

5/1/2025	SAR Monthly Social Luncheon	Brewers, 4001 Yancy Steet	11:30AM	Mecklenburg SAR	Chapter Events Mecklenburg Chapter SAR	CLICK HERE
5/8/2025	Charlotte Gem Preservation Awards	Charlotte Museum of History	6PM - 8:30PM	Charlotte Museum of History	Celebrate the Power of Preservation at the Charlotte Gem Preservation Awards, the premiere fundraising event for the Charlotte Museum of History. These awards celebrate restoration and building projects in the greater Charlotte region that exemplify the best of historic preservation. By shining a light on successful preservation projects that enrich our communities culturally and economically, the awards encourage everyone who calls Charlotte 'home' to save our historic built environment.	CLICK HERE
5/10/2025	Meck 250 Festival	Elizabeth Park (Captain Jack statue)		Trail of History & Charlotte Liberty Walk, Mecklenburg 250	Kendall will contact all past Trail of History festival participants. If others from the council would like to participate, they are welcome to email her.	None
5/10/2025	Meck Mile	Memorial Stadium	2PM-6PM	May 20th Society	The Meck Mile presented by Albemarle brings people together from all across Charlotte to run, walk, skip, or dance their way through Memorial Stadium on May 10, 2025. This race gives participants and spectators alike the chance to hit the streets and see the city we call home from an entirely new perspective.	CLICK HERE

5/10/2025	MecDec Express: Brew-infused Stories and Sites from 1775	Lost Worlds Brewing	3PM-5PM	Lost Worlds Brewing	<p>Meet us at Lost Worlds Brewing Charlotte and hop on board the first-ever MecDec Express for an expertly-guided, brew-infused bus tour of the historical sites directly linked to the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence and the jaw-dropping, 250-year-old true story behind the brave, feisty local patriots who turned the tide of the Revolutionary War and transformed Charlotte into the Cradle of American Independence. Travel throughout the city of Charlotte, guided by national author David Fleming, accompanied by May 20th Society co-founder, Scott Syfert, as we weave together the local significant connections to the MecDec, including a quick stop at the Charlotte Museum of History. Tickets are on sale now.</p>	CLICK HERE
5/12/2025	Final Draught: History, Hops and the Meck Dec	Town Brewing Co	6PM-8PM	Town Brewing	<p>Celebrate the 250th anniversary of the mysterious Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence—an intriguing document that may have declared freedom from Britain a full year before the American Declaration of Independence. Fact or legend? Come find out!</p> <p>\$20</p>	CLICK HERE

5/14/2025	Presentation by Sarah Sue Hardinger about the Signers of the Meck Dec (book launching the following day by MHS)	Zoom	7:30PM-9PM	Olde Meck	Monthly Meeting presentation	None
5/15/2025	Meck Dec Exhibit Opens	Charlotte Museum of History		Charlotte Museum of History	Will be about expanding the definition of freedom and liberty. Includes the case for/against the Meck Dec; the Meck Dec as a legacy-defining moment; freedom from 1775-now, including Civil Rights era.	None
5/16/2025	MecDec 250th Bash & Benefit - The Connells w/ Boy Named Banjo	Neighborhood Theatre, 511 E. 36th St., Charlotte	8PM	May 20th Society	Join us on Friday, May 16th, to kick off Charlotte's weeklong 250th MecDec celebration featuring North Carolina's own The Connells with special guest Boy Named Banjo.	CLICK HERE
5/17/2025	Meck Dec Day	Hopewell Presbyterian Church 10500 Beatties Ford Road Huntersville, NC 28078		Mecklenburg Historical Association	Meck Dec reading at noon – Mayor Christie Clark (TBD) Story of the Meck Dec 250th merchandise for sale including new children's book Picnic in Life Center Outdoor activities *** Charlotte Orchestra at Duke (TBD) Fireworks at Duke (TBD)	None

5/17/2025	SCAVENGER HUNT AT OMB!	Olde Mecklenburg Brewery 4150 Yancey Road, Charlotte, NC, United States	11AM-1PM	Old Meck Brewery	<p>The Olde Mecklenburg Brewery is so excited for the 250th Anniversary of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence that they have created a scavenger hunt for guests to learn some Charlotte history while competing for a grand prize! We hear there's complimentary beer involved too!</p> <p>*Participants can start at any of the 5 locations and do not need to come to OMB before beginning.</p> <p>Scavenger Hunt details: Before getting started- you will need to scan a QR code containing all info and clues for the hunt. The QR code will be for people who begin at the OMB taproom (this is not necessary). The link will be posted on OMB's website and via social media for those who do not begin at the taproom. Please note this link is being created and will be sent out by May 1st by OMB. On May 17th, located at 5 historical sites around the Queen City, you'll find an OMB tin sign. Participants will need to find all 5 before heading back to LoSo taproom.</p>	CLICK HERE
5/17/2025	Meck County 250 Day	Mint Hill Historical Society	9AM-1PM	Mint Hill DAR		None
5/17/2025	Voices from the Past	Settlers' Cemetery	10AM - 4PM	Voices from the Past		None

