

Dinner Meeting

Monday, September 19, 2016

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

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



Upcoming Dinner Program

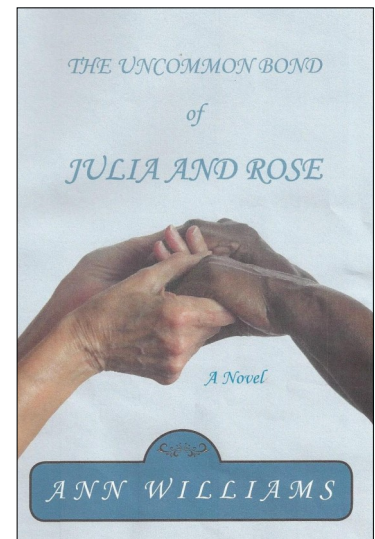
The Uncommon Bond of Julia and Rose

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

The Uncommon Bond of Julia and Rose by Ann Williams is a history-based novel about an unusually close relationship between a slave named Rose and Julia who is her owner. It is told in their two voices by way of "memory journals" written in the spring and summer of 1860, a time of fears and rumors of impending war. Their interwoven journals recount their fifty years of life together; each woman interprets those shared events from her own point of view.

Julia detests slavery and adores Rose. Rose returns her affection with reservations. She deplores being property, but knows that her life has been easier than most.

Ann Williams has researched and written about antebellum plantations for many years, and has been an interpreter at most of Mecklenburg's historic plantation sites. She will talk about how the book came to be, do a bit of myth busting, and cite historic sources for some of the story's events. Then she will open the floor for discussion. She will have books available for purchase.

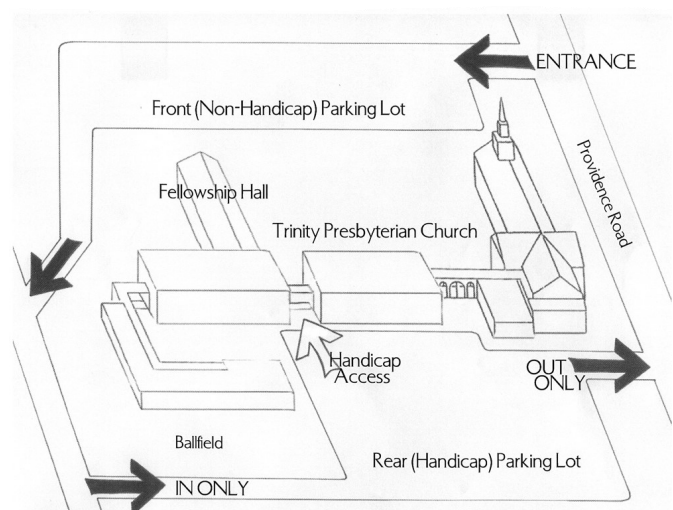


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Remarks from the President

As you will see from the History Calendar, our region's historic sites have a large number of wonderful fall events planned. Please take advantage of this varied educational programming, investigate a few that you don't normally visit, and support our sites.

You are in for a special treat with our September dinner speaker, Ann Williams. Her novel, *The Uncommon Bond of Julia and Rose*, is truly fascinating. If you have not read it, you may purchase a copy at the meeting. Mark your calendars now for our November

14th dinner meeting when we will hear about one of my personal favorite subjects – North Carolina pottery. Paula Lester will speak to us on the famous R. F. Outen Pottery, a well-preserved example of a complete mid-20th century folk pottery works located in Matthews, NC, and listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2015.

Be sure to read in this newsletter about the amazing book belonging to Elizabeth Alexander Sample that was recently donated by a Sample descendant to UNC Charlotte's library. Robin Brabham has written a detailed

article on the significance of this book and has excerpted that article for our MHA Newsletter. I am particularly excited about this information because Elizabeth Alexander Sample is my 5-great grandmother!

Let me know if you have any suggestions for MHA.

