



Shaw House Sketches

PRESIDENTS' LETTER

The year is passing quickly, thanks to hard work by volunteers. We need more volunteers, and are working to attract more of them and more members. Our membership goal is 250 and we have added a few new members this year. Our \$35 a year membership is affordable, allowing you to join us on trips to places of historic interest and beauty at a discount. Membership allows you to purchase discounted gifts and books at our gift shop, attend our annual Christmas party gala at the Shaw House and the Bryant House, get our newsletter, receive postcard notices in the mail alerting you to special events before the general public, and build friendships working with people who share your interest in history. Last but far from least is the satisfaction of contributing your time, skills and donations to a worthwhile cause that is celebrating the 71st anniversary of its founding in 1946 by Elizabeth (Buffie) Ives. Without your help we couldn't maintain our five house museums, or carry on events.

Our critical unmet need is for reliable male volunteers who have the muscles and dedication to pick up boxes of custom soaps and deliver them to the UPS station off U.S. 1 North of Southern Pines—about a 10 minute trip from the Shaw House. This revenue comes from the custom soap orders which are hand wrapped at the Shaw House by volunteers and distributed not just to local businesses where they may be purchased but now, to other states where large orders placed with us are shipped.

Call the Shaw House at (910) 692-2051 if you would like to be on call for an average of two pickups and deliveries a week, using your own transportation. If you know of other reliable people you can send out, if called, that would be fine too. This is a volunteer need that has existed for awhile and is critical to allow us to maintain and preserve our five house museums by keeping up with a market that has grown so much and is so important to our income that more help is needed just to keep up with demand.

Grace Jones, co-president Jim Jones' wife, works on the Shaw House grounds, and they look the best ever. Sue Pockmire and her helpers have made this the best year for the soap project. Big thanks to Beverly Offutt and her docents who give their time to spread the news about Moore County's history as told at our house museums. Sara Lindau and Kate Curtin spend their time preparing and posting information in the media and on Facebook. Kate takes pictures and Sara prepares the newsletter and writes news releases. Plus a big thank you to the volunteers of the Friends of the Bryant House.

I am so thankful for all the hours these and so many others have given I have only touched the surface of all the donated hours given by our many reliable members. A big thanks to Jim, my co-president, previous co-president Greg Zywockinski and of course to Sarah Mathews, our administrative officer and only paid employee. None of the projects could have happened without all of you.

It has been my pleasure serving as your co-president these past two years. I'm sure you will find Jim, your next co-president, appreciative, friendly, and helpful. If some of you would like to volunteer, don't hesitate to contact the Shaw House at 692-2051 - *Judy Snider, Co-President*



UPCOMING EVENTS

Dr. Mary Edwards Walker Lecture

Remember Dr. Matt Farina's popular lecture on Civil War Medicine last summer? You're in for another treat on Sunday, March 19, when Dr. Farina's topic will be about Civil War era woman surgeon, Dr. Mary Edwards Walker. It's at the Southern Pines Civic Club, 2 p.m., free admission. Dr. Walker was the only female physician in the Union Army. She is the only woman to receive the Medal of Honor. President Andrew Johnson awarded her the Medal. She was a feminist, abolitionist, prohibitionist, alleged spy and prisoner of war.

Shaw House Luncheon

We'll repeat on March 20—one day only—the old Shaw House's historic menu of creamed chicken and waffles plus prune cake dessert. Popular demand from the 2016 revival was so great that we'll have two seatings for lunch, at 11:30 a.m. and again at 1 p.m. It will be the same menu (with syrup to drizzle over the waffles if you prefer) at same price of \$18. We expect last year's volunteers back to repeat the experience. They include managing cook and MCHA co-president Jim Jones and his wife Grace, Cordon Bleu graduate Roberta Williams, plus Dorothy Shankle, a direct descendant of the Shaws who built the home around 1821, and too many more to name. Reservations are required and payment is your reservation. Call (910) 281-5417.

Clenny Creek Day

12th Annual Clenny Creek Day is April 15 (Easter Weekend), 10-5, a festival for all the family in the beautiful rural surroundings of the McLendon Cabin (1760s) and Bryant House (1820s) at 3361 Mount Carmel Road near Carthage. The Friends of the Bryant House volunteers have hosted this rite of spring from the beginning. There is no admission charge. There will be live music, vendors, food, family fun, many items for sale, historic "encampments" by Civil War era re-enactors, Revolutionary War re-enactors and demonstrations providing glimpses of living history.

