

## CASINO ROYALE

## RETURNS IN OCTOBER



In October of 2011, the MAMRH in association with B & L Custom Jewelers hosted its first Annual Casino Royale Fundraiser event at Cross Creek Country Club. With over 130 people in attendance at this event it was a rousing success and great fun for all. The evening's activities will include dinner, drinks, casino style gaming,

a silent auction and a draw down. Given its popularity, the museum has decided to bring the event back for 2012, so mark your Calendars for October 19 for a fun filled evening. Tickets are on sale now from Museum Board Members and at the Museum. Event tickets are \$65 per person and Draw Down Tickets are \$100 or you can buy a package with 2 event tickets and a draw down for \$180. Supplies are limited so get yours now!



The museum also wishes to recognize and thank the following sponsors for their support of the 2011 event: Presenting partner B & L Custom Jewelers and gaming table sponsors: anonymous, Greater Mount Airy Chamber of Commerce/Tourism Development Authority, Haynes Strand and Company, Pine State Marketing ,

Mac and Candace Sammons, State Farm Insurance (Debbie Blinkhorn), and Webb Interiors. Without their support last year's event would not have been the success it was!



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# FROM THE DIRECTOR



One of the perks of being the Executive Director is that I get a bully pulpit every time we publish a newsletter to talk about whatever happens to be on my mind. My topic this time has been selected almost since I wrote my last note to you all. I'm going to expand, but I can sum up my sentiments in two words--shop local.

Now it might seem like a trivial thing and you might not immediately see the connection to the museum, but this one little action (or series of actions) can have a dramatic and positive impact on the economic health and vitality of our community. We are fortunate to have a few big, highly visible corporations still here as employers. They make great products that are sold all over the world and they represent a sizable contribution to our local tax base. Moreover, they have proven to be great corporate citizens through the years with their support of organizations like the museum.

Right along-side those big guys, are our small local businesses. While their individual contributions may be smaller, collectively, they are a driving force in keeping our local economy moving and growing. When they are successful, the likelihood that they will contribute to the museum (as well as other area non-profits) as members and sponsors increases. So I'd encourage you to take a minute to look at the list of folks who are already supporting members and those who have generously sponsored events and programs here at the museum. Give these folks a chance to earn your business—and mention us in the process so they know how you know about them.

The museum is currently working with a upstart new young professionals group—Mount Airy Professionals of Surry (MAPS), and one of their first initiatives is to promote local businesses through a program they are calling “MAPS Mobb (Making our Businesses Better)” where members will be visiting several local businesses in one evening to invest in their local community. This is the type of action and involvement that is going to drive our local economy and our community moving forward. We're all in this together so it's time we started making conscious decisions to enhance our community.

Truth be told, shopping locally can be slightly more expensive, but I guarantee when you factor in the cost of gas and the time you spend driving to and from Winston-Salem to shop a big box store or a major mall it's probably a break even proposition so why not keep it local. And when and if you do need to shop those big box stores, be cognizant of what's still made and produced in our area and buy those products whenever possible.

A small change in your shopping habits has the potential to yield big returns for local non-profits like us who depend on the support and charity of those individuals and businesses in our area; support them so they can support us.

*Matt*

## VOLUNTEER BRUNCH 2012



On April 16th, all the volunteers were honored with the 15th annual brunch in the museum annex. Hank Spires, chairman of the board, welcomed the volunteers and

introduced the museum board. The invocation was given by LaDonna McCarther, a front desk and docent volunteer. The brunch was catered by Mary Planer, also a front desk volunteer. After the delicious food was consumed, our director Matt Edwards introduced “Getting to Know You.” Now, if you thought he was going to sing, you were wrong! Since many of our volunteers didn't know each other, we took this time to play a ‘get to know you game.’ Each person had a card from a deck of cards that were special made just for the occasion and each person had to stand, give their name and tell a number of things about themselves according to the number on the card.

