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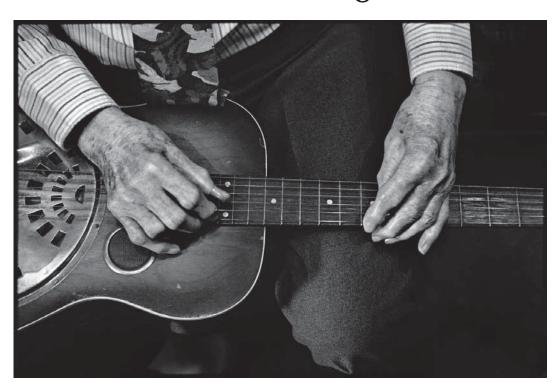
MARCH, 2010

## Museum Hosts Smithsonian Exhibit

March 13<sup>th</sup> marked the beginning of the museum's newest traveling exhibit "New Harmonies: Celebrating American Roots Music." This exhibit is part of the Smithsonian's "Museum on Main Street" program and is co-sponsored by the North Carolina Humanities Council.

After a long application process, our museum has been selected as the launch site for the eight month, state-wide tour of this exhibit that traces the importance of musical heritage on our collective identity as Americans. During the exhibition period from March 13<sup>th</sup> through April 24<sup>th</sup> museum admission fees will be waived. Additionally, the museum will be hosting a wide selection of free educational programs and events related to the exhibit. For a full listing visit the museum website at www.northcarolinamuseum.org or see the calendar section of this newsletter.

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## From the Director

wanted to take just a moment to introduce myself to all of you and to share with you how excited I am to be a part of this museum and this community. It's been a whirlwind first six months on the job. In that short time we've opened the new Donna Fargo exhibit, completed the third floor renovations and opened the Adelaide Bunker Sink Gallery in that space along with a children's gallery and new changing exhibit space. Additionally, we have recently opened the Smithsonian traveling exhibit "New Harmonies: Celebrating American Roots Music."

Since joining the museum in September, I've had the opportunity to meet and get to know many of you. Also, I want you to know a little about me and my family. I am originally from Asheville, NC. I completed my BA at NC State and went on to complete a MA at The University of Memphis. I am a third generation Eagle Scout, active Rotarian, and father

of three small children. When I have spare time, I restore antique and classic cars and enjoy whitewater canoeing. My wife, Glenda, is originally from Ashe County. She has an MA in Architecture from Iowa State University and is currently home with the kids. However, she's actively involved as a volunteer with the Girl Scouts and the museum.

If I haven't met you yet, I encourage you to stop by and introduce yourself. I consider you to be part of my museum family. With the programs and exhibits we're developing, we've got some great things on the horizon for 2010 and beyond. I encourage you to stay involved through membership and volunteerism and to bring your friends and family to the museum to get involved as well. This museum is an active and vibrant part of this community, not just a place to store old stuff.

The Museum acknowledges receipt of the following gifts of memorials and honorariums:

In Memory of:

Mrs. Willie "Bill" Taylor Burke O'Conner Riehle by Virginia S. Crowell

"Bill" Riehle by Sarah J. Howerton

Willie Riehle by Robert and Cama Merritt

Bernell Parker by J. A. and Claudia Bryant

Sarah Merritt Maurer by Pat G. Woltz

Reverend Wayne Franklin Johnson by John and Barbara Haynes

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Virginia Crowell by Wayne and Bennie Burton

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First Lt. Leevi Barnard by Richard and Betty Kay Vaughn

William "Bill" Henry Windley, Jr. by Richard and Betty Kay Vaughn

George Summerlin by Richard and Betty Kay Vaughn

Floyd E. Rees by Richard and Betty Kay Vaughn

Sir Thomas More by Anonymous

James Culler by Surry County Genealogical Association

## In Honor of:

Richard and Betty Kay Vaughn by Sherman, Vicki and Pete Sheppard

**Robert and Gail Cafferata** by John and Barbara Haynes

Ed and Ellen Woltz by Steve and Emily Loftis **Robert and Cama Merritt** by Gary and Charlotte York

Ed and Ellen Woltz by Pat Woltz

Jack Thomas by Charles Ray and Stella Thomas

Amy McBride Trudo by Osler McBride

Linda Blue Stanfield by Dennis W. "Bud" Cameron

Linda Blue Stanfield by Marie Judson

Christine Beamer by Carolyn Powers and Patty Levering

Pat G. Woltz by Randy and Joan Robins

Mr. & Mrs. H. O. Woltz, III by Louise Elizabeth Woltz

Mr. & Mrs. Edwin M. Woltz, Sr. by Louise Elizabeth Woltz

Bracky and Wanda Rogers by Mr. & Mrs. James T. Henson

Bracky and Wanda Rogers by Tom and Mary Fawcett

# **Volunteer Spotlight on Hilda M. Brannock**

ilda is a native of Mount Airy, born and raised on Maple Street.

