

The Mecklenburg Historical Association Monthly Event Calendar

Upcoming Events of Interest to the History Community

Mecklenburg Historical Association

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The MHA Monthly Calendar is a free, monthly digital publication of the Mecklenburg Historical Association. Its purpose is to inform interested audiences about special events, educational programs, lectures, and workshops held throughout the Charlotte Metrolina area solely for general reference purposes. Those responsible for publicizing history-related events for a history organization (e.g. – historic site, museum, library, other non-profit club/organizations) and needing to publish events should contact the MHA at mha-news@meckdec.org for further information and assistance.

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

MHA Announcements

(Note: The MHA reserves the right to publish announcements only once.)

Happy New Year from the Mecklenburg Historical Association!! 2024 will be a very exciting year for connecting the people in the area with our common history! With the official kickoff of 250th Anniversary of these United States in full swing, the chance to explore the area's Colonial and Revolutionary roots in a broader sense as it relates to the founding of the Republic presents wonderful opportunities to make history come alive!

History Organization Announcements

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The Robinson-Spangler Carolina Room at 101 Eastway Drive will begin receiving appointments from the public on September 1, 2023. When you call us at 704.416.0150 or email us at carolinaroom@cmlibrary.org, please provide us with a detailed description of your research needs so we can pull the books and other materials in advance.

Olde Meck Used Book Sale

Olde Meck Genealogy Society is offering over 200 used books for sale at greatly reduced prices. The topics include genealogy, history, fiction, and more, from around the country. Most are in excellent condition. View the current book list and prices at <u>Olde Meck Book Sale</u>

If you would like to purchase any items, you may:

- come by the Family Research Center inside the Charlotte Museum of History.
- contact us by mail at PO Box 32453, Charlotte, NC, 28232-2453.
- email us at info@oldemeck.org.
- phone us at 704-568-1774, Ext.109.

Please list item numbers and titles in all requests. We can ship your order within the United States. Shipping charges will apply, but these are still wonderful deals! This is First Come, First Served ... so contact us soon to reserve your picks!

Calendar

2024

Multiple Day Events - 2024 Special Events/Programs/Lectures and Exhibits

August 1st 2023 – March 31st 2024. 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. Native American Studies Center (119 S. Main St., Lancaster, SC 29720). Exhibit Opening. In person. Free. First day to see the exhibit, "Sounds of Religion," organized by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service in cooperation with the American Religious Sounds Project of The Ohio State University and Michigan State University and made possible through the generous support of The Henry Luce Foundation. Through March 31, 2024. For more information, go to https://nativeamericanstudiescenter.godaddysites.com/upcoming-events

September 1st – **March 2024.** Charlotte Museum of History. "Captured in Cartoons! 200 Years of Charlotte's History as Interpreted in Comics, Caricatures, and Animation." In-Person. Cost of admission for general public. Free for members.. Cost of admission. https://charlottemuseum.org/programs-events/events/exhibit-opening-captured-in-cartoons/. For hundreds of years, political cartoons have helped Charlotteans understand everything from World Wars to the World Cup. In "Captured in Cartoons," visitors

can explore cartoons from throughout Charlotte's history, see original drawings from Pulitzer Prize-winner Kevin Siers, and experiment with making their own cartoons.

This official opening event will include a conversation with Kevin Siers, light refreshments, and a brief tour of the exhibit.

Single Day Events - 2024 Special Events/Programs/Lectures and Exhibits

January 2024

January 1st . 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Historic Rural Hill. "*First Footin*". "In-person. Free. https://FirstFootin24.eventbrite.com. Welcome the New Year with a touch of Scottish tradition at First Footin'.

January 23rd. Connecting the Diaspora: Archaeology, Memory, and Transnationalism in the 19th Century Transatlantic World, by Dr. Kelly Goldberg, University of South Carolina. 7:30 p.m. Archaeological Institute of America - Society 333 at Davidson College. In Person. Free. Dr. Goldberg will discuss interdisciplinary research on complex connections across the Atlantic created by and in response to the slave trade, with comments on memorialization of this period in the present day. Belk Visual Arts Center, Room 117, at Davidson College. Free Parking behind the building. A link to an online map shown above in the November notice.

