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Submission for this newsletter should be sent to sarahsuenc@gmail.com. Deadline for Summer (May through August) is **April 19**.



From the President

Linda Dalton

2020 was a difficult year for all of our history organizations and sites and especially difficult for MHA with the loss of both Ann and Jim Williams. Jim performed so many duties for MHA and we are grateful for his many years of service to us. We mourn the loss of these two amazing champions of our history.

As we launch into 2021, I am pleased to tell you that Tom Cottingham, who serves on the MHA Board of Directors, has accepted the job of Treasurer. Barbara Taylor, also one of our Board members, has taken over as Recording Secretary. Sarah Sue Hardinger, the head of MHA North Branch, has offered to handle the production of the MHA Dandelion Newsletter, which will combine the Docent Dandelion news with the MHA news and have five editions per year.

We do plan to resume our dinner meetings with interesting and informative speakers and other MHA events as soon as the restrictions for gatherings allow and we feel it is safe for our members. In the meantime, please give us feedback on whether you would enjoy having MHA offer Zoom events with speakers on history topics. Just contact Linda Dalton, MHA President at 704-661-8470 or leaseace@aol.com

We look forward to the time when we can once again present Voices From The Past and celebrate the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence with the May 20th Society at the Square! History education is needed now more than ever.

IF YOU HAVE NOT RENEWED YOUR MHA MEMBERSHIP, PLEASE DO SO NOW.



Jim of All Trades
Sarah Sue Hardinger



“Jim Williams” was the answer to so many questions that began, “Who would know about...?” He left us, too soon, on December 29 of last year and we are still finding things he did for MHA and so many other groups and friends. I have picked up only two of his MHA tasks and find I am busy every day with something.

Jim was on top of everything even to writing most of his own obituary. You might want to check it out in the Charlotte Observer at

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/charlotte/obituary.aspx?n=james-williams-jim&pid=197388146&fhid=4156>

Some of the many, many items that Ann and Jim collected over the years have been offered to the history community for use at our local sites. As you visit Rosedale, Rural Hill, Latta Plantation, or Hugh Torance House and Store, look for items tagged as part of the Ann and Jim Williams Collection. Jim’s shoe making, bookbinding, and musical materials have been placed with younger practitioners so that his legacies in these areas will continue for another generation.

MHA has been given copies of the books written by Ann and Jim. We have them listed on our website and you may purchase them from there or from a commercial source as indicated.

Losing Ann and Jim is like losing your access to Google. You know there is another way to access the information you want but oh it was so much easier when the Williams were here.

What’s in a Name

Janet Dyer

Thirty years ago, when the MHA Docent Committee was established, our newsletter was simply called the Docent News. By 1995, we wanted a more descriptive name. Betty Hutchinson suggested the name The Dandelion. The first edition of The Dandelion Press: MHA Docents was published in March 1995. In 1997, we began using the full name of our organization instead of just the initials – The Dandelion Press: Mecklenburg Historical Association Docents. The MHA Docents are pleased that the new combined MHA newsletter will be called The MHA Dandelion. The following information, originally published in the first edition of the Dandelion in 1995, explains why we adopted that name.

“Dandelion” ‘Stars of the earth, these golden flowers; emblems of our own great resurrection: emblems of the bright and better land’”. –Longfellow

Newsletter Named “Dandelion Press”

Betty Hutchinson

The first colonists brought dandelions to America where they have flourished and scattered everywhere. In considering an appropriate name for our newsletter, it seems a fitting symbol for the MHA Educational Committee and the docents themselves. The dandelion is a hardy plant with deeply notched leaves that reminded the ancient French of lions’ teeth; hence dent de lion became Anglicized to ‘dandelion’. Cutting it off at the surface only encourages the long root to regenerate the plant more vigorously. The root may be dried and used for medicinal purposes. Longfellow’s ‘stars of the earth’ brighten our world and act as harbingers of spring. Perhaps they overdo it a bit when it comes to tidy lawns, but who would eliminate their beauty and cheer from the countryside? Dandelion greens are best picked and eaten before the

blooms appear. Wine can be made from the blossoms. The golden-yellow head is really a cluster of flowers that are self-pollinating. Beauty continues as the seeds form a perfect sphere on the tall pedestal and later are blown by nature, or a child, to a random destination. The docents, too, serve as a catalyst for disseminating authentic seeds of knowledge to young and old alike.” [The Dandelion Press: MHA Docents: March, 1995, p. 2]

Membership Renewals

If you have not renewed your MHA membership for 2020, you can do so now. Fill in the form, make your check payable to Mecklenburg Historical Association, and mail to:
 MHA, P.O. Box 35032, Charlotte, NC 28235
PayPal Coming Soon!

