

## Letter from the President

Fall is in the air and we are busy planning several big events before the end of the year.

Our annual Antiques Show and Sale will be held October 31 through November 2 at the Pinehurst Fair Barn, opening with the preview party on the evening of October 30th. The honorary chairs this year are Bill and Cathy Smith. Light fare will be provided by Rhett's.

We will finish out the year with our Christmas open houses when all five of our historic houses are decorated and opened to the public. This is a special time to visit the houses and experience the yuletide celebration as in the early days.

As always, we appreciate your monetary support and the support of our active volunteers. We are always looking for additional volunteers to chair and serve on committees and to serve on the Board of Trustees.

Your association is planning some very exciting events for 2009. If you would like to be a part of making history, we would love to put you to work.

On behalf of your MCHA Board of Trustees, we thank you for your continued support and participation.

Darlene Stark, *President*

## Annual Meeting

The MCHA held its annual meeting and ice cream social Sunday, April 27, at the Moore County Hounds Clubhouse on North May Street in Southern Pines.

A special encore program on the history of the Moore County Hounds was presented by Cameron Slade, Joint Master of the Foxhounds. Through photographs and video, she offered a rare glimpse into the formation and lives of those who started one of the oldest and most elite hunt clubs in the United States.

This presentation concludes the MCHA's year-long recognition of the equestrian community and its importance to the history of Moore County.

A brief business meeting was held prior to the presentation and the MCHA kicked off its 2008-2009 season with the appointment of the following Board of Trustees: Kay Antoine, Nancy Blount, Bill Brewer, Carolyn Burns, Marshall Donathan, Jan Fowler, Stuart Fulghum, David Gray, Tricia Hill, Andrew Lyon, Mike McMillan, Beverly Offutt, Ray Owen, Milton Sills, Grace Snelgrove, Darlene Stark, and Joy Wise. Officers are: Darlene Stark, president; Stuart Fulghum, vice-president; Jan Fowler, secretary; and Andrew Lyon, treasurer.

President Stark gave a short overview of the past year's activities including hosting over 1,300 visitors of all ages; presenting four lec-



tures organized by Cos Barnes; conducting three multi-day tours and two day trips planned and led by Carolyn Burns; re-roofing the back portion of the Garner House, sorting, identifying, and adding many additional photos to the historic photo archives through the efforts of Sue Pockmire, Jay Spohn, Tricia Hill, Jan Fowler and Peter Winkelman; and making progress on the major restoration project at the Bryant House made possible through the efforts of Ray Owen.

## Report From Fundraising Committee

Historic Kelly Plantation in Carthage was the setting for the first of several MCHA fund raising committee meetings. Nancy Blount, co-chair, hosted the session to plan for the association's funding needs. Ray Owen, MCHA past president and committee co-chair, gave details of the association's need for reliable income that tops \$20,000 annually. The committee has worked to develop a timeline of enjoyable events to build support for MCHA based on a well-defined message that would specifically identify how funds would be utilized. A useful part of the planning process has involved outreach to other historic groups to explore various capital efforts.

Events under consideration include: hosting a fund-raising party at the start of our annual membership drive, an on-line shopping link, haunted historic houses for Halloween, continuing the antique show, a mock foxhunt and hunt breakfast, an outdoor dramatic performance, producing calendars and stationery, and developing a gardening series at the Shaw House. The planned launch for the series would be April 2009.

MCHA fund raising committee members are Nancy Blount, Carolyn Burns, Ruffles Clement, Jan Fowler, Ray Owen, Darleen Stark and Joy Wise.



## Want To Help The MCHA Raise Funds?

What if the MCHA earned a penny every time you searched the Internet? Or how about if a percentage of every purchase you made online went to support our mission to preserve our history?

GoodSearch.com is a new Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine, get quality search results from Yahoo, and watch the donations add up!

GoodShop.com is a new online shopping mall which donates up to 37 percent of each purchase to the MCHA! Hundreds of great stores including Amazon, Target, Gap, Best Buy, ebay, Macy's and Barnes & Noble have teamed up with GoodShop and every time you place an order, you'll be supporting the MCHA.

Just go to [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) and be sure to enter "Moore County Historical Association" as the charity you want to support. And, be sure to spread the word!



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### In Memory Of Dedicated Members/Volunteers That Have Passed Away

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Mr. Max Richardson  
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**SHAW HOUSE CLEANUP**  
Ellen Marcus, Martha Swaringen and the campers from the Southern Pines Parks & Recreation summer program. Special thanks to a great team who cleaned up the Shaw House grounds on July 10th.



