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The Mecklenburg Historical Association

Monthly Event Calendar

Upcoming Events of Interest to the History Community

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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 Monthly Calendar editor at mhacalendar1775@gmail.com for further information and assistance.

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MHA Announcements

MHA Dinner Meeting

May 8th . MHA Dinner Meeting. Dinner: 6:30 p.m. Program: 7:15 p.m. “*Thomas Polk, Founder of Charlotte, North Carolina, and His Military Service During the American Revolution.*” Speaker: Bill Anderson is a Charlotte native who grew up emersed in Carolina history, but only returned to it later in life. His career was in mechanical engineering and computer programming. Bill graduated from Garinger High School and The Citadel with a degree in mathematics and later at Florida Institute of Technology with a master’s degree in mechanical engineering. He was a U.S. Army captain in the Air Defense Artillery Branch. He worked for Pratt & Whitney Aircraft as a project/test engineer in West Palm Beach, FL, and United Technologies Research Lab in East Harford, CT. In 1976, he returned to graduate school in

mechanical engineering at Stanford University in California. There he refocused his technical skills to the new computer industry. He formed a small software development company EleSoft Research. In 1996, he relocated that business to Charlotte. In 2020, he retired.

In the late 1990s, it became evident that computer tools like Web search and scans of original source documents could solve many unanswered questions about the Revolutionary War. Bill has written many American Revolution reports, some published. He applied for and secured two state-approved historical markers. He created the web application “[American Revolution Sites, Events and Troop Movements by Day](#)” that plots daily events, including troop movements. All are on the Web at [elehistory.com](#). He is active in many history associations, including past Historian of the Mecklenburg Chapter, NCSSAR.

Go to page 3 to print the MHA Dinner Reservation Coupon to make your reservations and for further information about dinner meeting meal options and payment instructions.

MHA Board Members

Three new members have been added to the MHA Board of Directors. The new board members include Jody Taylor, Stephen McKee, and Beth Zeiss. Jody is the Director of Marketing & Digital Engagement with the United Way of Iredell County and the Interim Executive Director of the Historic Cabarrus Association. He’s also a public historian with an interpretive focus on the early colonial period. He has developed special programs and events and volunteered at several museums in the Carolinas which include the Charlotte Museum of History, Historic Brattonsville, Rowan Museum, Spartanburg Regional Museum of History-Walnut Grove Plantation, Historic Camden Foundation, Cowpens National Battlefield, Kings Mountain National Military Park, Moore’s Creek National Battlefield, Guilford Courthouse National Military Park, Historic Rural Hill, and the former Latta Plantation.

Stephen McKee served in the U.S. Navy as a Nuclear Electrician on submarines from 1998-2007. Currently, he works for Duke Energy as a Nuclear Operations Instructor at McGuire Nuclear Station in Huntersville. Stephen has been a member of the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution since 2015 as a member of the Mecklenburg Chapter based in Charlotte. He has served the Chapter as Assistant Secretary (2017-2018), Vice President (2018-2019), President (2019-2020) and Color Guard Commander (2019-Present). He has also served the North Carolina Society SAR as the Foothills Region Vice President (2021-Present), the Western North Carolina Color Guard Adjutant (2019-2022), the North Carolina State Color Guard Commander (2022-Present), and the Chairman of the National Younger Members Committee for the NSSAR from 2018-2019. He’s also a living historian who volunteers with the Kingsbury’s North Carolina Artillery/Locke’s Militia, a Revolutionary War living history groups. He has also served as the Regimental Treasurer on the Board, as well as the Unit Lieutenant in command of our 2nd field piece.

The MHA Board elected Sarah Sue Hardinger to serve as the board president.

MHA Dinner Meeting Reservation Form: Monday/May 8, 2023

Trinity Presbyterian Church, (Fellowship Hall), 3115 Providence Rd., Charlotte, NC 28211

Dinner: 6:30 p.m., Program: 7:15 p.m.

Absolute RSVP deadline: Sunday/May 7th.

All boxed meals are \$12 each, no discounts for seniors at this time.

Complete this coupon, and make check payable to “**Mecklenburg Historical Association**” (\$12 if one boxed meal, \$24 if two boxed meals). Mail completed coupon and check to: Mecklenburg Historical Association, c/o Jane Johnson, 210 Pineville Forest Dr., Pineville, NC 28134. Contact Jane Johnson at jjcnc@aol.com for any additional questions.

