with a taste of hot gingered cider, Christmas pudding for luck and take home holiday memories to cherish always!

President James K. Polk State Historic Site

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

President James K. Polk Birthday Celebration, Saturday November 5 from 10 am to 4 pm. Experience the fervor of the 1844 election, and the excitement of a presidential candidate's return home. Meet the future President himself and discuss the events of the day. Mingle with the backcountry residents while enjoying children's games and crafts, cooking and musket-firing demonstrations, and a birthday treat. This will be the opening of a new exhibit: Vote: The History of Voting in North Carolina.

Holiday Tunes with the Myers Park Consort, Saturday, December 3 from 10 am to 12:30 pm. The Myers Park Consort, led by harpist and singer Julie Harris, will play a variety of historical and modern holiday tunes using historical instruments, featuring a dulcimer and a bouzouki. The Consort will also provide historical context centering on the music and instruments they feature.

Matthews Heritage Museum

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

If Elected: Political Buttons and Memorabilia Exhibit open through November 12. See this collection of buttons, statuary, and other items that have been a part of presidential campaigns throughout the years. A wide variety of both Democratic and Republican memorabilia will be on display.

New Girl Scout Tour and Badge for all levels of Girl Scouts. After taking the tour at the museum and fulfilling the additional requirements suggested for the different levels, scouts will be able to purchase a Matthews Heritage Museum badge. Some of the activities suggested to earn the patch include cooking a recipe from Nancy Reid, touring the historic cemetery to locate some of the important citizens buried there, and taking a walking tour of the town.

Historic Brattonsville

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

Christmas Candlelight Tours, Saturdays, December 3 and 10 from 3 to 9 pm.

A Southern-style Backcountry Christmas comes to life through candlelit vignettes as costumed interpreters recreate the Christmas of the backcountry settlers in the 18th and 19th centuries. You will learn of old and new Christmas traditions and children of all ages will enjoy period hands-on activities. Visit with Father Christmas and relax around the campfire while you enjoy musical entertainment. Food, hot drinks and baked goods will be available for purchase. Please note that Brattonsville Road will be closed from 2:30-9:30pm. Please follow the detour signs.

Reed Gold Mine

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

A "Golden" Christmas, Saturday, December 3 from 10 am to 4 pm. Enjoy a traditional German Christmas with displays, candlelight mine tours, food, hayrides, hands on activities, and pictures with St. Nicholas.

Kings Mountain Historical Museum

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

Toys, Games & TRAINS Exhibit open from November 19 through January 7, Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 am to 4 pm., Free. The Museum will be filled with model train displays, railroad memorabilia, and antique toys and games.

The Spirit of Christmas Past, Saturday, December 3 from 10 am to 7 pm, Free. From 10 am to 3pm experience the magic of the "Toys, Games & TRAINS" exhibit, and tour the historic Barber House decorated for the holidays. Learn about the history of Christmas celebrations, and participate in traditional craft demonstrations led by 18th century costumed interpreters. Bring home your own hand-made ornaments!
- From 3 pm to 5 pm view the City of Kings Mountain's annual Christmas Parade.
- From 5 pm to 7 pm enjoy a special "night run" of the "Toys, Games & TRAINS" exhibit, candlelight tours of the historic Barber House, and hot apple cider with cookies by the firelight.

Santa & Mrs. Claus Visit the Museum, Saturday, December 10 from 10 am to 1 pm, Free. Santa Claus will be at the Museum during the "Toys, Games & TRAINS" exhibit to visit with the little ones. Mrs. Claus will also do a special reading of the classic 1823 children's story, "The Night Before Christmas."

Kings Mountain National Military Park

SC Hwy 216. I-85, Exit 2 in North Carolina. Follow the signs. 864-936-7921
http://www.nps.gov/kimo

Veteran's Day Encampment, Saturday and Sunday, November 12 and 13 from 9 am to 5 pm, Free. Visit the militia camp of the Backcountry Militia and help us honor all the Veterans.

Fort Dobbs State Historic Site

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

Military Timeline, Saturday and Sunday, November 12 and 13 from 9 am to 5 pm on Saturday, 10 am to 3 pm on Sunday. Free, donation suggested.

Visit with soldiers and support personnel from hundreds of years of North Carolina history. The experiences of veterans of the Revolution, Civil War, World Wars and other conflicts will be shared through living history displays and weapons firing demonstrations.

Winter Living History and Foodways, Saturday and Sunday, December 10 and 11 from 9 am to 5 pm on Saturday, 10 am to 3 pm on Sunday, Free, donation suggested. During the weekend, historic interpreters will discuss winter life in a French and Indian War camp through living history demonstrations. Historic foodways and beer brewing will be highlighted.