It was fun and very informative, as we learned things about each other. Recognition was given by Nancy Davis, Guest Services Manager, to our volunteers who received their 5, 10 and 15 year pins. Receiving a 5 year pin was Jane King and receiving their 10 year pin was Frances Bowman, Rachael Jarrell, Susan King, Lavinia Tillotson. For the first time we were able to recognize 10 people for volunteering 15 years at the museum. They were Jean Atkins, Christine Beamer, Lib Boyles, Bennie Burton, Magdalene Comer, Ethelene Edwards, Elaine Harbour, Treva Haynes, Zeo Stone and Betty Wright. A very surprised, Dr. Rick Smith was recognized as the Docent of the Year and Angela Yacano, for the front desk Volunteer of the Year. We are so grateful for the generosity, kindness and wisdom that our



many volunteers bring to the museum. The Mount Airy Museum of Regional History could not achieve its mission without each of you.



# PROGRAM UPDATE



## History Talks



During the second half of 2011, the Museum's very successful History Talks series covered many diverse topics including Blackbeard the pirate, the American tobacco culture, the

Overmountain Victory

Trail and ended with a powerful program by long time Museum supporter, Zack Blackmon who spoke about the local members of the 426th Field Artillery Battalion. History Talks in 2012 have proven to be equally successful and engaging. In April, author Chris Hartley spoke about Stoneman's 1865 Raid and its effect on people of this area and in May, Museum Board member, amateur historian and long-time collector a

of the Confederate monetary system, Gary Cook, shared his knowledge of how the Confederacy funded the War of Southern Rebellion. Gary also brought with him numerous examples of Federal and North Carolina



bonds, plus other examples of confederate money. We will be continuing the History Talks series again in the Fall so look for these upcoming programs: September 8: Marion Venable will speak about WWI United States Army General Henry Wolfe Butner, who was born in the Shoals Community of Surry County, NC; October 13: North Carolina Humanities Road Scholar, Ed Southern, will give a talk about the "Race to the Dan - The Retreat That Won the Revolution" and on November 10: Author and Appalachian State University History Professor, Bruce Stewart, will present "Fire Up the Stills: the Rise and Fall of the Moonshiners in Nineteenth-Century Appalachian North Carolina."



## White Liquor and Dirt Tracks: Biographies

The new exhibit White Liquor and Dirt Tracks: Biographies opened on Saturday January 28 and the day was filled with a variety of great programs. The ever popular Old-timer's panel discussion plus meet and greet kicked off the morning. Racing fans were entertained



with stories and antics told by NASCAR greats Rex White, Don Johnson, Jerry Hatcher, Chris Fleming and 2012 NASCAR Hall of Fame inductee Dale Inman, just to name a few. Dr. Dan Pierce, from UNC-Asheville was back for a second year to talk about moonshining in Western North Carolina and Virginia Tech professor Brian Katen presented an interesting program on early racing in Southwest Virginia. NASCAR Hall of Fame Historian Buzz McKim spoke about the roots of NASCAR and throughout the day, Margaret Sue Turner Wright, daughter of racing legend Curtis Turner was on hand to talk about her new book featuring her father. Tom VanNortwick, artist and auto pin striping/graphics expert, demonstrated his technique and talent by working on various pieces brought to him by racing fans plus outside was the vintage Race Car and Hot Rod Cruise-in. There was definitely something of interest for all racing fans at the museum that day.

## Black History Month



This year, the Museum celebrated Black History Month by hosting the program: A Game Apart: the Life of

Jackie Robinson by popular performer Mike Wiley. As always Mike Wiley's one-man show was extremely entertaining and very educational. He proved once again, that history can be enjoyed by an audience of all ages. This program was made possible by a sub-grant from the Grassroots Program of the N.C. Arts Council and the Surry Arts Council.

For the second year in a row, the Museum partnered with the Plaid Cloth Literary Society to host the annual African American Read-in on February 8. The goal of this nationwide program is to make the celebration of African American

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literacy a traditional part of Black History Month activities. Participants in the Read-in took turns reading excerpts of work by African American authors or poets. This program was enjoyed by all who attended.

of decorating eggs uses simple, primitive tools to “write” intricate designs with beeswax and is traditionally used to make the much admired and beautiful Ukrainian Easter eggs. The class sign-up sheet filled up so quickly that we held a second workshop for those who were wait-listed. Next year, we plan on hosting several of these workshops, well before Easter.