Membership Category	Single	Couple
Senior Citizen (over 60)	\$15.00	\$25.00
General	\$30.00	\$50.00
Patron	\$60.00	\$100.00
Life (Single Payment)	\$300.00	\$500.00
Student	Free	N/A

Name	
Address	
City, State, ZIP	
E-Mail	
Phone	

Please send my MHA Newsletter via:
 Email (Please use this option if possible)
 US Postal Mail
 Both

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

Membership type: (Please check one)
 General Membership
 MHA Docent Membership
 North Branch MHA Membership

Thank you for your interest in history.



From the Co-Chairs

Janet Dyer, MHA Docent Co-chairman

Pre-pandemic, March would be the month we were finalizing plans for April’s presentation of “Voices from the Past.”

Portrayers would be rehearsing their lines and making sure their costumes were appropriate and fit properly. Lynn Mintzer’s committee would be checking details such as publicity, the availability of golf carts and shuttles, volunteers to man the information tents, and overseeing the printing of brochures describing the historic people being portrayed and their location in the cemeteries. Unfortunately Covid-19 is still changing our plans for public meetings and events so “Voices from the Past” will again be canceled for 2021. Thanks to all those involved with Voices. We will return.

We are fortunate that we are able to meet together on Zoom for our Docent general meetings. It isn’t the same as being together in person but at least we get to see and talk to each other through our computer screens. I think it is funny how the Docents, who are usually such talkers, have these occasional moments on Zoom where nobody says anything. Who would figure? Many thanks to Valerie Jones who has gone the extra mile to host all our Docent meetings. Thank you also to Jane Estep for arranging interesting speakers for our Zoom general meetings.

We will be celebrating our 30th anniversary as the MHA Docent Committee this year. Hopefully, we will all be vaccinated and can meet in person to celebrate by November or December. We have shared our knowledge and love of history in many ways during the past thirty years. Some of our activities included assisting in planning and/or providing volunteers for special events at historic sites such as Polk’s 200th birthday celebration, offering in-classroom programs such as the basket of 18th artifacts to CMS schools, researching subjects such as the African American experience during the late 18th

and 19th centuries in the Piedmont, researching and writing the first docent training manual for Historic Rosedale, presenting history fairs for CMS eighth graders, providing volunteers for Museum of the New South for its first exhibits while it was a museum without walls, and developing the “Passport” program to encourage families with children to explore local historic sites. We are looking forward to being together and reminiscing. If you have any pictures to share for our anniversary celebration, please let me know.

MHA Docent Programs

Non-docents should request registration at v.v.jones448@gmail.com by the Saturday before the meeting. Login instructions will be sent before the call.

March

Tuesday March 2, 2021 11:00 AM Via Zoom
Colonial Botany: Plants the Carolinas Gave the World