Robinson-Spangler Carolina Room, Charlotte Mecklenburg Library

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

Meet the Author: Mary Kratt, Thursday, November 17 at 6 pm, South County Regional Library, 5801 Rea Road. Join Mary Kratt, prize-winning Charlotte writer and author of eighteen published books of regional history, biography and poetry, to discuss Carolina stories in prose and poetry with an emphasis on her books *Watch Where You Walk: New & Selected Poems and Charlotte, North Carolina: A Brief History.*

Davidson Historical Society

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

Living History: Vietnam Veterans Share Memories, Sunday, November 20 at 4 pm, Free. Congregation House, Davidson College Presbyterian Church, 208 Concord Road, Davidson. Hear a panel discussion of veterans' experiences in Vietnam during the war and their memories of returning home. Five veterans, including Davidson residents John Allen and Irvin Brawley, will share their stories and answer questions. Audience participation encouraged.

York County Genealogical & Historical Society

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

The American Revolution in York County, S.C., Sunday, November 13 at

2:30 pm, Museum of Western York County 3716 Woodlawn Street Sharon, SC., Free. Events in western York County that impacted the outcome of the Revolution will be discussed.

Archaeological Institute of America, Central Carolina Chapter

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Early Farming Altered Climate Millennia Ago, Wednesday, November 9 at 7 pm, Tyler-Tallman Hall, Davidson College, 323 Concord Rd. Davidson. William F. Ruddiman, Professor Emeritus of Environmental Sciences at the University of Virginia. Research has concentrated on the climatic role farmers played during the last several thousand years by clearing land, raising livestock, and irrigating rice paddies, all of which put increasing amounts of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. This led to the hypothesis that early agriculture caused the observed reversals in the natural declines of atmospheric CO2 (carbon dioxide) near 7000 years ago and CH4 (methane) near 5000 years ago.

Earl Scruggs Center

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

Lunch-N-Learn: The History of Taps and the Bugle, Saturday, November 19 at noon. Enjoy the exhibit "Star Spangled Sounds: Stories of Music and the Military" and hear Jay Callahan put to rest the mythology around the original "Taps" arrangement as he reviews the history of the horn as a military signal instrument, and the evolution of bugle calls in the US Military.

Holiday Tea and Parade of Tables, Sunday, December 4 at 3:30 pm. Join us for our 3rd Annual Holiday Tea and Parade of Tables. Enjoy live music and take part in our raffle while you savor pastries, finger sandwiches, and of course, tea. All proceeds benefit the Earl Scruggs Center.

Andrew Jackson State Park

196 Andrew Jackson Park Road, Lancaster, SC 803-285-3344
www.southcarolinaparks.com/park-finder/state-park/1797.aspx

Life in the Waxhaws, Saturday, Nov. 12 from 6 to 8 pm, tours every 30 minutes from 6 to 7:30 pm. Take a candlelight tour and catch a glimpse of early settlers living in the Waxhaws. Experience 18th

century daily life as in Andrew Jackson's boyhood and see the events that shaped the community.

Historic Camden

Highway 521 just South of Camden, SC
803-432-9831 www.historic-camden.net

Annual Revolutionary War Field Days, Saturday and Sunday, November 5 and 6 from 10 am to 5 pm. Reenactors from more than 20 states gather at one of the oldest Revolutionary War reenactments in the United States. Visitors are immersed in the past through interaction with hundreds of living-history docents and encounter the sights, smells, and tastes of 18th century colonial life. Reproduction clothing, goods, and foods are available on Sutler's Row and there are campfire cooking competition, colonial games, in-camp demonstrations, craftsmen, a history roundtable discussion, and children's activities. A militarily and historically accurate 18th century battle starts at 1:30 pm each day where spectators can feel the thunder of field cannons, hear the crack of flintlock rifles, and smell the gunpowder in an unparalleled sensory treat.

York County Library

138 E. Black Street, Rock Hill, SC
www.yclibrary.org

Genealogy Club, Saturdays, November 5 and December 10, from 10 to 11:30 am, Free. This support group meets once a month to discuss research, techniques, new sources, and help each other learn more about family history.

FOR ADDITIONAL EVENTS, please visit these sites:

- **Andrew Jackson State Park**
www.southcarolinaparks.com/park-finder/state-park/1797.aspx
- **Archaeological Institute of America, Central Carolina Chapter**
morgdeth22@gmail.com
- **Charlotte Folk Society**
www.folksociety.org
- **Charlotte Museum of History**
www.charlottemuseum.org
- **Clover Community Center**
www.cloversc.org
- **Cowpens National Battlefield**
www.nps.gov/cowp
- **Duke Mansion**
www.dukemansion.com
- **Earl Scruggs Center**
www.earlscruggscenter.org
- **Fort Defiance**
www.fortdefiancenc.org
- **Fort Dobbs State Historic Site**
www.fortdobbs.org
- **Fort Mill History Museum**
www.fortmillhistorymuseum.org
- **Gaston County Museum**
www.gastoncountymuseum.org
- **Gregory Creek Homestead & Iredell Museums**
www.iredellmuseums.org
- **Guilford Courthouse National Military Park**
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704-846-6693
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www.minthillhistory.com
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mhhistoricalsociety@gmail.com
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