Boxed meal options (Jason's Deli) include:

Option 1. **Nutty Mixed-Up Salad (light)** - (430-770 cal) 100% antibiotic-free chicken breast, organic field greens, grapes, feta, cranberry-walnut mix, organic apples, balsamic vinaigrette.

Option 2. **Shelley's Deli Chick** - (650 cal) Family-recipe chicken salad with almonds and pineapple, leafy lettuce, tomato, toasted croissant.

Option 3. **Amy's Turkey-O** - (450 cal) Roasted turkey breast, sliced avocado, jalapeño pepper jack, red onions, tomato, leafy lettuce, stone-ground mustard, toasted onion bun.

Option 4. **Club Royale** - (680 cal) Nitrite-free smoked turkey breast and ham, bacon, Swiss, cheddar, leafy lettuce, tomato, honey mustard, toasted croissant.

Option 5. **Great Southwest Bowl** - (710 cal) 100% antibiotic-free chicken breast, romaine lettuce, rice, pico de gallo, roasted corn and black bean salad and guacamole, cheddar, jalapeño ranch dressing. Southwest spices.

Option 6. **Reuben THE Great** - (610-1170 cal) ½ pound of hot corned beef or pastrami, Swiss, sauerkraut, 1000 Island, toasted NEW Marbled Rye.

Option 7. **The Big Chef** - (1030/520 cal) Nitrite-free ham and roasted turkey, Asiago, cheddar, grape tomatoes, kalamata olives, hard-boiled egg, mixed salad greens, ranch.

Each boxed meal option includes chips and a cookie

Complete all of the following:

Name(s) for name tags: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

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Check here if only one boxed meal is being ordered: _____ (\$12)

Boxed meal option (Check 1 meal option only):

Option 1. _____ (Nutty Mixed-Up Salad (light)) Option 2. _____ (Shelley's Deli Chick)

Option 3. _____ (Amy's Turkey-O) Option 4. _____ (Club Royale)

Option 5. _____ (Great Southwest Bowl) Option 6. _____ (Reuben THE Great)

Option 7. _____ (The Big Chef)

Check here if two boxed meals are being ordered: _____ (\$24)

Boxed meal option (Check up to 2 meal options only):

Option 1. _____ Quantity (Enter 1 or 2) _____ (Nutty Mixed-Up Salad (light))

Option 2. _____ Quantity (Enter 1 or 2) _____ (Shelley's Deli Chick)

Option 3. _____ Quantity (Enter 1 or 2) _____ (Amy's Turkey-O)

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History Organizations Announcement

Levine Museum of the New South. As Levine Museum continues to expand in increasingly exciting and innovative ways, we want to continue sharing stories and creating experiences with you and for you. Tell us what stories you want to experience next in our brief 4-minute survey at

<https://www.museumofthenewsouth.org/charlottebycharlotte/>

Calendar

2023

Multiple Day Events - 2023

Special Events/Programs/Lectures and Exhibits

May 1st – June 3rd . 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Kings Mountain Historical Museum. “*War & Memory: A Commemoration of Remembrance.*” In-person. Free. (EXHIBIT) This exhibit is an introduction to “Decoration Day” and its roots within the African American Community to honor and remember Union Soldiers after the Civil War, how it evolved during World War I to expand to honor all American war fatalities, becoming a Federal Holiday, and being declared as “Memorial Day” later on after World War II. This exhibit will feature Civil War, WWI and WWII artifacts and ephemera on display in remembrance of residents of Cleveland County in honor of Memorial Day in 2023.

May 1st – August 3rd . 10 a.m.- 7 p.m. Native American Studies Center (119 S. Main St., Lancaster, SC 29720). “*Exhibit Opening: Woven Together.*” In person. Free. Featuring regalia, hats, beaded items, and more, this exhibit highlights Indigenous textile artwork from Native American Studies Collections. Through Aug. 3, 2023. Go to <https://nativeamericanstudiescenter.godaddysites.com/> for more information.

