

April 2024



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.)

On Saturday and Sunday, May 4&5, MHA will host a tour of historic sites on the west side of Huntersville. In fact, almost all the locations will be along Beatties Ford Road. We have identified over 20 sites of interest in just that six-mile stretch, dating from before the Revolution through the early 20th century. Most of the 15 open sites will have tours from 10-4 both days. Tickets for \$40 for all 20 sites will be available April 6 through our website, meckdec.org.

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 [Olde Meck Book Sale](#)

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

April 11th, 13th, 27th 2024 – Historic Rosedale. Did you know Historic Rosedale has a dedicated team of volunteer, student, and staff Blacksmiths? They have recently expanded their program and schedule. Stop by to catch them in action on one of these Spring dates. In-person. Free.

April 12th -April 14th 2024 Historic Halifax, *America's 250th NC Kick-off Celebration*. In-person. Free and ticketed events throughout the weekend. Commemorations of the Halifax Resolves and North Carolina History on the eve of the Revolution, to include weapons demonstrations and living historian. This is the first in a series of events in North Carolina to celebrate America's Sestercentennial. Visit <https://www.visithalifax.com/250#:~:text=The%20kickoff%20for%20the%20State,to%20renovate%20its%20visitor%20center> for full schedule of events and more information.

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

May 31st – June 2nd. Museum of the Waxhaws. “*Battle of the Waxhaws/Buford’s Massacre.*” In-person. [Tickets available here.](#) Experience the American Revolution in the Waxhaws on June 1st and 2nd! Join us for a weekend of living history reenactments, demonstrations, guest speakers, exhibits and more! Discover first hand what life was like in the Waxhaws during the fight for independence. WATCH AND FEEL HISTORY COME TO LIFE! Interactive children's activities, too! Bring the entire family! We will also have local artists and food vendors on site!

June 21st – 23rd , 2024. *Living history event/reenactment – Battle of Ramsour’s Mill.* Annual living history and reenactment weekend, held at the Ramsour’s Mill Battlefield. Lincolnton, NC. In-person. Free.

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

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April 12th. 10 AM. Historic Halifax. “*Commemoration of the Halifax Resolves.*” In-person. Free. Annual remembrance and wreath-laying ceremony in honor of the Halifax Resolves, where North Carolina became the first colony to direct its delegates to vote for INDEPENDENCE from Great Britain on April 12th, 1776. Part of the America 250th NC Celebrations.

April 20th, 2024. Independence Park, hosted by Historic Rosedale. “*This is Meck: Mecklenburg 250th Celebration.*” In-person. Free. Join Historic Rosedale staff and Blacksmiths at this free event with local artists, live music, food, and beverage.

It's the 50th anniversary of the Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation Department! Event will feature history programming and education by local partners, community outreach organizations, and more

April 28th, 2024 2PM. Historic Rosedale. *FREE* family event on the lawn at Historic Rosedale. Scrawny, a young Coyote on an adventure to learn to read, is joined by his cousin Loco and two mischievous rabbits, Chiquita and Banana, in this lively, *muy bien* production by Opera Carolina. Fun for the whole family in a delightful mix of English and Spanish language.

May 2024

May 11th, 2024. 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM Cedar Grove, [8229 Gilead Rd, Huntersville, NC 28078, USA](#). In-person. FREE. *What was May of 1775 really like?* Join David Fleming and Scott Syfert to hear their insights and enjoy art, music, and dance at Cedar Grove for Part One of our exploration of May 1775, the

year of the Meck Dec. Hught.org

May 11th 2024. 10:30 AM – 3:00 PM. Historic Rosedale. Annual Crafter’s Market Join area craftspeople and artists for our annual Crafter’s Market! A variety of unique hand-made items will be available for purchase just in time for Mother’s Day. Admission is \$5.00 and include admission to our grounds and gardens. Ticket does not include admission to the 1815 house - Guided house tours will be available for a separate admission price and can be purchased [here](#).

Vendor tables for this event are available for \$20.00 each. For more information on vendor spaces, please call our office at [704-335-0325](tel:704-335-0325), or email roseedu@historicrosedale.org.

May 18th 2024. 2 PM. Hopewell Presbyterian Church. “*America 250 Patriot Marker Dedication.*” In-person. Free. Hosted by the Alexandria Chapter, North Carolina Society, Daughters of the American Revolution to celebrate the men and women who achieved American Independence.

May 20th 2024. 12 PM. Trade and Tryon. IN-person. FREE. Formal city celebration of the 249th anniversary of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. Followed by a gun salute and a short parade to Settler’s cemetery to pay tribute to Thomas Polk. The Meck Dec Dinner will be held on May 22nd. Go to May 20th Society for details.

May 25th, 2024. 12 – 5 PM. Hugh Torrance House & Store. *HEARTS 1775 - Part II.* In-person. FREE. Talk with citizens of Mecklenburg County of 1775 about their views of the necessity of breaking from royal rule while you watch them go about their daily 18th century tasks. Of course you can visit the house and store. Donations, please. Hught.org.

June 2024

June 22nd, 2024. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, *Commemoration of the 244th Anniversary of the Battle of Ramsour’s Mill.* Battleground Elementary School, Lincolnton, NC. The Commemoration of the Battle of Ramsour’s Mill will be held at the mass grave on school property, hosted by the Catawba Valley Chapter, North Carolina Sons of the American Revolution. In-person. Free.

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: reneeaaahgs2020@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>

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 portrayals 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/>

aahgscharlotte@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>

<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%20Commission/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

Contact: Bob Aycok

Phone: 704-708-4996

Email: info@matthewsheritagemuseum.org

Volunteer needs: We have 3-hour shifts available on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, 10am-1pm or 1pm-4pm

(On-going needs): Docents

May 20th Society

P.O. Box 30335
Charlotte, NC 28230.
<https://may20thsociety.org/>
[facebook.com/May20thSociety](https://www.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

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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.

mounthollyhistoricalsociety.org

<https://www.facebook.com/MHHSNC/>

mhhistoricalociety@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.

704-568-1774.

www.oldemeck.org

<https://www.facebook.com/oldemeck>
info@oldemeck.org

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>