Friday, Jan. 26. Noon-1 p.m. Native American Studies Center (119 S. Main St., Lancaster, SC 29720). *Lunch and Learn: "Breaking Barriers: Navigating College and a Future Career as a First-Generation Student."* In person and virtual. Free. Dr. Ero Aggelopoulou-Amiridis, First Lady of the University of South Carolina, discusses how first-generation students face several challenges while attending college and preparing for a career and how certain policies and practices can support the academic success and wellbeing of those students. Successful implementation can lead to better outcomes for students and significant benefits for our communities. To attend via Zoom, register at this link: https://bit.ly/3QpKjBz. For more information, visit our website or call (803) 313-7172.

January 27th . 9-11 a.m.. Hopewell Presbyterian Church and Cemetery. *Commemoration of the 243*rd *Anniversary of the Battle of Cowan's Ford*. In person. Free. This National Sons of the American Revolution Event is the annual celebration hosted by the Mecklenburg Chapter, SAR. Keynote Speaker is Patrick Henry. Indoor Ceremony followed by Outdoor rendering of honors/presentations of wreaths. Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge will also be unveiling a marker/monument.

January 27th . 6-9 p.m. Historic Rural Hill. "*Burns' Night Dinner*." In-person. Starting at \$80. https://2024BurnsDinner.eventbrite.com. The event will feature a three-course dinner and one free pour of Scotch whisky for the toast to the immortal memory of Robert Burns. MHA members can take 20% tickets now through July 31st, 2023, with code **MHABurns** at checkout.

February 2024

February 1-29: Historic Rosedale, Oasis Spaces, Navigating Jim Crow: The Green Book and Oasis Spaces in North

Carolina (exhibit). The North Carolina African American Heritage Commission has created a traveling exhibit about sites important to, and personal memories about, African American travel using The Negro Motorist Green Book during the Jim Crow era of legal segregation. It will be on display at Rosedale during Black History Month.

February 1-29. Historic Rosedale, "*The Great Escape*": *The Underground Railroad* (exhibit), in person, free. This exhibit was created by artist Abel Jackson with Life and Times in Black American History (LATIBAH) and Collard Green Museum. It will be on display at Rosedale during Black History Month. February 10: 10-12pm, Historic Rosedale, Sweetgrass Basket Making Workshop, in person, Tickets \$80. Keisha Kinard and Rebecca KinLoch will be leading a hands-on class on how to make a sweetgrass basket. All of the materials will be provided. Space is very limited. Tickets available at historicrosedale.org

February 10: 11-12pm, Historic Rosedale, *Local Black History Makers* (talk), in person, free. Martha Rucker (local author), Harvey Boyd (designer of the Mecklenburg County seal) and Kyle Smith (Rosedale Decedent) will be speaking at Rosedale in celebration of Black History Month.

February 23: 12-1pm, Native American Studies Center (199 S. Main St, Lancaster, SC 29720), *Lunch and Learn:* "Something in These Hills: The Culture of Family Land in Southern Appalachia." In person and virtual. Free. Dr. John M. Coggeshall, Professor of Anthropology at Clemson University explores the duality of the Southern Appalachians as both a menacing and majestic landscape and the emotional relationship to family land characteristic of long-term residents. To attend via Zoom, register at thins link: https://bit.ly/46LKjT3. For more information, visit our website or call (803)313-7172.

February 24: 11-12pm, Historic Rosedale, *Local Black History Makers* (talk), in person, free. Nellie Ashford (artist), Naomi Rankin (quiltmaker), Tamia Allen Williams (Rosedale descendant) will be speaking at Rosedale in Celebration of Black History Month.

March 2024

April 2024

April 20th – **21**st. Historic Rural Hill. "*Loch Norman Highland Games and Scottish Festival*." In-person. Earliest Birds starting at \$16. https://2024LochNormanHighlandGames.eventbrite.com. Thefestival celebrates Scottish heritage and culture through a variety of events, activities, vendors, music, and competitions throughout the weekend.

Historic Organization/Site Volunteer Needs

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

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

Contact: Renee Y. Jones Phone: 980-505-7295

Email: reneeaahgs2020@gmail.com

Volunteer needs: (Special Events):

(On-going needs): Technology assistant,

Charlotte Museum of History

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

Phone: 704-568-1774

Email: marianna@charlottemuseum.org

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

Volunteer needs: (Special Events):

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

Charlotte Trail of History

Contact: Kendall Kendrick

Phone:

Email: kendall@charlottetrailofhistory.org

Volunteer needs: Contact Kendall Kendrick for specific needs.