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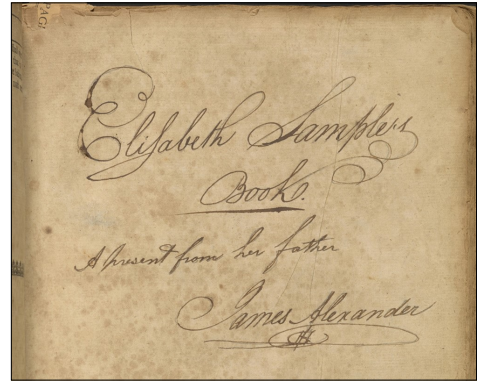


Elizabeth Alexander Sample's Book

Mrs. Betty Sample, widow of the late William Franklin Sample, Jr., recently donated to the UNC Charlotte Library a book that is one of the most significant surviving artifacts of the pre-Revolutionary War history of Mecklenburg County. The 1200-page volume, published in 1656-57, contains sermons and treatises by William Fenner (ca. 1600-ca. 1640), an Anglican minister with Puritan sympathies. The connection to Mecklenburg County goes back at least to 1763 when James Alexander (1695-1779) gave the book to his daughter, Elizabeth (1746-1822). The occasion for the gift was

probably Elizabeth's marriage to William Sample. From that time to the present, the book had been continuously owned by six generations of the Sample family. Although the author is little known today, the ownership of the book demonstrates the familiarity of some early Mecklenburgers with sophisticated theology and James' belief that his children, even his daughters, should be educated to a high standard. Shown here is a portion of the book page with Elizabeth Sample's inscription.

Robin Brabham
Professor Emeritus
Atkins Library, UNC Charlotte



Hart Square Tickets

For more than thirty years, Dr. Robert Hart of Hickory has rescued and restored 19th century life in the Carolinas, recreating an entire village, Hart Square – the largest collection of original historic log buildings in the United States. Each year on the fourth Saturday in October, (October 22nd this year), Dr. and Mrs. Hart open this restoration project to the public. Dating from 1782 to 1873, the 100 log structures—chapels, barns, houses, shops, and more—are all furnished, and over 300 volunteers man the structures and demonstrate period artisan techniques such as flax breaking and hackling, spinning, weaving, open-hearth cooking, broom and shoe making, bookbinding, shingle riving, wheel wrighting, tin smithing and moonshining. A portion of the proceeds goes to the Historical Association of Catawba County and the balance goes into a fund to carry on this event and care for Hart Square after the Harts can no longer do so themselves.

Advanced tickets are required and sell out fast. You can get tickets by calling the History Museum of Catawba County in Newton (828-465-0383) at 9 am on Monday, October 3, or by standing in line at that time, but as participants, we can order tickets for you. Make your check out to Jim Williams for \$40.00 per ticket and mail it, along with a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

Jim and Ann Williams
1601 South Wendover Road
Charlotte, NC 28211

We must receive your check by September 9 to get these tickets. There is a limit of 15 tickets per participant, so get your order in early. We will receive the tickets by mid-October and mail them on to you.

North Branch MHA Meetings

Meetings are at 7:00 PM at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church at 19600 Zion Ave, Cornelius, NC 28031 (off Old Statesville Road) in Cornelius in Room 204 (enter by the cemetery – south side ramp).

Wednesday, September 13

African-American History Documentation
Using funds from a National Endowment for the Humanities grant, the Davidson College Archives is reaching out to local African-American communities to document their history. The grant supports oral histories and scanning of photographs, documents and publications. The North Branch of the MHA is sponsoring a community meeting to learn more about the project and ways to participate on September 13.

Tuesday, October 11

Projects of Interest in Cornelius

On October 11, in our capacity as the Historical Society for Cornelius, we will have an update on items of interest in Cornelius. Sarah Sue will report on progress to change the date on the elementary school seal and a representative of the Town of Cornelius will bring us up to date on the impact to historic structure of various projects in Old Cornelius.

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.

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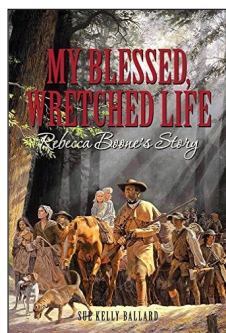
MHA Docent Programs

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, September 6

Rebecca Boone, Backcountry Woman

Behind every successful man stands a woman.



Daniel Boone, America's pioneer hero, was no different. And he had a good one —Rebecca Bryan Boone. Her story has fallen in the shadows of her famous husband, but is now told with great care and most appropriately by one of her descendants, Sue Kelly Ballard of Kentucky.

Award-winning author and storyteller Randell Jones will share stories from the life of Daniel and Rebecca Boone and read passages from *My Blessed, Wretched Life* by Sue Kelly Ballard. (He will have autographed copies of Ballard's book available.) Randell is a member since 2007 of the Road Scholars Speakers Bureau of the North Carolina Humanities Council, which sponsors this presentation.