She was one of two daughters of Garnett and Etta Brannock. She attended North and South Main Street schools and graduated from Mount Airy High School.

After attending Carolina Business College in Charlotte, NC., Hilda came back to her hometown to work for Central Telephone Company, that later became Sprint and finally Embarq. Her employment there lasted for forty years where she met many old and new friends. She was always the gracious lady that you loved to have greet you with her warm smile but then would take your money for your telephone service.

Hilda has been a life long member of the First Baptist Church of Mount Airy. She attends circle meetings, helps with Friends Feeding Friends, is on the Senior Citizens committee planning fun and educational trips, on the Bereavement committee and last but not least is on the Kitchen committee that serves dinner every Wednesday night to members of the First Baptist Church. If you know Hilda, you know that she has a love and passion for gardening. Before spring arrives, you will find Hilda in her yard getting ready to plant her vegetable garden. When the vegetables are ready, you will find her sharing her many delicious vegetables with anyone who happens to come along. She then spends a lot of time preparing for the winter by freezing and canning any extras she may have. Her philosophy is "Waste Not - Want Not." This phrase was instilled in her from her Grandma Brannock.

Now if growing vegetables can't keep her in her yard working long enough, then you will find her planting and weeding and tending to her beautiful flowers. She loves all kinds and you will find many varieties in her yard.

Volunteering is one of the extras that Hilda loves to do. She volunteers weekly at Northern Hospital of Surry County. In May of this year, Hilda will have completed five years of volunteer service at the Museum. We will be proud to award her five year pin at our annual Volunteer Luncheon. This is just another example of Hilda's way of giving back to her community and hometown. We, the staff, always look forward to the afternoon that we know Hilda is going to be on the front



desk. She is such a delight and joy to have. Always a laugh or two comes with Hilda volunteering.

One of her many special desires is to travel. In the last several years she has been to Italy, Alaska, England, Scotland, Wales, Austria and Switzerland. In the years to come she hopes to go to France and maybe even Holland. I guess we will all have to wait and see if her adventures take her there.

Thank you Hilda for your time. We all treasure having you at the Mount Airy Museum of Regional History.

# Nancy's Corner

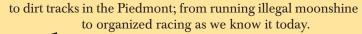
Daniel S. Pierce

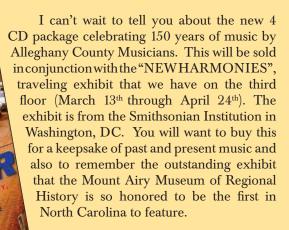
If you haven't been to the museum lately, come and check out our new books in the gift shop. I have gotten the latest

from Cameron Kent <u>The Road To Devotion</u>. Take time to read how slaves were treated and how they worked so hard to escape to Canada. The happy times and heartaches they went through make for an interesting day of reading.

The next new book that arrived is written by our own Tom Perry: <u>Notes From The Free State</u> <u>of Patrick</u>. I haven't had time to read this yet but from the bio it is about Patrick County, Virginia during the Civil War era.

If you are interested in the history of the stock car racing circuit known as NASCAR you will love this next book: <u>Real Nascar, White Lightning, Red Clay</u> <u>and Big Bill France</u> written by Daniel S. Pierce. It takes you from postwar beginnings at Daytona Beach





The following items have been added to the Museum collection:

## **Raleigh Amburn**

WWI olive green wool heavy overcoat and WWI helmet belonging to William Jefferson Amburn; WWII "Ike" jacket from Raleigh Amburn John Ashby Family

Photographs: Dr. John L. Ashby, Dr. John L. Ashby and his dental office; 2 copies of 1926 journal entries of patient charges

