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- Announcing the 2014 MHA History Lecture Series in February with an impressive group of speakers. Make your reservations now.

*A Lovely Christmas Tea*

The MHA Docents invite you to attend our annual Christmas Tea on Tuesday December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Each year for our December meeting we host this event as our holiday gift to the entire history community, especially staff and volunteers at our region's historic sites. We always feature a program that is entertaining as well as informative followed by Tea and refreshments provided by our group. This year we have a special treat.

Tom Hanchett, staff historian of Levine Museum of the New South, will present a program of history and music by Charlotte's Flat Possum Hoppers stringband. Back in the 1920s through the 1940s Charlotte was a hotbed of traditional music, thanks to WBT radio which broadcast live stringbands and gospel groups daily. Bill Monroe, the father of bluegrass music, waxed his first recordings here and the Carter Family trio cut their last discs in Charlotte. The Briarhoppers, Arthur Smith, and J.E. Mainer's Mountaineers made early records, then stayed on as the mainstay of the local music scene for decades.

The Flat Possum Hoppers formed about 2006 to recreate music of that era. We will hear Tom on the fiddle and former Charlotte Folk Society President Tom Estes on banjo and vocals. Other members of the group who will be with them if possible are CPCC's Dean Mark Helms on mandolin, and CPCC professor John Cone on guitar. Ruth Kee Wherry, who sang with the Mainer band on WAYS radio in the 1950s, plays bass with the group.

After the program we will have our Tea, which always turns out to be an early lunch – our docents all seem to have a way in the kitchen – and enjoy meeting the musicians and other history folks.

We especially want to invite those of you who are interested in becoming MHA Docents to come to the Tea. We'd like for you to meet us and see how much fun we have learning our local history and sharing it with others. We'll begin accepting docent dues for 2014 soon. Just let one of us know you're interested in joining, and see the dues notice in this issue of the Dandelion.

The Tea will be on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Fellowship Hall of Sugaw Creek Presbyterian Church. We'll have a short business meeting at 9:45 followed at 10:00 by the musical program and then the Tea. We hope to see you there.

## *From the Chairman*

**There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven.  
Ecclesiastes 3:1**

Earlier this year I made a presentation at Historic Rosedale Plantation which some members of the docent board felt I should share during a meeting of our docents. I agreed to do this for our November meeting. I have entitled it SEASONS as the content reflects the seasons of my family's life during the last three generations. It is a story of the Great Migration in which my parents unknowingly participated. There may be audience participation as time permits.

You will receive the 2014 docent roster at the November meeting. At that time you will also receive the new library usage information guidelines. The library has been carefully shelved and the offerings cataloged through the efforts of Hazel White and her committee of Valerie Jones, Ann Williams, BJ Caldwell, Nell Coward, and myself. Numerous hours were spent this summer in preparing the library. Please show your appreciation by using the library and following the guidelines for using and borrowing its contents.

You have already read about our December program. We always are pleased to have Dr. Tom Hanchett at our meeting sharing his varied, vast storehouse of knowledge and talents. After the program we will showcase our members, the best cooks in the area. Our festivities of food and music will assure that we shall have a feast for our stomachs and a feast for our ears. Don't miss our December meeting.

2013 is fast drawing to a close. We have been busy planning for next year. June White has secured speakers for two months already. Audrey Mellichamp and Janet Dyer have arranged an outstanding education series for February. They will need docent help to welcome our guests. Why don't you volunteer now to be of assistance for one of the Saturday offerings?

A suggestion has been made for a spring tour. It seems that we docents prefer bus travel to automobiles. We can do that through your cooperation in signing up promptly when plans are announced about the tour. The board welcomes further suggestions.

Barbara Jackson

## *Newsletter Deadline*

The deadline for the January/February 2014 issue of the Dandelion is December 16<sup>th</sup>. Send articles of historic interest to Ann and Jim Williams at [mhadandelion@mindspring.com](mailto:mhadandelion@mindspring.com).