May 1st – September 1st . 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. Native American Studies Center (119 S. Main St., Lancaster, SC 29720). *The Crediford Collection: Photography of South Carolina’s Native Peoples* In person. Free. For more information, go to <https://nativeamericanstudiescenter.godaddysites.com/upcoming-events> .

May 1st – April 30th . Go to the museum website (<https://www.museumofthenewsouth.org/plan-a-visit/>) for various hours of operation. Levine Museum of the New South. *Marking Their Mark: Charlotteans Who Shaped the City.* Free. In-person. https://www.museumofthenewsouth.org/making-their-mark/?mc_cid=3f3ad1a097&mc_eid=84eee381ed . This exhibit highlights men and women – including Catawba Chief Haigler, Julius Chambers, Romare Bearden, and Dr. Annie Alexander – who have influenced the growth of Charlotte’s communities, institutions, and physical spaces throughout its rich history. Dive into archival photographs, collection items from Levine Museum, archived PBS Trail of History episodes, original sculptures by Trail of History artists, and interpretive panels highlighting key turning points in Charlotte-Mecklenburg’s history.

May 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>

May 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://charlottesmuseum.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.

May 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th. Historic Brattsonville. “*Sheep Shearing at Historic Brattonsville.*” mccheek@chmuseums.org. <https://chmuseums.org> .803-909-7312. Every Saturday for the month of May, historically-dressed interpreters will be hand-shearing the Gulf Coast Sheep. Learn about how the site is preserving this special heritage-breed farm animal. Activities highlight all the steps involved in processing wool, including carding and spinning thread, natural dyeing techniques, weaving on the barn loom and creating textiles from wool. May 6 – “Shearing and Washing Wool.” May 13 – “Carding and Spinning.” May 20 – Weaving. May 27 – Natural Dyeing. Go to <http://chmuseums.org/upcoming-events-hb/> for additional details.

May 6th -September 8th . Levine Museum of the New South. “*Climates of Inequality: Stories of Environmental Justice-Climate Refugees in the City of Creeks.*” Cost of admission. An exhibition of multimedia stories from across North and South America, a featured exhibition, "Climate Refugees in the City of Creeks," explores histories of environmental change, displacement, and migration in Charlotte. The exhibit showcases the voices and artwork of students, teachers, and community members, by highlighting Charlotte’s contributions to the environmental justice movement from the first Earth Day in 1970 to today.

May 20th – May 21st . 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Schiele Museum. “*Primitive Skills Workshops-Hide Tanning*”. In-person. Registration required: <https://sales.schielemuseum.org/patroneducation.aspx?PID=86378> . \$355 members, \$370 non-members. Purchase deadline: May 19th , Noon. **DAY 1: PAINTS** - Come and learn how to make beautiful paints from what you can forage in nature and find in your neighborhood. Using materials from the earth, trees, plants, and water, make colorful natural paints that our ancestors would have used, including watercolors, tempera, and glair. The day will be hands-on and practical but you’ll also learn about the traditional uses of all the paints you make. **DAY 2: INKS** - Learn to make oak gall and iron gall ink, the traditional ink of the Magna Carta, Declaration of Independence, and almost all European illuminated manuscripts. Learn a foraged, simple technique as well as a studio method, both making beautiful black inks. You will also make quill pens and brushes from goose or turkey feathers. Go home with inks, pens, brushes, and the knowledge of how to brew up simple colorful inks and long-lasting tannin-based inks at home. **Please wear old clothes to both workshops, as some of the materials we’ll use can stain. Bring a sketchbook and favorite brush or two to make swatches of your paints/inks throughout the session. All other materials will be provided. Foraging before class? Feel free to bring any large feathers - goose, swan, gull or crow; as well as any oak galls or sea shells that you find. Lunch will not be provided; however, an hour break will be given for participants to either leave for lunch or eat a packed lunch on-site. (A refrigerator is available to store lunches.) There are a number of restaurants close by. Workshop Questions? Please contact Hannah at hannahs@cityofgastonia.com Unable to register online or prefer to register via phone? Please call 704.854.6676

May 20th – May 21st . 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Schiele Museum. “*Primitive Skills Workshops-Wild Paints and Inks*”. In-person. Registration required: <https://sales.schielemuseum.org/patroneducation.aspx?PID=86373> . \$275 members, \$300 non-members. Before the advent of modern tanning agents, humans were turning raw pelts into functional furs using very basic techniques and materials. Learn to produce an incredibly soft, beautiful, and durable product from raw animal skin using one of humankind’s earliest tanning technologies! Utilizing materials readily available in the surrounding environment, we will walk through the steps of this transformation. This two-day workshop will be taught by primitive skills expert and *Alone* season 8 participant, Dr. Theresa Emmerich Kamper. Please be aware that a reasonable amount of fitness is required for this course. You will be on your feet and active for 6 to 8 hours per day.