## **Christine Beamer**

Andy Griffith article from American Profile magazine - October 1, 2005; Booklet: A Wartime Log Book of Charles Monday, Staff Sergeant in the Army Air Force and Veteran of WWII who spent 15 months as a Prisoner of War: 2 North Carolina Halls of Fame -Journalism, Advertising and Public Relations event programs – April 9, 1995 featuring R. Edward Jackson; newspaper clippings from the Mount Airy News – 3/14/1005; and the Mt. Airy High School newspaper Bear Growl about R. Edward Jackson's induction in the Hall of Fame **Zack and Norma Blackmon** 

4 tools used by linemen at Pike Electric: long handled spade, iron bar, wood and metal tap and iron borer; scrapbook/photo album 1950-80s concerning years with Floyd S. Pike Electrical Contractor, Inc.; photo: Dewey Hill with the Hall Family Singers; 45 LP record: Hall **Family Singers** 

## **Hilda Bowen**

The Tennessee Magazine, June 2008, with article featuring "Mayberry Forever"; young boy's wool pants, jacket, 2 caps

## **Bill Boyd**

Books: "Orley Farm" - March 1861; "Plantation Memories of the Cape Fear River Country", 1944

## **Bennie Burton and Patricia** Draughon

\$100 Confederate currency **Claudia Bryant** 

2 framed needlepoint Victorian woman and man; April 1949 issue of Public Health Nursing; December 14, 1963 issue of the Saturday Evening Post: In Memoriam - A Senseless Tragedy; box of buttons and hooks; 3

blue collars, Red Cross stick pins Jesse Bunker Bryant

## Book: Foot Prints in the Hollows **Eva Joy Caldwell**

Medical artifacts from Drs. J.K. Caldwell; T.H. Worrell and R.M. Caldwell: numerous surgical instruments for tonsillectomy, obstetrics, general surgery, medical bags, medicine boxes; books and journals



## John R. Canosa

Collection of 1,161 model cars, 1/43 size; framed photo of Rolls-Royce 1920-30s cars on Main Street

2-piece woman's suits belonging to Viola Stephens Cashwell; Mouton fur <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> length coat

Norm and Mali Chamberland Male and female Thai dolls

**Stephanie and Tony Childs** 2 bee keepers hats; arm ironing

board; burlap sack for pinto beans **Mary Emily Cooke for Sarah** 

## **Beck Springthorpe Denmark**

Mount Airy High School 1928 Banner, beige and green; Dr. Scholl's Foot Powder can

## **Ralph and Sue Cooke**

Books: The Outline of Knowledge -The Book of Good Manners- 1924, given in honor of mother, Joyce Mayberry Billings; The American Woman's Cook Book- 1945, A Living From Bees- 1946 given in memory of

father, Lonnie G. Billings

## **Mike Cumbie**

Bank and stock statements concerning Surry Dry Prize Company in the 1920s

## **Bette Davis**

1912 Oliver Typewriter; harp file; pair of ladies knit gloves; Surry County Rotogravure edition of the Mt. Airy Times

## **Ronald P. Dockery**

Antique coat/umbrella tree **Carol Edwards** 

Wooden paddle circa 1836-37 **Ethelene Edwards** 

"Inman Electric Co. 30th Anniversary Yearbook" and address book souvenir; New Willow Hotel room key #203; small handmade wood scythe; 1994 All-America City poster of Mt. Airy, NC

### Kelly Epperson/WPAQ

45 LP record: "Taking All of Me" by Yvonne Vaughn

## **Donna Fargo**

Over 40 pieces of clothing and accessories; 47 Awards; Citations of Achievements; Billboard Country Surveys; Albums; numerous photos; guitar and case; magazines; letters; postcards; news articles; posters; plus Fan Club items including greeting cards, books and photos



Donna Fargo Items

## **Dink and Garnet Fawcett**

Medical artifacts from Drs. J.K. Caldwell, T.H. Worrell and R.M. Caldwell; 1893 Anatomy, Descriptive and Surgical by Henry Gray; 3 glass medicine bottles from Dr. J.K. Caldwell's pharmacy; bottle containing 2 tonsils; leather medical saddlebag containing medicine bottles

## **Peggy Frantz**

Victorian style ladies hat; doll sleigh William "Ghost" Frantz, III

45 record by Yvonne Vaughn "Donna Fargo" with songs "How Can They Know" and "I'm Sorry For Hurting You"