## *MHA Docent Programs*

Both the November and December meetings will be held in the Fellowship Hall of Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church. Visitors are always welcome.

**Tuesday, November 5  
Seasons**

Refreshments at 9:30, followed by the business meeting at 10 and the program at 11.

Our docent chairman, Barbara Jackson, will present a program about the Great Migration of African American families to Northern cities during the Jim Crow era. Barbara's parents were part of this migration. This was an

important part of American History that gets little attention. Some of us were introduced to the topic at our last May 20<sup>th</sup> lecture by Isabel Wilkerson, author of *The Warmth of Other Suns*. Barbara's personal story adds a lot to our understanding of the era. See "From the Chairman" in this newsletter for more details

**Tuesday, December 3**  
**Annual Christmas Tea**

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

The December Tea is our gift the history community, and we hope to be joined by lots of new and old friends. As usual the program will be a fine mixture of history and entertainment. We're in for a treat this year with a lively program by Tom Hanchett and the Flat Possum Hoppers. See the lead article of this newsletter for details about Tom's unique group and music styles they recreate. After the program we will enjoy tea and generous refreshments.

**Docents:** Please be at the church by **9:30** to arrange your dishes on the serving table. The board and hospitality committee will arrive at 9 to set up and decorate the tables. Everyone should bring a dish to share for our Tea/Luncheon. We expect the lead article of this newsletter to bring us extra visitors, so do be generous when planning your dish. If your dish has historic or family significance, you might want to write that on a card to be placed by your dish. Be festive!

*Now Thrice Welcome Christmas*

From "Poor Robin's Almanack" for 1695.

Now thrice welcome, Christmas, which brings us good cheer,  
Minced pies and plum porridge, good ale and strong beer;  
With pig, goose, and capon, the best that can be,  
So well doth the weather and our stomachs agree.

Observe how the chimneys do smoke all about,  
The cooks are providing for dinner, no doubt;  
For those on whose tables no victuals appear,  
O may they keep Lent all the rest of the year!

With holly and ivy so green and so gay,  
We deck up our houses as fresh as the day,  
With bays and rosemary, and laurel complete;  
And every one now is a king in conceit.

Submitted by Valerie Jones

*Docent Meeting Weather Cancellation Policy*

MHA Docents follow the Charlotte Mecklenburg School System in canceling meetings due to foul weather. When weather threatens, listen for their announcement. If school is cancelled we will not meet. If school opening is delayed by two hours or less we will meet as usual. If our meeting place is closed, even though the schools are open, you will be notified by our email and telephone tree.

### *MHA Dinner Meeting*

Monday, November 18, at Trinity Presbyterian Church. We will begin with a holiday social and book sale at 6 pm featuring appetizers and festive beverages, followed by dinner at 6:30 and the program at 7:15. Those not having dinner are welcome to enjoy the program at no charge. There will be a special history book sale by the Carolina Room of the Charlotte Public Library starting promptly at 6 p.m. and continuing after the dinner, All proceeds will go to the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library. Cash and checks will be accepted, and all sales are final. This will be a traditional book sale and not a silent auction and is open to the public.

#### **Doris Duke: a Woman of Contradiction**

Rosalie Reynolds and Pat Martin will present a special program including the personal stories of Rosalie Reynolds, whose mother was a life-long friend of Doris Duke. This presentation is based on the incredible history of Doris that has recently been researched by Mary Samouelian at Duke University. The Doris Duke Collection housed at Duke University contains approximately 1,100 linear feet of letters, financial statements, inventories, memorabilia, architectural drawings, photographs, film, and audio recordings. The personal and the historic sources will give you the sense of a very special and eclectic woman who far too often is known only for the more sensational stories of her life. Doris Duke was so much more than the tabloids reported and her legacy is remarkable.

### *MHA Dues for 2014*

As we approach the end of the year, it is time to pay your Mecklenburg Historical Association dues (the MHA year runs from January 1 to December 31). We will be sending annual dues letters in November, so you can save the MHA mailing costs by sending your dues now. Select a membership level from the list below.

