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# **LETTER FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS**

2019 has already been extremely successful for the MCHA with the addition of a curb, gutter, and sidewalk in front of the Shaw House. Not only will this increase pedestrian safety but we hope that it will also decrease the amount of rainwater that flows into our property. Our vision for a sidewalk was formulated many years ago and we would like to thank Pat Molamphy, Tom McInnis, and the North Carolina Department of Transportation for making this goal into a reality.

We are currently moving forward with repairing the Tobacco Barn. Our intent is to make the Tobacco Barn into a museum. While we were cleaning it out and fixing it up, structural damage due to termites was brought to our attention. We are currently in negotiations with a company to replace some of the damaged logs. Once that is fixed, we will resume our efforts in making the inside a learning center that people of all ages can visit and learn about the history of tobacco production in North Carolina.

We would like to thank our members and volunteers for their service and continued support. The MCHA has thrived as an organization for 73 years due to the dedication of many passionate people who want to preserve our history for future generations. We are always looking for new members and volunteers to continue this legacy; if you know anyone who would be interested in our mission, please have them contact us.

Thank You, Kate Curtin, co-president and Johnny Burns, co-president



# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### Lecture by Morgan Jackson

Sunday, March 10, 2019 starting at 2 PM, Free Admission Southern Pines Civic Club, 105 S. Ashe Street, Southern Pines

The Moore County Historical Association is very excited to have Moore County native, Morgan Jackson, as speaker for the Sunday, March 10th lecture. Morgan has a passionate interest in the history and genealogy of Moore County. "Utilizing over thirty years of personal research and a multitude of information from numerous sources" and abstracting "rare and hard to find land grants, deeds, church records, wills, estates, tax lists, pension records, family bibles, newspaper accounts and courts records", he has recently completed Volume I of The Families of Northern Moore County: Abstract of Miscellaneous and Rare Records, 1746-1830, which will be available for sale at the lecture. Over 5,000 individuals and 750 name places are indexed. Morgan also manages http://moorecountywallaces.com/; Moore County Wallaces on Facebook; and Moore County, NC DNA Project.

#### Fourth Annual Chicken and Waffle Luncheon

Monday, March 18, 2019 from 11:30 AM to 1 PM. \$20.00 PP Shaw House, 110 W. Morganton Road, Southern Pines

Back by popular demand, the Fourth Annual Moore County Historical Association Tea Room Luncheon is set for March 18.

Two seatings will be at 11:30 am and 1:00 pm. Take-out service is also offered. By prepaying your meal, your reservation will be confirmed. Prepaid take-outs must be picked up at the Shaw House between 11:45 am and 12:45 pm the day of the luncheon.

The historic menu being offered is homemade creamed chicken on waffles, with maple

syrup available to drizzle on if you wish. Dessert is homemade prune cake. The MCHA has revived this time-honored and beloved menu that was formerly served daily for many years. Chefs are Jim Jones, retired entrepreneur, and Roberta Williams, both professional chefs - and sous chef Kate Curtin, co- president.

Cost per person is \$20.00. To make reservations call 910-281-5417. We accept credit cards and local checks.

Spring Day Trip

Wednesday, April 17, 2019 starting at 8 AM. \$65 cost for members, \$75 cost for nonmembers.

To coincide with the plans of setting up a tobacco museum within the tobacco barn on the Shaw House property, we are planning a day trip to the Duke Homestead in Durham. We will leave the Shaw House on Wednesday, April 17 at 8 AM. The group will tour the Duke Museum, barn, and grounds, then have a Dutch lunch at Bullock's Barbecue (reminder that it is cash only). After lunch we will tour the NC Botanical Gardens in Chapel Hill where all the plants are native to North Carolina. Please contact Marva Kirk at Kirk Tours (910-295-2257) to register for a fun day. The cost will be \$65 for members and \$75 for nonmembers.

Clenny Creek Day

Saturday, April 20, 2018. 10 AM to 4 PM, Free Admission 3361 Mount Carmel Road, Carthage

The 14th Annual Clenny Creek Day is just around the corner! This annual spring event is held on the site of the historic Bryant House and McLendon Cabin and is organized by the Friends of the Bryant House.