July 15-16th. July 16th - 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., July 17th – 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Historic Brattsonville. “*Battle of Huck’s Defeat*.” In-person. Annual reenactment of the Revolutionary War battle fought on July 14, 1780 between the local Patriot militia and Loyalist Provincial forces commanded by commander Capt. Christian Huck. Activities include 2 p.m. battle reenactment of Huck’s Defeat (Saturday only), 2 p.m. reenactment of the skirmish at William Hill’s Ironworks (Sunday only), 18th century military camp, historic cooking, blacksmithing, woodworking, laundry, children’s activities, battlefield tours, and more. Go to <http://chmuseums.org/upcoming-events-hb/> for additional details.

September 2-3rd . Saturday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Sunday 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Historic Rural Hill. “*2nd Annual Battle of Charlotte / Battle of the Bees Revolutionary War Reenactment*”. In-person. Online tickets - \$10 (Saturday OR Sunday only), \$20 (full weekend). On-site tickets - \$15 (Saturday OR Sunday only), \$25 (full weekend). Family-friendly, educational weekend event featuring two Revolutionary War era battle reenactments - Battle of Charlotte (Saturday only at 2 p.m.), Battle of the Bees (Sunday only at 2 p.m.) 18th-century historical camps, cooking, living history demonstrations, talks, programs, and Revolutionary War era military black powder cannon and musket-firing demonstrations.

October 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th . 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Historic Brattonsville. “*Harvest on the Homestead*”. Good old-fashion fall festivities at Historic Brattonsville every Saturday in October. Living history programs at Historic Brattonsville highlight the harvest season on the plantation during the 18th and 19th centuries. Every Saturday in October will feature one of these harvest-time activities: corn shelling, wood rail and shingle-splitting (Oct. 8th), basket weaving, running the cotton gin, natural dying techniques for cotton, food preservation and historical cooking demonstrations with dishes celebrating corn, apples, and pumpkins. (Oct 7th – Corn; Oct. 14th – Apples; Oct. 21st – Cotton; and Oct. 28th – Pumpkins and Spice.) . Go to <http://chmuseums.org/upcoming-events-hb/> for additional details.

Single Day Events - 2023

Special Events/Programs/Lectures and Exhibits

May

May 6th . 2 - 5:00 p.m. Cedar Grove, “*Wildflowers and Bluegrass*”. <http://HughT.com/>. Admission FREE. Join us to learn about local flora and enjoy some great music. Once a month opportunity to come inside Cedar Grove, a historic 19th century house owned by the Torance family. The Hugh Torance House and Store will also be open.

May 6th . 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. Hugh Torance House and Store, “*Ghost Hunt*”. <http://HughT.com/>. Admission \$25. Led by members of the Charlotte Area Paranormal Society (CAPS). You will use current tools to explore the 240 year old building and grounds. Tour is limited to 12 participants. Must be at least 12 years old to attend and 12 to 18 year-olds must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

May 10th . 7:30-9:00 p.m. Mecklenburg Genealogical Society. Topic TBD. Virtual. Free. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/2p93fvv8> . Olde Meck welcomes all members and visitors to attend our monthly meetings, which offer useful information, camaraderie, connections, and the exchange of ideas. We are currently meeting via ZOOM on the second Wednesday of each month.

May 11th . 6-8:30 p.m. Charlotte Museum of History. “*Charlotte Gem Preservation Awards.*” In-Person. \$75 (standard ticket), \$200 (VIP) <https://charlottemuseum.org/programs-events/events/charlotte-preservation-awards-2023/>. The Charlotte Gem Preservation Awards is the premier fundraising event for the Museum and is hosted across the entire campus of the Museum, including the eight-acre 1774 Alexander Homesite and inside our exhibit galleries. The event celebrates Charlotte’s unique history and culture through performances, immersive activities and tours, music, and food and drink. This event also includes the honoring of restoration and building projects in the greater Charlotte region that exemplify the best of historic preservation.