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

Contact: Windy Cole, Volunteer Resource Coordinator

Phone: 803-909-7218

Email: wcole@chmuseums.org

Volunteer needs:

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

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

HEARTS Park/Torance House & Store

Contact: Abigail Jennings

Phone:

Email: info@torancehouseandstore.org

Volunteer needs:

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

assistants, photographer, videographer.

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

Historic Rosedale

Contact: Elizabeth Myers Phone: 704-335-0325

Email: gardens@historicrosedale.org

Volunteer needs:

(On-going needs): Garden volunteers and Docent volunteers are always welcome.

Liberty Live

Contact: Sheri Davis Phone: 270-994-4400 Email: sdavis@sc1780.org

Volunteer needs: (Special Events):

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

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

Matthews Heritage Museum

Contact: Camilla Bahr Phone: 704-708-4996

Email: info@matthewsheritagemuseum.org

Volunteer needs: (On-going needs):

Mint Hill Historical Society/Carl J. McEwen Historic Village

Contact: Sue McDonald Phone: 704-351-0783

Email: historical@bellsouth.net

Volunteer needs:

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

Olde Meck (Mecklenburg Genealogical Society)

Contact: Lynn Bancroft

Phone: 704-568-1774, Ext. 109 Email: info@oldemeck.org

Volunteer needs:

(Special Events): Marketing, event planning.

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

The President James K. Polk State Historic Site

Contact: Kyle Booker, Assistant Site Manager

Phone: 704-889-7145

Email: kyle.booker@ncdcr.gov

Volunteer needs: (Special Events):

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

Robinson-Spangler Carolina Room – Charlotte Mecklenburg Library

Contact: Sheila Bumgarner Phone: 704-416-0137

Email: sbumgarner@cmlibrary.org

(Special Events):

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

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

SC Battleground Preservation Trust, Artillery Demonstration Team, Revolutionary War

Contact: Tom Oblak Phone: 952-454-4130

Email: cannons@scbattlegroundtrust.org

Volunteer needs: (Special Events):

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

the American Revolution.

Voices From the Past. Contact: Lynn Mintzer

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

lynnMHAD@gmail.com

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

Volunteers needed with event logistics.

DIRECTORY OF CHARLOTTE METROPOLITAN (METROLINA) AREA HISTORICAL ORGANIZATIONS

(Current as of March 29, 2023)

African American Museum of History & Culture

300 South Firestone Street Suite P Gastonia, NC 28052. 980-888-4005.

https://www.africanamericanmuseumgastonia.com

https://www.facebook.com/aamuseumgastonia

africanamericangaston@gmail.com

aamuseum.loraymill@gmail.com

Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society (AAHGS)

P.O. Box 621032 Charlotte, NC 28262. 980-505-7292.

www.aahgscharlotte.org

https://www.facebook.com/AAHGSCHARLOTTE/

aaghscharlotte@gmail.com

info@aahgscharlotte.org

Andrew Jackson State Park

196 Andrew Jackson Park Road Lancaster, SC 29720.

803-285-3344.

https://southcarolinaparks.com/andrew-jackson

https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Andrew-Jackson-State-Park-291912437542208 andrewjackson@scprt.com

Archaeological Institute of America

Chapter 333: Central Carolinas (Charlotte, NC)

