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White Liquor and Dirt Tracks Event Scheduled for January

It's hard to believe that it's been nearly a year since the inaugural White Liquor and Dirt Tracks event and exhibit. Mark your calendars for January 22, 2011 as the event will be back in full swing with a new exhibit called "Legacy of Teamwork" as well as the White Liquor and Dirt Tracks exhibit launch event.

The launch event is shaping up to be a great one. Scheduled activities include a screening and talk by Emmy winning documentary filmmaker Neal Hutcheson (The Last One), presentation and book signing by NASCAR historian Daniel Pierce, live rockabilly and oldies music by Evan and Dana, Liquor tastings with Piedmont Distillers, and a fan autograph session with Junior Johnson.

For this year's exhibit we are partnering with several of the major NASCAR teams to develop content that will focus the team aspect of the sport and the legacies that many of those teams have created. Currently committed to the exhibit are: Richard Childress Racing, Wood Brothers Racing, Hendrick Motorsports and Michael Waltrip Racing. We hope to add a few more teams into the mix before the exhibit is complete.

The exhibit will be on display at the museum through July 30.



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Museum Wish List

Since the holidays are approaching we thought we'd include our wish list here. We realize that many of you may be looking for ways to contribute more to the museum so here are a few ideas—some are financial, some are time and some are things you might have lying around and no longer need—something for everyone.

- Someone to re-design and maintain our website
- Plastic storage tubs—all sizes
(#5 and #7 plastic are archival quality)
- Someone to network our computers
- PastPerfect museum management software
- Color laser jet printer
- Volunteers to help run programs and give tours
- LCD projector
- Computer server (hand-me-down's ok)
- Component style CD player
- Small (13-19 inch) flat panel plasma/LCD television mannequins, body/dress forms, hat/head forms

Errors and Omissions

As a result of the many changes with regards to staffing, membership and accounting at the museum last year the following sustaining members were not included in the "Major Contributors" section of the last newsletter. We express our deepest apologies for these omissions and thank you for your past and future support.

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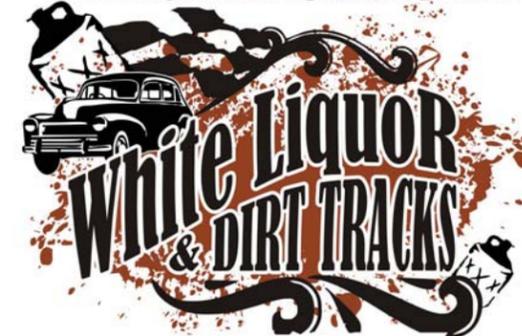
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From the Director

It's hard to believe I've been in Mt. Airy for over a year already. The time has flown by and I've enjoyed getting to know this community and the museum's supporters during that time.

This last year has been a dynamic one to say the least. We've been fortunate to have hosted some great exhibits and programs, and in many respects the museum is doing very well. Our attendance is up nearly 20% for this year—that on top of a 24% increase in 2009. Our gift shop revenues are up, and our membership revenues are up (thanks to many of you), and we continue to see a membership renewal rate of over 90%.

As good as those numbers sound, we've had our share of struggles too. Our general contributions and fundraising revenues have been well below past levels, and in an effort to keep the museum viable for the long-term we've been forced to do some significant belt tightening. We are committed to making this museum a fixture in this community for many years to come, but in order to do that we have to learn how to negotiate this new and challenging economic climate and your continued involvement will be a key to our long-term strength and success.

We understand that this is a time when your cash contributions may be limited, but the museum continues to be a great investment in the future of this community and we hope you will continue to show your support both financially and by volunteering at the museum.

This is also an excellent time to think about how you can make a lasting mark on the museum by making an estate gift to the museum's endowment. These contributions don't affect your income stream now, offer great tax benefits and will help us to build a stronger financial base to ensure a more stable and sustainable future for the museum. As you are doing your estate planning, please consider including the Mount Airy Museum of Regional History, and if you're interested in learning more about planned giving please give me a call.

Thanks so much to all of you for your continued support. Come visit us often: there's always something new and different here at the museum.

