

February 2023



The Mecklenburg Historical Association Monthly Event Calendar

Upcoming Events of Interest to the History Community

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The MHA Monthly Calendar is a free, monthly digital publication of the Mecklenburg Historical Association. Its purpose is to inform interested audiences about special events, educational programs, lectures, and workshops held throughout the Charlotte-Mecklenburg County metropolitan area. It is intended for general reference purposes only. If you are responsible for promoting events on behalf of a history organization and need to publicize events then send an email to mhacalendar1775@gmail.com for further information.

The MHA is not responsible for announcing any changes or cancellations of events after publication. Please go to the host organization's website or social media page for specific updates, announcements, cancellation notifications and any additional information.

MHA Announcements

March 20th. MHA Dinner Meeting. Dinner: 6:30 p.m. Program: 7:15 p.m. "*Black and White Women in the Old South.*" Speaker: Dr. Sally G. McMillen. Dr. McMillen retired in 2016 as the Mary Reynolds Babcock Professor of History at Davidson College, specializing in the 19th century American South and American women's history. She is the author of several scholarly articles and five monographs. Read, complete, and mail the meeting reservation coupon below for further information and RSVP instructions:

MHA Dinner Meeting Reservation Coupon: Monday/March 20, 2023

Dinner: 6:30 p.m., Program: 7:15 p.m.

Absolute RSVP deadline: Sunday/March 19th.

All boxed meals are \$12 each, no discounts for seniors at this time.

Complete this coupon, and make check payable to “**Mecklenburg Historical Association**” (\$12 if one boxed meal, \$24 if two boxed meals). Mail completed coupon and check to: Mecklenburg Historical Association, c/o Barbara Taylor, 308 Braxton Dr., Indian Trail, NC 28079.

Boxed meal options (Jason's Deli) include:

Option 1. **Nutty Mixed-Up Salad (light)** - (430-770 cal) 100% antibiotic-free chicken breast, organic field greens, grapes, feta, cranberry-walnut mix, organic apples, balsamic vinaigrette.

Option 2. **Shelley's Deli Chick** - (650 cal) Family-recipe chicken salad with almonds and pineapple, leafy lettuce, tomato, toasted croissant.

Option 3. **Amy's Turkey-O** - (450 cal) Roasted turkey breast, sliced avocado, jalapeño pepper jack, red onions, tomato, leafy lettuce, stone-ground mustard, toasted onion bun.

Option 4. **Club Royale** - (680 cal) Nitrite-free smoked turkey breast and ham, bacon, Swiss, cheddar, leafy lettuce, tomato, honey mustard, toasted croissant.

Option 5. **Great Southwest Bowl** - (710 cal) 100% antibiotic-free chicken breast, romaine lettuce, rice, pico de gallo, roasted corn and black bean salad and guacamole, cheddar, jalapeño ranch dressing. Southwest spices.

Option 6. **Reuben THE Great** - (610-1170 cal) ½ pound of hot corned beef or pastrami, Swiss, sauerkraut, 1000 Island, toasted NEW Marbled Rye.

Option 7. **The Big Chef** - (1030/520 cal) Nitrite-free ham and roasted turkey, Asiago, cheddar, grape tomatoes, kalamata olives, hard-boiled egg, mixed salad greens, ranch.

Each boxed meal option includes chips and a cookie

Complete all of the following:

Name(s) for name tags: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

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Check here if only one boxed meal is being ordered: _____ (\$12)

Boxed meal option (Check 1 meal option only):

Option 1. _____ (Nutty Mixed-Up Salad (light))

Option 2. _____ (Shelley's Deli Chick)

Option 3. _____ (Amy's Turkey-O)

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Check here if two boxed meals are being ordered: _____ (\$24)

Boxed meal option (Check up to 2 meal options only):

Option 1. _____ Quantity (Enter 1 or 2) _____ (Nutty Mixed-Up Salad (light))

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Contact Barbara Taylor at 336-404-1751 or btaylor797@aol.com for any additional questions.

History Organizations Announcements

Calendar

2023

Multiple Day Events - 2023 Special Events/Programs/Lectures and Exhibits

February 1 – February 24th. Charlotte Museum of History. *Call for Nominations: Charlotte Gem Preservation Awards.* Nominations are now open for the Charlotte Gem Preservation Awards! These awards celebrate restoration and building projects in the greater Charlotte region that exemplify the best of historic preservation. To submit a nomination or learn more about the categories, please visit <https://charlottemuseum.org/programs-events/the-charlotte-preservation-awards/>. Nominations must be received by 5:00pm EST on February 24, 2023 for consideration.

February 1 – March 2023. 10:00 a.m.–4:00p.m. The Charlotte Museum of History. *“A Delicious Country”.* Exhibit. In-person. Free with Admission. British explorer John Lawson trekked through the Carolina colony in 1701, recording all he saw. Three centuries later, Raleigh journalist Scott Huler followed his trail, documenting what had changed and what remained the same. Their journeys are featured in a new exhibit, “A Delicious Country,” on display at The Charlotte Museum of History through March 2023.

February 1 – April 1st 2023. Matthews Heritage Museum. *“Woven Treasures: An Exhibit of Baskets.”* In-person. An exhibit of baskets both old and new made with a variety of materials. From oak wood splits to pine needles to sea grass, this exhibit exposes the visitor to the craftsmanship of hand-made baskets. Of particular interest are a couple of baskets made by African American Leon Berry, who was taught by his formerly enslaved grandfather. Special programs to accompany the exhibit. Look for their announcements.