A group from Newry, Northern Ireland, visited the Shaw House and heard a presentation by Ray Owen on the history of Moore County. Pictured are Jeffrey Sheer, Ray Owen and Darlene Stark.



**ANNUAL MEETING**  
(Upper left) Huntsman, Jody Murtagh with the Moore County Hounds. (Upper right) Cameron Slade, MFH, with her father, H. Tayloe Compton, Jr., and sister, Tayloe. (Lower right) Victoria Rounds, Stuart Fulghum, and Joyce White.



**GINNIE MOSS TRIBUTE BOOK**  
Peter Winkelman and Dottie Greenleaf with MCHA Trustees, Jan Fowler and Tricia Hill. Dottie donated the last remaining copies of the book to the MCHA. Proceeds of the book sale go to the Walthour-Moss Foundation and the MCHA.

## Bryant House Restoration

By William D. Brewer, MCHA Trustee

Visitors to the Bryant House on Mount Carmel Road will notice some new boards in several places on the sides of the house, and new window frames and sashes (but you won't see a lot of the work that had to be done behind those boards). We are fortunate to have a local contractor skilled in restoration work – Karl Kessler of Kessler Construction and Restoration – who could perform the work. Over the years a number of people have made repairs to the house, but most of those lacked the skill and expertise of Mr. Kessler (including this writer, who did probably the worst glazing work ever performed in Moore County in replacing window panes that had fallen out or were about to fall). Both chimneys still need work – one must be rebuilt – but this will have to wait until we can raise the necessary funds.

The wood used in the restoration came from Foster Williams – and to quote Mr. Kessler, “His wood stash is unbelievable. I did not know that there was a stash of Heart Pine anywhere in the world like that. We will never find anything close to this.” To manufacture the mullions (the narrow wood strips surrounding the glass panes), Mr. Kessler had to make a special tool.

John Larson, Vice President of Restoration for Old Salem, has lent his expertise to help make the restoration historically accurate. He is recognized as “one of the leading authorities on early construction in North Carolina and the nation.”

Anyone who has done genealogical work in Moore County is familiar with the name of Rassie Wicker – local historian and author of *Miscellaneous Ancient Records Of Moore County, N.C.* In a letter to H. Clifton Blue, then president of the Moore County Historical Association, Mr. Wicker stated that “I suppose nothing can be done to save this house [the Bryant House], but it is certainly a shame to see it destroyed.” This was some time ago, and over the years a number of people, including Harris Blake, Ted Lawrence, the Friends of the Bryant House, longtime caretakers Max and Creola Richardson, and Ray Owen have worked to save one of Moore County's treasures. Anyone willing to make a contribution to further this work should contact Sarah at the MCHA, (910) 692-2051.

# WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Judy Allen  
Bebe Briggs  
Jean Burbage  
Mattie Wallace Carpenter  
Natalie Cunningham  
Laverne Brady Davis  
Dr. and Mrs. M. Nixon Ellis  
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Elizabeth Rainoff  
Ann Riddle  
Howard Schubert  
Sue Smithson  
Jay Spohn  
Cynthia Williams



## 2008 EVENTS

**Oct 30**  
Antiques Show &  
Sale Preview Party

**Oct 31 - Nov 2**  
48th Annual  
Antiques Show  
& Sale

**Dec 4-7**  
Holiday Open House  
at the Shaw House

**Dec 13-14**  
Holiday Open House  
at the Bryant House



### Visit The MCHA Book & Gift Shop Online

Marie Hardister and Beverly Offutt, show off the latest items available for sale at the Shaw House.

SOUTHERN PINES MEDALLION reproduced by Hawkins & Harkness can be added to a bracelet as a charm, a chain as a necklace, or made into a tietac.

A TASTE OF HISTORY cookbook was first published in the 1950's showcasing recipes of heritage quality. Interesting reading and adventuresome taste testing.

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## MCHA Road Trips

*By Carolyn Burns, MCHA Trustee*

The tour groups of MCHA have already had a busy year beginning with 25 folks traveling to Reidsville to visit Chinqua-Penn Plantation and Greensboro to tour and shop at Replacements, Inc., in April. This day trip was soon followed by a 12 day trip in May to Ireland with 18 hearty people taking in the sights from Limerick to Belfast to Dublin.