https://www.archaeological.org/society/central-carolinas-charlotte/

https://www.facebook.com/Archaeological.Institute info@archaeological.org

Billy Graham Library

4330 Westmont Dr. Charlotte, NC 28217. 704-401-3200.

https://billygrahamlibrary.org/

https://www.facebook.com/BillyGrahamLibrary

librarytours@bgea.org

Carl J. McEwen Historic Village

7601 Matthews-Mint Hill Road Mint Hill, NC 28227. 704-573-0726. https://www.minthillhistory.com

Charlotte Museum of History

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

charlottemuseum.org

https://www.facebook.com/charlottemuseumofhistory/

info@charlottemuseum.org

Cherryville Historical Museum

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

https://www.facebook.com/CherryvilleHistoricalMuseum

cvhistorical@att.net

Davidson College Archives & Special Collections

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

https://davidsonarchivesandspecialcollections.org/archives/

https://twitter.com/DavidsonArchive

archives@davidson.edu

Fort Dobbs State Historic Site

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

https://historicsites.nc.gov/all-sites/fort-dobbs

http://www.fortdobbs.org

https://www.facebook.com/FortDobbs

info@fortdobbs.org

Fort Mill History Museum

107 Clebourne St. Fort Mill, SC 29715. 803-802-3646.

http://www.fmhm.org

 $\underline{https://www.facebook.com/fortmillhistory}$

info@fmhm.org

Gaston County Museum

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

gastoncountymuseum.org

https://www.facebook.com/GastonCountyMuseum

Gaston.Museum@gastongov.com

Hart Square Village

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

https://www.hartsquare.com/

https://www.facebook.com/HartSquareNC

https://www.hartsquare.com/contact

Heritage Room of Union County

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

https://www.carolinasgensociety.org/index.php https://www.facebook.com/CarolinasGenSociety

carolinasgensociety@gmail.com

Historic Brattonsville

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

chmuseums.org/brattonsville

https://www.facebook.com/HistoricBrattonsville

scheduler@chmuseums.org

Historical Center of York County

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

https://www.chmuseums.org/programs-hc/

historicalcenter@chmuseums.org

https://www.facebook.com/CHMuseums/

scheduler@chmuseums.org

Historic Rosedale

3427 N. Tryon Street

Charlotte, NC 28206.

704-335-0325.

http://www.historicrosedale.org

https://www.facebook.com/HistoricRosedalePlantation

publicity@historicrosedale.org

Historic Rural Hill

4431 Neck Road

Huntersville, NC 28078.

704-875-3113.

ruralhill.net

https://www.facebook.com/RuralHill

info@ruralhill.net

Hugh Torance House & Store

8231 Gilead Rd.

Huntersville, NC 28078.

704-875-3271.

hughtorancehouseandstore.org

https://www.facebook.com/HughToranceHouse

hughtorancehouseandstore@gmail.com

Iredell Museums

134 Court Street

Statesville, NC 28677.

704-873-7347.

iredellmuseums.org

https://www.facebook.com/iredellmuseums

Kings Mountain Historical Museum

100 East Mountain Street

Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

704-739-1019.

kingsmountainmuseum.org

https://www.facebook.com/KMHistoricalMuseum/

kmhmda@outlook.com

Kings Mountain National Military Park

2625 Park Rd.

Blacksburg, SC 29702.

864-936-7921.

nps.gov/kimo/index.htm

https://www.facebook.com/kingsmountainNPS

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

Kings Mountain State Park

1277 Park Rd.

Blacksburg, SC 29702.

803-222-3209.

southcarolinaparks.com/kings-mountain

https://www.facebook.com/SC.State.Parks

kingsmountain@scprt.com

Lancaster Historic Courthouse Museum

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

https://cms9files.revize.com/lancastercountysc/Document_Center/Boards%20and%20Commissions/Historical%20Co

mmission/LCHCSpringNewsletter2022.pdf

lan.historicalcommission@yahoo.com

https://www.facebook.com/lchistoricalcommission

Levine Museum of the New South

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

museumofthenewsouth.org

https://www.facebook.com/LevineMuseum

Liberty Mountain-The Revolutionary Drama

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

info@libertymountaindrama.com

https://www.libertymountaindrama.com/

https://www.facebook.com/LibertyMountainDrama

Lincoln County Museum of History & Cultural Center

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

http://www.lincolncountyhistory.com

https://www.facebook.com/LCHAhistory/

lincolncountyhistorync@gmail.com

Main Street Children's Museum

133 E. Main St Rock Hill, SC 29730. 803-327-6400.

http://chmuseums.org/childrens

scheduler@chmuseums.org

https://www.facebook.com/CHMuseums/

Matthews Heritage Museum

232 N. Trade Street Matthews, NC 28105 Contact: Bob Aycock Phone: 704-708-4996

http://www.matthewsheritagemuseum.org

https://www.facebook.com/MatthewsHeritageMuseum

info@matthewsheritagemuseum.org

May 20th Society

P.O. Box 30335

Charlotte, NC 28230. https://may20thsociety.org/facebook.com/May20thSociety info@May20thSociety.org