5/18/2025	Voices from the Past	Settlers' Cemetery	10AM - 4PM (TBD)	Voices from the Past		None
5/18/2025	6th Annual Captain Jack's Bike Ride	Old Meck Brewery (main)	3PM	May 20th Society	<p>In the Summer of 1775, Captain James Jack rode 450 miles to deliver the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence to Congress. In honor of his historic ride and in partnership with Queen City Bicycles, we invite you to participate in a historic bike ride from the Olde Mecklenburg Brewery to various historical locations around midtown and uptown Charlotte relevant to Captain Jack. The ride will be leaving from Olde Mecklenburg Brewery in Lower South End, and finishing there with a social hour! Bicycle riders of all age and experience welcome; we will take the Charlotte Rail Trail to uptown, then down past the Captain Jack Statue, then back to Olde Mecklenburg Brewery. We will stop along the way to point out and explain various historical points of interest! Come celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence!</p>	None

5/18/2025	Tea with Captain Jack	Charlotte Museum of History	2PM - 4PM	DAR	Tony Zeiss will enact Capt. Jack as its speaker. Purchase \$50 ticket via Venmo or Zelle. Proceeds go to the "rock House" at the Charlotte Museum of History. Silent & Tea cup auction at event.	CLICK HERE
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5/19/2025	MHS Meeting / Book launch of new biography of the signers of the Meck Dec	Trinity Presbyterian Church	6:30PM-8:30PM	Mecklenburg Historical Association	<p>On May 19th, the 250th anniversary of the convention in Charlotte, Sarah Sue and Laura will formally launch their new book, "One Day Revolution," at the MHS evening meeting. In honor of the 250th anniversary of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, these two MHS members have revisited the lives of those who signed that famous document. This is the first set of biographies to be written since the advent of the internet, so a great many new sources were available for their research.</p> <p>Though the book started out to be only the biographies, the authors will explain why and how it expanded to include background on the role of Rev. Alexander Craighead, a new map of Mecklenburg County in 1775, a genealogical map of the interrelationship of the Signers' families, and other fascinating bit of data on our founding families.</p> <p>Books will be available for purchase on-site and on Amazon in mid-May.</p>	CLICK HERE
5/19/2025	High school students debate the exists of the Meck Dec	County Court House	6PM		Promo video: https://youtu.be/tmoj89fE-EM	CLICK HERE

5/20/2025	250th Anniversary of Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence: Commemoration Ceremony	Center city at Trade and Tryon (the Square)	Noon - 2PM	May 20th Society, SAR, DAR, Mecklenburg 250, Charlotte Liberty Walk	Scott Syfert and Kendall Kendrick are working with CCCP on the May 20 uptown event. The reenactors are creating a script so that we can put on a great (and organized) show! We are talking with CCCP about a variety of possibilities, including creating a reproduction courthouse facade for the event. More to come once those plans are solidified.	CLICK HERE
5/20/2025	5th Annual Captain Jack Dinner	Old Meck Brewery (main)		May 20th Society	Limited tickets - will go fast! Learn more about the author here: https://www.andrewwaters.net/#:~:text=Andrew%20Waters%20is%20a%20writer,American%20Revolution%20in%20the%20Carolinas	CLICK HERE

5/20/2025	Charlotte Museum of History Exhibit Opening	Charlotte Museum of History		Charlotte Museum of History	The Charlotte Museum of History is set to unveil a compelling new exhibit on May 20, 2025, titled "Meck Dec 250." This exhibit will delve into the evolving concepts of freedom and liberty, beginning with an exploration of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence (Meck Dec) and its significance as a legacy-defining moment. Visitors will engage with discussions presenting both supporting and opposing perspectives on the Meck Dec, fostering a comprehensive understanding of its historical context. The exhibit will also trace the journey of freedom from 1775 to the present, highlighting pivotal periods such as the Civil Rights era. Through this immersive experience, attendees will gain insight into how the ideals of freedom and liberty have been interpreted and redefined over the past 250 years.	None
5/22/2025	SAR meeting with artist Dan Nance	DoubleTree by Hilton, South Charlotte Tyvola 5624 Westpark Drive, Charlotte, North Carolina, 28217	6PM - 8:30PM	Mecklenburg SAR	Our speaker will be renowned historical painter Dan Nance, a native Carolinian and creator of the outstanding series of paintings "Charlotte's Road to Revolution."	CLICK HERE
6/5/2025	SAR Monthly Social Luncheon	Brewers, 4001 Yancy Steet	11:30AM	Mecklenburg SAR		CLICK HERE

6/7/2025	Landscape Planning: A Charlotte Legacy	Akers Mansion, 6501 Sardis Road	Noon	Preserve Mecklenburg	The beauty of Charlotte's Independence Park and the neighborhoods of Dilworth and Myers Park did not happen by accident. Historian Tom hanchett takes us back to the years around 1910 when Charlotteans worked with nationally renowned planners John Nolen, Earle Sumner Draper and the Olmsted Brothers to create a remarkable legacy of landscape design.	CLICK HERE
7/3/2025	SAR Monthly Social Luncheon	Brewers, 4001 Yancy Steet	11:30AM	Mecklenburg SAR		CLICK HERE
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10/2/2025	SAR Monthly Social Luncheon	Brewers, 4001 Yancy Steet	11:30AM	Mecklenburg SAR		CLICK HERE
11/6/2025	SAR Monthly Social Luncheon	Brewers, 4001 Yancy Steet	11:30AM	Mecklenburg SAR		CLICK HERE
12/4/2025	SAR Monthly Social Luncheon	Brewers, 4001 Yancy Steet	11:30AM	Mecklenburg SAR		CLICK HERE