Tuesday, October 4

The Attempted Theft of Abraham Lincoln's Body in 1876

Dr. Kevin L. Burke will present the true story of a bizarre and surprisingly comedic caper that took place more than a decade after the death of one of America's most beloved Presidents. A bumbling gang of Chicago counterfeiters attempted to steal Abraham Lincoln's body and to ransom the government for its return. Dr. Burke will discuss how the Secret Service and a comedy of errors foiled this criminal plot.

Dr. Burke is a sport psychology professor at Queens University of Charlotte. He has given this entertaining presentation at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, Charlotte Museum of History, Belmont Abbey College, and other locations. Dr. Burke has volunteered at both the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum, and the Abraham Lincoln Tomb in Springfield, Illinois.



Dr. Burke and Friend

This Year's Meck Dec Celebration

May 20, the 241st anniversary of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, fell on a Friday this year and our celebration was unique in a number of ways.

Heavy rain was forecast so we moved our celebration indoors in the Blumenthal Center. Despite this, our turnout was quite substantial including a large number of the history-loving public plus soldiers, musicians and the SAR color guard. We did have to cancel the cannon crew but by the time the speeches were completed the rain was so light that we carried on with our usual parade. We led the crowd with fife and drum to Old Settlers Cemetery and honored Thomas and Susannah Polk with the firing of muskets over their grave.

Thanks to the efforts of Scott Syfert and the May 20th Society we have a new North Carolina Highway Historical Marker uptown on Independence Square. This handsome plaque on North Tryon Street in front of the Marriott Hotel commemorates the Mecklenburg Resolves of May 31, 1775. It was dedicated by Kevin

Cherry, Director of NC Archives and History to the accompaniment of fife, drum and musket volleys, despite the light rain.

The most important event of this celebration, however, was the display at the Bank of America of the three original documents with wording that is exceptionally strong evidence for the declaration of May 20, 1775. These documents reside in the Southern Collection at UNC, Chapel Hill and have never before been removed from that repository for any reason. Archivists consider them to be the most important and irreplaceable documents in the entire Southern Collection.

The display of these documents was made possible by the work through the years of former MHA President Marion Redd, and of Jane Johnson, MHA Board Member and Manager of the Robinson-Spangler Carolina Room of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library. She worked untiringly to meet the security requirements of the Southern Collection and presented a wonderful display in a glass case in the Bank of America Heritage Center at Founders Hall.

Throughout the few hours the exhibit was open, it was thronged with interested and knowledgeable people.

To maintain security, Carolina Room intern and recent UNC graduate Ann Harding picked up the documents in Chapel Hill early on the morning of the 20th and drove them to Charlotte. When the exhibit closed at 4:00 pm she retraced her steps and returned the documents to the Southern Collection. Every minute that the documents were in Charlotte they were under the watchful eye of Jane Johnson and other members of the Carolina Room staff. We have great hopes that we can repeat this display in the years to come.

For more information on America's First Declaration of Independence, see the MHA web site <http://www.meckdec.org> the May 20th Society web site <http://may20thsociety.org> or read Scott Syfert's new book *The First American Declaration of Independence? The Disputed History of the Mecklenburg Declaration of May 20, 1775*.

—Jim Williams

September 19, 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, September 15 in order to meet our caterer's schedule.

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

Name Tags: _____ , _____

Voices From the Past: A New Event

The MHA Docents will present a new event called "Voices From the Past" to be held on Saturday, April 1, 2017. It will be a tour of Settlers and Elmwood/Pinewood cemeteries in which appropriately dressed "residents" of those cemeteries will stand beside their gravestones and talk to visitors about their interesting lives. MHA Docent, Lynn Mintzer, is in charge of the program. She and her committee have had several planning meetings this summer. We have already identified a number of individuals who would be interesting to

portray, and have several people who have agreed to assume some of their personas. We hope to have a cast of at least 25 or so. If you are interested in participating contact Lynn at lynnmhad@gmail.com, or Ann Williams at mhadandelion@mindspring.com. We are especially interested in having a few people portray their own ancestors, however, anyone is free to "adopt an ancestor" and portray whomever they wish. Portrayers need not be docents, nor MHA members, just people who love bringing history to life.

We also need volunteers to help with a number of logistics chores. We are in the early stages of planning, and as we put details into place, and more precise needs surface, we'll keep you informed. This is a big project, and we'll need lots of help to make it a big success.



"Preserving Mecklenburg's Heritage"

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

VISIT US ONLINE
WWW.MECKDEC.ORG

Site News

Construction of a Full Size Replica of Fort Dobbs is about to begin.