## Workshops:

Genealogy is becoming more and more popular for a leisure time pursuit as people wanting to know who they are and where they came from dig deep in their search for ancestors. Earlier this year, the Museum held its five week Beginners Genealogy Workshop led by expert genealogist Esther Johnson. Students in this class learned how to trace their family trees, fill out family group sheets, research census records, and sift through the vast genealogical resources on the internet. Thanks to Esther, the frequently daunting challenge to find one’s roots became a much easier pursuit.



A fun workshop held this spring, hosted by the Museum and the Gilmer-Smith Foundation, was the children’s Easter bonnet workshop followed by a parade and Easter egg hunt

at the Robert Smith Memorial Park. Boys and girls of all ages decorated their bonnets or hats with colorful ribbons, flowers, buttons, jewels, Easter eggs, cars, dinosaurs, insects and many other popular embellishments. The Easter Bunny led the children in a parade from the Museum to the Park where they all enjoyed finding Easter eggs and having punch and cookies afterwards.



Surprise, surprise, surprise! Were we ever surprised at the overwhelming response to the Batik Easter Egg Workshop taught by Maria Skaskiw a native of the Ukraine. The Batik method

## TECHNOLOGY BEHIND THE SCENES



Over the last several months, the museum has been making some significant changes to our record keeping and collections management systems. Beginning in January, we installed a new-to-us central data server to house all of the museum digital records. The server was a donated unit that was installed by a volunteer who works in the computer field.

After making that upgrade, the museum was able to purchase new museum management software called Past Perfect. The new software replaces an older system we have been using for over fifteen years and allows us the ability to fully digitize our membership and volunteer data as well as track our collections. It is a much more comprehensive museum management tool and should help to streamline operations behind the scenes. This purchase was made possible by a generous donation from Gary York earmarked for that need.

Since March, we have been working to convert, digitize, and update all our institutional records in order to make full use of the system. If you are interested in helping with this project, we will have a need for volunteers to do some data-entry from old files in the coming months so contact Nancy if you are interested in helping out. Likewise, if you have moved or changed a phone number or email etc. please call Karen at 786-4478 x 222 to make sure we have all your information correct in our database.

# RECENT GIFTS TO THE MUSEUM



*The following have been added to the Museum collection:*

## **Vallie Allman**

Collection of 33 hand-carved miniature buggies, vehicles, and other items including animals, birds, flowers, Disney characters, dolphin, bell

## **Sallie Malmo Carr/Joanie Malmo Howard – Yokley/Malmo Donation**

Collection of clothing, accessories, Girl and Cub Scout patches, notebooks and memorabilia, Tonka and Tootsie trucks, Mt. Airy Furniture fire extinguishers, Advent calendars and Santa decorations, paper dolls, magazines and more

## **JD Bartley**

Book: "Seventy Lessons in Civil Government", 1875

## **Zack Blackmon**

Memorabilia from the October 6, 2010 Triad Flight of Honor

## **Jennifer Bower**

45 rpm record from Stark Records, Mt. Airy featuring Pete Holden and the Baux Mountain Boys

## **Michael and Essie Burroughs**

4 1944 issues of Life Magazine



## **Garnett Brintle**

Mount Airy News issues 8/8/1934, 8/4/1898

## **Lon Brown**

1929-1959 Franklin School Maroon and Grey Annual, First Baptist Church 1879-1979 100 Year Anniversary directory/annual, 1942 79th Field Artillery annual, 1930 Mt. Airy High School Graniteer annual

## **John Canosa**

6 miniature car Hallmark ornaments

## **Bill Juno**

Restored service station oil reservoir and pump circa 1920, parking meter circa mid 1900s, restored vintage 2 compartment Pepsi cooler



## **Jeanne Currier**

Wooden yoke

## **Gretchen Davis**

7 early 1900s postcards of Mount Airy scenes

## **Nancy Davis**

Electric heater, nutmeg grinder, oil lamp converted to electric, child's shoes, pillowcase, mouth harp, NC Granite pencil holder, Piedmont Airlines seat-saver card, penlight

## **Hurley Farmer**

October 1938 framed photo of Mount Airy Mantel and Table Company employees

## **Sarah Doggett Folkomer**

1 quart glass Surry Dairies Bottle

## **Wilma Hiatt**

Letters and photos from J.H. and Louise Knight auction, 11941 Southern District Civilian Conservation Corp memory book, Men O' War book, USS NC The 'Showboat' booklet, Mission Accomplished booklet, Book: The Lost Colony: A Symphonic Drama of American History.