Matt Edwards
Executive Director

Nancy's Corner

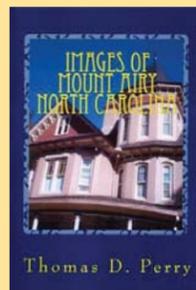
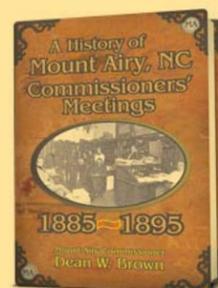
Old Man Winter is calling and the holiday season is fast approaching. Be sure to visit the museum shop for those unique and hard to find gifts.

The gift shop has a new Tote bag with the Mount Airy Museum logo to carry all those goodies to the beach or shopping. They are priced at \$19.95. To clip onto your new tote bag, we have a new brass keychain also with the museum logo for just \$9.95.

Our new CD's are by Back-Step and Melva Houston. Melva is going to be a new volunteer at the desk for us when she returns from her tour in Germany and when you buy the CD and I think you can talk her into autographing it for you. How great would that be?

One of our new books is Cameron Kent's "Road to Devotion." It is an interesting book that tells how rough the life of a slave was and how they tried to flee to Canada where there was no slavery. I had a hard time putting it down it was so exciting!

There are several other new books in the gift shop for your reading pleasure, including "A History of Mount Airy, NC Commissioners' Meetings 1885-1895" by City Commissioner Dean Brown. Brown spent many hours researching the beginnings of our small city and uncovered many hidden treasures including the Great Sewer Debacle and the Mule That Wouldn't Pull. Another great holiday gift is the new book "Images of Mount Airy North Carolina" by author and historian Tom Perry.



If you can't come visit our gift shop, visit us online at www.northcarolinamuseum.org or place your order by phone by calling Nancy at 336-786-4478 ext. 229.

New Exhibit Celebrates Scouting's Centennial

In August, the museum opened a new changing exhibit titled "Century of Service: 100 Years of Scouting." The display is the newest exhibit in the museum's annual changing exhibits program and will be on display through January 15, 2011.

Century of Service was produced in collaboration with the Boy Scouts of America National office, Old Hickory Council and the Camp Raven Knob Museum. The exhibit is an interactive journey through the past, present and future of the Boy Scouts of America with a focus on service as one of the core values.



Additionally, the exhibit explores the history and traditions of Scouting in northwest North Carolina and features artifacts from the museum's collection and from local private collectors.

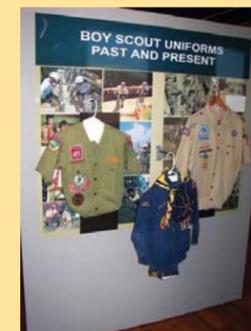
According to Matt Edwards, Executive Director of the Mount Airy Museum of Regional History, "the worldwide Scouting movement has impacted the lives of countless people, and this exhibit

is a great way for the museum to help commemorate one hundred years of Scouting in the United States."

Many of the components on exhibit at the museum were originally developed by the Boy Scouts of America as part of a traveling exhibit called Adventure Base 100 that is currently touring the US as part of the Centennial celebration. The national traveling exhibit visited Charlotte, NC and Greenville, SC in April, but has not made any other stops in this region.

In an effort to maximize exposure of the exhibit materials, the Boy Scouts of America partnered with selected museums to create localized versions of the exhibit. The Mount Airy Museum of Regional History and the North Carolina Museum of History in Raleigh are among those.

The exhibit features hands-on components, interactive video and a tremendous collection of local scouting memorabilia. "There really is something for everyone here" Edwards adds.



Membership Hot Dog & Ice Cream Social



On June 7th, our annual Hot Dog & Ice Cream Social was enjoyed by many of our members and guests. Hot dogs and more hot dogs were in abundance for all to eat with all the trimmings: sour kraut, homemade cole slaw, chili, and all the condiments that

you can put on a hot dog! Baked Beans and chips filled your plate and, as if that wasn't enough to fill you, ICE CREAM SUNDAES. Yea! Were they ever good and, of course, we had all the calories taken out of the toppings. Gummy Bears, peanuts, pineapple, crushed Oreos and, last but not least, one more decision had to be made as to which syrup you wanted to use: Caramel, Strawberry or Chocolate. By the time it was all done, we had gone through gallon after gallon of ice cream and all the toppings and were ready for a long winter's nap. The only problem was - it was JUNE.

We had about 70 in attendance this year but next year, after the word spreads how good it all was and what fun we had talking to all our museum members, we will surely have more! More members, more fun and, of course, more food. Watch your membership newsletter for the date or go online at www.northcarolinamuseum.org.

See you next June!