## Jane Fugate

2 egg cups belonging to Evaline Davis Worth; teapot belonging to Hannah Gardner Davis from the Davis cousins

# Medical Instruments

## Lynn Cashwell

1930s Cocktail dress and 2 1940s

## **Gilmer-Smith Foundation**

Collection of Donna Fargo items and memorabilia

## Jim Goncharow

6 framed oil paintings of the Fawcett, Banner and Hoffman families; 1 framed needlepoint of the Hoffman House; and family info

## **Joyce Hardin**

Cake plate, empty J.R. Watkins apothecary bottle

## Jimmy Inman

Navy uniform, VFW caps, photos and discharge papers for Calvin Coolidge Inman

## Marie Judson

Hospital Auxiliary white blouse and pinafore with past president's pin and patch on front; Gorham sterling silver Chantilly gravy ladle – Clubwoman 1959; Presidential campaign support letter from Senator John F. Kennedy, 9/23/1960; 46 original photos; John F. Kennedy and his trip to Germany of June 26, 1963; June 1964 visit to West Berlin by Robert Kennedy, and the German memorials to JFK in W. Berlin 11/22-23, 1963-64; commemorative plate: "In Memoriam, John F. Kennedy, 1917-1963"

## Jane LaPrade

Collection of clothing and other items belonging to husband's mother and grandmother

### **Carolyn Largen**

Apron belonging to Maude Martin Largen; photo of Maude Elle Martin Largen

#### John Lockhart

Aerial photo of Northern Hospital of Surry County

## **Jack Loftis**

Quality Mills "Growing Young..." metal sign

## **Ruby Maxey**

Books: <u>Surry County Heritage,</u> <u>Volume II, Patrick County Virginia</u> <u>Death Records 1868 &1869, 1871-</u> <u>1896, Tombstone Inscriptions of</u> <u>the Cemeteries of Patrick County,</u> <u>Virginia</u>

## **Robert and Cama Merritt**

Merritt Family Collection including adult and children clothing, shoes, children's toys, purses, cuff links, tie clips, shaving accessories, aprons, coats, jackets, gloves, postcards, magazines, newspapers, greeting



## Merritt Hardware phone

cards, Boy Scout badges and regalia, Navy Uniforms, photos, hand fluter, large trunk

## **Philip Moore**

Mt. Airy Transportation Co., Inc. badge #16; tube-type intercom system from Jones Supply Company Linda Moseley

quilt; 2 coverlets; crocheted bedspread; linen book – <u>Little ABC</u> <u>Book</u> belonging to Hattie Mae Gardner McKnight

## Jerrie Parsley and Carol Simpson

Collection of photographs; peach and cream colored blanket; award and prize ribbons; beauty school diploma; Johnson family crest; 1968

Surry County Government Dept. booklet; miscellaneous bills, receipts and memorabilia from Cliff and Polly Johnson

## **Dennis and Betty Patterson**

Photo – "The Service Station" Sandy Payne

Genealogy booklet: "My Maternal Dobson Family Tree"

### **Bill and Becky Pendleton**

Train engineer's cap with 2 pins – Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern

William Beasley Pendleton Mount Airy Fire Dept. 10 helmet – B. Pendleton

## **Perry Manufacturing**

March stencil cutter; plates and brass inkers; heat seal check printer

## **Patsy Quesinberry**

3-D relief lithograph of General MacArthur, 1942

#### Joe and Sharon Reid

Wooden hand-crank telephone that was used in the Merritt Hardware building

### **Dale Riddle**

Red Tailed Hawk and Large Mouth Bass

## **Bracky Rogers**

6 pieces of Quaker Lace in Quaker Lace Box

## **Jackie Sawyers**

Quilting frame

Warren Simmons

Collection of 40 women's hats Mrs. Raymond Smith

2 framed aerial photos of National Furniture and adjacent area

#### **Tom Snow**

2 photo albums from the Tom and Bertha Houck Estate

## Spencer's Inc. c/o Honey Crossingham Rowe

13 photos: Sewing, Knitting, Cutting, Testing, Inspection, Dyeing departments; 1 large frame with

photos of James Henry Crossingham, Sr., James Henry Crossingham, Jr., Mr. Les Hatcher and Charles Edward Crossingham; selection of prepackaged baby clothing; point

of purchase display header and 3 ad boards; 1926 price quote letter; 1951 Western Union Telegram securing contract for "winter drawers"