The Friends of Fort Dobbs have reached their financial goal for the first of three phases of the structure. There has been a ground-breaking ceremony and construction is about to begin. The first phase will be completed this winter and will include the foundation, chimney, floor joists, planks and three courses of oak logs of the outer wall. For more information or to support this cause, go to www.fortdobbs.org.

Shape Note Workshop and Concert

Providence Presbyterian Church is hosting a workshop and concert with folk singer Laura Boosinger on Saturday, September 17th as part of their 250th Anniversary celebration. Learn how the congregation and the community learned to read music despite being unable to read the written word. The workshop is from 1 to 3 pm and the concert is at 7 pm in the 1858 sanctuary. There will be a suggested donation of \$10 to attend both events.

The Cherokee War of 1776, Rutherford's Expedition, A Special Event at the High Point Museum, Saturday, October 15

at 10 am to 1 pm.

"A Finel Destruction of the Cherroce Nation": a quote from General Griffith Rutherford.

- Robert Rambo (retired captain, US Army, War in Iraq) portrays Cherokee Peace Chief Attakullakulla, who at 15 traveled to England to meet King George II
- Nadia Dean, a Lebanese-American who fled Beirut under fire writes from Cherokee, NC, of another war. Her book *A Demand of Blood* portrays the men, on all sides of the conflict, who fought for the land they loved
- Randell Jones, NC Humanities Council Road Scholar Speaker, shares the story of the back-country militiamen invading remote Cherokee towns.

Southern Longrifles, Mesda Saturday Seminar, Saturday, September 17 at 10 am to 4 pm, Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts, Winston-Salem.

I've stopped people in their tracks, without firing a shot: Rifle Makers of Kentucky, Georgia, and North Carolina. A once in a lifetime opportunity to personally examine some of the most important rifles ever made in the South. Featuring three prominent experts in the field of southern longrifle studies: Mel Hankla, C.

Michael Briggs, and Wayne Elliott. The day-long program will also include an exhibit of longrifles provided by the three speakers and related to their lecture topics. Cost: \$95

Volunteer Recognition Program, Tuesday, October 25 at 7 pm, Matthews Woman's Club.

This meeting will recognize the Matthews Heritage Museum docents and volunteers, the Eagle Scouts who completed projects at the Reid House and Museum, and Paula Lester who will present a Power Point on the Matthews Fullwood Restoration Award and the houses that have received the award.

York County Scholarship Award.

The York County Genealogical and Historical Society is pleased to announce that it has awarded its \$500 scholarship for 2016 to Victoria Alison Burrell. Ms. Burrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Burrell, recently graduated from Clover High School and will attend Clemson University in the fall. In order to qualify for the scholarship, a student must attend one of the public high schools in York County, have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, and have an interest in genealogy and/or local history.

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

Feast of The Hunters Moon Antebellum Dinner, Saturday October 15 at 6 pm.

This 6-course gourmet dinner is Rosedale's annual signature fundraiser. The event begins with an open bar cocktail hour and butlered hors d'oeuvres on the lush lawn of our formal gardens. Guests will then be welcomed into the house for their gourmet excursion back in time for a period dinner.

Paranormal Ground Investigation, Friday and Saturday October 21 and 22 at 7 to 8:30 pm.

Join professional ghost hunters as they 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. You never know what you may find... or what may find you!

Paranormal House Investigation, Saturday October 22 from 9 to 11 pm.

Join professional ghost hunters as they take groups of no more than 8 guests through the 4 floor, 200 year old plantation house, now known as Rosedale and attempt contact with the beyond. You will use the latest technology in partnership with the Charlotte Area Paranormal Society.

Midnight In The Garden, Saturday October 22 at 11:30 pm to 12:30 am.

Is it good, or evil? You decide! Hear the real tales and ghost stories of encounters and experiences of staff and volunteers since 2006. Contact will be attempted in the garden. Who will you hear this night? Who will tap you on the shoulder? What will you see?

Spirit's of Rosedale, Friday and Saturday, October 28 and 29, doors open at 7 pm with tours every 20 minutes to 9:20 pm.

Latta Plantation

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

Revolutionary War Battle Re-enactment, Saturday and Sunday, September 3 and 4 from 10 am to 4 pm.

Labor Day weekend Historic Latta Plantation will present their annual Revolutionary War Reenactments of the Battle of the Bees and The Battle of Charlotte. Battles will take place both days at 2 pm (bring your own chair). Hear Colonel and Mrs. Polk tell of life in Charlotte at that time and of the event leading up to these battles. Visit with the farm animals, see camp cooking, civilian life and other demonstrations plus music and food vendors.

Open Hearth Cooking Workshop, Saturday, October 1.