Quilt Exhibit Draws a Crowd

During the late summer the MAMRH had the pleasure of hosting its first exhibit with the Surry County Quilter's Guild. The exhibit featured 35 quilts from 18 different quilters and included a contest judged by the visiting public. The exhibit met with rave reviews during its time at the museum, and we're working with the Guild to make this an annual show.



The annual show will be part of a new changing exhibit series intended to highlight heritage and visual arts at the museum. Also involved will be other regional arts and crafts organizations, including the Yadkin Valley

Craft Guild. The exhibits, housed on the museum's third floor, will be changing quarterly so make sure you visit often to see what's new.

The following are on loan to the Museum collection:

Ken Badgett

Dobson shoulder strip, compass, red beret, Cub Scout canteen, 2 Pinewood Derby cars, 2000 Camp Raven Knob patch, 2 Pinewood Derby cars

Matt Edwards

Boy Scout shirt circa 1980-90s, grandfather's sash with merit badges, 5 Scout handbooks

Jewel Jarrell

Leitz microscope used by Dr. Eric Jarrell for over 35 years, antique binocular magnifying glasses



Geraldine Moore

3 quilts for the 2010 Quilt show

Raven Knob Scout Museum

Book and DVD: BSA- A Centennial History, Raven Knob promotional DVD, Scout awards, flags, sign, Pinewood Derby track, TV/VCR combo, DVD player, uniform and accessories belonging to Dr. Gil Burke, wood display case with 130 merit badges, additional merit badges, award ribbons, banners, neckerchief, patches, cook kit, bug juice pitcher, shoulder strips, slide, patch, flag pole and stand, photos, collection of 22 camp, lodge or council caps courtesy of Phil Mappa

Snyder Family

3 Cub Scout caps, 4 patches, slide, 2 handbooks, Totin' Chip card

Surry County Quilters Guild

Collection of quilts for the 2010 Quilt Show

Summer Intern



This summer the Mount Airy Museum of Regional History was very fortunate to have Julie Gilley intern with us. Although you may have seen her filling in at the front desk or assisting with tours, Julie spent the majority of her internship working closely with Heather Elliott, Director of Programs and Education, learning the fine points of planning and

executing programs. She rolled up her sleeves and got right to work, helping with Storybook Museum, Super Saturday, our Juneteenth Celebration, the Senior Prom and Hands-on History summer camp.

In addition, Julie put her History education training to work and designed and drafted pre- and post-visit materials for visiting elementary and middle schools as well as creating a Museum Scavenger Hunt for all visiting children.

Julie, a native of Dobson and 2008 graduate of North Surry High School, is a rising junior at Catawba College where she participates in multiple campus activities including Martha West Teaching Scholars and ALPHA orientation programs. She also works as both a Writing Center and Student Services tutor and was recently elected President of Catawba's chapter of the Student North Carolina Association of Educators (SNCAE).

Brick Pavers Coming Soon

As many of you are aware, we've been selling memorial and honorarium bricks for several years. Over the last year we've been fielding quite a few questions about the status of that project. The bricks that have already been purchased have been engraved and are currently being stored in the museum. We plan to have the installation of the bricks completed in the spring of 2011 in time to celebrate Museum Month in May.

If you haven't done so yet, there's still time to leave your mark. Call the museum to order yours today.



Program Update

The months since the last newsletter have been busy at the museum. During the New Harmonies exhibit period alone (March and April) we hosted more than twenty programs including a Lunch and Learn Lecture series, a North Carolina Humanities Council Road Scholar and a free bluegrass concert.

Late in the spring, our chapter of the Tar Heel Junior Historians club competed in, and won, their division at the state competition in Raleigh. This continues an award winning tradition that extends to the club's inception in 2007.

Summer was busy with camps for kids and workshops for adults. Both will be returning in 2011 so look for some great experiential learning opportunities in the coming year for both children and adults.

Throughout the year we've continued to offer monthly programming geared toward children and we're beginning to develop a good following with both our first Friday "Storybook Museum" program for pre-school aged children and the "Super Saturday" make-and-take program for older kids.

As always the museum appreciates your continued support and patronage at these events. We work hard to provide you with quality programs and activities, and we value your input and participation. Come join us in the New Year—it's going to be an exciting one.