February 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Historic Brattonsville. *“Living History Saturday-By Way of the Back Door”* In-person. Cost of admission: Adults \$8; Seniors \$7; Youth (4-17) \$5; CHM Members & Children 3 and younger –free. Special themed tours about Brattonsville’s African American history at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. A living history program that focuses more deeply on the African Americans living at Brattonsville in the 18th and 19th centuries. From the fields to the kitchen, foods and agricultural practices that originated in Africa are featured. Singing, storytelling and playing games offer insight on how African American culture preserved. This month-long event featured special themed programs on Saturdays throughout the month. February 4th – Daily Life of Enslaved People. February 11th – Foodways. February 18th – Trades and the Skilled Enslaved. February 25th – Arts and Cultural Contributions. Go to <http://chmuseums.org/upcoming-events-hb/> for additional details.

February 21st – June 3rd. 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Kings Mountain Historical Museum. *“War & Memory: A Commemoration of Remembrance.”* In-person. Free. (EXHIBIT) This exhibit is an introduction to “Decoration Day” and its roots within the African American Community to honor and remember Union Soldiers after the Civil War, how it evolved during World War I to expand to honor all American war

fatalities, becoming a Federal Holiday, and being declared as “Memorial Day” later on after World War II. This exhibit will feature Civil War, WWI and WWII artifacts and ephemera on display in remembrance of residents of Cleveland County in honor of Memorial Day in 2023.

February 23rd – August 3rd . 10 a.m.- 7 p.m. Native American Studies Center (119 S. Main St., Lancaster, SC 29720). “*Exhibit Opening: Woven Together.*” In person. Free. Featuring regalia, hats, beaded items, and more, this exhibit highlights Indigenous textile artwork from Native American Studies Collections. Through Aug. 3, 2023. Go to <https://nativeamericanstudiescenter.godaddysites.com/> for more information.

April 15-16th . 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. (Sat.), 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (Sun.) Historic Rural Hill, “*2023 Loch Norman Highland Games*”. <http://lochnorman.com/>. 704-875-3113. Admission prices TBD and based on level of participation. Check back for future details. Mark your calendars for the 29th anniversary of the Loch Norman Highland Games. Features two days of activities celebrating Scottish heritage and culture. Activities include Highland dancing, bagpipes and Celtic music, athletics, merchants, food, and hearth cooking, whisky tasting and much more. Athletic competitions in tug-o-war, the hammer throw, and tossing the caber.

May 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th. Historic Brattsonville. “*Sheep Shearing at Historic Brattsonville.*” mcheek@chmuseums.org. <https://chmuseums.org>. 803-909-7312. Every Saturday for the month of May, historically-dressed interpreters will be hand-shearing the Gulf Coast Sheep. Learn about how the site is preserving this special heritage-breed farm animal. Activities highlight all the steps involved in processing wool, including carding and spinning thread, natural dyeing techniques, weaving on the barn loom and creating textiles from wool. May 6 – “Shearing and Washing Wool.” May 13 – “Carding and Spinning.” May 20 – Weaving. May 27 – Natural Dyeing. Go to <http://chmuseums.org/upcoming-events-hb/> for additional details.

July 15-16th. July 16th - 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., July 17th – 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Historic Brattsonville. “*Battle of Huck’s Defeat.*” In-person. Annual reenactment of the Revolutionary War battle fought on July 14, 1780 between the local Patriot militia and Loyalist Provincial forces commanded by commander Capt. Christian Huck. Activities include 2 p.m. battle reenactment of Huck’s Defeat (Saturday only), 2 p.m. reenactment of the skirmish at William Hill’s Ironworks (Sunday only), 18th century military camp, historic cooking, blacksmithing, woodworking, laundry, children’s activities, battlefield tours, and more. Go to <http://chmuseums.org/upcoming-events-hb/> for additional details.

September 2-3rd . Saturday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Sunday 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Historic Rural Hill. “*3rd Annual Battle of Charlotte / Battle of the Bees Revolutionary War Reenactment*”. In-person. Online tickets - \$10 (Saturday OR Sunday only), \$20 (full weekend). On-site tickets - \$15 (Saturday OR Sunday only), \$25 (full weekend). . Family-friendly, educational weekend event featuring two Revolutionary War era battle reenactments - Battle of Charlotte (Saturday only at 2 p.m.), Battle of the Bees (Sunday only at 2 p.m.) 18th-century historical camps, cooking, living history demonstrations, talks, programs, and Revolutionary War era military black powder cannon and musket-firing demonstrations.

October 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th . 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Historic Brattsonville. “*Harvest on the Homestead*”. Good old-fashion fall festivities at Historic Brattsonville every Saturday in October. Living history programs at Historic Brattsonville highlight the harvest season on the plantation during the 18th and 19th centuries. Every Saturday in October will feature one of these harvest-time activities: corn shelling, wood rail and shingle-splitting (Oct. 8th), basket weaving, running the cotton gin, natural dyeing techniques for cotton, food preservation and historical cooking demonstrations with dishes celebrating corn, apples, and pumpkins. (Oct

7th – Corn; Oct. 14th – Apples; Oct. 21st – Cotton; and Oct. 28th – Pumpkins and Spice.) . Go to <http://chmuseums.org/upcoming-events-hb/> for additional details.