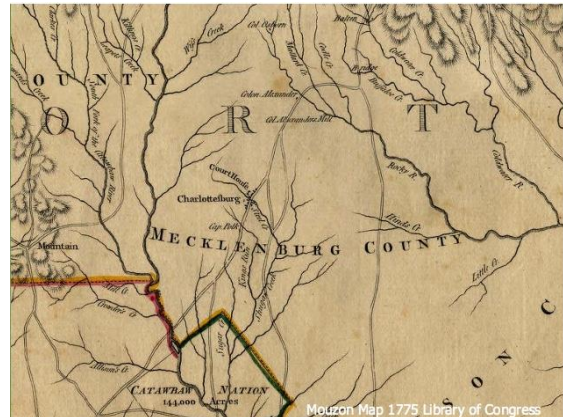
Presented by Larry Mellichamp

From the Mountains to the Sea, the Carolinas present a vast diversity of useful and interesting wild plants. The Colonial Period of the Eighteenth Century was the greatest age for botanical discovery in eastern America. Dr. Mellichamp will talk about some of the famous people involved in this exploration--Mark Catesby, the Bartrams, and André Michaux to name a few. Well-known agricultural plants provided the economic foundation for success of the southern colonies, such as tobacco, cotton, rice, indigo, and native sassafras and long-leaf pine. Native species provided subjects for the gardens of the World--such as ginseng, flame azalea, mountain laurel, big leaf magnolia, Oconee bells, and the long-extinct Franklin tree. Many native wild plants had medicinal properties learned from Native Americans, and their common names often derive from the uses of such well-known plants as Pokeweed, Echinacea, jewelweed, evening-primrose, Jerusalem-artichoke, bleeding-heart, and trilliums. So, I will don my Colonial breeches, knee socks and three-cornered hat and I invite you to come savor.

“The MHA Docents will receive an email with the Zoom invitation prior to the event.

April

Tuesday April 6, 2021 11:00 AM via Zoom
The Historic Mapping Congress: Mapping the Roads of Old Mecklenburg



Hugh Dussek will discuss the efforts by local historians to investigate the history and location of the roads of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, during the colonial and revolutionary eras. The presentation examines the Great Wagon Road, the original road pattern of the county, the crossing at Trade and Tryon, the fords across the Catawba River, and the use of the roads during the Revolutionary War.

“The MHA Docents will receive an email with the Zoom invitation prior to the event. We look forward to seeing you!”



History News

News, thoughts and bits of history since we were last together.

240th Anniversary of the Battle of Cowan's Ford

Sarah Sue Hardinger

February 1, 2021 was the 240th Anniversary of the Battle of Cowan's Ford. The commemoration was held via Zoom on January 30, hosted by the Sons of the American Revolution. There were 224 users on the call. Some were couples or groups so there was at least one person there for every year since the battle. 85 wreaths were presented from SAR and DAR chapters from Washington and California, through Wisconsin and Texas, to New Jersey and Willmington, NC. This massive virtual meeting was beautifully handled making an impressive and moving event.

The speaker was our local author O.C. Stonestreet IV. He covered much of the material in his book [**The Battle of Cowan's Ford: General Davidson's Stand on the Catawba River, and its place in North Carolina History**](#). He added new intriguing information on an old road that may finally answer the question of where exactly Torrence Tavern was located in 1781.

The color guard, gun salute, and playing of Taps were recorded earlier at Hopewell cemetery keeping that tradition alive even in the pandemic.



The Old Barn – in the village

Mint Hill Historical Society
7601 Matthews Mint Hill Road

There's an old barn going up in the Carl J. McEwen Historic Village. Volunteer craftsmen continue to work on the 1880's timber frame barn. Sliding barn doors, a loft and access steps, unique lighting fixtures from repurposed old buckets and funnels are all part of the work of volunteers. They are insulating and nailing reclaimed boards on the walls, all the while wearing masks, keeping a safe distance and working through the challenges. Coping with the restrictions of the pandemic has slowed progress and we'll certainly look back on this page in our history and declare it was a significant test of determination!

The Carl J McEwen Historic Village is an open site but museums remain closed to visitors.

Cedar Grove

Sarah Sue Hardinger



Great friends of the North Mecklenburg history community, Abigail Jennings and Randolph Lewis along with Torrance Banks, have formed a partnership, Torrance Preserve LLC, to preserve Cedar Grove, the ancestral home of the Torrance family. The impressive brick mansion built in 1834 was first preserved by Torrance's parents, Dick and Belle Banks in the 1950s. Cedar Grove stands on the hill west of the original Torrance home, Hugh Torrance House & Store, which dates from the late 18th Century. There are plans to include both properties and additional land to create a major destination in Huntersville. For more visit the Feb 15 edition of [**Cornelius Today**](#).



The MHA History Calendar

March 6 -21

Sites with no event listed may be closed. Admission charged at most events unless otherwise noted. Many of these events sell out so it is best to register at the web sites.

Central Mecklenburg County

Archaeological Institute of America

Chapter 333: Central Carolinas

Dr. Gypsy Price (SEARCH, Inc.)