Volunteer Brunch - May, 2010

Our annual volunteer recognition was a huge success. We had so many volunteers this year to be recognized. Not only our volunteers at the receptionist desk and docents, but also volunteers who helped with "White Liquor and Dirt Tracks," the Smithsonian Exhibit, "New Harmonies: Celebrating American Roots Music," and our very successful Bunny Hop Fundraiser! A call went out for many volunteers needed to help for each event and the response was outstanding.

The theme this year was "Carolina in the Morning" and nothing could have been finer than to see all our volunteers' smiling faces at the brunch. This year we honored Alberta Anderson for having the most volunteer hours at the

receptionist desk and Ruby Maxey for having the most docent hours. Both ladies always go beyond the call of duty to come whenever we call and work endlessly to help wherever help is needed. Each will have a brick engraved in her honor.

Our speaker this year was the Honorable Paul Newby, Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court. He delivered a fantastic speech on the importance of volunteering and carrying on the heritage of our region and state and congratulated all of our volunteers on a job well done. Justice Newby graduated from Duke University in 1977 and received his law degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1980.

The brunch was enjoyed by all with good laughs and good food. We finished just in time for more food – lunch!



Volunteer Brunch guest speaker, the honorable Paul Newby, Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court.

The following items have been added to the Museum collection:

J.D. Bartley

2 pieces of the Berlin Wall plus accompanying barbed wire – 1989

Ernestine Chappell

Cake plate, plate, cup and saucer and framed photo of people in a 1923 barn raising belonging to Matilda Payne Blackburn and Sabrina Hanks Payne

Nancy Davis

Decorative penlight, marble tic-tac-toe game

Wayne Galyean

Mounted flying turkey



Flying Turkey

Gilmer-Smith Foundation

Captain James R. Jones Collection including photos, scrapbook, newspaper articles, certificates, service medals, American flag and a Purple Heart, Bunker Family collection of framed articles, 2 brochure racks, 3 exhibit cases



Captain James Jones Medals

Thomas and Joan Griffin

Victorian style cabinet



Victorian Cabinet

Dr. Renfrow Hauser

16mm sound film projector from Helen Hauser, daughter-in-law of Lemmie S. Hauser, former principal of Bannertown Elementary School

Chuck Hemrick

DVD of "Blue Ridge Views" a weekly news feature highlighting cultural traditions mainly music broadcast in the early 1990s on WGHP TV.

Dianne and Tom Koch

Framed 11/1938 photo of employees at the Renfro Finishing Plant

Charlotte McDaniel

Genealogy book about great grandparents James and Susan Simpson Parker

Robert and Cama Merritt

Collection of 12 historic and informational map reproductions, collection of children's and historic books, quilt, children's toys, clothing, and remainder Merritt Family accession

Jerrie Parsley

2 ledgers from the Mitchell River Union Baptist Association, 1940-50s membership roll of Poplar Springs Baptist Church, minutes of the Mitchell River Union Baptist Association 1956, 1962, 1964

Richard Phillips

MC Goodman Chemical Co. Ready Cold Capsules – Mount Airy, NC, Bray's Corn Meal sewing kit from Bray's Mill in Mount Airy, NC

Janice Poplin

3 woman's hats circa 1960 belonging to Pauline Coe, bassinet

Raven Knob Scout Museum

BSA memorabilia including 100 Years of Scouting Handbooks poster, 16 Merit Badge Series Booklets, CD - Wahissa and CRK Images Vol. 1 – James A. Webb, CD- CRK Flags and Banners, Collection of Boys Life Magazines and the Raven Newsletters

Don and Pat Ward

Music Play for Every Day – sheet music book circa 1930s

Mack Wood

Field Grade Army Dress Uniforms: Dress blue- jacket and pants, Dress Panama White – jacket, cummerbund and pants



Field Grade Army Dress Uniforms

Steve and Ann Yokeley

Wheel barrow, electronic radio tube tester and box of tubes



Preservation Pointers #8
by Amy Snyder, Curator of Collections

Many families have weapons or other memorabilia passed down from a relative who served in the military. These include souvenir firearms, ceremonial swords, knives, medals, uniforms, and other such mementos. Whether stored or displayed, these objects are often concrete tokens of landmark events in family history. The diversity of components of military memorabilia makes their preservation more complex than an item of just one material. Always remember, fluctuations in temperature and relative humidity, chemicals in the air as well as the normal oils and salts on human skin plus ultraviolet rays from direct sunlight are all damaging factors to most artifacts. The best way to take care of your military treasures is by minimizing their exposure to these hazards.

