

August 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.)

The 250th celebration begins!

This month, August 31, Mecklenburg's own reenactment – the Battle of Charlotte! At Rural Hill in Huntersville. September 1 is the Battle of King's Mountain. Both days for one price of \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. We will again have living history, arms demonstrations, craft demonstrations, suttlers, contests to watch, and food and treat trucks. Tickets are on [EventBrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) at battle of Charlotte. Start the celebration of the 250th birthday of an independent Mecklenburg County!

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!

Colorful Matthews: A Coloring Book

Barbara Taylor, former Director of Matthews Heritage Museum and Barbara Stegall, Matthews Heritage Museum docent, former teacher, and pre-school director have created a delightful coloring book exploring the historic buildings of Matthews.

COLORFUL MATTHEWS features 15 pages of original pen and ink drawings of historic structures that can be colored. The artists are local history enthusiasts, Janet Dyer and Phil Tappy. These pictures are followed by information about each structure. Each page is perforated, and the 8 ½ x 11 format makes it easy to frame.

Among the featured structures are Matthews Heritage Museum, Renfrow's Hardware Store, Matthews Historic Cemetery, and Outen's pottery Kiln. Some of these landmarks are not well known by the local population, but this coloring book gives children, parents, and grandparents an opportunity to learn about the Matthews community, while they enjoy coloring each historic site. Each building's address is listed, as well as the history and year it was built, and the name of the current business, if appropriate. These books are now on sale for \$10 per copy.

Calendar

2024

Multiple Day Events - 2024

Special Events/Programs/Lectures and Exhibits

August 23rd– August 24th , 2024. 4:00 PM- 6:00 PM Fri night, and 9:00 AM-12 PM Saturday *Patriot Gravemarking Ceremony (Fri) and the Commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of the New Bern Resolves and First Provincial Congress*– Christ Episcopel Church (Fri) and Tryon Palace (Sat), New Bern, NC. Five Patriot Graves will be marked on Friday evening, followed by a huge celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the New Bern Resolves and the First Provincial Congress held in New Bern, NC in 1775. Hosted by the SAR and DAR, will also include participation from other civic organizations, historical reenactment groups, as well as city, county, and state organizations.

August 31st – Sept 1st , 2024. 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM *Battle of Charlotte/Battle of Kings Mountain* – Rural Hill, Huntersville, NC. Annual reenactment weekend for the Battle of Charlotte held at Rural Hill. Artillery and musket demonstrations. Activities include reenactor camps and 18th century military interpretation, cooking. In-person.

September 28th – September 29th , 2024. 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM *Gold Hill Military Timeline Living History Weekend* – Gold Hill, NC. A Military Through the Ages timeline event with demonstrations from the colonial through modern periods. Learn about military uniforms, equipment, tactics and strategy and how each changed and evolved throughout history. In-person.

Single Day Events - 2024

Special Events/Programs/Lectures and Exhibits

August 2024

August 3rd, 2024. 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, *243rd Anniversary of the Attack on the House in the Horseshoe*, Sanford, NC. Alston House State Historic Site. In person. SAR Commemoration and Laying of Wreaths commences at 10:00 AM, followed by a reenactment of the attack at 2:00 PM. Reenactors and sutlers will be on site to commemorate the event.

August 10rd, 2024. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM, *249th Aniversary of the Tryon Resolves* Tryona Volunteer Fire Department, Bessemer City, NC. In person. Free. Come celebrate the 249th Anniversary of the signing of the Tryon Resolves, an important link in the chain that forged American Independency! Commemoration and Laying of Wreaths commences at 11:00 AM. Parking is limited, and the area around the marker is next to the road.

September 2024

September 7th, 2024. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM, *Rediscovering Banastre Tarleton: Confronting the Myths and Realities of a Legend* - Museum of the Waxhaws, Waxhaw, NC. In person. Tickets \$15 per person. South Carolina History Teacher of the Year Michael R. Burgess will present an accurate portrait of Banastre Tarleton, the truths about his life as well as the myths which gave him the moniker of “Bloody Ban” and gave rise to the notion of “Tarleton’s Quarter.”

September 14th, 2024. 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM, *Germanfest at the Old Stone House* - Old Stone House, Granite Quarry, NC. In person. Come celebrate the German heritage of the Piedmont at the Michael Braun House near Salisbury, NC. Food, demonstrations, dancing, and crafts. Hosted by the Rowan Museum.

September 21st, 2024. 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM, *Autumn in the Waxhaws* Museum of the Waxhaws, Waxhaw, NC. 18th Century Arts, Crafts and Culture in the Waxhaws, focusing on the time of harvest and preparing for winter. Will include historical interpreters doing living history demonstrations. In person. Tickets may be purchased in the visitor’s center.

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: 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/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

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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 Aycock
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.

mounthollynchistoricalociety.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.
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/>
uslnasp@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>