May 18th . 6– 8 p.m. Charlotte Museum of History. “*Official Exhibit Opening: Journey of Hope.*” In-person. Free. Join the Charlotte Museum of History and the Carolinas Asian-American Chamber of Commerce for the official opening of the “Journey of Hope” exhibit, celebrating the stories of more than 20 of Charlotte’s Asian American and Pacific Islander Communities. The exhibit features artwork, artifacts, and stories from these communities and emphasizes the cultural diversity within the AAPI community. This event will feature a short program from the exhibit curators and time to ask questions of the contributors in the exhibit space.

May 19th . Noon. Uptown Charlotte (Trade & Tryon). *Mecklenburg Declaration Day Celebration*. Charlotte Center City Partners. In-Person. Free. The 248th anniversary of the legendary ratification of Mecklenburg County’s declaration of freedom from British colonial authority. The celebration includes public speeches commemorating the event, black powder musket and cannon firing demonstrations by living history reenactors, and a reading of the Mecklenburg Declaration.

May 19th . 7:00-8:00 p.m., Historic Rosedale, “*Haunted History Tour*”, In-person, \$25 (Members \$15). Join the Historic Rosedale staff along with members of the Charlotte Area Paranormal Society to hear tales of our past residents who have chosen to remain behind! The full haunted history tour will be held outside in the gardens and grounds surrounding our historic 1815 house and reconstructed blacksmith shop.

May 20th . 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. Native American Studies Center (119 S. Main St., Lancaster, SC 29720). “*Spring Art & Craft Festival.*” In person. Free. In conjunction with the annual Red Rose Festival, shop for pottery, jewelry, baskets, beadwork, and many more unique creations by Native American artists from around the region. This event is free and open to the public.

May 20th . 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Charlotte Trail of History. (Midtown Park, Little Sugar Creek Greenway, Charlotte, NC.) “*Trail of History Festival*.” RESCHEDULED. In-person. Free. <https://charlottetrailofhistory.org/trail-of-history-festival/> Charlotte Trail of History & Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation present a one-day, annual event celebrating the history, growth, & development of Mecklenburg County, featuring local History, Art, Music, and Food! Learn about Mecklenburg County’s 260 years of history with activities for children, local historians and museum interpreters, historical art demonstrations, and tours of the bronze sculptures.

May 20th . 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Kings Mountain Historical Museum. “*World War II Living History Day: Timeline Event*” In-person. Free. Join us for an event on the museum grounds at the Kings Mountain Historical Museum on Saturday May 20th, 2023, for World War II Day. Step back in time into the camps of World War II. There will be various displays and reenactors on site to talk and interact with the museum guests about the US Military involvement during the European Theater of Operations. The main focus of this living history event will focus on the Airborne Operations (Parachute Infantry Regiment) during World War II. Various uniforms, gear, weapons, demolitions equipment and communications equipment will be on display outside on the museum grounds. Additionally, the Barber House will be open to the public with WWII cooking demonstrations with Susie Worcester. The Kings Mountain Historical Museum will also be open with the exhibit “War & Memory: A Commemoration of Remembrance” on display with various WWI and WWII artifacts featured. Presented by the 508th Headquarters-Headquarters P.I.R. of the 82nd Airborne Division.

May 20th . 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Charlotte Museum of History. *Reflections on Freedom: Meck Dec Day and MMIW*. In-person. Free with museum admission. Visitors are invited to reflect on the meaning of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence on Meck Dec Day! The day will begin at 11:00 a.m. with a reading of the Meck Dec (also livestreamed) from the steps of the 1774 Rock House. The afternoon will feature an in-person conversation and ceremony with Dr. Crystal Cavalier (Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation) about Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) in North Carolina and the work being done in the state to address historical inequalities in the criminal justice system.