"(Re)Distribution and Discriminating Tastes: Isotopic Contributions to Mycenaean Faunal Economy During the Late Bronze Age"

Tuesday March 23, 7:30 pm
Eastern Time

An online presentation, free and open to the public; no passcode required

Link to join Webinar:

<https://davidson.zoom.us/j/91701287667>

Price will discuss the results of stable isotopic analysis conducted on animal remains recovered from two sites at the settlement of Mycenae, Greece. As stable isotopes reflect the diet and mobility of fauna during life, they can be used to identify variation in management strategies amongst domesticated faunal resources consumed in disparate socio-

economic contexts. The results of this study elucidate similarities and differences in inter- and intra-species management strategies in cow, pig, and caprine populations consumed at the settlement of Mycenae during the Late Bronze Age.

Gypsy Price, a biological archaeologist, specializes in stable isotopic analysis as it relates to political economies and development in early complex societies.

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>

Afternoon on the Grounds are \$10/carload (free for CMH members) and the virtual events are all free.

In Person:

An Afternoon on the Grounds

Saturday, March 13, 2021 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

\$10/vehicle

Tickets: <https://charlottemuseum.org/product/an-afternoon-on-the-grounds-march/>

On March 13th, the Museum will open our 8-acre site for a self-guided, outdoor experience of Charlotte's oldest home site. Guests can explore the Museum's park-like setting, walk through the garden, and view the historic buildings. Tickets are discounted to just \$10 per vehicle and include a digital guidebook that tells the story of the people who lived and worked at the Rock House and includes videos and resources to dig deeper into Charlotte's past. To support social distancing, tickets are limited.

An Afternoon on the Grounds

Saturday, April 10, 2021 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

\$10/vehicle;

Tickets: <https://charlottemuseum.org/product/an-afternoon-on-the-grounds-april/>

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Charlotte's oldest home site. Guests can explore the Museum's park-like setting, walk through the garden, and view the historic buildings. Tickets are discounted to just **\$10 per vehicle** and include a digital guidebook that tells the story of the people who lived and worked at the Rock House and includes videos and resources to dig deeper into Charlotte's past. To support social distancing, tickets are limited.

Virtual:

Lunch & Learn: Revolution in the Backcountry

Thursday, March 18, 2021 12:00 p.m.

Link: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/5716147000512/WN_q5riDdbDTtKNW4OUzPKqvw

For the next installment of our Lunch & Learn series, long-time Charlotte Museum of History volunteer Tom Phlegar will take us on a journey through the Southern Campaign of the American Revolution and explore how the people of the Backcountry may have won the war.

Lunch & Learn: Unforgettable Music Venues of Charlotte

Thursday, April 8, 2021 12:00 p.m.

Link: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/6016147000310/WN_Qv0RqFUgRsqqbb00fHBowrg

Join host Ian Pasquini for a conversation with the people who make our venues possible. Hear their stories, their triumphs, their amusing anecdotes, and learn more about the third places that help define our community and make Charlotte home.

Lunch & Learn: Collecting Charlotte's History

Thursday, April 22, 2021 12:00 p.m.

Zoom

Link: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/5416147000751/WN_38Z_liv6Q4u04Mlql4CF8g

Join Charlotte Museum of History President & CEO Adria Focht to step inside the vault and explore some of the treasures of the Museum not currently on display. Each object has a story to tell about all the people who have called the Queen City home.

Mecklenburg SAR

Historic Rosedale

3427 N. Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC, 704 335 0325,
<http://www.historicrosedale.org>

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

<https://www.facebook.com/AAHGSCHARLOTTE/0020>

Robinson-Spangler Carolina Room at the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library

310 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, 704 416 0150, <http://cmstory.org>

Charlotte Folk Society

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

MHA Docents

April 6, 2021

11:00 AM via Zoom

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Advanced Registration Required by Sat. April 3 at

v.v.jones448@gmail.com

Lake Norman & Points North

Historic Latta Plantation

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

Latta's Lucky Leprechaun Pot of Gold Search

Fri, March 12 from 7-10PM

Sat, March 13 from 6-10PM

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Wear your green while you hunt for gold! Follow clues by torchlight as you search for gold coins and Lucky the leprechaun around the historic site. This hunt will take you to multiple historic, candlelit buildings and through the enchanted forest where you might even meet a fairy! Once you solve the clues, warm up by a fire and enjoy cider, cocoa, and cookies. Limited tickets are \$20 per person, children 5 and under free.