Learn open hearth cooking from an expert in the craft. You will learn how to do the tasks and use the tools of the time and how to make popular recipes from the turn of the 19th Century. This workshop has limited space as cooking will take place inside of the Latta's colonial kitchen and over a campfire. Call for registration information.

Ghost Walk Haunted Trail, Friday and Saturday Nights, October 21/22 - 7 to 10 pm.

If you are afraid of the dark or ghouls and ghost the stay at home; this Haunted Trail is for only the bravest souls. The plantation is turned into a frightening sight once the moon rises over the forest and the spooks come out at night. Those who dare must come aware that the haunted trail is outdoors and unsafe for children under 8.

All Hallows Eve Family Day, Saturday, October 29 from 10 am to 2 pm.

Dress in your best Halloween costumes and trick-or-treat around the Latta Plantation. Play games, see historical demonstrations and meet the friendly farm animals. Children's costume awards will be given to The Best Historical Character, The Best Classical Storybook Character, The Best Farm Animal Costume and The Most Creative Costume.

Hugh Torance House and Store

8231 Gilead Road, Huntersville
www.hughtorancehouseandstore.com

House Tours, Sundays September 4 and 18, October 3 and 17, from 2 to 5 pm.

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
704-568-1774 www.charlottemuseum.org

Mad About Modern 2016, Saturday, September 10 from 10 am to 4 pm, South Park area. Tour Charlotte's amazing collection of homes designed in this architectural style. Mid-Century modern is architectural, interior, product and graphic design that describes 20th century architecture and urban development from roughly 1933 to 1965. This tour includes: 6 to 8 homes. Check the web site for details and registration.

From Day to Day, Thursday, September 15 at 6 pm, Free. Timothy Boyce, the editor of the concentration camp diary *From Day to Day*, will discuss the story of Odd Nansen, a Norwegian architect and humanitarian. He was arrested in 1942 and spent the remainder of the war in various concentration camps. In these camps, he kept a secret diary which describes the daily life of a prisoner, including the casual brutality and random terror that he and the other prisoners suffered. Reception follows.

They Came Through Here, Saturday, 17 September at 2 pm, Free.

Randell Jones, award-winning author and storyteller will share new information revealed through a recent collaboration and investigation with history colleagues Bill Anderson and John Robertson to expand the understanding of how various groups of combatants followed a number of paths to the Battle of Kings Mountain. Presentation sponsored by the North Carolina Humanities Council.

Backcountry Days with the Charlotte Folk Society, Saturday, September 17 from 1 to 5 pm, Free. Join us for a free celebration of the Piedmont Backcountry with a variety of musical traditions from the Charlotte Folk Society. This free family event features music, storytelling, free ice cream, and kids' crafts. There will be demonstrations of eighteenth-century crafts such as basket weaving, blacksmithing, pottery, and cooking.

Teas of the British Isles: The Story of Canterbury, Sunday, September 25 at 4pm. At this afternoon tea and lecture you will hear about the history of an ancient English city from the Romans to the building of the cathedral and development into a modern city while you enjoy an English themed menu of tea sandwiches, scones, and desserts, along with English tea.

Charlotte Folk Society

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

Charlotte Folk Society Gathering & Jams, Friday September 9, NC Singer/Songwriter Jonathan Byrd & The Pickup Cowboys. 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.

Backcountry Days & Ice Cream Social, Saturday, September 17, 1 to 5 pm, Free. Presented by Charlotte Folk Society, Charlotte Museum of History, and Storytellers Guild of Charlotte. Charlotte Museum of History & Hezekiah Alexander Homesite, 3500 Shamrock Drive, Charlotte 28215. 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.

Charlotte Folk Society Gathering & Jams, Friday, October 14, Old-Time, Country & Bluegrass by Grammy Nominee Alice Gerard & the Piedmont Melody Makers. 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.

Duke Mansion

400 Hermitage Road, Charlotte
704-714-4400

Explore Neighborhood History — The Most Interesting Street in Charlotte, Sunday September 18 at 3 pm, Free.

What do novelist Carson McCullers (*The Heart is a Lonely Hunter*), evangelist Billy Graham, Family Dollar & Harris Teeter have in common? All have important early history on Central Avenue. Join historian Dr. Tom Hanchett as he shares those stories — plus the new history that's unfolding on Central Avenue now, from the hip Light Factory photography gallery to a diversity of restaurants from around the globe.

Explore Neighborhood History — Black Neighborhoods Then & Now, Sunday October 23 at 3 pm, Free.