**If you are an MHA member, or would like to become one, and NOT an MHA docent, print out the form below (or cut out the one from the MHA newsletter), make your check payable to *Mecklenburg Historical Association*, and send it to:**

Mecklenburg Historical Association  
P. O. Box 35032  
Charlotte, NC 28235

**If you are an MHA Docent member** pay your dues directly to the docent treasurer who will remit them to the treasurer of MHA, our parent organization. Do not send your dues to the P.O. Box above, as that makes our record keeping of dues-paying docents difficult to maintain. Give your check with the form below to Valerie Jones at one of our meetings, or mail them to her at:

4700 Coronado Drive  
Charlotte, NC 28212

#### Levels of MHA Membership

	<u>Single</u>	<u>Couple</u>
General	\$30.00	\$50.00
Senior (60+)	\$15.00	\$25.00
Patron	\$60.00	\$100.00
Life (single payment)	\$300.00	\$500.00
Student	free	n/a

## MHA Membership Form

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Level of Membership \_\_\_\_\_

Please send my MHA Newsletter by: Email \_\_\_\_\_ US Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Both \_\_\_\_\_

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### *Site News*

#### **The Historic Walter Brem House to Celebrate its 110th Anniversary**

Sodoma Law is honored to celebrate a Charlotte and Mecklenburg County treasure by recognizing the 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Walter Brem House, a Mecklenburg County listed historic property. The event will take place at the house at 211 East Boulevard, on Thursday, November 7. As part of this celebration, Sodoma Law is asking the community to submit stories about, and photos of, the Walter Brem House. Photos will be showcased inside the house and on social media. For more information and to submit your stories and photos, contact Jan Van Bergen at [jvanbergen@sodomalaw.com](mailto:jvanbergen@sodomalaw.com)

Completed in 1903, the Walter Brem House still exhibits the grandeur of the fine Colonial Revival homes that were built at the turn of the century. As one of Charlotte's first examples of the style, this magnificent two-story residence was designed by C.C. Hook, a prominent Charlotte architect. C.C. Hook also designed other notable buildings such as the Duke Mansion and Charlotte City Hall. When constructed, the Walter Brem House's location was a fashionable residential street which was the showplace of Dilworth, Charlotte's first streetcar suburb.

### *History Lecture Series*

#### **Beyond the Wagon Road**

In February the MHA Docents will hold their biennial series of history lectures. Audrey Mellichamp and Janet Dyer have arranged a fine lineup of topics and presenters; see the flyer and registration slip below for details. In the past this series has been popular with both longtime residents and especially with newcomers in our area. It is one of the ways we carry out our mission of presenting regional history to the community. Registration is now under way, so do respond as soon as possible to reserve your space, and feel free to share the information with anyone who might be interested. Do include your email address and phone number so we can contact you if there is a last minute cancellation due to weather, as has happened in the past. All three lectures will be held at the Levine Museum of the New South, and the museum invites all attendees to tour the museum after any of the lectures at no additional charge. You may park for free at the 7<sup>th</sup> Street Station garage; the museum will validate your parking ticket. Saturday validations are good for the entire day.

# Beyond the Wagon Road

A series of lectures offered by  
the Mecklenburg Historical Association Docents  
in partnership with the  
Levine Museum of the New South

February 8, 2014

Agness Caldwell, Enslaved Woman of the Rosedale Plantation:  
My life before and after the Civil War  
Bridget Strong, Historic Rosedale interpreter

Civil War Charlotte: Last Capital of the Confederacy  
Michael C. Hardy, historian and author

February 15, 2014

Native Plants of Colonial Times:  
From the wilds of Carolina to the gardens of the world  
Dr. T. L. Mellichamp, Director of UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens

André Michaux Live: French botanist, explorer, and diplomat  
Charlie Williams, retired librarian

February 22, 2014

Seven Jewels in the Crown of Queen Charlotte:  
The influence of Presbyterianism on early Mecklenburg County  
Dr. John Kuykendall, President Emeritus, Davidson College

The Idea of the New South: 100 Years Ago and Today  
Dr. Tom Hanchett, Levine Museum of the New South staff historian

Registration fee: \$15.00 includes all 3 days of lectures within the series.