Single Day Events - 2023

Special Events/Programs/Lectures and Exhibits

February

February 8th. 7:30-9:00 p.m. Mecklenburg Genealogical Society. “*Unsung Heroines of the Carolina Frontier.*” Virtual. Free. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/2p93fvv8> . Alexia Jones Helsley, Senior Instructor in History at USC Aiken, will present stories of Colonial-era women from the Carolinas and reflect on the difficulties of frontier life for women. Olde Meck welcomes all members and visitors to attend our monthly meetings, which offer useful information, camaraderie, connections, and the exchange of ideas. We are currently meeting via ZOOM on the second Wednesday of each month.

February 9th. 2-3 p.m. Matthews Public Library (Community Room). Free. Virtual and In-person. Register at <https://cmlibrary.bibliocommons.com/events/6388da6e8c951787c8a21ae1> *Matthews Heritage Museum Presents: Woven Treasurers.* Barbara Taylor, researcher, writer, consultant and recently retired Executive Director of the Matthew Heritage Museum will give a talk about Leon Berry, renown Mecklenburg County African American basket maker, who learned his remarkable skills from his grandfather, a former enslaved worker.

February 11th. 12-2 p.m. Historic Rosedale. *Celebrating Black History: Sweetgrass Basket Workshop.* \$70. In-person. For additional information and to register: <https://historicrosedale.org/event/sweetgrass-basket-workshop-2/> . This workshop will include all the materials to make a small sweetgrass basket: starter basket (round) to be used to create a small fruit basket with a handle, sweetgrass, palmetto fronds; tools (scissor and nailbone) are provided but are to be returned at the end of the class. The workshop will last about two hours and will open with a brief introduction followed by the hands-on session and a discussion of sweetgrass basketry during the session. This class is not appropriate for children. Class size is limited.

February 16th. 6-8:00 p.m. Sons of the American Revolution (Mecklenburg Chapter). (Hilton Charlotte Executive Park Hotel, 5624 Westpark Drive, Charlotte, NC 28217.) “*Presidents’ Day Dinner Meeting: An Evening with President Abraham Lincoln.*” Tickets and RSVPs required before Friday, February 10, 2023: \$36 per adult, \$26 per child. Includes dinner. Go to <https://mecklenburgsar.org/chapter-events> to make RSVPs and purchase tickets online. Or, contact Tom Phlegar via Btphlegar@aol.com for dinner reservation coupon. All SAR, DAR, SR, Boy Scout Troops, CMS classes, retirement communities, history enthusiasts and general public invited. President Lincoln, as presented by Dennis Boggs, is an enlightening, informative, and educational look at the life of the 16th President as it might have been told by Abraham Lincoln himself. From Lincoln’s birth in the wilderness of Kentucky to his early years in Indian and Illinois: from storekeeper, to self-taught lawyer and politician, through his years as President during the Civil War and his death at the hands of an assassin in Ford’s Theater.

February 18th. 2 p.m. Cabarrus County Library – Concord Branch. *Remembering Logan School.* In-person. Free. Author Barnard Davis Jr. shares the history of Concord’s first Black public school.

February 21st . 7:30 p.m. AIA Chapter 333 at Davidson College Belk Visual Arts Center, Room 117. *"Operation Amethyst: How the Ancient Egyptians Got Their Bling 4,000 Years Ago."* In-person. Free. Dr. Kate Liszka, Assoc. Prof. of History at California State University, San Bernadino, will discuss how ancient Egyptians acquired the precious stone for some of their most striking jewelry from harsh environments in the Eastern Desert. By investigating the archaeology, art, and inscriptions from Wadi el-Hudi in the Egyptian Eastern Desert, we navigate through the whole process of amethyst acquisition: from finding, to mining, and surviving in the dangers of the desert. We meet in person to watch a pre-recorded lecture, and then have a Q&A live with Dr. Liszka over Zoom. The VAC is at the intersection of Griffith St. and Main St., on the western edge of the campus. Free parking is available behind the Visual Arts Center, accessed from Jackson St.

February 24th . 7-8 p.m. Historic Rosedale Plantation. *February Haunted History-Tales and Traditions of Rosedale's African American Community.* In-person. This is not a Ghost Hunt. In honor of Black History Month, Historic Rosedale staff along with members of the Charlotte Area Paranormal Society are glad to present haunted tales and traditions of our African American former residents, both enslaved and free. The full haunted history tour will be held outside in the gardens and grounds surrounding our historic 1815 house and reconstructed blacksmith shop. Spaces for this storytelling experience tour are limited for a personal experience – and to prevent any guests from being left behind as lingering souls themselves! Appropriate for ages 8 years and above. This event takes place rain or shine – no refunds will be given. Visit www.historicrosedale.org to purchase tickets.

February 24th . Noon- 1 p.m. Native American Studies Center (119 S. Main St., Lancaster, SC 29720). *Lunch and Learn: "Rice Culture in South Carolina, Past and Present."* In person and virtual. Free. To attend via Zoom, register at <https://bit.ly/3EThCa6>. Amanda McNulty, Producer/Host of SCETV's "Making It Grow" discusses how rice culture shaped the society and health of freed and enslaved South Carolinians. Today, breeding has brought back the original "Carolina Gold" rice which at one time gave SC the highest per capita income in the world; further crosses have introduced even more choices based on the historic standouts.

February 25th . 1:00pm-2:00pm. Kings Mountain Historical Museum. Presentation by Lisa Mozer, Ed.D. *"Local Heritage" (Lecture for Black History Month).* In-person. Free. Reflection of Lisa's historichometown, and a sharing of early childhood memories growing up in Statesville, NC. This presentation includes the details of collaborative efforts to gain historic recognition for five African American landmarks located in the once segregated community near downtown.