McCelvey Center/Lowry Family Theater

212 E. Jefferson St. #A York, SC 29745. 803-684-3948.

https://www.chmuseums.org/mccelvey/ https://www.facebook.com/mccelveycenter historicalcenter@chmuseums.org

Mecklenburg Historical Association

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

Mount Holly Historical Society

131 South Main Street Mount Holly, NC 28120. 980-277-1249. mounthollynchistoricalsociety.org https://www.facebook.com/MHHSNC/

mhhistoricalsociety@gmail.com

Mundy House & History Center of Eastern Lincoln County

4353 NC Highway 16 Denver, NC 28037. 704-748-9090.

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

Museum of the Waxhaws

8215 Waxhaw Hwy. Waxhaw, NC 28173. 704-843-1832.

http://museumofthewaxhaws.org/

https://www.facebook.com/museumofthewaxhaws

mwaxhaw@museumofthewaxhaws.org

Museum of York County

4621 Mt. Gallant Rd Rock Hill, SC 29732. 803-329-2121.

http://chmuseums.org/myco

https://www.facebook.com/CHMuseums/

scheduler@chmuseums.org

NASCAR Hall of Fame

400 East Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

Charlotte, NC 28202.

704-654-4400.

https://www.nascarhall.com/

https://www.facebook.com/nascarhall/

https://www.nascarhall.com/about-the-hall/contact-us

Olde Meck Genealogy Society

P.O. Box 32453

Charlotte, NC 28232-2453.

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Native American Studies Center

119 S. Main St.

Lancaster, SC 29720.

803-313-7172.

http://www.sc.edu/lancaster/NAS

https://www.facebook.com/nativeamericanstudies/

usclnasp@mailbox.sc.edu

President James K. Polk Historical Site

12031 Lancaster Highway

Pineville, NC 28134

704-889-7145.

https://www.jameskpolk.net/

https://www.facebook.com/JamesKPolkSHS

polk@ncdcr.gov

Reed Gold Mine

9621 Reed Mine Rd.

Midland, NC 2107.

704-721-4653

https://historicsites.nc.gov/all-sites/reed-gold-mine

reed@ncdcr.org

Reid House

134 W. John St.

Matthews, NC 28105.

704-849-7368.

http://www.matthewsreidhouse.org/

https://www.facebook.com/pages/Reid-House/137863319594427

info@matthewsreidhouse.org

Robinson-Spangler Room (Charlotte Mecklenburg Library)

310 North Tryon Street

Charlotte, NC 28202.

704-416-0150.

https://www.cmlibrary.org/services/genealogy-history-services

https://www.facebook.com/groups/1037640759956826

https://www.cmlibrary.org/contact-robinson-spangler-carolina-room

Rowan Museum

202 North Main Street Salisbury, NC 28144. 704-633-5946.

https://www.facebook.com/RowanMuseum

office@rowanmuseum.org

http://www.rowanmuseum.org

Schiele Museum

1500 East Garrison Blvd. Gastonia, NC 28054. 704-866-6900.

schielemuseum.org

https://www.facebook.com/schielemuseum/

schielemuseum@gmail.com

Stanly County Museum

157 North 2nd Street Albemarle, NC 28001. 704-986-3777.

https://stanlycountymuseum.com

https://www.facebook.com/StanlyCountyHistoryCenter

stanlycountymuseum@gmail.com

Trail of History

100 N. Tryon Street Suite 4700 Charlotte, NC 28202

https://charlottetrailofhistory.org/

https://www.facebook.com/charlottetrailofhistory

https://charlottetrailofhistory.org/contact-us/

Union County Library

316 East Windsor St. Monroe, NC 28112. 704-238-8184 ext. 5236.

http://www.unioncountync.gov/library

https://www.facebook.com/uclnc

ucpladministration@unioncountync.gov

UNC Charlotte Special Collections, Atkins Library

UNC Charlotte

J. Murrey Atkins Library Special Collections & University Archives 9201 University City Blvd.

Charlotte, NC 28223.

704-687-1170.

spec-coll@uncc.edu

https://library.charlotte.edu/archives-rare-books/about-special-collections

York County Library / Genealogy Group

138 E. Black St. Rock Hill, SC 29732.

https://www.yclibrary.org/genealogy-local-history

https://www.facebook.com/yorkcountylibrary https://www.yclibrary.org/ask-a-librarian

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