May 20th . 12:30 – 7 p.m. May 20th Society (Lost Worlds Brewing, 19700 One Norman Blvd, Suite D Cornelius, NC). <https://www.facebook.com/events/665674945567194/?ref=newsfeed> “*Who’s Your Founding Father?*” As part of the Meck Dec Day Celebration, ESPN senior writer David Fleming will be launching “Who’s Your Founding Father? One Man’s Epic Quest to Uncover the First, True Declaration of Independence.” The book signing marks a day of festivities celebrating Meck Dec Day events organized by the May 20th Society hosted at Lost Worlds Brewing.

May 20th . 2 - 5 p.m. (Historic Elmwood/Pinewood Cemetery, Charlotte.) “*Voices From The Past*.” RESCHEDULED. Free. In-person. <https://voicesfromthepastcharlotte.com/> . Historic Elmwood/Pinewood Cemetery. Featuring reenactors depicting biographical sketches of Charlotte’s citizens from the 19th – 20th centuries. In addition to visiting with 30 citizens from Charlotte’s past, Voices From The Past is partnering with our next-door neighbors and is inviting you to enjoy a stroll in the Secret Gardens of Fourth Ward on May 20 & 21st. <https://fourthwardclt.org/events/secret-gardens-tour-2023/>

May 21st . 3 p.m. Philadelphia Presbyterian Church (Mint Hill, NC). Carol Timblin, Historic Bain Preservation (ctimblin@gmail.com or 704-576-0925) "*Bain Academy Monument Dedication*." The public is invited to the dedication of the Historic Bain Academy monument located on Bain School Road across from the original site of the school that was demolished in 2020. Keynote speaker for the dedication will be Dr. Dan Morrill, Preserve Mecklenburg, Inc., consultant and professor emeritus of history at UNC Charlotte. Historic Bain Academy was the oldest graded school in Mecklenburg County and was one of only two high schools in the county that prepared students for any college and university in North Carolina. Though not required by the state, teachers at Historic Bain Academy were college educated. Early students received a classical education at the school and were known for their excellence in orations, debates, and recitations.

May 24th . 6 p.m. The Olde Mecklenburg Brewery. "*2023 Captain James Jack Colonial Dinner*". In-person. <https://may20thsociety.org/captjackdinner/> . Contact the Olde Mecklenburg Brewery at info@ombbeer.com for information and tickets. The May 20th Society and The Olde Mecklenburg Brewery are excited to partner again for this event! Join us for this four course colonial themed dinner. Each course is paired with a different beer from The Olde Mecklenburg Brewery, including our favorite Captain Jack Pilsner. Author David Fleming, "Who's Your Founding Father?", will be the featured speaker.

May 26th . Noon-1 p.m. Native American Studies Center (119 S. Main St., Lancaster, SC 29720). Lunch and Learn: "*Shades of Gray: Non-White Confederate Soldiers*." In person and virtual. Free. This project focuses on men with degrees of African and Indigenous ancestry who used military service in the Confederacy to strengthen their claims to whiteness and the citizenship that came with it. During this Lunch and Learn, Dr. David Dangerfield, University of South Carolina Salkehatchie Assistant Professor of History, will examine their experiences and the strategies they employed to help navigate liminal circumstances as "free people of color" in the late-antebellum and Civil War-era South Carolina Lowcountry. To attend via Zoom, register at this link: bit.ly/3Rb1DKo.

June

June 10th . 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Historic Rosedale "*Paranormal Investigation*", In-person, \$30 (Members \$15). A scientific-minded ghost hunt on the grounds and the interior of the historic home using the latest technology. Experts from the Charlotte Area Paranormal Society will lead the investigation rotating between the gardens, the blacksmith shop, and the cellar of the house.

June 10th . 10:30 p.m. – 12:30 a.m., Historic Rosedale "*The Stroke of Midnight*", In-person, \$50 (Members \$30). The ultimate midnight experience – lead by Charlotte Area Paranormal Society and Historic Rosedale staff this isn't your average ghost tour but exclusive, midnight access to the house not available during public tours. Hands-on paranormal investigation utilizing the latest technology, you'll be part of the search for evidence of ghostly residents on all four floors. Science and the theory behind paranormal activity will meet local history.

June 14th . 7:30-9:00 p.m. Mecklenburg Genealogical Society. Topic TBD. Virtual. Free. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/2p93fvv8> . Olde Meck welcomes all members and visitors to attend our monthly meetings, which offer useful information, camaraderie, connections, and the exchange of ideas. We are currently meeting via ZOOM on the second Wednesday of each month.