## N.S. Stevens

wooden grape press circa late 1800-early 1900s



Grape Press

Surry County Genealogy Association Collection of North Carolina books,

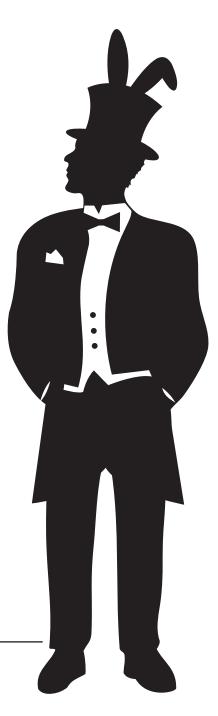
scrapbooks, journals and Surry

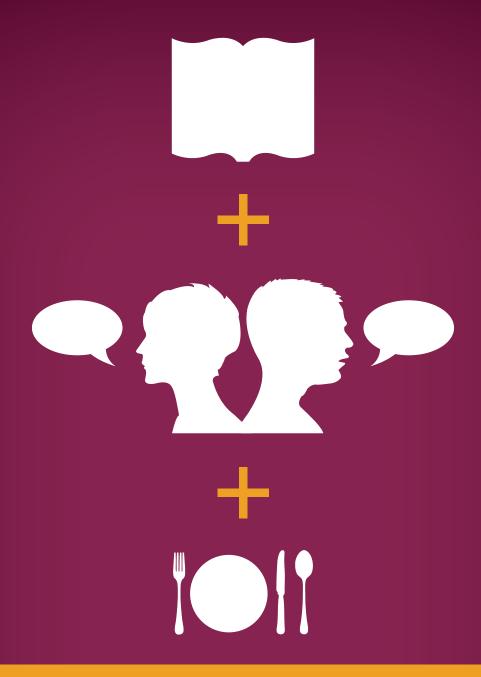
# Bunny Hop A HAREraising Affair

Did you ever want to be named king or queen of the prom, or better yet, have a say in who would fill that role? Your chance has finally come. Ten area residents are wing for the title of King and Queen of the Bunny Hop. The women candidates are: Eleanor Powell, Lenise Lynch, Betty Ann Collins, Twyla Sickmiller, and Traci Hamilton. The men are: Dennis Williams, Dr. Steve Yokeley, Ben Cooke, Aaron Routh, and Terry Strickland.

Just who will wear the crown and tiara? The ten "royals" are hoping that their friends, family, and community will elevate them to "royaldom" to reign over the Bunny Hop. Each dollar they raise for the museum counts as a vote and the highest male and female vote getter will be crowned during the coronation ceremony.

Please join them on Friday, April 9, 2010 at Cross Creek Country Club for an evening of dinner, dancing, and fun beginning at 6:30 P.M. Tickets for the event are \$50.00 per person which includes a buffet dinner. The cash bar will open at 6:30 P.M. and dinner will be served from 7:00 - 8:00 P.M. Radio personality Kelly Epperson will emcee and act as DJ for the event.





# Book & Author Dinner

The Mount Airy Museum of Regional History







The following are on loan to the Museum collection:

**Thornton Beroth** Antique gas pump and globe

## **Billy and Karen Biscoe**

Items for White Liquor and Dirt Track Exhibit: racing seats, seat belts, posters, pit signs, racing tires, photos, helmets, trophies, gas cans, pit kit, racing suits and shirts, programs, book, scatter shield, carburetor, window safety netting, postcards

## **Suzanne Lewis Brown**

Rocking chair, circa 1860, wedding present to great grandmother Elizabeth Tuttle

## **Tim Candler**

Rear bumper cover from Jeff Gordon's #24 DuPont Chevrolet; grill and body panel from Bill Elliott's #9 Coors Ford Thunderbird; 1996 autographed Simpson racing helmet; sail panel; Hooters Restaurants Ford car hood; 4 collectible racing cars in original boxes

## Linda Cottingham

Red and white framed concert announcement poster featuring Donna Fargo

## **Jerry Hatcher** 3 trophies, photographs and racing memorabilia

**Jimmy Inman** American flag given by the family of Calvin Coolidge Inman

## **Gary Lewallen**

5 8' panels and 3 smaller panels for use in the White Liquor and Dirt Track exhibit