To register please complete this registration form by January 31, 2014.

Please make check payable to MHA Docents. Mail check and registration form to:  
MHA, P.O. Box 35032, Charlotte, NC 28235

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (in case of cancellation due to weather): \_\_\_\_\_

For more information, email [jdyer399@gmail.com](mailto:jdyer399@gmail.com)

Lectures will be held at the Levine Museum of the New South from 9:30am-12pm.

Doors open at 9am for check-in.

## *The History Calendar*

Admission charged at all events unless otherwise noted.  
Check the Charlotte Regional History Consortium website for other events.  
<http://www.charlotteregionalhistory.org>

### *Latta Plantation*

5225 Sample Road, Huntersville, NC, 704 875 2312, <http://www.lattaplantation.org>

#### **What's Cookin' at Latta, Saturday, November 9 from 10 am to 4 pm.**

See open-hearth cooking in the plantation kitchen and cabins. Learn about 19th century cooking techniques, tools, and more!

#### **Blackpowder Turkey Shoot Fundraiser, Saturday, November 16 starting at 10 am.**

Support history as you shoot a blackpowder musket at a target to win a Thanksgiving turkey. Kids can participate in the rubberband gun shoot and tour the plantation to meet the farm animals. Relays start at 10:00am. To pre-register call 704-875-2312. Turkey Shoot entry is \$10.

#### **Miss Jane's Academy for a Day, Saturday, November 23 at 10 am until 4 pm.**

Girls ages 8-12 can step into the 1860s for a day and learn about English country dancing, natural dyeing, candle making, doll making and 19th century clothing. The cost is \$25 per camper and pre-registration is required. See the web site for registration form.

#### **Plantation Christmas, Friday and Saturday, November 29 and 30 from 10 am to 4 pm.**

Experience an 1860s Christmas as you walk through the plantation; meet a Victorian St. Nick, see Christmas baking in the kitchen, and learn about period Christmas decor and traditions.

#### **Christmas Tea and Craft, Saturday, December 7 from 1 to 3 pm.**

Enjoy an old fashioned Christmas tea for mothers and daughters of all ages. Take tea, enjoy snacks, learn about Christmas tea traditions, and make a craft. Pre-registration is required. Forms available closer to date.

#### **Candlelight Christmas, Saturday, December 14 from 6 to 9 pm.**

Step into an 1820s Christmas evening as you tour the plantation at night. Meet the animals in the carriage barn, see dancing in the house, share the excitement of children before bedtime, see cooking in the kitchen and a slave Christmas in the cabin.

## *The Charlotte Museum of History*

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

#### **Backcountry Beer Fest, Saturday, November 16 from 1 to 5 pm**

Enjoy a sampling of beers crafted by the Crafty Beer Guys. Step back in time and enjoy a sampling of syllabub in the log kitchen. Tour Mecklenburg County's oldest house where tours will be offered hourly. The \$10 admission fee, includes tastings of two different colonial beers, two craft beers, and syllabub.

**Twelfth Night, Saturday, January 4 from 6 to 7:30 pm**

Twelfth Night was the end of the Christmas season for the Backcountry settlers and celebrated with great revelry. Join with the Backcountry folk as they sing carols around the bonfires, toast the fruit trees, and play colonial games. Learn about the history of Twelfth Night and take a candlelight tour of the house. Enjoy cider and Twelfth Night cake in the log kitchen.