June 17th . 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Historic Brattonsville. *“Juneteenth.”* In-person. Cost of admission. Description (3-sentence maximum). Featuring special programming about the historical and cultural significance of Juneteenth and its connection to the Brattonsville community. Activities will include cooking demonstrations of traditional food, natural dyeing with traditional colors, special interpretation of music and songs in Juneteenth tradition, and a make-and-take activity where visitors can collect a different historic document at each activity and make it into a take-home booklet of Juneteenth history. Go to <http://chmuseums.org/upcoming-events-hb/> for additional details.

June 23rd . Noon-1 p.m. Native American Studies Center (119 S. Main St., Lancaster, SC 29720). *Lunch and Learn: "Rice Culture in South Carolina, Past and Present."* In person and virtual. Free. Amanda McNulty, Producer/Host of SCETV's "Making It Grow" discusses how rice culture shaped the society and health of freed and enslaved South Carolinians. Today, breeding has brought back the original "Carolina Gold" rice which at one time gave SC the highest per capita income in the world; further crosses have introduced even more choices based on the historic standouts. To attend via Zoom, register at this link: bit.ly/3KFLkEl.

July

July 1st . 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Historic Brattonsville. *“Independence Day.”* In-person. Cost of admission. Featuring special programming about the celebration of Independence Day in the Carolina Piedmont during the 1850s. Activities will include cooking demonstrations of 19th century refreshments, toys and games, a make-and-take activity of 19th century paper fans, and a reading of the Declaration of Independence. Go to <http://chmuseums.org/upcoming-events-hb/> for additional details.

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September

September 10th . 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Historic Brattonsville. *“By the Sweat of Our Brows”*. In-person. Pre-registration is encouraged; limited walk-up tickets available. Interpretive demonstrations of the daily life and work of the enslaved persons on the Bratton Plantation. Meet their descendants and learn about the ongoing conversations between the white and African-American descendants of this 19th century era York County, South Carolina family. Other activities include traditional foodways, children's activities, woodworking, spinning, weaving, and quilting. Go to <http://chmuseums.org/upcoming-events-hb/> for additional details.

September 13th . 7:30-9:00 p.m. Mecklenburg Genealogical Society. Topic TBD. Virtual. Free. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/2p93fvv8> . Olde Meck welcomes all members and visitors to attend our monthly meetings, which offer useful information, camaraderie, connections, and the exchange of ideas. We are currently meeting via ZOOM on the second Wednesday of each month.

September 30th. 10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Charlotte Museum of History. “*Mad About Modern: Midcentury + Modern Home Tour*.” In-Person. Ticket reminder email sign up: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/BqpYbPG/MAM2023> . Save the date for the 2023 Mad About Modern Home Tour! Join us on Saturday, September 30 from 10 am to 4 pm to celebrate some of the best of Charlotte midcentury + modern architecture and design. Also included in your ticket purchase is a special kickoff celebration at the Museum from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm on Thursday, September 28.

October

October 11th . 7:30-9:00 p.m. Mecklenburg Genealogical Society. Topic TBD. Virtual. Free. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/2p93fvv8> . Olde Meck welcomes all members and visitors to attend our monthly meetings, which offer useful information, camaraderie, connections, and the exchange of ideas. We are currently meeting via ZOOM on the second Wednesday of each month.

November

November 8th . 7:30-9:00 p.m. Mecklenburg Genealogical Society. Topic TBD. Virtual. Free. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/2p93fvv8> . Olde Meck welcomes all members and visitors to attend our monthly meetings, which offer useful information, camaraderie, connections, and the exchange of ideas. We are currently meeting via ZOOM on the second Wednesday of each month.

December

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: reneaahgs2020@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: Cher Lambeth

Phone: 704-335-0325

Email: roseedu@historicrosedale.org

Volunteer needs:

(Special Events): October 15th Oyster Roast-volunteers needed to assist.

(On-going needs): Docents-Guided house tours (training provided), Welcome Center-greet visitor
Garden volunteers- weeding, garden, ground maintenance.

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 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/AAHGSCCHARLOTTE/>

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
232 N. Trade Street
Matthews, NC 28105
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](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

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.

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>