On tap for the day are representations of both American Revolution and Civil War re-enactors, fiber craft demonstrations, a children's activity area, a living history display in the McLendon Cabin, a white elephant table, vegetable bedding plants and herbs for sale, food, face painting, a great raffle, Kelly's costume trunk, and several vendors. Enjoy lunch while listening to music by local musicians. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the Shaw House in Southern Pines, from Friends of the Bryant House, or on the day of the event.

Money raised from Clenny Creek Day is used to defray maintenance and restoration costs for the two historic house museums. Bring the whole family for a fun day out in the country.

#### Springfest at the Shaw House

Saturday, April 27, 2019, 11 AM to 4 PM, Free Admission Shaw House, 110 W. Morganton Road, Southern Pines

Plan to join us at the Shaw House for Springfest 2019. All of the houses on the property will be open for tours.

A special feature this year will be an exhibit entitled "Moore County's Post Cards by Pioneer Photographers".

In the early 1900's, photographers were able to photograph and make notations on post cards in the field. Some cameras were especially equipped so that notations could be written on the film while film was still in the camera. These cards called RPPC's are lovingly collected and prized by a few collectors. The cards in this exhibit are selected from our collection of cards given to us by these faithful collectors. Some of the cards are in very good condition--some bear postage, notes about the weather, the accommodations, or where the writer played the piano last night. Some were never mailed at all and were lovingly kept in albums. They were rescued from yard sales, antique shops, Grand-Ma's attic, and from being stuck to the bottoms of bureau drawers. Some have just about been loved to death. There are evidence of thumbtacks, photo album corners, and tapes of all kinds.

Enjoy seeing how we used to look through the eyes of these pioneers in photography.

#### **Welcome New Members!**

Ms. Linda Hardison
Ms. Mandy Hambel
Ms. Rosemary Braeckel
Mr. James Van Boskerck
Ms. Patricia Fitzgerald
Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Peterson
Mr. Paul Prentiss
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Goodman
Ms. Johanna Herring
Ms. Floreen Marconcelli
Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Ring
Dr. and Mrs. Douglas Lawrie

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Mr. & Mrs. Richard Webb, Mrs. Joyce White, Mr. & Mrs. Tom Worth, Mr. David A. Young



Christmas Open House. Kelly Hinson with her children, Shiloh and Tripp.



Christmas at the Shaw House. Co-President Kate Curtin and her son, Troy.



Shaw House Fair. Volunteers and guest enjoying Scott Samuels vintage truck. L/R Joyce White, Carolyn Burns, Mickey Walker, and Dorothy Shankle.



Autumnfest. Hugh Shepard and John Jackson asking visitors, "What is It?"



Christmas at the Bryant House. Caleb & Juni Battles, Lucy Brown & Luna Clauson, and Kaye Brown.



Shaw House Fair. Robert Ferro, Johnny Burns, and Sue McCain, welcoming visitors.

#### **Annual Members Meeting**

Sunday, May 19, 2019, 2:00 to 4:00 PM, Free Admission 1020 Bethesda Road, Aberdeen

Save the date for our Annual Members Meeting. The meeting will be held at the Old Bethesda Church. David Hudson, co-pastor of Bethesda, will provide the program entitled The History of Bethesda Presbyterian Church.

## **UPCOMING TOURS**

#### Sunny Portugal, Estoril Coast, Alentejo & Algarve

Ancient castles and Roman ruins, groves of lemon and almond trees, quiet whitewashed villages and kind gentle people. Portugal is waiting for you! Join the Moore County Historical Association October 8 – 17, 2019 for a trip to Portugal, with optional 4-night Madeira Island post tour extension. Start your tour in a scenic coastal resort on the Portuguese Riviera where you will see mansions scattered about Cascais and Monte Estoril that hint at its history as a haven for exiled European royals and nobility. Experience a Fado restaurant with traditional Portuguese cuisine, savory local wines, and the magical sounds of Fado.

Additional highlights include Lisbon, Fado Dinner Show, Sintra, Obidos, Fatima, Evora, Alentejo, Sagres, Lagos, Algarve, Faro, Cork Factory, Azeitao, two winery tours and five UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

This ten day guided tour of Portugal includes your round trip flight from Raleigh Durham Intl. Airport, hotel, hotel transfers and fourteen meals. More information can also be found at https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/872851. Please RSVP Liz Whitmore at 910-692-2051.