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.

Checklist for Caring for Military Mementos: A Checklist

- Keep historic metal objects and weapons in a room with moderate temperature (70 degrees) and steady relative humidity of 50 percent
- Keep your military treasures out of direct sunlight and contact with wood or other acidic materials
- Wear clean cotton gloves when handling medals and metal parts of weapons
- Dust your treasures with a clean brush or magnetic cloth
- Don't use commercial cleaners or polishes on metal parts. Frequent polishing with an abrasive cleaner may substantially reduce the historic, aesthetic and monetary value your piece. If it must be cleaned, use denatured alcohol or mineral spirits applied with a cotton swab or soft rag.
- Don't load or fire historic firearms
- When you store or display your object, make sure it is not in contact with acidic wood, wool fabric, or acidic paper and do not use adhesives of any kind for mounting. Polyester of polyethylene foam cutouts may be used to hold weapon in place for display. If an item is on display, protect it from sunlight by using treated glass or ultraviolet film on windows.



Volunteer Spotlight on Alberta Anderson

Alberta Anderson was recognized at the Volunteer Brunch for the most hours of volunteer service for the past year at the Mount Airy Museum of Regional History. A brick engraved with her name and the year for her volunteer service will be placed in the courtyard.

Alberta was born in New Madrid, MO, to Albert and Betty Unsell. She has two sisters, Lillie (who lives in Westfield, NC) and Mary (who resides in Seattle, WA) and one brother Kirk (who lives in Springfield, MO).

She is a graduate of Hobart Senior High School in Hobart, Indiana and later, she attended Purdue University and Indiana University. She has been married to William "Bill" Anderson since 1965 and they have two children, Wendy and William, and two grandchildren.

In 2008 Alberta retired from her position as business manager in the Department of Media Relations at Indiana University after almost 27 years. After retiring, Alberta and Bill moved to our area in order to be

near her mother, a resident of Twelve Oaks. Alberta hopes to stay here for many years to come.

She is a member of Trinity Episcopal Church where she is also part of the Alter Guild. Other organizations she belongs to include: the Beulah ECA Club, The Surry County Genealogical Association, Northern Hospital of Surry County and, last but not least, the Mount Airy Museum of Regional History! She can be found doing many different volunteer jobs wherever and whenever she is needed.

In addition to gardening and crafting, Alberta also enjoys a new hobby: oil painting. We wish her well with that and hope to see many of her beautiful paintings in the future.

We are so glad to have Alberta as a volunteer and can never thank her enough for all her time and efforts!



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

In Memory of:

Mr. Reginald Tilley, Jr.
by Mr. & Mrs. Ralph & Sue Cooke

In Honor of:

Mr. & Mrs. Jack & June Snow
by Mr. & Mrs. Allen & Brenda Edwards

Mr. Jack Thomas
by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Ray & Stella Thomas

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by *Entre-Nous Book Club*

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by Mrs. Mae H. Turpin

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by Mrs. Mae H. Turpin

Mrs. Magdalene T. Comer
by Mrs. Mae H. Turpin

Mrs. Jean Atkins
by Mrs. Magdalene T. Comer

Christmas means ornaments

As a holiday treat to say thanks to our members we're offering you an opportunity to purchase the museum's collectors edition brass ornaments for only \$5. To purchase yours simply bring this flyer by the gift shop between now and Christmas and pick up the one or ones you'd like to add to your collection.



Central United Methodist Church
Grace Moravian Church
Trinity Episcopal Church
First Presbyterian Church
The Surry County Courthouse
Pilot Mountain
Andy Griffith Playhouse

Calendar of Events - Spring/ Summer 2011

December

- 3 Storybook Museum. Christmas/Holiday Theme. Hands-on History Gallery. 10:00 AM Free
- 11 Super Saturday children's program. Recycled Ornaments. 10:00 AM. Hands-on History Gallery. Fee charged.
- 12 Holiday Open House. 1:00 - 4:00PM. Free
- 13 Volunteer Christmas Party

January

- 7 Storybook Museum. Hands-on History Gallery. 10:00 AM Free
- 8 Super Saturday children's program. 10:00 AM. Hands-On History Gallery. Fee charged
- 15 In the Spirit of MLK Program, Museum Annex. Free Event
- 22 White Liquor and Dirt Tracks program and Racing Exhibit Opening. Museum and Museum Annex. 10:00-5:00. \$5 Admission