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Homeschool Day: Hail To The Chief

Thurs, March 25 from 10AM-4PM

The Presidents: Washington, Lincoln and In Between

Do you know what song is played for the president on formal state occasions? Or who first occupied the White House? Which president was the first Republican? Who was the only bachelor, and who was Thomas Nast? Join us on March 25 to learn more! Limited tickets are \$6 per person, free for members plus children 3 and under, but please register.

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Workshop: Crochet For Beginners

Sat, March 27 from 10AM-12PM

Learn how to chain, single, and double crochet at this introductory workshop. Participants will crochet a cotton dishcloth to take home. Class is limited to 10 participants and the cost is \$25, which includes a skein of cotton yarn and crochet hook to keep. Pre-registration required. Recommended for ages 10+.

Workshop: Intro To Historical Hand Sewing

Sat, March 27 from 1-4PM

Until recent history, clothing was stitched by hand. Learn basic hand sewing stitches that were used in early America and can still be used today... you don't need a machine to learn to sew! Class is limited to 10 participants and the cost is \$30, which includes all materials needed to make a stitch sampler to take home for future reference. Pre-registration required. Recommended for ages 12+.

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Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Sat, April 3 from 10AM-4PM

Welcome spring to the farm and hunt for colorful eggs! A Historic Latta Plantation tradition. More details to come.

Olde Meck Genealogy Society

P. O. Box 32453
Charlotte, North Carolina 28232-2453 (704) 568-1774

<https://oldemeck.org/contact.php>

March 10th, 7:30 pm, EST

Via Zoom

Topic: Medieval – Early English Genealogy, Part 2

Speaker: Gerald Montagna

Plan to join Mecklenburg Genealogical Society (Olde Meck) for their March 10th meeting to hear Gerald Montagna decipher medieval life and terms which can aid in genealogy research, regardless of your ancestors' origins.



Gerald Montagna explains the legal system and social background necessary to grasp English legal documents from the Medieval & Early Modern period. This is the second of a two-part lecture. How and why that society arose is set forth in the beginning of Part 1, while the causes of its decline and demise conclude Part 2. In between, the social classes are discussed: the nobility and gentry in Part 1, the everyday people in Part 2. Legal terminology relating to each class is discussed throughout. Snippets of Medieval English music add spice to the program.

Part 1 was previously presented in October 2019, but has been freshly rewritten and re-narrated to sync with Part 2. The audience is urged to listen to this new version of Part 1 in preparation for the debut of Part 2. On March 10 the audience will be permitted to ask questions about both lectures. Contact Olde Meck at www.oldemeck.org for how to view Part 1 or for further information.

This presentation will occur via Zoom on **Wednesday, March 10th at 7:30 pm EST**. Look for a meeting link on the above site early on that day.

Olde Meck April Meeting

April 14th, 7:30 pm, EST

Via Zoom

Topic: Copyright Laws for Genealogy

Speaker: Judy G. Russell



Are you writing your family history and unsure about how to cite facts and photos? Do you wonder what genealogy information you can legally copy off the internet? Are you concerned about what you can and cannot publish?

Mecklenburg Genealogical Society (Olde Meck) is very fortunate to have a true expert help us answer questions like these. The **April 14th** monthly Olde Meck meeting will feature nationally known genealogist **Judy Russell**, who will speak to us about *Facts, Photos and Fair Use: Copyright Law for Genealogists*. Understanding what is and isn't copyrighted and what genealogists can and can't use is the key to staying out of trouble and to protecting our own work. Learn about what copyright is, and what it isn't, and what we can use in crafting our family histories.

The Legal Genealogist Judy G. Russell is a well-respected genealogist with a law degree who writes and lectures on topics ranging from using court records in family history to understanding DNA testing. Judy is one of the featured speakers for the upcoming National Genealogical Society annual conference this May 17th - 19th. On the faculty of numerous genealogy institutes, she is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Board for Certification of Genealogists®, from which she holds credentials as a Certified Genealogist® and Certified Genealogical LecturerSM. Her award-

winning blog is at <https://www.legalgenealogist.com>.

A handout will be available prior to the meeting. Look for further information and the Zoom link on www.oldemeck.org the day of the meeting.