February 25th . 11 a.m. Historic Rosedale. Historic Rosedale is honored to take part in Charlotte Museum of History's annual Black History Festival. The African American Legacy at Historic Rosedale takes a deep dive into the lives of enslaved and their descendants who worked and lived at Rosedale. Genealogy posters and oral histories from descendants are available to read and explore. We hope you will stop by to see what Historic Rosedale is planning for the future of the African American Legacy and gain a greater understanding of such an important and impactful mission.

March

March 4th . 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Historic Brattsonville. “*The Reconstruction Era in York County*”. The newly restored Brick House opens its front rooms as a museum space with exhibits and programs that tell the important, but difficult stories of the regional community during the Reconstruction Era. Go to <http://chmuseums.org/upcoming-events-hb/> for additional details or call 704-416-0150.

March 7th . 6:00-7:30 p.m. Allegra Westbrooks Regional Library. The Life of Bertha Maxwell Roddey. In-person and virtual. Free. Go to <https://cmlibrary.bibliocommons.com/events/63d053173bc3f33600935061> to register online. The Robinson-Spangler Carolina Room and the Allegra Westbrooks Regional Library are proud to present Dr. Sonya Ramsey who will discuss her new book, *Bertha Maxwell-Roddey: A Modern-Day Race Woman and the Power of Black Leadership*. Dr. Maxwell-Roddey is a retired professor of Education where she founded the Department of Africana Studies, and co-founded the African American Cultural and Service Center which is today known as the Harvey B. Gantt Center for African American Art & Culture. She retired from UNC Charlotte in 1986 and has since been named the Frank Porter Graham Professor Emeritus.

March 8th . 7:30-9:00 p.m. Mecklenburg Genealogical Society. “*Getting to know the South Carolina Department of Archives and History*”. Virtual. Free. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/2p93fvv8> . An archivist from the South Carolina Department of Archives and History will talk about their repository and collections that may be of special interest to genealogists.

March 21st , 7:30 p.m. AIA Chapter 333 at Davidson College Belk Visual Arts Center, Room 117. “*The Archaeology of an Underwater Battlefield: The WWII Battle for Saipan*.” In-person. Free. Dr. Jennifer McKinnon, chair of History at East Carolina University, will discuss her underwater research on sunken sites in the Pacific of this critical battle of World War II. All lectures take place in the Belk Visual Arts Center on the campus of Davidson College. The VAC is at the intersection of Griffith St. and Main St., on the western edge of the campus. Free parking is available behind the Visual Arts Center, accessed from Jackson St.

March 23rd . Historic Rosedale. Special presentation sponsored by the African American Legacy Committee. In-person. Will include open hearth cooking and storytelling. More details to follow in the New Year.

March 24th . Noon-1 p.m. Native American Studies Center (119 S. Main St., Lancaster, SC 29720). “*Lunch and Learn: Finding the Grimkes in Charleston: Using Feminist Historiographic and Archival Research Methods to Build Public Memory*.” In person and virtual. Free. To attend via Zoom, register at <https://bit.ly/3UD5Pn7> . Sarah and Angelina Grimke were influential 19th-century abolitionist agents and women's rights activists. Yet in their hometown of Charleston, there is almost no public mention of them. How do you find evidence of people who have been erased from their community? Join us to hear about University of South Carolina Lancaster Assistant Professor of English Dr. Amy Gerald's journey to help recover the Grimke Sisters in South Carolina.

March 25th . Time: TBA. Historic Rosedale. Special presentation sponsored by the African American Legacy Committee. Will include open hearth cooking and storytelling. More details to follow in the New Year.

April

April 1st . Voices From the Past. Settlers Cemetery, Historic Elmwood/Pinewood Cemetery. We are planning next year's event now. Volunteers needed to help with portrayals and event support. Contact Lynn Mintzer at lynnMHAD@gmail.com or call 980-439-1927 to participate.

April 8th . Time: TBA. Charlotte Trail of History. (7th Street and Morehead Street on the Greenway). “*1st Annual Trail of History Festival.*” The festival will feature history programming & education by local partners, music, artists, community outreach organizations, food, and beverage. Volunteers are needed to provide support. Contact Kendall Kendrick, Executive Director, Charlotte Trail of History at kendall@charlottetrailofhistory.org for additional details about how to volunteer.

April 12th . 7:30-9:00 p.m. Mecklenburg Genealogical Society. Topic TBD. Virtual. Free. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/2p93fvv8> . Olde Meck welcomes all members and visitors to attend our monthly meetings, which offer useful information, camaraderie, connections, and the exchange of ideas. We are currently meeting via ZOOM on the second Wednesday of each month.

April 22nd . Time: TBA. South Carolina Battleground Preservation Trust. (Camden, SC, Camden Battlefield.) Free. “*Military Reinterment Ceremony: Battle of Camden (Revolutionary War) Deceased.*” A full military honors reinterment ceremony of 12 USA Continental soldiers and two British soldiers who fought and died at the Battle of Camden on August 16, 1780 during the American Revolution. Go to <https://www.scbattlegroundtrust.org/camden-burials> for additional information and to sign up to receive updates.

April 22nd . 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Historic Brattsonville. “*Children’s Day on the Farm.*” A fun, annual family event featuring hands-on activities including candle-dipping, blacksmithing, and food preparations in the way of the early settlers of the Carolina Backcountry. Children will enjoy toys and games of long ago. Springtime brings newborn lambs and other farm friends to pet and cuddle. Go to <http://chmuseums.org/upcoming-events-hb/> for additional details.