***President James K. Polk State Historic Site***

12031 Lancaster Hwy., Pineville, NC, 704 889 7145

[www.polk.nchistoricsites.org](http://www.polk.nchistoricsites.org)

**President James K. Polk Birthday Celebration, Saturday November 2 from 10 am to 4 pm, Free.**

Visit the Polk family of Mecklenburg County on November 2, 1844 and talk with James K. Polk himself. He is visiting his birthplace on his 49<sup>th</sup> birthday during the Presidential election while he waits to see if he is elected or defeated. Other activities include costumed interpreters, open-hearth cooking, period music and dance, and hands-on children's games

**Christmas in Mecklenburg County with the Polks, Saturday, December 14 from 11 am to 3 pm, Free.**

Learn about food and customs from Christmas in 1802, with a living history vignette in the main house. Each building will be decorated in the 19th century style.

***Matthews Heritage Museum***

232 North Trade St., Matthews, 704-708-4996, [www.matthewsheritagemuseum.org](http://www.matthewsheritagemuseum.org)

Matthews Heritage Museum is now open Thursday thru Saturday from 10 am to 4:30 p.m. The first Saturday of every month is free to all.

**Second Saturday programs for children and adults are held in Studio A, Matthews Community Center.****Register by calling 704-321-7275**

- November 9 – Wild Animals – What animals lived around here that don't anymore.? (Turkeys, falcons, grouse, wolves, etc.) How did we use them? Why did they disappear?
- December 14 – Antique Toys and Games – Learn about the games and toys of yesteryear. Try your hand at some of them.

***Mint Hill Historical Society***

The Carl J. McEwen Historical Village, 7601 Matthews-Mint Hill Rd. 704-573-0726

<http://www.minthillhistory.com>

**Civil War on the Home Front Lantern Tour, Saturday, November 2, starting at 7 pm**

It is a difficult time in the village as the Civil War has affected every man, woman and child. Follow a guide through the village and experience a time without electricity and modern conveniences.



### *Rural Hill*

4431 Neck Road, Huntersville, NC, 704 875 3113, <http://www.ruralhill.net>

#### **Sheep Dog Trials and Dog Festival, Saturday and Sunday November 9 and 10 from 8 am to 5 pm.**

Watching champion dogs herding sheep is exciting and interesting. The event will also feature historic demonstrations of blacksmithing, spinning, weaving, and cooking in addition to our cabin, antique tractors, and heritage breed livestock.

#### **First Footin' and Hogmanay, Wednesday, January 1 at 11 am, Free.**

First Footin', also known as walking the bounds or "beating" the bounds is the traditional walk in the woods and fields around the boundaries of Rural Hill. Dress appropriate to the weather and wear sturdy shoes or boots.

Hogmanay, or Scottish New Year is a celebration of the New Year by sharing stone soup with your neighbors. The event is free but bring some vegetables to add to the soup or bring bread or desert.

### *Schiele Museum*

1500 E. Garrison Blvd., Gastonia, N.C. 704 866 6900 <https://www.schielemuseum.org>

#### **Animals from the Farm, Saturday, November 2 from 10 am to 2 pm.**

Meet some live animals at the Backcountry Farm. Domesticated breeds of rabbits, goats, and sheep will be available for hands-on learning and exploration. Farm animal caretakers will be on site to answer your questions and guide your live encounters.

#### **Backcountry Harvest Day, Saturday, November 23 from 10 am to 4 pm.**

The Harvest Day Celebration is the 18<sup>th</sup> century version of our Thanksgiving. Visit the Backcountry Farm as skilled interpreters labor by open hearth and outdoor fires roasting, baking, and stewing a "grand Fare" of traditional delights. Watch as hunters make ready their firearms while swapping stories of the "ones that got away."

#### **Colonial Christmas & Candlelighting, Saturday, December 14 from 2 to 6 pm.**

Celebrate the Season in the 18th-century style, join in the "Procession of the Yule Log", decorating with greenery, singing early American carols, and English country dancing. As the day draws to a close, gather with our Backcountry family for the traditional Candle-lighting Service and scripture reading. Enjoy colonial hospitality with a taste of Christmas pudding and hot gingered apple cider.