Rural Hill

4431 Neck Rd, Huntersville, NC 28078, 704 875 3113,
<http://ruralhill.net>

Hugh Torance House & Store

8231 Gilead Rd, Huntersville, NC 28078, 704 875 3271,
<https://www.hughtorancehouseandstore.org/>

Fort Dobbs State Historic Site

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

Guilford Courthouse National Military Park

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

March 13th - 19th -- **Digital 240th: The Battle of Guilford Courthouse**

More information can be found:
<https://fb.me/e/20F19vTrM>

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

Lake Wylie, Cowpens & Points South

President James K. Polk Historic Site

12031 Lancaster Highway, Pineville, NC, 704 889 7145,
www.polk.nchistoricsites.org

Learning Digital Lecture Series ||
Singing to be Heard: Ella May Wiggins

March 13th, 2021 | 10:00 am on Zoom

During this program Jason E. Luker, Director of the Gaston County Museum of Art and History, will be examining Ella May Wiggins, her difficult life, role in the 1929 Loray Mill textile strike, and how her words and deeds still challenge us today.

<https://polkmemorialsupportfundinc.wildapricot.org/event-4095083>

After registering, please be sure to click the Zoom link in your confirmation email to get access to the webinar!

Learning Digital Lecture Series ||
Sorting Out Charlotte
April 10th, 2021 | 11:00 am
on Zoom

Dr. Tom Hanchett, retired staff historian for Levine Museum of the New South, visits to talk about the new edition of his UNC Press history of Charlotte, entitled *Sorting Out the New South City*. It traces how Charlotte became a big city — and delves deeply into the surprising story of how we became segregated, both by race and class. It's powerful history that can help us understand issues that are swirling in the headlines today.

<https://polkmemorialsupportfundinc.wildapricot.org/event-4095118>

After registering, please be sure to click the Zoom link in your confirmation email to get access to the webinar!

Andrew Jackson State Park

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

Native American Studies Center, USC Lancaster

119 S. Main St. Lancaster, SC
29720 803 313 7172

www.sc.edu/lancaster/NAS

Lunch and Learn: "Just Like an Animal? A Philosophical Examination of our Ethical Assumptions about Cognitive Disabilities and the Value of Animals" Friday, March 19, Noon. Native American Studies Center, VIRTUAL.

It is common for privileged groups to marginalize others by comparing them to animals. Given the view that humans are superior to animals because of rationality, the diminished rational capacities of cognitively disabled people have often led to them being treated “just like animals.” In this presentation, Dr. Todd Lekan, USC Lancaster Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, explains these arguments and offers a few tentative suggestions about how to mediate the tensions generated by them. **To register, send your email to uscnasp@mailbox.sc.edu and the Native American Studies Center will respond with the meeting ID and password required to join the program.**

Lunch and Learn: "Madeira to Moonshine: A Drinking History of South Carolina." Friday, April 16, Noon. Native American Studies Center, VIRTUAL.

From colonial shrubs to Dubose Heywards' champagne punch, this presentation focuses on the alcoholic beverages popular in South Carolina through the years. Dr. Faye Jensen, CEO of the South Carolina Historical Society, discusses the everyday drinking habits of the common man as well as the appeal of finer imported wines to the colonial aristocracy. **To register, send your email to uscnasp@mailbox.sc.edu and the Native American Studies Center will respond with the meeting ID and password required to join the program.**

Historic Brattonsville

1444 Brattonsville Rd, McConnells,
SC 29726, 803 684 2327,
<https://chmuseums.org/brattonsville/>

Oriana did a fantastic job on her lecture *West African Traditions*. I learned a lot and I hope you will too! Check out the recording here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d-PIMvy9-dI>

<<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d-PIMvy9-dI>>[Lectures](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d-PIMvy9-dI) to Register for:

March 13th - 19th -- Digital 240th:
The Battle of Guilford Courthouse

More information can be found here: <https://fb.me/e/20F19vTrM>

March 19th at 5:00pm -- Shot!
Beyond the Cannon Ball

Register here: <https://fb.me/e/3Ik4hccRD>

March 19th - 21st -- A Symposium
on Scots in 18th C North Carolina

(Registration opens March 7th) More information can be found here: <https://fb.me/e/dyCjmiOdE>

<<https://fb.me/e/3Ik4hccRD>>

March 21st at 7:00pm --
Interpreting Women in Early
American History

Check out the link here: <https://fb.me/e/5dPzv2cp4>

Cowpens National Battlefield

185 SC Exit 83, Cowpens, SC, 864-
461-2828,
<https://www.nps.gov/cowp/index.htm>

Union County Library

316 E. Windsor St., Monroe, NC,
704 283 8184, www.unionlib.nc.us

York County Library

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

Anne Springs Close Greenway

2573 Lake Haigler Drive
Fort Mill SC 29715
803.547.4575

www.ascgreenway.org

Summer camp registration is now open.