Early American Coverlets Exhibit

Springfest on Saturday, April 29 will be celebrated at the Shaw House 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., with exhibits of early American coverlets. Linda Hardison will demonstrate and may lecture on this Sunday, April 30. Free admission. Members who want to lend quilt racks for displaying the coverlets, please call (910) 692-2051. Stay tuned for updates.

Annual Meeting

Sunday, May 21, 2 p.m. annual membership meeting changed from June to cooler month of May. Lighterwood Farm, a restored 1870 turpentine and tobacco farm homestead, six miles west of Pinehurst. The Sandhills Area Land Trust preserves it and operates the farm as an educational resource. Outreach consultant Jesse Wimberly will host the event. He lives in the original cabin made of longleaf heart pine built by his great-grandfather who came to North Carolina 140 years ago to get into the turpentine business. The farm itself with several hundred acres and the cabin remain in his family. Wimberly will also give a program on June 25 at the Civic Club with a different slant on the culture and of the Scottish settlers and how the landscape influenced them.

Directions: From the Pinehurst Traffic Circle take NC 211 toward West End. Take a left at the traffic light onto Foxfire /Hoffman Rd., cross the railroad tracks. Look for balloons marking the way to the farm. Take a right at the second mailbox that is Lighterwood Farm and stay to the right.



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Norris Hodgkins, Jr.
by Dorothy Shankle
Jay Greer
by Dorothy Shankle



Chase Black with Troop Leader Mike Bassett. Chase has chosen the Kenneth Black Cemetery restoration for his Eagle Scout Award.



Girl Scout Junior Troop 262 help decorate the Bryant House properties.



Bryan Avery shows how turpentine is made.



The Grand Dames of the MCHA at the Members Holiday Party. Marilyn Hartsell, Elaine Sills, and Marie Hardister.



Trustee Kate Curtin prepares for the Shaw House Treasures Sale.



Patty Meter a Shaw House docent, with trustee, Steady Meares and current co-president, Jim Jones.

TOURS

MCHA traveled far and near with Kirk Tours this fall. October saw a few of us in Williamsburg, Jamestown. We toured Shirley Plantation and had lunch at the Upper Shirley Winery and Restaurant. In November we trekked in Marva Kirk's mini-bus through the site of Monroe's Crossroads Civil War Battle, know to some as "Kilpatrick's Shirttail Skedaddle" located on the Ft. Bragg reservation. After Marva called on her network of important friends to obtain the commander's approval, we were allowed to depart through the "wrong" gate... Our "skedaddle." We went to lunch, to tour the Museum of the Cape Fear, and Poe House.

Here are our new plans for this year: Come join us.

Stagville Plantation Day Tour

On March 29 at 8 am, 13 members will be boarding Marva's mini-bus for a one-day trip to Durham County to visit Stagville Plantation. This was one of the largest plantations in the South with 30,000 acres and 900 slaves. After this tour we will enjoy a Dutch-treat lunch at Bullock's Bar-B-Cue, which specializes in barbecue and brunswick stew. Our day will end at the Bennett Place Historic Site where General Johnson surrendered the Southern armies to General Sherman in 1865.

Want to go? MCHA members' cost is \$55 each to Kirk Tours. Non-members pay \$65. Reserve your place on the tour and pay by March 8. Call Marva at (910) 295-2257. FYI: A tentative trip to Philadelphia is being planned, using a full-size luxury coach, so that more members and guests can join us. Details to come.

Canadian Maritimes Coastal Wonders Tour

Space is still available on our upcoming Sept. 11-21 Canadian Maritimes Coastal Wonders trip by Collette. Our slide show on Jan. 26 was attended by several people. More have plans to go. Deposit of \$250 is due March 4 and final payment by July 11. Sign early and get a \$50 discount. Deposits are fully refundable until March 11. Contact MCHA at (910) 692-2051, or info@moorehistory.com. Brochures are available detailing the itinerary of this gorgeous region to our north.