### *Gaston County Museum*

131 West Main Street Dallas, NC. (704)922-7681, #2 [www.gastoncountymuseum.org](http://www.gastoncountymuseum.org)

#### **PREschool PREview Programs, from 10 to 11 am each day, preschoolers 3 years and up.**

- Turkey Time, Saturday, November 9. Explore Thanksgiving customs through song, stories and special crafts.
- Victorian Christmas, Saturday, December 14. Explore Victorian holiday customs through stories, songs and crafts

#### **Victorian Christmas Tea, Saturday, December 7 from 1 to 2 pm, \$15 per adult, /\$10 per child, ages 6 and up. RSVP required- Jason Luker- 704.922.7681 x105**

See the museum decorated for Christmas and learn the history of Victorian Christmas decorations. Partake in a tea party with fresh brewed tea or hot cocoa, pastries, and other savory offerings. While dressing up is not required, it is encouraged.

**Holiday Open House, Friday, December 13 from 3 to 7 pm, Free**

Enjoy the Town of Dallas Christmas Parade beginning at 4 PM, and then join our program featuring Christmas traditions and fun for the whole family. See the museum decorated for Christmas, take part in cookie decorating and historic crafts, hear live music, watch or take part in historic dancing, and sample holiday treats, plus a visit from Santa Claus.

*Historic Brattonsville*

1444 Brattonsville Rd., McConnells, SC, 803 684 2327

<http://www.chmuseums.org/brattonsville>

**Cotton: Bolls, Bales, Batts and Beyond, Saturday, November 30 from 10 am to 4 pm.**

What does it take to get cotton from the field to a wearable garment? Lots of hard work on an antebellum cotton plantation. Come and lend a hand with the costumed interpreters as they pick, gin, dye and spin the fluffy fiber (using 1840's technology) to produce the cotton fabric that we all know and love to wear.

**Christmas Candlelight Tours, Saturdays, December 7 and 14 from 3 to 9 pm**

Walk the candlelit paths of Historic Brattonsville and experience a Southern-style Christmas in the Carolina backcountry. Costumed interpreters tell the stories of people who lived here long ago. Meet the new settlers, plantation owners and enslaved African Americans as they bring to life the holiday seasons of the 18th and 19th centuries.

*Charlotte Folk Society*

Great Aunt Stella Center, 926 Elizabeth Ave., Charlotte

[www.folksociety.org](http://www.folksociety.org)

**Charlotte Folk Society Gathering & Jams, Great Aunt Stella Center, 926 Elizabeth Ave., Charlotte. 7:30-10:00 PM. Free; donations appreciated. Doors open 7 PM.**

- Friday, November 8, The Stray Birds, Folk and Americana.

**Holiday Jam & Potluck, Saturday, December 14 from 4 to 9:45 pm at Dilworth United Methodist Church.**

Seasonal selections by Little Windows, Appalachian and Irish. Bring a dish to share or donate \$5.00. Song circle & jams before and after dinner

*Andrew Jackson State Park*

196 Andrew Jackson Park Road, Lancaster, SC 803 285 3344

[www.southcarolinaparks.com/park-finder/state-park/1797.aspx](http://www.southcarolinaparks.com/park-finder/state-park/1797.aspx)

**Life in the Waxhaws Lantern Tour, Saturday, November 9 from 6 to 7:30 pm**

Spend an evening in the 18th-century and see for yourself what life was like for early settlers living in the Waxhaws and how the American Revolution affected our region. Costumed volunteers will bring the events that shaped the community to life and demonstrate the skills it took to survive in this backcountry settlement.

### *Fort Dobbs State Historic Site*

438 Fort Dobbs Road, Statesville, NC 704 873 5882

<http://www.fortdobbs.org>

**Military Timeline, Saturday, November 9 from 10 am to 4 pm, Sunday, November 10 from 10 am to 3 pm, Free.**

In honor of Veteran's Day, Fort Dobbs will host interpreters portraying soldiers from more than 400 years of North Carolina history. Visit with Revolutionary War soldiers, Johnny Reb and Billy Yank, WWII G.I.s and grunts from Vietnam, among others, and learn how uniforms, equipment, and the experience of military life have changed over the centuries. Scheduled small arms and artillery demonstrations will be featured each day in addition to on-going displays of camp life.