### **Yvonne B. Lunsford**

Book <u>Pioneers in Methodism in NC</u> and Va

## Mike Payne

 $2 \ {\rm moonshine \ stills}$ 

## **Bracky Rogers**

Framed 1917 survey of Bunker heirs' land

## J.C. Short

Civil War side knife/bowie knife in leather scabbard used by Pvt. CM Short

## **Evelyn Thompson**

2 midwife/physician birth memorandums

### Vickie Westmoreland

Small pitcher/creamer circa early 1900s



## Items on Loan from Billy and Karen Biscoe

## Recent Gifts to the Museum cont. from page 5

County related materials

## Juanita Tate

Bedspread given as a wedding gift 62 years ago

## Louis and Cathy Taylor

From the former Dr. Moir S. Martin house: handmade skirt, blouse, bonnet, and laundry bag, 3 records of Dr. Martin's Good Health Talks

### **Pat Taylor**

Lemon/Orange juicer, bacon press Lavinia Tillotson

4 ladies hats worn by both Lavinia and her mother, Verlie Brown; 1 round hat box from Harrisons; 1 square hat box from Farees; 1966 Mount Airy City Directory Supplement Edition

## Ann Vaughn

Walter White

8 framed photos of Donna Fargo **Richard Vaughn** 

Booklet: "Memories of Flat Rock Community"

Wood tobacco stringer

## Betty Lyerly Willis

Cane basket, cookbook: <u>The Best of</u> <u>Mayberry</u>

## **Ruth and Chuck Wittenauer**

Victor Standard portable adding machine circa 1925; Royal Sabre portable manual typewriter circa 1970s belonging to and used by Reverend Monsignor Arthur L. Duncan of Holy Angels Catholic Church during his residence (1980-1994), book: <u>The Home</u> <u>Medical Adviser</u>

### **Pat Woltz**

Coverlet woven for Mrs. Louise Elliott Woltz by Gypsy Hollingsworth

## **Steve and Ann Yokeley**

3 doorknobs and 1 door lock from the John Comer house in Dobson; wooden peg from the Yokeley farm in Davidson County; reproduction toy dancing man and paddle for use by the Programs and

Education Department; banjo picks **Angel Zorn** 

6 Donna Fargo albums

## **Preservation Pointers #7**

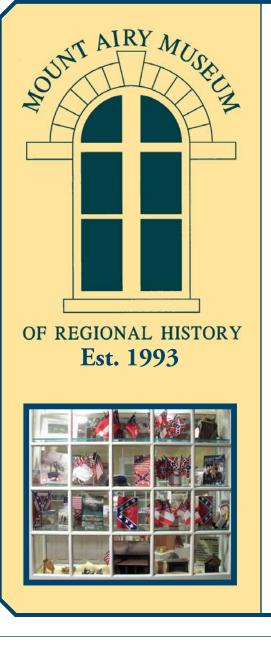
by Amy Snyder, Curator of Collections

## Checklist for Caring for Your Musical Instruments:

- Avoid placing high tension on stringed (including keyboard) instruments
- Avoid sudden increases or decreases in string If you play wooden-bore wind instruments, tension
- Move pianos only on dollies and when you have enough people to do the job comfortably
- Preserve the natural patina on brass instruments; don't handle them with bare hands or polish them
- Keep instruments in rooms with relative humidity at about 50 percent
- warm them up and play them in gradually
- Clear the moisture from wind instruments immediately after they are played
- Do not oil or polish the surfaces of a wooden instrument



These guidelines are suggestions made by The Library of Congress/Preservation and the book Caring for Your Family Treasures: Heritage Preservation by Jane S. and Richard W. Long.



## **Mount Airy Museum** of Regional History

Located at 301 North Main Street "Historic Downtown Mount Airy"

A non- profit institution chartered by the State of North Carolina

## **Hours of Operation**

Office: Monday - Friday, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm Exhibits: Tuesday - Friday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm Exhibits: Saturday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

## **Professional Memberships**

American Association for State and Local History Federation of North Carolina Historical Societies Southeastern Museums Conference The North Carolina Museum Associates The North Carolina Museum Council The North Carolina Preservation Consortium

# Recent Museum Programs

by Heather Ellen, Director of Programs and Education

In September, The Mount Airy Museum of Regional History hosted an "Afternoon at the Canteen." The NoneSuch Playmakers entertained all by putting on a canteen radio show for our troops, circa 1946, which included popular songs, comedy sketches, and dances. The program included letters written home by local soldiers originally published in The Mount Airy Times. When they were read, there was not a dry eye in the house. In addition to showcasing such an interesting time period, the program also helped raise awareness and funds (through a cell phone drive) for the USO.