Our next trip was inspired by a visit and lecture from Mary Wayne Watson, who talked about the poet, John Charles McNeill, from Wagram, NC and the community of Riverton. August 8th saw a car caravan leave the Shaw House with 11 folks headed to Wagram for a visit and talk by Dr. Calvin Newton at the McNeill home and the Richmond Temperance & Literary Society Hall. The day ended with a brief tour of Riverton and the lovely Cypress Bend Vineyard.

October 1st will see a group of 30 traveling to colorful New England for an 8 day tour.

As you can see, we have had a busy, varied, fun travel year with plans already underway for an even more exciting 2009---Stay tuned!

## Determined Dozen

*By Beverly Offutt, MCHA Trustee*

The docents at the Shaw House historical site have welcomed over 500 visitors since January 2008. These determined dozen volunteer weekly or monthly to assist Sarah Matthews in the daily welcoming of our guests into the three house museums.

Some visitors plan group visitations; however, most arrive at the door unexpectedly – an old-timey pop call. Local residents bring out-of-town visitors, garden clubs enjoy meeting in the quaint setting, fourth-graders come as a social studies field trip, but most folks just notice us as they wait at the traffic light. They view the change of pace beyond the picket fence and decide to indulge in a bit of nostalgia.

Recently we have welcomed a new docent, Kelly Hinson, from Jackson Springs. Kelly is an articulate, energetic young mom who loves history. She is actually related to the descendants of the Sanders Cabin, so her roots run deeply in Moore County. Her enthusiasm is catching...so come join us!!! Call Sarah Matthews at (910) 692-2051 or Beverly Offutt at (910) 692-6142 – we'll put you to **work** PLAY!

We would like to thank the following docents for their continued support: Judy Allen, Frieda Bruton, Paula Caddell, Nancy Coburn, Betty Hamblin, Kelly Hinson, Yvonne Loury, Ruth Lund, Nathalie Scott, Dorothy Shankle, and Ginny Taylor. Many other volunteers have joined our efforts during special events, such as Marie Hardister who dressed in period costume to greet over 500 guests during the Christmas open house, Valerie Laszlo who demonstrated weaving on the antique loom in the Sanders Cabin, and Barbara Blake who served cookies and cider to our guests. Thank you all.

## A Southern Spirit, Virginia Walthour Moss

Many have never seen this book which was published in honor of Ginnie Moss' 90th birthday celebration. It includes the history of Ginnie and Pappy Moss of the Moore County Hounds and the creation of the dream equestrian community, the Walthour-Moss Foundation, the Point to Point, and the Moore County Driving Club.

The last remaining inventory of this book was donated by Dottie Greenleaf to be sold by the MCHA. Proceeds of the book sale go to the Walthour-Moss Foundation and the MCHA. Filled with early pictures of the Moore County Hounds, it shows the fun and camaraderie that surrounded this great fox hunt and the personal stories shared by their friends make it a priceless treasure. Over 100 images, 60 pages. Price \$29.95



# The Book & Gift Shop

### Medallions & Ornaments

Antique Southern Pines Medallion .....	50.00
Shaw House Landmark Ornament .....	20.00

### Notecards & Postcards

Notecards, Shaw House (Package of 8) .....	4.95
Notecards, Specialty (Package of 4).....	3.95
Postcard .....	.50

### Posters & Maps

Bryant House Poster .....	5.95
Moore County Hounds/Shaw House Poster .....	5.95
1880s Map of Southern Pines (Called Vineland) .....	8.95
1747 to 1847 Map of Moore County .....	7.95

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Various Sizes, Custom Design Available (\$19.95 +)

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Custom, 4 x 6 or 5 x 7 .....	4.95
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In Stock, Framed.....	4.95
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### Soap, Historic Shaw House Blend 2.75 oz

Bar (Lavendar, Wild Rose, Tea Olive, Gardener's) .....	2.39
Gift Box Set of Three .....	6.98

### Wreaths by Grace from Native Grapevines

Small .....	3.95
Medium .....	5.95
Large.....	7.95

### T-Shirts

McLendon Cabin - Bryant House T-Shirt .....	10.00
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The Bookshop at the Shaw House features an assortment of historical and genealogical books for sale. Books can be purchased there or by mail. For more info, call Sarah at (910) 692-2051.

*MCHA members receive a 10% discount.*

### Books

A Taste of History Cookbook, Heirloom Recipes of the 1950s.....	11.95
Cities of Fear and Other Adventure Stories .....	10.00
Miscellaneous Ancient Records of Moore County .....	19.95
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