South Africa Tour

Another special travel experience happens Feb. 21 to March 6 of 2018, by Collette Tours, when we travel to South Africa, Victoria Falls and Botswana. For those who want more details, there's a special travel presentation Tuesday, May 9, 3 p.m. at the Shaw House. Please RSVP for this event by calling (910) 639-3823. If you book early you will save \$200 per person, and you'll lock into current travel rates. Higher rates may apply for

apply for bookings made after July 22, 2017. A detailed itinerary of the MCHA sponsored tour, with optional three-night Dubai pre-tour extension, is available from MCHA by calling the above number or e-mailing info@moorehistory.com.



NEWS

The Buildings and Grounds Committee, led by Steady Meares, has been busy. Projects completed and underway include: with the help of a grant from the Covington Foundation replacement of the Shaw House HVAC equipment has provided a more reliable and efficient system, the hot water tank was replaced, new rock cover been spread on the driveway, and a new roof for the corn crib will be installed this Spring. At the Bryant House site, gas logs were installed in a fireplace, a riding mower has been acquired and negotiations for a new roof to the house are underway.

All sorts of good things keep happening at the Kenneth Black Cemetery. The most recent is Chase Black, an Aberdeen Boy Scout who has chosen projects at the cemetery for his Eagle Scout Award. Chase is related to Kenneth Black and last Saturday, with the help of scouts from Troop 800, scout masters and fathers, they built and painted four benches. His projects will include numbering the graves, marking the grave footer with GPS, and maintaining the grounds and repairing fencing.

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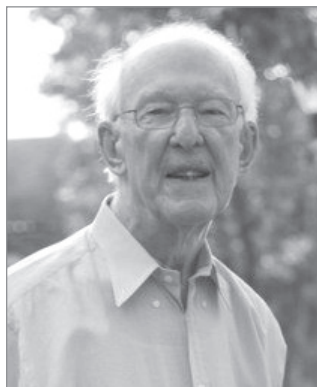
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GOOD BYE NORRIS, COS AND JAY



Norris Lowell Hodgkins, Jr., Costello (Cos) Washburn Barnes and John W. (Jay) Greer, three devoted volunteers and tireless supporters of the historical association, history, and their Moore County homes passed away recently. They will be missed.

Shortly before he died at age 90, Norris had completed and published a memoir, "A Southern Pines Life." During his long and vibrant life, filled with interests and community achievement, he found time to receive the Order of the Longleaf Pine, awarded to North Carolina residents who make superlative contributions to the state.

He also founded the Archives of the Moore County Historical Association with contributions of materials and photographs to the association's files. He was proud of a collection of long-time photographer Emerson Humphrey's photographs of scenes around Southern Pines in the late 19th and early 20th century that he allowed to be displayed.

The executive board of MCHA is expected to name their archives for historical research after Hodgkins. Hodgkins' long history with Southern Pines goes back to his own grandparents who had come to live here before he and his parents came.

Finally retiring from his banking career in 1982, he then served as treasurer for The Pilot newspaper for 14 years, under his longtime good friend, publisher and editor Sam Ragan. After Ragan passed away at age 80 in 1996, Hodgkins retired from that post.

Throughout the decades, Norris Hodgkins served on the Southern Pines Town Council, as mayor for five years, also on various community boards including the 1st Health Moore Regional Hospital, Weymouth Center for the Arts & Humanities, and Sandhills Community College. He was a member of Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church. His wide interests encompassed hiking, sports, Duke basketball, the arts, politics (local mostly) and reading, not to mention genial pleasure socializing and helping his friends and family. Hodgkins became a widower when his first wife Sara Wilson Hodgkins died, leaving a family that now includes adult children, grandchildren and more. Hodgkins



married a second time, Elizabeth Hodgkins, who died after 17 years with Norris. He left a large number of descendants from these extended families.

Cos Barnes, as she liked to be called, was 84 when she passed in October, 2016, had lived in Southern Pines for 46 years. Her husband had predeceased her.

A native of Martinsville, Va. and graduate of West Hampton College of the University of Richmond, she plunged into her new home's activities and throughout the years, her name and genial personality could be found in newspaper columns, published poetry, features and articles written on behalf of non-profits including the Moore County Historical Association, chamber of commerce, and devotionals for the First Baptist Church of Southern Pines. She was a regular contributor to Pinestraw and Aging Outreach magazines.