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May 11th . 6:00 p.m. Charlotte Museum of History. “*Charlotte Gem Preservation Awards.*” In-Person. The Charlotte Gem Preservation Awards is the premier fundraising event for the Museum and is hosted across the entire campus of the Museum, including the eight-acre 1774 Alexander Homesite and inside our exhibit galleries. The event celebrates Charlotte’s unique history and culture through performances, immersive activities and tours, music, and food and drink. This event also includes the honoring of restoration and building projects in the greater Charlotte region that exemplify the best of historic preservation.

May 20th . 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Kings Mountain Historical Museum. “*World War II Living History Day:*

Timeline Event" In-person. Free. Join us for an event on the museum grounds at the Kings Mountain Historical Museum on Saturday May 20th, 2023, for World War II Day. Step back in time into the camps of World War II. There will be various displays and reenactors on site to talk and interact with the museum guests about the US Military involvement during the European Theater of Operations. The main focus of this living history event will focus on the Airborne Operations (Parachute Infantry Regiment) during World War II. Various uniforms, gear, weapons, demolitions equipment and communications equipment will be on display outside on the museum grounds. Additionally, the Barber House will be open to the public with WWII cooking demonstrations with Susie Worcester. The Kings Mountain Historical Museum will also be open with the exhibit "War & Memory: A Commemoration of Remembrance" on display with various WWI and WWII artifacts featured. Presented by the 508th Headquarters-Headquarters P.I.R. of the 82nd Airborne Division.

June

June 14th . 7:30-9:00 p.m. Mecklenburg Genealogical Society. Topic TBD. Virtual. Free. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/2p93fvv8> . Olde Meck welcomes all members and visitors to attend our monthly meetings, which offer useful information, camaraderie, connections, and the exchange of ideas. We are currently meeting via ZOOM on the second Wednesday of each month.

June 17th . 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Historic Brattonsville. "*Juneteenth*." In-person. Cost of admission. Description (3-sentence maximum). Featuring special programming about the historical and cultural significance of Juneteenth and its connection to the Brattonsville community. Activities will include cooking demonstrations of traditional food, natural dyeing with traditional colors, special interpretation of music and songs in Juneteenth tradition, and a make-and-take activity where visitors can collect a different historic document at each activity and make it into a take-home booklet of Juneteenth history. Go to <http://chmuseums.org/upcoming-events-hb/> for additional details.

July

July 1st . 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Historic Brattonsville. "*Independence Day*." In-person. Cost of admission. Featuring special programming about the celebration of Independence Day in the Carolina Piedmont during the 1850s. Activities will include cooking demonstrations of 19th century refreshments, toys and games, a make-and-take activity of 19th century paper fans, and a reading of the Declaration of Independence. Go to <http://chmuseums.org/upcoming-events-hb/> for additional details.

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September

September 10th . 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Historic Brattonsville. “*By the Sweat of Our Brows*”. In-person. Pre-registration is encouraged; limited walk-up tickets available. Interpretive demonstrations of the daily life and work of the enslaved persons on the Bratton Plantation. Meet their descendants and learn about the ongoing conversations between the white and African-American descendants of this 19th century era York County, South Carolina family. Other activities include traditional foodways, children’s activities, woodworking, spinning, weaving, and quilting. Go to <http://chmuseums.org/upcoming-events-hb/> for additional details.

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December

Historic Organization/Site Volunteer Needs

Feel like giving back to the history community? The following historic organizations/sites have date specific and ongoing volunteer needs:

Afro-American Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. (AAHGS Charlotte Chapter)

Contact: Renee Y. Jones

Phone: 980-505-7295

Email: reneeahgs2020@gmail.com

Volunteer needs:

(Special Events):

(On-going needs): Technology assistant,

Charlotte Museum of History

Contact: Mea Agazio, Volunteer Coordinator/K-12 Education Specialist

Phone: 704-568-1774

Email: marianna@charlottemuseum.org

CMH Volunteer Application: <https://forms.gle/VJRWrhCHbkmZANyi7>

Volunteer needs:

(Special Events):

(On-going needs): Visitor Services, House Tour Guides – Alexander Homesite

Charlotte Trail of History

Contact: Kendall Kendrick

Phone:

Email: kendall@charlottetrailofhistory.org

Volunteer needs: Contact Kendall Kendrick for specific needs.

Culture & Heritage Museums (Historic Brattonsville, Museum of York County, McCelvey Center/Historical Center, Main Street Children's Museum)

Contact: Windy Cole, Volunteer Resource Coordinator

Phone: 803-909-7218

Email: wcole@chmuseums.org

Volunteer needs:

(Special Events): special event help, call for special event dates and programs.

(On-going needs): Docents, costumed interpreters, trail maintenance, gardeners, archivists, natural history interpreters, research, transcribers, fiber artists, military reenactors, historic preservation, gift shop clerks, marketing, etc.

HEARTS Park/Torance House & Store

Contact: Abigail Jennings

Phone:

Email: info@torancehouseandstore.org

Volunteer needs:

(Special Events): HEARTS Circle Membership Table, Parking Assistants, Site prep assistants, Site clean up assistants, photographer, videographer.

(On-going needs): Historians, Naturalists, Research Assistants, Store Set-up, Store Clean-up

Historic Rosedale

Contact: Cher Lambeth

Phone: 704-335-0325

Email: roseedu@historicrosedale.org

Volunteer needs:

(Special Events): October 15th Oyster Roast-volunteers needed to assist.