February

- 1 Genealogy Workshop: Class 1 (at MAMRH). 6:00 PM. Fee is charged
- 4 Storybook Museum. Hands-on History Gallery. 10:00 AM. Free
- 8 Genealogy Workshop: Class 2 (at MAMRH). 6:00 PM. Fee is charged
- 12 Super Saturday children's program. 10:00 AM. Hands-On History Gallery. Fee charged Free for members, fee for non-members
- 15 Genealogy Workshop: Class 3 (at Register of Deeds Office in Dobson). 6:00 PM. Fee is charged
- 22 History Talks featuring: Mike Wiley in "Tired Souls: The Montgomery Bus Boycott"

March

- 1 Genealogy Workshop: Class 4 (at Surry Community College Genealogy Research Room). 6:00 PM. Fee is charged
- 4 Storybook Museum. Hands-on History Gallery. 10:00 AM. Free
- 8 Genealogy Workshop: Class 5 (at MAMRH). 6:00 PM. Fee is charged
- 12 Super Saturday children's program. 10:00 AM. Hands-On History Gallery. Fee charged
- 19 Workshop: Introduction to Quilting with Rachel Hepler. Museum Classroom. 10:00 AM. Fee Charged

April

- 1 Storybook Museum. Hands-on History Gallery. 10:00 AM. Free
- 6 Tartan Day Program with Scottish Heritage Society of the Blue Ridge, Time TBD, Free
- 9 Super Saturday children's program. 10:00 AM. Hands-On History Gallery. Fee charged
- 11 Volunteer Brunch. 10:00 AM. Museum Annex. By invitation

May (Museum Month)

- 1 Unveil Brick Paver Project
- 6 Storybook Museum. Hands-on History Gallery. 10:00 AM. Free
- 14 Super Saturday children's program. 10:00 AM. Hands-On History Gallery. Fee charged
- 14 Toast and Jam-Band and Winery TBD. Museum Courtyard. 5:00-7:00 PM. Free
- 18 International Museum Day
- 22 History Talks: Benjamin Filene: Small Stories and the Big Picture: How Can Museum's Bring Ordinary People's History to Life (pending confirmation). Museum Annex. 2:00 PM. Free

June

- 3 Storybook Museum. Hands-on History Gallery. 10:00 AM. Free
- 11 Super Saturday children's program. 10:00 AM. Hands-On History Gallery. Fee charged
- 11 Toast and Jam-Band and Winery TBD. Museum Courtyard. 5:00-7:00PM. Free
- 18 Exhibit opening; Surry Quilter's Guild Annual Show. 10:00 AM

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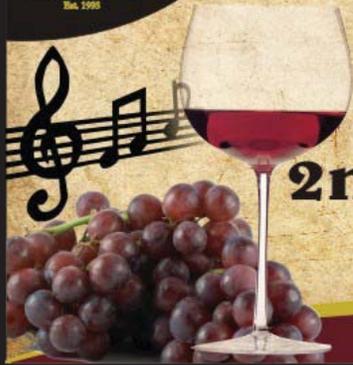
Mount Airy Museum of Regional History presents:

Toast and Jam

Good wine, Good music, and a taste of Mount Airy

2nd Saturday each month 5-7pm

Sponsored by:  B & L Custom Jewelers



Toast and Jam to Continue in 2011

If you've missed out on this year's summer concert series "Toast and Jam," there's great news. Series sponsor, B & L Custom Jewelers, has renewed that support and the events are scheduled to continue in the summer of 2011.

The premise is simple: good wine, good music and a taste of Mount Airy, all set in the Museum's picturesque courtyard. This monthly program is scheduled for the second Saturday of each month (May-October), from 5:00-7:00 PM. It will continue to showcase a number of the region's wineries as well as local musical talent. The wineries will be offering wine tastings and sales, along with a brief educational program about their wines between musical sets and as an added bonus, at select programs there will be local restaurants on-hand to provide visitors with "a taste of Mount Airy."

The 2010 season played host to Old North State Winery, Shelton Vineyards, Round Peak Vineyards, Sanders Ridge Winery and Surry Cellars along with the musical stylings of The Klassix, Foothills Blues Society, BackStep, Diana Tuffin, Evan and Dana, and Porch Dog Revival. Stay tuned to our website and Facebook for emerging details on acts and wineries scheduled for 2011.