She served as docent for the Shaw House homestead of the MCHA on a number of occasions, and was a six-term trustee. Her love of history was reflected in her membership in a local DAR chapter. She served on the board and as president of the Arts Council of Moore County, Arc, the Sunrise Theater, Weymouth Center for the Arts & Humanities, the Community Foundation, and danced for a long time with a group called the Sophisticated Ladies. She taught writing, and held an associate degree in journalism from Sandhills Community College.

Jay Greer, 87, of Aberdeen passed away January 23, 2017. Jay served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Upon his return from the military and graduation from UNC-Chapel Hill, he joined the family furniture manufacturing company. When the plant closed, he returned to his first love – teaching. He taught for 30 years at Rockingham High School and Richmond Senior High School.

His love of gardening led to his volunteer work at the Sandhills Community College Horticulture Gardens where he served on the board for the gardens and as the chairman of the board for several years.

His love of history led to his service on the boards of the Moore County Historical Association and the Malcolm Blue Farm.

Jay and his wife, Barbara, enjoyed many travels with family and friends and they especially enjoyed visiting historical sites in the U.S. with their grandchildren.



Event Recap and 2016 Shaw Fair Sponsors

Event Recap



EVENT RECAP

A Sept. 11 lecture on “Wayward Girls of Samarkand,” by Anne Russell drew a large crowd to the Southern Pines Civic Club. Russell presented a riveting program on her history of some girls housed at Samarkand Manor, a girls training school during post-World War II who rebelled and set fires to protest the oppressive discipline. They were charged with criminal arson though no one was hurt. Their sentences were modified thanks to the publicity given by a journalist who covered the case and who had been instrumental in getting the headmistress installed in Samarkand who proved to be such a disastrous choice. Samarkand is still in Moore County used now as a training school for juveniles.

In July, Dr. Matt Farina gave a popular talk on “Civil War Medicine: Myth and Reality” at the Civic Club, again to an overflow audiences.

Autumnfest, Oct. 1 drew many visitors to the Southern Pines downtown park. They were drawn by obscure antique objects displayed at our table. Several new memberships were added, and volunteers enjoyed chatting with the visitors. Plans are to repeat it this year on Oct. 7.

Hurricane Matthew’s winds and rain forced the October 8, Shaw House Fair to be cancelled. Event Chairman and co-president Jim Jones gave the good news: we saved about \$350 by cancelling certain rentals a day ahead. In 2015 another bad weather day resulted in most of the objects for sale moving indoors at Shaw House while dogged vendors braved the rain and wind outdoors. We still cleared approximately \$1,000 from indoor sales. Jim says he hopes the weather will be good for the upcoming one Saturday October 14. Each year leftover unsold vintage and antique items are displayed for sale the following weekend at the Shaw House and probably will be done again this year.

A Nov. 5 Naval Stores Demonstration by Bryan Avery at Bryant House drew an enthusiastic audience. Avery had already performed twice, at the Shaw House and at Malcolm Blue Farm, each time to big crowds. He has mastered an obscure and extinct skill set since the world no longer uses pine sap, pine wood and other products available in the Sandhills in the 1700s and 1800s for use in building ships and other vessels. Old books detail the materials and techniques which Avery consulted to figure out how to demonstrate the making of turpentine and tar from longleaf pine resin, and other raw materials. The naval stores industry thrived here until early 20th century before steel replaced wood in making ships.

The annual Christmas Open Houses were held starting Dec. 4, 2016 at the Bryant House and continuing the following weekend through Dec. 11, at the Shaw House, following the traditional membership party on Thursday night, Dec. 8. Volunteers decorated the historic dwellings with materials and devices typical of the day, late 1700s and 1800s, mostly from natural items such as pine boughs, holly berries and the



like. Refreshments, live Christmas music and good fellowship offered the customary good cheer among members and their guests of the MCHA who share an interest in local history. The Open Houses are 1-4 on two weekend afternoons to allow the general public a chance to experience the warmth and interesting customs and scenes of a Moore County Christmas of the old days. There is no admission charge but donations are welcome to help us keep five house museums and their property in repair and open for demonstrations, and tours.

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