(On-going needs): Docents-Guided house tours (training provided), Welcome Center-greet visitor

Garden volunteers- weeding, garden, ground maintenance.

Liberty Live

Contact: Sheri Davis

Phone: 270-994-4400

Email: sdavis@sc1780.org

Volunteer needs:

(Special Events):

(On-going needs): 18th century demonstrators, Living history or first person impressions, civilian or military, interested in working with schools, museums, or events interpreting Rev. War history.

More info.: <https://southerncampaign1780.org/liberty-live-education>

Matthews Heritage Museum

Contact: Camilla Bahr

Phone: 704-708-4996

Email: info@matthewsheritagemuseum.org

Volunteer needs:

(On-going needs):

Mint Hill Historical Society/Carl J. McEwen Historic Village

Contact: Sue McDonald

Phone: 704-351-0783

Email: historical@bellsouth.net

Volunteer needs:

(On-going needs): Docents, Landscapers, Researchers, Archivist.

Olde Meck (Mecklenburg Genealogical Society)

Contact: Lynn Bancroft

Phone: 704-568-1774, Ext. 109

Email: info@oldemeck.org

Volunteer needs:

(Special Events): Marketing, event planning.

(On-going needs): Library assistants, writers, computer/website techs.

The President James K. Polk State Historic Site

Contact: Kyle Booker, Assistant Site Manager

Phone: 704-889-7145

Email: kyle.booker@ncdcr.gov

Volunteer needs:

(Special Events):

(On-going needs): Visitor Services (Tues-Sat.), Social Media Support (any time, can work remotely).

Robinson-Spangler Carolina Room – Charlotte Mecklenburg Library

Contact: Sheila Bumgarner

Phone: 704-416-0137

Email: sbumgarner@cmlibrary.org

(Special Events):

(On-going needs): Document Digitization (knowledge of scanning and Photoshop required),

Transcriptionist (written documents), Processing Archivist (will train under the tutelage of the archivists).

SC Battleground Preservation Trust, Artillery Demonstration Team, Revolutionary War

Contact: Tom Oblak

Phone: 952-454-4130

Email: cannons@scbattlegroundtrust.org

Volunteer needs:

(Special Events):

(On-going needs): Revolutionary War-era demonstrators and programs designed to promote learning about the American Revolution.

Voices From the Past.

Contact: Lynn Mintzer

Phone: 980-439-1927 Settlers Cemetery, Historic Elmwood/Pinewood Cemetery. We are Email:

lynnMHAD@gmail.com

(Special Events): 19th and 20th century historic portrayals needed for biographical interpretations.

Volunteers needed with event logistics.

DIRECTORY OF CHARLOTTE METROPOLITAN (METROLINA) AREA HISTORICAL ORGANIZATIONS (Current as of September 2022)

African American Museum of History & Culture

300 South Firestone Street Suite P

Gastonia, NC 28052.

980-888-4005.

<https://www.africanamericanmuseumgastonia.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/aamuseumgastonia>

africanamericangaston@gmail.com

aamuseum.loraymill@gmail.com

Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society (AAHGS)

P.O. Box 621032

Charlotte, NC 28262.

980-505-7292.

www.aahgscharlotte.org

<https://www.facebook.com/AAHGSCHARLOTT>

aahgscharlotte@gmail.com

info@aahgscharlotte.org

Andrew Jackson State Park

196 Andrew Jackson Park Road

Lancaster, SC 29720.

803-285-3344.

<https://southcarolinaparks.com/andrew-jackson>

[https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Andrew-](https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Andrew-Jackson-State-Park-291912437542208)

[Jackson-State-Park-291912437542208](https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Andrew-Jackson-State-Park-291912437542208)

andrewjackson@scprt.com

Archaeological Institute of America

Chapter 333: Central Carolinas (Charlotte, NC)

[https://www.archaeological.org/society/central-](https://www.archaeological.org/society/central-carolinas-charlotte/)

[carolinas-charlotte/](https://www.archaeological.org/society/central-carolinas-charlotte/)

<https://www.facebook.com/Archaeological.Institute>

info@archaeological.org

Billy Graham Library

4330 Westmont Dr.

Charlotte, NC 28217.

704-401-3200.

<https://billygrahamlibrary.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/BillyGrahamLibrary>

librarytours@bgea.org

Carl J. McEwen Historic Village

7601 Matthews-Mint Hill Road
Mint Hill, NC 28227.
704-573-0726.

<https://www.minthillhistory.com>
historical@bellsouth.net

Charlotte Museum of History

3500 Shamrock Drive
Charlotte, NC 28215.
704-568-1774.

charlottemuseum.org
<https://www.facebook.com/charlottemuseumofhistory/>
info@charlottemuseum.org

Cherryville Historical Museum

109 E. Main St.
Cherryville, NC 28021.
704-435-8011.

<https://www.facebook.com/CherryvilleHistoricalMuseum>
cvhistorical@att.net

Davidson College Archives & Special Collections

Davidson College
Archives and Special Collections
Davidson, NC 28035.
704-894-2158.

<https://davidsonarchivesandspecialcollections.org/archives/>
<https://twitter.com/DavidsonArchive>
archives@davidson.edu

Fort Dobbs State Historic Site

438 Fort Dobbs Road
Statesville, NC 28625.
704-873-5882.

<https://historicsites.nc.gov/all-sites/fort-dobbs>
<http://www.fortdobbs.org>
<https://www.facebook.com/FortDobbs>
info@fortdobbs.org

Fort Mill History Museum

107 Clebourne St.

Fort Mill, SC 29715.
803-802-3646.

