

MHA History Calendar

Dec 23, 2021 – Jan 31, 2022

Note events in the next few days are in very bold type.

With this and future issues, we will be publishing on the second to last Friday of the month.

Input for the next issue is **due Jan 14 for the issue covering Jan 22 through February.**

(NOTE: We will be sending the calendar once a month. We may not be able to accommodate late submissions.)

Bulletin Board

We found an editor!

For one year, Robert Ryals has agreed to take over the editorship of the MHA History Calendar and MHA Dandelion Newsletter. See the January – February newsletter for more on Robert. You will be hearing from him next month. Please add ryalsr@gmail.com to your contacts. **Thank you, Robert!!**



From all of us in MHA, Happy Holidays!!

MHA

MHA Dinner Meetings have been postponed due to concerns about Covid Delta.

MHA Docents

MHA Docents General Meeting
Tuesday, December 7, 2021,
9:30 a.m.

Fellowship Hall at Sugaw Creek
Presbyterian Church

Installation of the 2022-2023
Slate of Officers

It's time again to hand over the gavel to a new Docent Board of Directors. Following the Installation of the new officers, we can discuss past programs,

ideas for future programs, and field trips. If a vacancy still needs to be filled, please consider volunteering. The outgoing Board has thoroughly enjoyed the times we've spent together planning our activities and will be happy to assist at any time.

See you all in January! **Voices From the Past** will be back and is on the 2022 calendar for April 9th. Lynn Mintzer, Project Manager, will be holding a ZOOM meeting on January 10th at 7 PM to discuss volunteer needs, portrayers' status, costume guidelines and requests, and what everyone needs to be doing to prepare for

April's event. Registration for the ZOOM meeting is required. Please RSVP to lynnMHAD@gmail.com by Jan. 9th.

Central Mecklenburg County

Mapping Congress
Hugh Dussek
hugh.dussek@cpcc.edu

Archaeological Institute of America
Chapter 333: Central Carolinas

January 25: 7:30

Semans Auditorium (Room 117), Belk Visual Arts Center 315 N. Main Street, Davidson, NC
(Parking behind the building, accessible from Jackson Street)

Dr. Brent Woodfill, Winthrop University, **“The Fight for Maya Sacred Places in the Past and Present”**

For the ancient and modern Maya, the landscape is ruled by powerful entities in the form of geographic features such as caves, mountains, springs, and abandoned cities—spirits who must be entreated for permission to plant, harvest, build, or travel through their territories. Some of the most sacred Maya places are in Central Guatemala, where for millennia they have served as points of domination and resistance over the region’s wealth of resources (fertile soil, petroleum, and the only noncoastal salt in the Maya lowlands). In this talk, Dr. Woodfill delves into archaeology, epigraphy, ethnohistory, and ethnography to explore the battle for access to and control of the most important places in the region. From the rise of the first Maya states through the spread of contemporary transnational corporations, these places have served and continue to serve as battlefields between foreign invaders and local resistance movements.

Dr. Brent Woodfill, Assistant Professor of Anthropology at Winthrop University, specializes in community archaeology, Maya ritual and

economics, and ethics. Since 2009, he has been working at the site of Salinas de los Nueve Cerros, a major city occupied for over 2,000 years that surrounds the only noncoastal salt source in the Maya lowlands. He has published over thirty articles and book chapters as well as two books, *War in the Land of True Peace: The Fight for Maya Sacred Places* (University of Oklahoma Press, 2019) and *Ritual and Trade in the Pasión-Verapaz Region, Guatemala* (Vanderbilt University Press, 2010).

February 22: Anna Agbe-Davies, UNC-Chapel Hill on Archaeology and Race and Gender

March 22: Sarah Galletti, Duke University on stone architecture in the ancient Mediterranean

Arts and Science Council
222 South Church St., Ste. 300,
Charlotte, NC 28202
704.335.3053
ArtsAndScience.org | CharlotteCultureGuide.com

The Charlotte Museum of History
3500 Shamrock Drive, Charlotte, NC, 704 568 1774,
<http://www.charlottemuseum.org>

“A Better Life for Their Children: Julius Rosenwald, Booker T. Washington, and the 4,978 School that Changed America. Photographs & Stories by Andrew Feiler”
Exhibit Opening – Free Admission!
Saturday, January 15 11:00 am – 5:00 pm

Through striking black and white photos and interviews with former students and teachers, preservationists, and community leaders, this exhibit tells the story of one of the most significant moments in the history of philanthropy and education in the rural South – the Rosenwald Schools program. Of the original 4,978 schools built with the support of the Fund, only about 500 survive and many are threatened by decay and neglect. A photographer and fifth-generation Jewish Georgian, Andrew Feiler drove more than 25,000 miles across the South to document this important history. That work became *A Better Life for Their Children*, a book of photographs, stories, and essays published in early 2021, and this accompanying exhibit. Join the Museum for the opening of this important work.