**Living History Weekend, Saturday, December 7 from 10 am to 4 pm, Sunday, December 8 from 10 am to 3 pm, Free.**

Historic interpreters will present scheduled musket and cannon firing demonstrations as well as on-going displays of 18<sup>th</sup> Century camp life as they explain how soldiers prepared to spend the winter of 1755 at the site of Fort Dobbs. A special evening tour will be offered at 7pm Saturday where guests can warm themselves by a bonfire and sing carols from the 18<sup>th</sup> Century.

### *Historic Camden*

Highway 521 just South of Camden, SC

(803) 432-9831 <http://www.historic-camden.net>

**Revolutionary War Battle Reenactment, Saturday and Sunday, November 2 and 3 from 10 am to 5 pm**

Over 500 men under arms, British, American and German Hessians plus camp followers and other civilians. Full scale battle at 1:30 pm each day. Cannons, horses, fife and drum, sutlers and craftsmen. A documentary film is being made during the entire event. Lots to see and do.

### *Old Salem*

<http://www.oldsalem.org> 1-800-441-5305.

**Puppet Show: The Legend of Betsy Ross, Wednesdays and Fridays, November 6, 8, 13, 15, 20 and 22 from 10 am to 1 pm. Saturday, November 2 from 10:30 to 1:30 pm.**

Betsy Ross and General Washington work together to make a new flag for a new nation.

**Christmas by Candlelight 18th Century Tours, Fridays and Saturdays, November 15, 16, 22, 23, 29 and 30 from 6:30 to 8 pm.**

Candlelit tour, music, games, food and drink. Pre-registration required.

**Puppet Show: Herr Kater's Christmas, Wednesdays and Fridays, December 4, 6, 11, 13, 18 & 20 from 10 am to 1 pm. Saturday, December 14 at 3:30 and 4 pm.**

Join Herr Kater as he takes you on a tour of Salem to learn Moravian Christmas traditions.

**19th Century Christmas by Candlelight Tours, December 6, 7, 13, 19, 20 & 21 at 6:30, 7, 7:30, and 8 pm.**

Candlelight tours, music and food. Pre-registration required.

**Saturdays with St. Nicholas, November 30, December 7, 14 and 21 from 10 am to 3 pm.**

Meet St. Nicholas and enjoy puppet shows, baked treats and holiday shopping.

**Salem Christmas, Saturday, December 14 from 10 am to 5 pm.**

Join us for hands-on activities and demonstrations. At 5:15 p.m. there will be carol singing and lighting of the Christmas pyramid.

**Christmas Week at Old Salem, December 26 to 29.**

Enjoy the sights, sounds and smells of the holiday season. Experience authentic history and indulge in fresh-baked treats. Post-Christmas Holiday Sales will be going on in select retail stores.

***Museum of the Waxhaws***

8215 Waxhaw Hwy., Waxhaw, N. C. 704-843-1832, <http://museumofthewaxhaws.org/>

**US Military History, Saturday November 9 from 10am to 5 pm, Sunday, November 10 from 2 to 5 pm**

In honor of Veteran's Day local Military Historians Jack Clay and Jerry Kocsis will present Exhibits covering U.S. Military History. Free admission to the museum for Veterans and their families. Complimentary cake and coffee.

**Catawba Indian Pottery and Tribal History, Sunday, November 17 at 3 pm**

Guest Speaker Beckee Garris will discuss the Catawba Indians, their history, pottery and language.

**Red, Green, and Bluegrass at the Museum of the Waxhaws, Thursday, December 19 at 7 pm.**

A Holiday Benefit for the Museum of the Waxhaws. Dr. Tom Hanchett, Donny Murray, and Tom Estes will perform a musical History of Bluegrass in the Charlotte area. Cash Bar/ Beer and Wine - Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served. \$50 per person, Tickets available online [www.museumofthewaxhaws.com](http://www.museumofthewaxhaws.com) or call 704-737-5654

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