Reed Gold Mine and Points East

Matthews Heritage Museum

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

Reed Gold Mine

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

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>

STITCHED: THE FABRICS OF A COMMUNITY

FREE EXHIBIT: Opens February 16th and runs through May 8th, 2021

Kings Mountain Historical Museum,
Kings Mountain, NC

Open Tuesday-Saturday from 10-4

What does the term stitched mean? It is the process of making, mending, or joining with stitches. In relation to textiles, people have been sewing in one form or another, for thousands of years, with evidence that suggests even up to 20,000 years ago. Throughout history, it was a common task for people to make their own quilts, coverlets, clothes, and many other everyday objects by hand stitching. Over time, improved sewing techniques led to the invention of the sewing machine, and machine stitching. This exhibit showcases a selection of stitched examples in our collections that were produced by members of the community in Kings Mountain, NC.

*This event will adhere to social distancing protocols and guidelines in place at the time of the event. Masks and temperature checks will be required upon entry.

Kings Mountain National Military Park

2625 Park Rd, Blacksburg, SC
29702, 864-936-7921,
<https://www.nps.gov/kimo/index.htm>

Kings Mountain State Park

1277 Park Rd, Blacksburg, SC
29702, 803 222 3209,
<https://southcarolinaparks.com/kingsmountain>

New exhibit opening on February 16th.

...And Beyond

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Western North Carolina Historical Association/ Smith-McDowell House

March 11, 6:00 p.m., *DuPont Forest, A History* with author Danny Bernstein. Register [here](#).

March 20, 9:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m., **DuPont Forest History Hike** with Danny Bernstein. We will walk (7.5 miles), talk, take photos and even speculate. DuPont Forest is in Cedar Mountain, located between Hendersonville and Brevard. We will visit Bridal Veil Falls and four lakes. [Registration](#) \$10 members; \$20 non-members.

Southport Historical Society

Many of these programs can be viewed live on [Face- book](#) or register in advance by contacting info@southporthistoricalsociety.org

March 15, 7:00 p.m., **Southport Storyteller Mike Royal** shares growing-up stories from the 1950s and 60s. Join Mike and his friends as they reminisce about their “wonder years” in Southport.

March 16, 1:00 p.m., Armchair History with Liz Fuller "**Frontline workers and the Spanish Flu Pandemic**," What did it mean to be on the frontline of the Spanish Flu epidemic of 1918? Who were the nurses at Fort Caswell and in Southport?



Women’s History Month Lunch & Learn

Tuesdays, noon—1:00 p.m.

March 9: Oral Historian John Horan presents highlights of the “**She Changed the World**” oral history project. This collection showcases the leadership and ingenuity of select North Carolina women as they share their voices and relate their unique stories from a variety of professional fields and communities. [Register here.](#)

March 16: **Making Time for Women’s History: Exploring Online Collections, Resources and Free Exhibit Tools.** Digital Projects Librarian Kelly Agan shares a wealth of online resources and documentary collections for women's history in North Carolina. She will also share open-source tools for bringing exhibits to your website, with a tutorial for how to make a simple interactive timeline using (yes!) a Google spreadsheet. [Register here.](#)

N.C. African American Heritage Commission

has posted a [new video](#) featuring Dr. Malcolm Beech, founder of the African American Museum & Cultural Center in Kinston. Beech is a reenactor of the United States Colored Troops and gives school and public programs on the USCT from N.C.



Middle Passage Commemoration Sites

The [African American Heritage Commission](#) is working in partnership with State Historic Sites and museums to plan markers and ceremonies in Bath, Beaufort, Edenton, New Bern, and Wilmington. [Documented Arrival Sites | Middle Passage Ceremonies and Port Markers Project](#) (middlepassageproject.org)

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