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The Mount Airy Museum of Regional History has been awarded a $3,000 grant from the Duke Energy Foundation in support of the annual changing exhibits program.

Each year the museum develops and displays three to four changing exhibits on topics relevant to our area's history, art or culture. During 2016, the museum will be hosting local photographer Kenny Hooker, the traveling exhibit "We are the Music Makers," and museum curated exhibits on Surry County Quilting Traditions and Technology Advances of the Farm and Home from 1860-1960.

"The changing exhibit program is an important part of our mission to collect, preserve and interpret our shared history" says the museum's Executive Director Matt Edwards. "These exhibits give us a chance to delve into parts of our collection that aren't normally on display and to work with local collectors to tell unique and interesting stories from the past" he adds.

Duke Energy is a long-time supporter of the Mount Airy Museum of Regional History with capital, program and operating support dating back to the museum's establishment in 1993. "Duke Energy is proud to be a supporter of the Mt Airy Museum for Regional History and to help enable new exhibits. It's important to understand the history of our region. The museum is an important part of the community, providing an educational experience for both young and old," said Jimmy Flythe, Director - West Region, Government and Community Relations of Duke Energy Carolinas.

The Duke Energy Foundation actively works to improve the quality of life in its communities, lending expertise in the form of leadership and philanthropic support to charitable organizations. Duke Energy has long been committed to building and supporting the communities in which its customers and employees live and work.

For more information about the museum's upcoming exhibit and programs visit the website at www.northcarolinamuseum.org
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