African American Heritage Festival
Saturday, February 26 11:00 am – 4:00 pm
Join the Museum for the annual free event honoring Charlotte’s Black history and culture. Through stories, performances, workshops, and lectures, attendees will explore over 200 years of Black history in our region. Safety precautions will be in place to support the health of attendees and presenters.

Interested in participating? We’re looking for organization partners, historic interpreters, and local artists who want to share their work with the public. Please email info@charlottemuseum.org to learn how to get involved.

Historic Rosedale

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

<http://www.historicrosedale.org>

Open for Grounds Admission
(access to the gardens and
grounds) : Tuesday - Friday,
10:30 - 2:00

Open for Guided House Tours:
Fridays at 1:00 and the last
Saturday of the month at 1:00.

* Admission to the interior of the
Rosedale House is by guided
tour only, it is not included in
Grounds Admission.

We need docents! Have an
interest in Charlotte History?
Early 19th century architecture?
Telling the stories of all who
lived and worked on our historic
site? If interested, please call
Cher Lambeth at 704-335-0325.

Levine Museum of the New South

200 E. 7th Street, Charlotte, NC,
704 333 1887,

<http://www.museumofthenewsouth.org>

Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society (AAHGS)

P.O. Box 217283

Charlotte, NC 28221

(980) 505-7295

Email: aahgscharlotte@gmail.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/aahgs/charlotte

Robinson-Spangler Carolina Room at the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library

310 North Tryon Street,
Charlotte, 704 416 0150,

<http://cmstory.org>

Reminder for all Researchers:
The Robinson-Spangler Carolina
Room is closed to the public
until the Spring of 2022 when
we will move into the Library
Administrative Center. (Knock
on wood.) However, all is not
lost. Beginning **November 1st**,

send email requests
to carolinaroom@cmlibrary.org
and phone requests at 704-416-
0150. On behalf of the staff, we
miss serving the public and look
forward to helping you even if it
is only by email over the phone.

Charlotte Folk Society

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

Lake Norman & Points North

Olde Meck Genealogy Society

P. O. Box 32453

Charlotte, North Carolina
28232-2453 (704) 568-1774

<https://oldemeck.org/>

Rural Hill

4431 Neck Rd, Huntersville, NC
28078, 704 875 3113,

<http://ruralhill.net>

First Footin'

FREE EVENT!

January 1, 2022

Enjoy the holiday's pleasures a
little too much? Stuffed to the
gills from all those parties?
Determined that this is the year
to make a change for the better?
Why not come out to Rural Hill
and start 2022 off right with First
Footin' our annual walk and

celebration of Hogmanay, or
Scottish New Years?

Schedule

10:00am – Begin Gathering at
the Rural Hill Cultural Center
11:00am – Step off for the First
Footin' Walk around the farm
grounds
12:00pm – Stone Soup Blessing
and Gathering

The Tradition

Following the Protestant
Reformation in Scotland in the
latter half of the sixteenth
century, it was considered
irreverent to celebrate dates of
religious importance. Thus,
merriment and celebrations were
reserved for Hogmanay
(pronounced Hog-muh-nay,) this
important part of the year
combined both New Year's Eve
and New Year's Day with a
celebration of good will and
good fortune. The use of the
term "first footin'," according to
legend, is as follows:

Fortune would smile on the
household if the first person to
set foot in the doorway on the
New Year was a young man;
presumably tall, handsome,
healthy, dark haired, dark eyed,
and bearing gifts (such as a lump
of coal for the fire.) Today it
does no harm if the first footer
carries a bottle of his best and
favorite beverage to offer his
host a drink and a toast, stating
"Lang may your lum reek." This
traditional Scottish salutation
wishes its recipient long life and
prosperity. It literally means
"long may your chimney
smoke."

Several towns throughout the
hillsides of Scotland continue an

age old annual ritual of walking the town limits to restate or reclaim the boundaries of the township.

These traditions have been adopted as part of the Rural Hill Hogmanay (Scottish New Year) celebration, known simply as “First Footin’”. Traditionally, the fulfillments of Hogmanay’s rituals and folklore have assured good crops, good health, and good fortune in the coming year.

The Walk

Wear good walking shoes and appropriate clothing for the season.

This will be a vigorous walk around the farm’s 2.25 mile trail, event, and historic sites, stopping along the way to discuss history and folklore.

If you do not think you are physically able to do the walk, please come anyway. It’s a great time for fellowship at the Rural Retreat Cabin Site, which will be open for this occasion.