<http://www.fmhm.org>
<https://www.facebook.com/fortmillhistory>
info@fmhm.org

Gaston County Museum

131 West Main Street
Dallas, NC 28034.
704-922-7681.

gastoncountymuseum.org
<https://www.facebook.com/GastonCountyMuseum>
Gaston.Museum@gastongov.com

Hart Square Village

5055 Hope Rd.
Vale, NC 28168.
828-528-5029.

<https://www.hartsquare.com/>
<https://www.facebook.com/HartSquareNC>
<https://www.hartsquare.com/contact>

Heritage Room of Union County

300 N. Main St.
Monroe, NC 28112.
704-289-6737.

<https://www.carolinasgensociety.org/index.php>
<https://www.facebook.com/CarolinasGenSociety>
carolinasgensociety@gmail.com

Historic Brattonsville

1444 Brattonsville Road
McConnells, SC 29726.
803-684-2327.

chmuseums.org/brattonsville
<https://www.facebook.com/HistoricBrattonsville>
scheduler@chmuseums.org

Historical Center of York County

210 E Jefferson St.
York, SC 29745.
803-684-3948.

<https://www.chmuseums.org/programs-hc/>
historicalcenter@chmuseums.org
<https://www.facebook.com/CHMuseums/>
scheduler@chmuseums.org

Historic Rosedale

3427 N. Tryon Street
Charlotte, NC 28206.
704-335-0325.

<http://www.historicrosedale.org>
<https://www.facebook.com/HistoricRosedalePlantation>
publicity@historicrosedale.org

Historic Rural Hill

4431 Neck Road
Huntersville, NC 28078.
704-875-3113.

ruralhill.net
<https://www.facebook.com/RuralHill>
info@ruralhill.net

Hugh Torance House & Store

8231 Gilead Rd.
Huntersville, NC 28078.
704-875-3271.

hughtorancehouseandstore.org
<https://www.facebook.com/HughToranceHouse>
hughtorancehouseandstore@gmail.com

Iredell Museums

134 Court Street
Statesville, NC 28677.
704-873-7347.

iredellmuseums.org
<https://www.facebook.com/iredellmuseums>

Kings Mountain Historical Museum

100 East Mountain Street
Kings Mountain, NC 28086.
704-739-1019.

kingsmountainmuseum.org
<https://www.facebook.com/KMHistoricalMuseum/>
kmhmda@outlook.com

Kings Mountain National Military Park

2625 Park Rd.
Blacksburg, SC 29702.
864-936-7921.

nps.gov/kimo/index.htm
<https://www.facebook.com/kingsmountainNPS>

<https://www.nps.gov/kimo/contacts.htm>

Kings Mountain State Park

1277 Park Rd.
Blacksburg, SC 29702.
803-222-3209.

southcarolinaparks.com/kings-mountain
<https://www.facebook.com/SC.State.Parks>
kingsmountain@scprt.com

Lancaster Historic Courthouse Museum

104 Main Street
Lancaster, SC 29720
803-285-1565

https://cms9files.revize.com/lancastercountysc/Document_Center/Boards%20and%20Commissions/Historical%20Commission/LCHC_Spring_Newsletter_2022.pdf
lan.historicalcommission@yahoo.com
<https://www.facebook.com/lchistoricalcommission>

Liberty Mountain-The Revolutionary Drama

202 S. Railroad Ave.
Kings Mountain, NC 28086
704-730-9408.

info@libertymountaindrama.com
<https://www.libertymountaindrama.com/>
<https://www.facebook.com/LibertyMountainDrama>

Levine Museum of the New South

200 East 7th Street
Charlotte, NC 28202.
704-333-1887.

museumofthenewsouth.org
<https://www.facebook.com/LevineMuseum>

Lincoln County Museum of History & Cultural Center

403 East Main Street
Lincolnton, NC 28092.
704-748-9090.

<http://www.lincolncountyhistory.com>
<https://www.facebook.com/LCHAhistory/>
lincolncountyhistorync@gmail.com

Main Street Children's Museum

133 E. Main St
Rock Hill, SC 29730.

803-327-6400.

http://chmuseums.org/childrens_scheduler@chmuseums.org
<https://www.facebook.com/CHMuseums/>

Matthews Heritage Museum

134 W. John Street
Matthews, NC 28105
704-708-4996.
<http://www.matthewsheritagemuseum.org>
<https://www.facebook.com/MatthewsHeritageMuseum>
info@matthewsheritagemuseum.org

May 20th Society

P.O. Box 30335
Charlotte, NC 28230.
<https://may20thsociety.org/>
[facebook.com/May20thSociety](https://www.facebook.com/May20thSociety)
info@May20thSociety.org

McCelvey Center/Lowry Family Theater

212 E. Jefferson St. #A
York, SC 29745.
803-684-3948.
<https://www.chmuseums.org/mccelvey/>
<https://www.facebook.com/mccelveycenterhistoricalcenter@chmuseums.org>

Mecklenburg Historical Association

Post Office Box 35032
Charlotte, NC 28235.
<https://www.meckdec.org/>
<https://www.facebook.com/MeckHistAssociation>
contact@meckdec.org

Mount Holly Historical Society

131 South Main Street
Mount Holly, NC 28120.
980-277-1249.
mounthollyhistoricalsociety.org
<https://www.facebook.com/MHHSNC/>
mhhistoricalociety@gmail.com

Mundy House & History Center of Eastern Lincoln County

4353 NC Highway 16
Denver, NC 28037.

704-748-9090.