Mary Newsom of UNC Charlotte's Urban Institute moderates a conversation on the rich history and uncertain future of African American neighborhoods. With Mattie Marshall of Washington Heights, Kathryn Frye of Second Ward, and John Howard of Charlotte's Historic Districts Commission. Exhibit panels on the Biddleville and Brooklyn neighborhoods will be on display courtesy of Charlotte Museum of History.

Rural Hill

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

Constitution Dinner, Thursday, September 15 at 6:30 pm. This dinner features a four-course meal and a discussion with Stewart Harris, an award-winning law professor who loves to talk about the Constitution in a fun, accessible way that everyone can understand. Harris is the host of the weekly podcast and public radio program "Your Weekly Constitutional," which addresses interesting and controversial issues in constitutional law. For more details see the web site.

Schiele Museum

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

Colonial Bookbinding Workshop, Saturday, September 10 at 9 to 11:30 am. Jim Williams will teach participants about 18th century bookbinding tools and techniques. They will fold and sew a blank book with a marbled paper cover to take home along with their own bone folder (used to crease the folds). As time allows participants will be able to "try their hand" with the tools and techniques of the craft. \$40 per person.

Just Add Practice: Learning to Write in the Manner of the 18th Century, Saturday, September 10 at 1 to 3:30 pm. Not a Course in Calligraphy. Rather, this workshop is an introduction to Learning to Write in the Manner of the 18th Century. Jim Daniel, will focus on learning to cut and use quill pens and to duplicate the letter forms and writing conventions of the time. Included with the course are cut and uncut quills, ink, a knife for cutting quills, plus detailed instructional materials to start you on your way. Just add practice. \$40 per person.

Under the Shade Tree, Sunday September 25 from 1 to 5 pm. Escape the searing Piedmont heat under the shade of an old oak tree - join us for a lazy day of colonial pastimes: stitching, music, carving and skillful dilly-dallying.

Backcountry Crafts Fair, Saturday, October 15 from 11 am to 4 pm. Hear ye! Hear ye! Come one! Come all! Come to the Fair to discover an assortment of Colonial skills and crafts from tinware to textiles, carving to cookery, music and more! Meet the artists & craftsmen of the Schiele's 18th -Century Backcountry Lifeways Studies as they demonstrate their unique trades. A perfect chance for unique Holiday shopping!

President James K. Polk State Historic Site

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

Cap-Making Workshop, Friday and Saturday, September 16 and 17, 11 am to 2 pm each day. In this two day workshop participants will select from a series of patterns and Mia Dapert will guide them as they create a woman's caps like the ones worn during the late 18th century. Registration required.

Sarah Childress Polk: Educated Wife, Active First Lady, Saturday, September 10 at 11 am, Free. James Crawford, Professor of History at UNC-Charlotte, will discuss the role of education in the life of First Lady Sarah Childress Polk, patron of the arts and one of the most successful graduates of North Carolina's Salem Academy.

Down the Great Whiskey Road, Thursday, October 6 from 7 to 9 pm. Great Wagon Road Distillery will present an exclusive whiskey tasting of a variety of spirits, while learning about their background and the distilling process. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages included in the price of admission. Registration required.

1846 Mexican American War Militia Muster, Saturday October 15 from 10 am to 4 pm, Free. Look into the life of a common citizen who has been called into service for the 1846 conflict with Mexico. Living History re-enactors will be drilling, demonstrating domestic lifestyles and speaking with visitors about what life was like in Mecklenburg County in 1846.

Historic Cooking Class, Saturday, October 22 at 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. Learn about historic cooking with Cheryl Henry in the Polk Site backcountry kitchen house. Prepare a 19th century meal, enjoy the fruits of your labor and receive a special gift to remember their experience. Registration required.

Matters of Grave Importance, Saturday, October 29 at 10:30 am to 1:30 pm. Learn about the past, present and future of local cemetery history with historian and preservation expert Jason Harpe who will demonstrate preservation techniques in the Polk Family Cemetery. There will be a discussion session, during which participants may share their individual cemetery preservation experiences or questions.

Matthews Heritage Museum

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

Exhibit: Now thru September 17: Pinewood Derby Racers. Winners of this year's Derby Races as well as older cars are on display.

Exhibit: September 24 – November 12: If Elected: Political Buttons and Memorabilia. A collection of buttons, statuary, and other presidential campaign memorabilia will be on display including items from both democratic and republican candidates. Come and cast your vote for your favorite!

New Girl Scout Tour and Badge.