This event is FREE and open all, but we do encourage everyone to bring something for the luncheon. (Remember, its bad luck to show up empty handed)

List of Items Needed:

- Fresh or canned vegetables for the soup
- Bread
- Dessert
- Soft Drinks, Tea, or Favorite Beverage (non-alcoholic)
- Bowls, Plates, Napkins, Eating Utensils

More on Hogmanay

To learn more about this traditional event visit: <http://www.hogmanay.net/>

Hugh Torance House & Store
8231 Gilead Rd, Huntersville, NC 28078, 704 875 3271,
<https://www.hughtorancehouseandstore.org/>

Sundays 1-4

One more Sunday!

We will be showing some bits of a colonial Christmas on Dec. 26 from 1:00 to 4:00 with guided tours at 1:00 and 3:00. Toys, food and bit of music in our decorated house from 1810.



We will be closed during the coldest weather with plans to reopen around February 20, 2022.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Fort Dobbs State Historic Site
438 Fort Dobbs Road, Statesville, NC 28625, 704-873-5882, <http://www.fortdobbs.org/>

Mundy House & History Center of Eastern Lincoln County
4353 NC Highway 16, Denver, NC, 704 748 9090,
<http://www.lincolncountyhistory.com/>

Lincoln County Museum of History & Cultural Center
403 E Main St, Lincolnton, NC, 704 748 9090,
<http://www.lincolncountyhistory.com/>

Mount Holly Historical Society
131 South Main Street Mount Holly, NC. 980 277 1249,
www.mounthollyhistoricalsociety.org

Iredell County Public Library
The library recently welcomed the Genealogical Society of Iredell County, now located on the top floor of the library in the Iredell Heritage Room. Their collections include family files, local history files, family Bibles, private collections, books, and much more.

Learn more at <https://www.iredell.lib.nc.us>

Lake Wylie, Cowpens & Points South

President James K. Polk Historic Site
12031 Lancaster Highway, Pineville, NC, 704 889 7145,
www.polk.nchistoricsites.org

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

Historic Brattonville
1444 Brattonville Rd, McConnells, SC 29726, 803 684 2327,
<https://chmuseums.org/brattonville/>

**Walnut Grove Plantation,
Spartanburg SC**
info@spartanburghistory.org

**Spartanburg County Regional
Museum of History**

200 E St John St, Spartanburg,
SC 29306
(864) 596-3501
spartanburghistory.org

**Native American Studies
Center, USC Lancaster**
119 S. Main St. Lancaster, SC
29720 803 313 7172
www.sc.edu/lancaster/NAS

**Friday, Jan. 21, Noon: Lunch
and Learn: “Lancaster
Rocks!: The Contributions of
Lancaster, SC to American
Popular Music.”**

For such a small town, Lancaster, SC has produced a surprising number of musicians and producers, not only artists who have gained fame, but ones who shaped and continue to shape American popular culture. From the earliest days of recorded music, through the R & B and Soul music eras, into the Alternative music of the 80s, and to the contemporary era, Lancaster County has produced rock and pop stars of regional, national, and international acclaim. Presented by Dr. Stephen Criswell, Folklorist and USCL Director of Native American Studies, this lecture celebrates Lancaster’s contribution to American popular music.

To attend the lecture in person, please call (803) 313-7172 or email usclnasp@mailbox.sc.edu to reserve your spot. To attend via Zoom, register via this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwtc-yrqTwtHtzufNH9GITLaabLq3h7OoOm>.

**Friday, Feb. 18, Noon: Lunch
and Learn: “From Refugees
to Slave Traders: The
Transformation of the
Westo.”**

In the mid-17th century the Rickohockan Indians settled at the Falls of the James River briefly. After battling the English and the Pamunkey, they negotiated a trade deal, changed their name to Westo, and settled along the Savannah River. Their move introduced guns and Native slaving in the Southeast, and had far-reaching consequences. This talk presented by Dr. Maureen Meyers, Senior Archaeologist at New South Associates, will present the ethnohistoric evidence for the Westo and contextualize their action in a changing colonial economic sphere.

To attend the lecture in person, please call (803) 313-7172 or email usclnasp@mailbox.sc.edu to reserve your spot. To attend via Zoom, register via this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEpdOmhzIrGNyqtSohUNoSwq6oY3Tm6Gm6>.

**Reed Gold Mine,
Matthews Museum and
Points East**

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

The Museum is open to the public Thursday to Saturday from 10 to 4:30.



The Matthews Heritage Museum’s current exhibit is *It’s About Time: An exhibit of Clocks and Watches*.