<https://www.facebook.com/MundyHouse/>

Museum of York County

4621 Mt. Gallant Rd
Rock Hill, SC 29732.
803-329-2121.
<http://chmuseums.org/myco>
https://www.facebook.com/CHMuseums_scheduler@chmuseums.org

Museum of the Waxhaws

8215 Waxhaw Hwy.
Waxhaw, NC 28173.
704-843-1832.
<http://museumofthewaxhaws.org/>
<https://www.facebook.com/museumofthewaxhaws>
[s
mwaxhaw@museumofthewaxhaws.org](mailto:mwaxhaw@museumofthewaxhaws.org)

Native American Studies Center

119 S. Main St.
Lancaster, SC 29720.
803-313-7172.
<http://www.sc.edu/lancaster/NAS>
<https://www.facebook.com/nativeamericanstudies>
[/
usclnasp@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:usclnasp@mailbox.sc.edu)

NASCAR Hall of Fame

400 East Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Charlotte, NC 28202.
704-654-4400.
<https://www.nascarhall.com/>
<https://www.facebook.com/nascarhall/>
<https://www.nascarhall.com/about-the-hall/contact-us>

Olde Meck Genealogy Society

P.O. Box 32453
Charlotte, NC 28232-2453.
704-568-1774.
www.oldemeck.org
<https://www.facebook.com/oldemeck>
info@oldemeck.org

President James K. Polk Historical Site

12031 Lancaster Highway

Pineville, NC 28134.
704-889-7145.
<https://www.jameskpolk.net/>
<https://www.facebook.com/JamesKPolkSHS>
polk@ncdcr.gov

Reed Gold Mine
9621 Reed Mine Rd.
Midland, NC 2107.
704-721-4653.
<https://historicsites.nc.gov/all-sites/reed-gold-mine>
<https://www.facebook.com/reedgoldmineshs>
reed@ncdcr.org

Reid House
134 W. John St.
Matthews, NC 28105.
704-849-7368.

Rowan Museum
202 North Main Street
Salisbury, NC 28144.
704-633-5946.
<https://www.facebook.com/RowanMuseum>
office@rowanmuseum.org
<http://www.rowanmuseum.org>

Schiele Museum
1500 East Garrison Blvd.
Gastonia, NC 28054.
704-866-6900.
schielemuseum.org
<https://www.facebook.com/schielemuseum/>
schielemuseum@gmail.com

Stanly County Museum
157 North 2nd Street
Albemarle, NC 28001.
704-986-3777.
<https://stanlycountymuseum.com>
<https://www.facebook.com/StanlyCountyHistory>
Center
stanlycountymuseum@gmail.com

Trail of History
100 N. Tryon Street
Suite 4700

<http://www.matthewsreidhouse.org/>
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Reid-House/137863319594427>
info@matthewsreidhouse.org

Robinson-Spangler Room (Charlotte Mecklenburg Library)
310 North Tryon Street
Charlotte, NC 28202.
704-416-0150.
<https://www.cmlibrary.org/services/genealogy-history-services>
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1037640759956826>
<https://www.cmlibrary.org/contact-robinson-spangler-carolina-room>

Charlotte, NC 28202
<https://charlottetrailofhistory.org/>
<https://www.facebook.com/charlottetrailofhistory>
<https://charlottetrailofhistory.org/contact-us/>

UNC Charlotte Special Collections, Atkins Library
UNC Charlotte
J. Murrey Atkins Library Special Collections & University Archives
9201 University City Blvd.
Charlotte, NC 28223.
704-687-1170.
<https://library.charlotte.edu/archives-rare-books/about-special-collections>
spec-coll@unc.edu

Union County Library
316 East Windsor St.
Monroe, NC 28112.
704-238-8184 ext. 5236.
<http://www.unioncountync.gov/library>
<https://www.facebook.com/uclnc>
ucpladministration@unioncountync.gov

York County Library / Genealogy Group
138 E. Black St.
Rock Hill, SC 29732.
<https://www.yclibrary.org/genealogy-local-history>

<https://www.facebook.com/yorkcountylibrary>

<https://www.yclibrary.org/ask-a-librarian>

316 East Windsor St.

Monroe, NC 28112.

704-238-8184 ext. 5236.

<http://www.unioncountync.gov/library>

<https://www.facebook.com/uclnc>

ucpladministration@unioncountync.gov

OUTSIDE OF CHARLOTTE METROPOLITAN (METROLINA) AREA

Cowpens National Battlefield

4001 Chesnee Hwy.
Gaffney, SC 29341.
864-461-2828.

www.nps.gov/cowp

<https://www.facebook.com/CowpensNationalBattlefield>

www.facebook.com/CowpensNationalBattlefield

www.twitter.com/CowpensNB

www.instagram.com/southerncampaignnps

<https://www.nps.gov/cowp/contacts.htm>

Guilford Courthouse National Military Park

2332 New Garden Road
Greensboro, NC 27410.
336-228-1776 x232.

<https://www.nps.gov/guco/index.htm>

<https://www.facebook.com/GuilfordNPS>

<https://www.nps.gov/guco/contacts.htm>

Spartanburg County Regional Museum of History

200 East St. John St
Spartanburg, SC 29306.
864-596-3501.

spartanburghistory.org

<https://www.facebook.com/spartanburghistory>

info@spartanburghistory.org

Walnut Grove Plantation

1200 Otts Shoals Road
Roebuck, SC 29376.
864-576-6546.

spartanburghistory.org/sites/walnut-grove

info@spartanburghistory.org