October saw the kick-off of Mount Airy Museum's "History Talks" program. "History Talks" brings drama to history by featuring speakers who assume historical characters for their presentations. We will be offering "History Talks" on alternate months. In October, Paul Hodges started the program as "The Ghost of Edgar Allan Poe" and Terri Ingalls depicted "North Carolina Women in the Civil War" in December. "History Talks" continued Sunday, February 21, 2010, with veteran actor and writer Peter Holland's "Mr. Lincoln's Office: An Afternoon with the President." Working from Lincoln's writings, Holland crafted a program that recalled Lincoln's political career, the fiery trial of the Civil War, the Emancipation Proclamation, and the Gettysburg Address.

We started this year's programming with our annual "In the Spirit of Martin Surry Countians Luther King, Jr: Continuing the Dream." As always, co-directors, LaDonna McCarther and Cheryl Yellowfawn Scott, put together an exceptional program recognizing and celebrating African-Americans in Surry County who embody the dream. We are happy to announce that this year's honoree is Mrs. Geneva Gee. Congratulations! It is indeed an honor to host this annual celebration and we hope that you will all join us for next year's celebration (January, 15, 2011).

January also saw our inaugural "White Liquor and Dirt Tracks" event, January

22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>. In addition to our outstanding exhibit, the weekend offered something vintage race cars, for everyone: moonshine runners and classic cars on display Downtown; showings of "Thunder Road" at the Downtown Cinema Theatre; early racers signing autographs; a panel discussion on what early dirt track racing was like; New York Times best-selling author Sharyn McCrumb and her co-author Adam Edwards; and a concert by Matt Dylan and Midnight Steel! Museum members Karen Biscoe and her husband, Billy, put countless hours, enormous energy and exceptional experience to work in order to make "White Liquor and Dirt Tracks" possible. We simply could not have done it without them and we are so grateful!

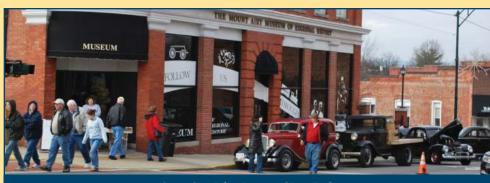
We are just getting started! See the enclosed insert for upcoming programs, workshops and events. I would love to hear your ideas and suggestions for your Museum! Please feel free to contact me at (336) 786-4478 ext. 228 or jhelliott@ northcarolinamuseum.org. Thank you, as always!



Mrs. Geneva Gee and Flat Stanley at the MLK program



NoneSuch Playmakers at the Canteen



Streetside at White Liquor and Dirt Tracks



Terri Ingalls depicts a North Carolinian during the Civil War

# New Member from 2009



Morgan Adams Detra Baker Brenda Boaz Joanne Cheatham Mr. & Mrs. Tony & Stephanie Childs Diana Collins Mr. & Mrs. Jim & Sandra Collins Fred Deweese Aline Duncan Billie Jo Easter Vicki Forest Dr. Deborah Friedman Marion Goldwasser Lisa Goodin Mr. & Mrs. Jeff & Kelly Gordon Mr. & Mrs. Jack & Joyce Greenwood Mr. & Mrs. John & Pat Gwyn Pamela Harrill Helen Hauser Deborah Hill Mary Margaret Hothem Terri Ingalls Mr. & Mrs. Tim & Debra Luskey Sue Mason

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<u>The Mount Airy Museum</u> OF REGIONAL HISTORY

"Historic Downtown Mount Airy" 301 North Main Street Mount Airy, North Carolina 27030

## During 2009 the museum:

- Hired a new Executive Director and Director of Programs and Education
- Completed the third floor renovations and opened the Adelaide Bunker Sink Gallery
- Opened the new Donna Fargo Exhibit
- Created a new "Hands-on-History" Children's Gallery
- Received 14,000 visitors, up 24% from 2008
- Hosted over 1600 Surry County students and teachers for free tours

- Expanded membership to 428 active members, 47 of which were new members
- Worked with over 500 volunteers to staff programs and operations
- Hosted over 1800 visitors to 20 special programs throughout the year





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## **Granite** Circle SouthData, Inc.