A variety of watches on display include Bulova, Swatch, Seiko and a myriad of others. Examples of dive watches, wooden watches, and racing watches will also be on display. Does your child wear a “character” watch? Check out our character watches including Mickey Mouse, Cinderella, M & M, Goofy and Hop-a-long Cassidy! Goofy’s dial is backward and his hands run counter clockwise! Shelf and mantle clocks, from the 1840s forward will also be on display. A popular American banjo clock, a cuckoo clock,

and a couple of Seth Thomas clocks are featured. This exhibit will be on display thru the holidays, ending on January 22, 2022. The Museum is located at 232 N. Trade Street, Matthews. Hours of operation are Thursday to Saturday from 10 to 4:30 p.m. Admission charged, except for the first Saturday of every month.

Reed Gold Mine

9621 Reed Mine Rd, Midland,
NC 28107, 704-721-4653,
<https://historicsites.nc.gov/all-sites/reed-gold-mine>

Guilford Courthouse National Military Park

2332 New Garden Road,
Greensboro NC 27410, 336-228-1776 x232,
<https://www.nps.gov/guco/index.htm>

Union County Library

316 E. Windsor St.
Monroe, NC 28112
704-283-8184 ext. 5236
www.unioncountync.gov/library

Lincoln County Historical Association

lincolncountyhistorync@gmail.com

Ramsour's Mill

402 Jeb Seagle
Dr, Lincolnton NC 28092

Kings Mountain and Points West

Gaston County Museum

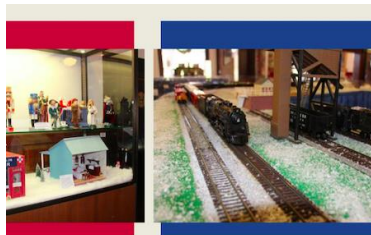
131 West Main Street Dallas,
NC. 704 922 7681, #2,
www.gastoncountymuseum.org

Schiele Museum

1500 E Garrison Blvd, Gastonia,
NC 28054, 704 866-6908,
<https://www.schielemuseum.org/>

Kings Mountain Historical Museum

100 E Mountain St, Kings
Mountain, NC, 704 739-1019,
<http://www.kingsmountainmuseum.org>



19th Annual Toys, Games & Trains Exhibit!

Until January 7
Tuesday-Saturday 10am-4pm
(Closed Christmas Eve,
Christmas Day and New Year's
Day)

This annual exhibit fills the museum with a model train display assembled by local "S" Gaugers, as well as railroad memorabilia, and antique toys and games. Visitors of all ages will be enchanted as they explore the miniature scenes that line the

tracks. Parents and grandparents will enjoy reminiscing about the toys and games of their childhood.

FREE ADMISSION!

HATS OFF! A HISTORY OF HEADWEAR

February 22-May 14, 2022

FREE ADMISSION

The production and use of hats has seen cultural and social changes throughout history. In the past, hats were usually more about fashion than function. The Kings Mountain Historical Museum has collected a variety of hats and head coverings over the years as part of an overall effort to preserve our communities' shared history. This exhibit will feature highlighted pieces from our collections and explore the history of headwear and its place in our culture. We will examine the creation and evolution of hats, symbolism and style, and how they are an expression of functionality and form.

Sorting Out the New South City: Author Talk & Book Signing

Author Talk & Book Signing for the Second Edition of *Sorting Out the New South*, by Tom Hanchett.

SORTING OUT THE NEW SOUTH CITY SECOND EDITION

February 26, 2022

1pm-2pm

Admission limited to 35. Tickets are \$8/person.

Purchase tickets on Eventbrite at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/222624294257>

How did American cities become segregated — both by race and income? Historian Tom Hanchett visits to talk about the new edition of his UNC Press history book *Sorting Out the New South City*. It uses Charlotte as a case study to explore the public policies and private choices that dramatically increased segregation during the 20th century. It is history that can help us understand issues that are swirling in the headlines today.

Dr. Tom Hanchett retired in 2016 as staff historian at Levine Museum of the New South in Charlotte. He writes widely on Southern history and culture, including studies of Rosenwald Schools, country music in North Carolina, and immigrant foodways in today's South. www.HistorySouth.org
Amazon currently offers the *Sorting* book at an attractive discount: <http://www.amazon.com/Sorting-Out-South.../dp/1469656442>

Cherryville Historical Museum

109 E Main
Cherryville NC

704/435-4116

704/619-3861. Cell

Charlespatsy@aol.com

FB: Cherryville historical
museum

...And Beyond

***Kings Mountain National
Military Park***

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

[https://www.nps.gov/kimo/index
.htm](https://www.nps.gov/kimo/index.htm)

Kings Mountain State Park

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

<https://southcarolinaparks.com/kingsmountain>