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# THE MUSEUM ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT TO THE FOLLOWING GIFTS OF MEMORIALS:



## *In Memory...*

**Margaret McGlamry Hunt Goolsby**  
*by Ann and Conrad Martin*

**Esther Louice**  
*by Suzanna Folger*

**Patricia Gwyn Woltz**  
*by Mary Keller Planer*

**John B. Haynes, Jr.**  
*by Mrs. Nancy Wright*

**Patricia Gwyn Woltz**  
*by Nancy Davis*

**John B. Haynes, Jr.**  
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**Patricia Gwyn Woltz**  
*by James Kemp*

**John B. Haynes, Jr.**  
*by Sarah Folger Hauser*

**Patricia Gwyn Woltz**  
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*by Bep Zonneveld*

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**Patricia Gwyn Woltz**  
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*by Mr. & Mrs. Carl Bell*

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*by Marcelle & Arthur Etringer*

**John H. Edinger**  
*by Ralph and Sue B. Cooke*

**Griggs Hampton**  
*by Teresa Lewis*

**John B. Haynes, Jr.**  
*by Mr. & Mrs. Chadley Hull*

# THE MUSEUM ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT TO THE FOLLOWING GIFTS OF HONORARIUMS:



## *In Honor...*

**Ralph and Erka Forbes**

*by David, Ingles, Locke & Anderson Rowe*

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*by Alan and Alice Connelly*

**Mr. Tommy Forney**

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# PRESERVATION POINTERS #10

by Amy Snyder, Curator of Collections



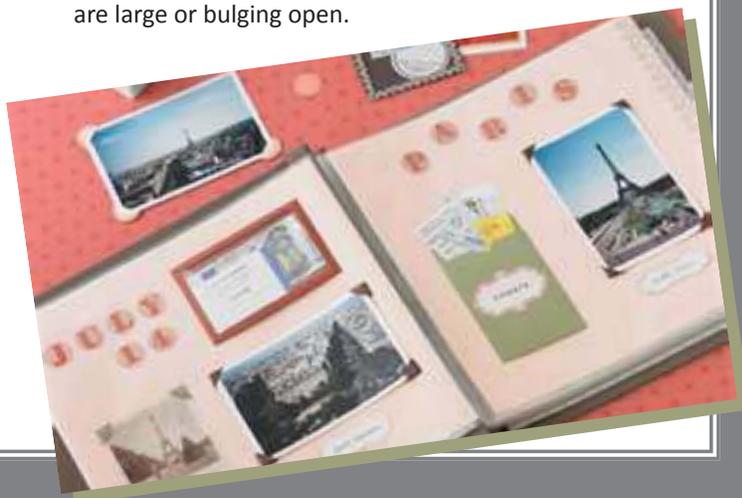
## Making and Caring for a New Scrapbook or Album:

Creating family scrapbooks has become a favorite pastime and is a great way to preserve family memories and genealogical history. When you create your scrapbook, make it last by choosing preservation quality materials such as acid-free paper for pages and stable polyester, polypropylene or polyethylene film sleeves or pocket pages for original newspaper clippings, postcards, tickets and other ephemera. Many stores now specialize in archival materials suitable for this project.

### Tips on Making a New Scrapbook or Album:

- Use only stable plastic or acid-free paper corners to attach items.
- Handle photographs and papers only by the edges and as little as possible. Wearing clean cotton gloves will protect your treasures from dirt and oils.
- Use an acid free scrapbooking pen when writing on pages of scrapbook.
- Photocopy newspaper clippings or other acidic items onto acid-free paper and put the copies into the album.

- Original photographs, postcards, military ribbons, or other memorabilia can lose their value when cut into decorative shapes. Use copies to make decorative displays and keep the original in proper storage.
- Take care not to mangle photographs or historic documents in scanners or copy machines.
- If you are making a stamp album, keep the postage stamps in polyester sleeves. Retaining and protecting the adhesive on the stamps will add to their worth.
- Store small and medium-sized scrapbooks and albums upright; store them flat if they contain loose items or are large or bulging open.