"Discovering Matthews Heritage" is a guided tour offered to all levels of Girl Scouts. After touring the museum and fulfilling requirements suggested for different levels, scouts can purchase a Matthews Heritage Museum badge. Some of the suggested activities include cooking a recipe from Nancy Reid, touring the historic cemetery to locate important citizens buried there, and taking a walking tour of the town.

Avery Simpson Rea Documents.

The Matthews Heritage Museum recently received a collection of 20 documents including the family Bible containing the family history from the descendants of Avery Simpson Rea. He was the younger brother of Green Lea Rea, who owned the Rea Gold Mine on Monroe Road. These documents range in date from 1778 to around 1850. Most are indentures for the sale of land. However, three of them itemize purchases made by Mrs. Margaret Rea, two of them from a store run by Solomon Reid, father of J. Solomon Reid, who is considered the "father of Matthews." Among the purchases were laudanum, madder, indigo, sugar, fine shoes, plates, a set of tea spoons, coffee and soap. Madder and indigo are red and blue dyes respectively. The same family also donated to the museum the ledger books from S. R. Rea's store in Matthews. These items help us to enlarge our knowledge of Matthews' history.

Matthews Historical Foundation

Programs held at the Matthews Woman's Club, 208 South Trade Street

Thomas and Susannah Polk, Tuesday,

September 27 at 7 pm, at the Matthews Public Library. First person interpreters Jim and Ann Williams as Thomas and Susannah Polk will discuss the early days of Charlotte. The year is 1793 and much has happened in the area since they arrived about 40 years before.

Volunteer Recognition Program, Tuesday, October 25 at 7 pm, Matthews Woman's Club. This meeting will recognize the Matthews Heritage Museum docents and volunteers, the Eagle Scouts who completed projects at the Reid House and Museum, and Paula Lester who will present a Power Point on the Matthews Fullwood Restoration Award and the houses that have received the award.

Historic Brattonsville

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

By the Sweat of Our Brows, Saturday, September 10 from 10 am to 4 pm.

This special program tells the story of the plantation's enslaved from colonial times through the Reconstruction. Local church hymn choirs will perform and African American descendants from Brattonsville plantation come together to tell their story. Referred to as the "Seven Sacred Families of Brattonsville," the surnames are: Bratton, Crawford, Feaster/Femster, Lowry, Moore, Smith, and Thompson. Historically dressed interpreters portray the lives of the enslaved on a Carolina Backcountry plantation. There will be historic cooking over open hearths, quilt making, blacksmithing, making bricks out of clay, storytelling, and playing African-American folk games.

At 11 am Dr. Lisa Bratton will lead a panel discussion on how the family history carries on. An "African American Genealogy Presentation: How to Guide" will be offered from 2-3 p.m. and York County Historical Center will talk about African Americans' role in the American Revolution. "By the Sweat of Our Brows" will culminate on the front steps of the Bratton homestead with music by Rock Hill's Stars of Zion and followed by the 'calling of the names' from the 1843 Probate List, which declared freedom for the "Seven Sacred Families of Brattonsville."

Spirits and Stories, Saturday, October 15 from 3 to 9 pm. Activities will include a historic harvest demonstration, hands-on activities and wagon rides plus a candlelight tour of the Huck's Defeat Battlefield Trail where you will encounter spirits who knew Captain Christian Huck. There will be a campfire to warm your toes, musical entertainment and cider and donuts at the Tavern. Simon St Clair will engage you with his Magick and Marvel Show. Food concessions will be available.

Civil War Reenactment, Saturday, October 22 from 9 am to 4 pm. John S. Bratton's widow Harriett and her grown children were staunch supporters of the Confederacy. Experience the Civil War that ravaged America and tore their world apart. There will be a battle reenactment at 2 pm, cannon-firing and archery demonstrations, camp life activities and children's military drills. The Grimly family will display their 19th c mourning artifacts in the front parlor of Hightower Hall. Shop for

reproduction items along sutler row and enjoy family-friendly foods.

Reed Gold Mine

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

Pan-O-Lympics, Annual NC Open Gold Panning Competition, Saturday, September 10 from 10 am to 2 pm. Displays will include mining history of North Carolina, and visitors can try their luck at speed panning in the competition.

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

Upper Broad River Regiment, Saturday, September 24 from 9 am to 5 pm.

The loyalist militia will practice their drill and try to learn the whistle and hat commands that Ferguson and DePeyster used at Kings Mountain.

Revolutionary War Weekend, October 1 – 9.