Sterling Benefactor's Circle Renfro Corporation NCFI Polyurethanes

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# **Calendar of Events 2010**

## March

- 4 Tar Heel Junior Historians meeting, 3:30 PM, Gertrude Smith House
- 13 New Harmonies Opening, 2:00 PM with music provided by Back-Step
- 17 Lunch and Learn featuring Melva Houston, 12:00 PM, Museum Annex, Free
- 18 Tar Heel Junior Historians meeting, 3:30 PM, Museum Classroom
- 24 Lunch and Learn featuring Mike Lowe, 12:00 PM, Museum Annex, Free
- Easter Eggstravaganza and Parade in conjunction with Gilmer-Smith Foundation, 2:00-4:00 PM, Museum Annex, limit 30 participants preregistration is required, Fee is charged, members free
- 31 Lunch and Learn featuring Butch Barker, 12:00 PM, Museum Annex, Free

## April

- 2 Storybook Museum pre-school program, 10:00 AM, Hands-on History Gallery, Free
- 6 Tartan Day Celebration and Tea, 12:30 PM, Museum Courtyard, Free
- 7 Lunch and Learn featuring Stevie Barr, 12:00 PM, Museum Annex, Free
- 9 Bunny Hop, Museum Fundraiser, Cross Creek County Club, 6:30 PM, \$50 per person, advance purchase required
- 10 Super Saturday children's program, 10:00 AM, Hands-on History Gallery, Fee charged
- 10 Community Concert featuring Creek Junction, 7:00 PM, Museum Annex, Free
- 11 North Carolina Humanities Council Roads Scholar Bill Stevens presents "Samson and Delilah: From Pulpits to Pop Stars," 3:00 PM, Museum Annex, Free
- 14 Lunch and Learn featuring Nick McMillian, 12:00 PM, Museum Annex, Free
- 15 Tar Heel Junior Historians meeting, 3:30 PM, Museum Classroom
- 16/17 North Carolina Humanities Council Teachers Institute
- 17 Diddley Bow Workshop with Mike Lowe, 2:00-4:30, Museum Annex, limit 25 people, reservations strongly suggested, Free
- 21 Lunch and Learn Featuring Kelly Epperson and Mary Lee Epperson King, 12:00 PM Museum Annex, Free
- 23 Tar Heel Junior Historians Annual Convention in Raleigh

## May

- 7 Storybook Museum, 10:00 AM, Hand-on-History Gallery, Free
- 8 Super Saturday children's program, 10:00 AM, Hands-on History Gallery, Fee charged
- 15 Scrapbooking Workshop, 1:00-5:00 PM, Museum Annex, Fee charged
- 24 Volunteer Appreciation Brunch, 10:00 AM, Museum Annex, Free

## June

- 4 Storybook Museum, 10:00 AM, Hands-on History Gallery, Free
  Book and Author Dinner Featuring Sharyn
  McCrumb and Adam Edwards, 6:00 PM, Cross
  Creek Country Club, \$60 per person, Advance
  purchase required
- 5 Basketweaving Workshop, 1:00-5:00 PM, Museum Classroom, Fee charged
- 6/7 Membership Hot Dog & Ice Cream Social, 5:30 PM, Museum Annex
- 12 Super Saturday, 10:00 AM, Hands-on History Gallery, Fee charged
- 17 History Talks, 6:30 PM, Museum Annex, Free
- 19 Juneteenth Celebration, Time and Location TBD, Free
- 25 Senior Prom (in partnership with the Surry County Senior Center), 7:00 PM, Museum Annex, Fee charged

## July

- 2 Storybook Museum, 10:00 AM, Hands-on History Gallery, Free
- 4 Independence Day Celebration, Time TBD, Museum Courtyard, Free
- 5-10 Hands-on History Summer Camp, Museum, Times and Fees TBD
- 25 Tom Perry: "Jeb Stuart from Laurel Hill to Yellow Tavern," 3:00 PM, Museum Annex, Free



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