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# JESSE FRANKLIN PIONEERS TAKE TOP HONORS AT CONFERENCE



The 2011/2012 Jesse Franklin Chapter of the Tar Heel Junior Historian Association took top honors at this year's annual conference in Raleigh. Continuing a long tradition of success that

dates to the club's founding in the 2005/2006 school year, the club took home three awards. As a group, they were awarded "Chapter of the Year" honors in addition to winning first place for their group project in the Intermediate Age Literary Contest. Additionally, Olivia Edwards won first place in the "Institutional and Public Building" Photography Category at the elementary level. The honors at this year's conference come after the club was awarded the Newsome Award for preserving local history by the Federation of North Carolina Historical Societies earlier this year for their work on last year's group project.

For this year's group project, the kids created a series of "geocaches" around the community based on local history. Geocaching is a high-tech scavenger hunt that utilizes GPS technology to locate hidden objects or "caches." The club

members selected locations in the community with historical significance; then they researched those locations and scripted a description of why the site was significant. Caches containing this information were then created and hidden at the sites for players to find in order to learn more about the location's historical significance.

As with last year's cemetery history project, the club's efforts this year served as a pilot project for the creation of a larger museum geocaching initiative. Museum staff and volunteers are planning to expand on the work



the kids complete this year to implement a larger geocaching trail system based on our area's history. The museum is currently working in partnership with Reeves Community Center to find funding for the purchase of rental/loaner GPS units for use by the general public to expand access to this fun and family friendly activity, and hopes to have the expanded project in place by the spring of 2013. In the meantime, people with their own GPS units can explore the kids work and other caches in our area by visiting [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com).

## MUSEUM AWARDED TWO GRANTS



June was a great month for the museum in terms of grants. We received notice that we received funding for two separate grants.

The first grant is a \$5000 award from the Bay and Paul Foundations in New York for the purchase of archival storage supplies and equipment and for the continued digitization of our collections. This grant allows us to purchase the archival storage supplies to re-house a large portion of our collection that has been stored in non-archival storage boxes due to budget cuts in recent years. This grant ties in directly with the recent upgrades in our museum management software system and to our long-term plans to make the museum an accredited institution.

The second grant, from the North Carolina Humanities Council, was a \$5000 award for a program called "Geocaching for History." This program was piloted by our Tar Heel Junior Historians club last year and the grant will allow its large scale implementation. Geocaching is a digital scavenger hunt that utilizes GPS units to find hidden "caches." Over the next year, the museum will be creating a series of these caches at or near sites of historical significance throughout the region as a way for people to get out and explore the community and learn more about its past through the use of readily available technologies. This project is made possible by funding from the North Carolina Humanities Council, a statewide nonprofit and affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

## RECENT GIFTS TO THE MUSEUM *continued...*

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### Kevin Kutz

38" x 50" framed painting of Tommy Jarrell from 1978



### Ann Martin

Granite Mercantile Seal Press

### Ruth McBride

77 pieces of sheet music dating 1915-1950s belonging to Ruth's mother

### Larry McCausland

Large framed 25" x 36" photo of 269 Veterans of Surry County North Carolina, 1950

### Cama Merritt

1961-62 Scrapbook of the Democratic Women of Surry County

### Mount Airy Iron & Metal – David Pierce

Railroad tie/fire dog

### Zane Poindexter

Mount Airy fire fighter's suit – Globe Manufacturing

### Pat Taylor

Quart bottle of Sealtest Orange juice

### Faye Webb

Framed 1997 Battle Print: "4th Infantry Division (Ivy)"

### Erdine White

Booklet "Happy Day" undated

### Ruth Wittenauer

50lb empty can of Pioneer Brand Pure Lard

### Carolyn Largen

1951 Brownie Scout Handbook

### Roger Cleve King

Hoop cheese box, large pot used for canning

## NEW ACQUISITIONS FOR MAMRH

The Appalachian Cultural Museum, once housed at Appalachian State University, closed permanently in 2006 due to a variety of reasons - shrinking state funds and a greater need for more educational space due to the university's desire to focus more heavily on their mission of teaching students through their academic programs. The Cultural Museum's collections or artifacts have either been returned to lenders, put on exhibit throughout the university or have been donated to other institutions and museums.