A series of Revolutionary War activities at Walnut Grove Plantation, Cowpens National Battlefield, Kings Mountain National Military Park, and Gaffney, SC. Complete schedule will be available by mid-September.

236th Battle Anniversary, Friday, October 7.

Wreath-laying ceremony at 11 am at the U.S. Monument, celebration/keynote speaker in the amphitheater at 3 pm.

Battle of Kings Mountain Anniversary Encampment, Saturday and Sunday, October 8 and 9 from 9 am to 5 pm.

Join Living History Interpreters for the 236th anniversary encampment. Learn about the men and women who fought in the battle. Camps will be open 9-5 with a variety of demonstrations: trades and crafts, cooking, medicine, weapons and children's activities.

Cowpens National Battlefield

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

Living History Day, Saturday, September 10 from 9 am to 5 pm. The SC Rangers (American Militia) will give weapons firing demonstrations at 10:30, 11:30, 1:30, and 2:30.

Living History Day, Saturday, September 24 from 9 am to 5 pm. The 1st Maryland, Southern Campaign encampment (American Continentals) Weapons firing demonstrations at 11:15, 1:45, and 3:15.

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Outdoor Drama - The Night before Kings Mountain, Thursday, October 6. See web site for details.

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Southern Campaign of the American Revolution

<http://www.southerncampaign.org/cod.php>

General Francis Marion Tour, Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon, October 27-30. Charles Baxley of the SCAR will be leading this professional tour of the significant sites of Gen. Francis Marion's partisan warfare in South Carolina. America's History LLC will provide all tour services. For a complete itinerary, fees and expenses, see <http://americashistoryllc.com/2015/the-swamp-fox-rides-again-francis-marions-war-in-south-caroline>

Lincoln County Historical Association

www.lincolncountyhistory.com
704-748-9090

Basket Weaving Class, Saturday, September 10 at 9 am to 2 pm. This class will be with Joanne Sigmon Charles at the Mundy House and History Center of Eastern Lincoln County at 4335 N. NC Hwy. 16, Denver. Reservations required to Jason L. Harpe at lcmh@bellsouth.net.

York County Genealogical & Historical Society

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

Battle of Huck's Defeat, Sunday, September 18 at 2:30 pm, at Historic Brattonsville. At this regular meeting of the YCGHS we will hear about the Battle of Huck's Defeat / Battle of Williamson's Plantation (July 12, 1780), one of the first Patriot victories after the fall of Charleston in May, 1780.

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.charlottemuseum.org
- **Cowpens National Battlefield**
www.nps.gov/cowp
- **Duke Mansion**
www.dukemansion.com
- **Fort Defiance**
www.fortdefiance.org
- **Fort Dobbs State Historic Site**
www.fortdobbs.org
- **Fort Mill History Museum**
www.fortmillhistorymuseum.org
- **Gaston County Museum**
www.gastoncountymuseum.org
- **Gregory Creek Homestead & Iredell Museums**
www.iredellmuseums.org
- **Guilford Courthouse National Military Park**
www.nps.gov/guco
- **Historic Brattonsville**
www.chmuseums.org/brattonsville
- **Historic Camden**
www.historic-camden.net
- **Historic Rosedale**
www.historicrosedale.org
- **Hugh Torrance House and Store**
www.hughtorancehouseandstore.com
- **Iredell Museum**
www.iredellmuseums.org
- **Kings Mountain Historical Museum**
www.kingsmountainmuseum.org
- **Kings Mountain National Military Park**
www.nps.gov/kimo
- **Kings Mountain Historical Museum**
www.kingsmountainmuseum.org

- **Kings Mountain State Park**
southcarolinaparks.com/park-finder/state-park/945.aspx
- **Latta Plantation**
www.lattaplantation.org
- **Levine Museum of the New South**
www.museumofthenewsouth.org
- **Lincoln County Historical Association**
www.lincolncountyhistory.com
- **Matthews Heritage Museum**
www.matthewsheritagemuseum.org
- **Matthews Historical Foundation**
704-846-6693
- **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.cmlibrary.org
- **Rowan Museum**
www.rowanmuseum.org
- **Rural Hill**
www.ruralhill.net
- **Schiele Museum**
www.schielemuseum.org
- **Southern Campaign of the American Revolution**
www.southerncampaign.org
- **Spencer Doll and Toy Museum**
www.spencerdollandtoymuseum.com
- **Stanly County Museum**
www.stanlycountymuseum.com
- **Union County Public Library**
www.union.lib.nc.us
- **York County Genealogical & Historical Society**
www.weblandinc.com/ycghs/member.html