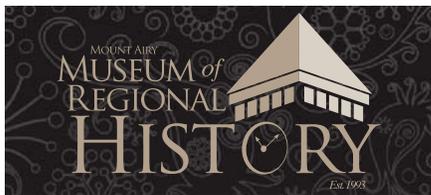
MAMRH Executive Director, Matt Edwards and Curator of Collections, Amy Snyder, traveled to Boone to view the collection and submitted a proposal for

the transfer of numerous artifacts into our permanent or education and teaching collections. Although we did not get all the items requested, we did receive many useable artifacts such as period hats for our "Hands-on History" children's gallery, a scale for our General Store exhibit, two Native American artifact replicas for the "Meet Me At The Wigwam" program for students, an assortment of blacksmith tool.

Additionally, we received two instruments: a gourd banjo and a pre-Civil War fiddle that we plan to incorporate into the new traveling exhibit we are developing called "The Luthier's Craft: Instrument Making Traditions in the Blue Ridge," that is scheduled to open in early 2013.



It is always disappointing when a cultural institution, especially a museum, is forced to close its doors, but the Mount Airy Museum of Regional History is very proud to utilize many artifacts that will continue to tell the story of Appalachian culture.



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## MUSEUM WISH LIST

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There are MANY ways to contribute to the museum—time, money or stuff. Here are a few things you may have lying around or have access to that we need or could put to good use.

- *Plastic storage tubs—all sizes (#5 and #7 plastic are archival quality)*
- *Color laser jet printer*
- *Volunteers to help run programs and give tours*
- *Power point projector*
- *Mannequins, body/dress forms, hat/head forms*
- *Metal or heavy duty plastic shelving units*
- *3 ring binders/notebooks*
- *Copier paper*
- *Bottled water*

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## August

- 3 Storybook Museum. Hands-on History Gallery. 10am. Free
- 11 Girl Scout 100th Anniversary Exhibit Opening. 3rd floor. 10am
- 27 Membership Appreciation Hot Dog and Ice Cream Social. Museum Annex. 5-7pm.  
Free to Museum Members

## September

- 7 Storybook Museum. Hands-on History Gallery. 10am. Free
- 8 History Talks: WWI General Henry Wolfe Butner from Shoals  
presented by Marion Venable. 2pm. Free
- 21 Mayberry Days. Museum is open 10am – 5pm
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## October

- 4 Founders Day Celebration in the Courtyard. 5:30-7pm. By Invitation
- 5 Storybook Museum. Hands-on History Gallery. 10am. Free
- 12 Autumn Leaves Festival. Museum is open 10am – 5pm, Toast and Jam with Old North State Winery
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Carolina Humanities Road Scholar, Ed Southern. 2pm. Free
- 19 Casino Royale Fund Raiser. 7pm. Cross Creek Country Club. Tickets \$65. Draw down ticket \$100.  
Drawn down plus 2 event tickets \$180
- 27 Vineyard Stomp 5K at Round Peak Vineyards. 11am. Register at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com)  
Boo Bash at Old North State. 8 – 11pm

## November

- 2 Storybook Museum. Hands-on History Gallery. 10am. Free
- 10 History Talks: Fire Up the Stills – The Rise and Fall of Moonshiners in 19th Century Appalachian  
North Carolina presented by author Bruce Stewart. 2pm. Free

## December

- 7 Storybook Museum. Hands-on History Gallery. 10am. Free
- 15 Holiday Open House. 10-5pm. Free
- 17 Volunteer Christmas Party. 10am-12noon. Museum Conference Room. By invitation

***\*\*Ghost Tours are held every Friday and Saturday night at 8pm through October 27***

***\*\*Cemetery Tours of historic Oakdale Cemetery are held every Saturday at 10:30am through October***

# ROYALE CASINO



**OCTOBER 19**  
**6:30pm - 11pm**  
**CROSS CREEK**  
**COUNTRY CLUB**

**CASINO STYLE GAMING,**  
**"BOND/BOND GIRL**  
**LOOK-A-LIKE CONTEST,"**  
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