### Tulip Time on the Jewels of the Rhine

Enjoy a relaxing and inspiring cruise on the Romantic Rhine, Europe's longest river. Travel onboard a luxurious river ship during tulip time, visiting iconic ports of call, sampling incredible cuisine, and absorbing the local culture. Join the Moore County Historical Association April 10 – 20, 2020 for a cruise on the Rhine. Your trip begins in Amsterdam, a 700-year-old city of picturesque canals, world-class museums, theaters and cafes. Continue on to Germany, with stops in Cologne, Koblenz, Mannheim, Heidelberg, Kehl and Breisach. Along the way explore Strasbourg, France the capital of the Alsace region, known for its medieval black and white timber framed buildings, canals and river locks. End your trip in Lucerne, Switzerland, with an optional excursion to Mt. Pilatus.

This eleven day guided tour includes your round trip flight from Raleigh Durham Intl. Airport, cruise, sightseeing and twenty-three meals. Join us for a special travel presentation on Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 2 PM at the Shaw House. Please RSVP Liz Whitmore at 910-639-3823 or liz. whitmore@sanfordnc.net.

## Germany's Cultural Cities & the Romantic Road with Oberammergau Passion Play

Mark your calendar in advance for July 20 – August 1, 2020 for Moore County Historical Association's next trip to Germany. This enchanting journey offers the best of Germany. Travel to some of the country's most

iconic cities, view its stunning countryside and experience the epic Oberammergau Passion Play. Find yourself immersed in days gone by in the Bavarian region's Rothenburg ob der Tauber. This perfectly preserved walled town rests along Germany's historic Romantic Road and is a place where the Middle Ages comes to life. Other highlights include Berlin, Lubeck, Hamburg, Hamelin, Wurzburg, Neuschwanstein Castle and Munich.

This thirteen day guided tour of Germany includes your round trip flight from Raleigh Durham Intl. Airport, hotel, hotel transfers and nineteen meals. More information can also be found at https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/759721, or contact Liz Whitmore at 910-692-2051.

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Marilyn Hartsell and Milton Sills volunteering at the Historical Association's booth at the Southern Pines Autumnfest.

Goodbye To Marilyn Hartsell. On September 22, 2018, the MCHA lost one of its greatest visionary leaders, supporters, educators, preservationists and beloved friend who worked to preserve and promote Moore County's history for many years. Her constant quest for an accurate accounting of our Southern heritage through historic preservation was a primary goal.

Marilyn Thomas Hartsell, a Stanly County native, moved to the Sandhills in the early 60s after living and working in North and South Carolina.

Inspired by her parents and following in the paths of her older siblings, she was educated at Oakboro High School and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Textiles and Marketing at Woman's College, now UNCG. An honors graduate at one of the nation's top Schools of Home Economics, she worked with the North Carolina Extension Service. Her early experiences at home, the schools and WCUNC had provided her with the superior skills and knowledge she needed to serve in various capacities in the communities in which she worked.

Upon arriving in Southern Pines in the early 60s, she immediately became involved in the community serving on the Appearance Commission, the Southern Pines Garden Club, the MCHA, and the Weymouth Center for the Arts & Humanities. Her association with Elizabeth Stevenson Ives, founder of the MCHA in 1946, resulted in mutual collaboration on many projects regarding architecture, furniture, gardening, and more.

As the area continued to grow her primary focus became the MCHA preservation in Moore County, the state and nation.

She gave her service to historical preservation so that future generations would have an understanding of how their ancestors lived and built a kind and sustainable society.

Marilyn served as President of the MCHA and on many committees. One of her greatest



achievements was the establishment of the MCHA Foundation which she endowed by planning and conducting historical trips from Canada to Mississippi on the East coast and other destinations in the United States. Throughout these initiatives she was able to raise and contribute more than sixty thousand dollars.

Marilyn was recognized with many awards in the state and nation for her work to preserve our history. A hands on person, she was always working to preserve, enhance and seeking new resources for programs, funds and exhibits to educate the community on the value of their heritage.

"Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant" profoundly expresses the Life of Marilyn Thomas Hartsell. Psalm 103: He will crown you with love and kindness and fill you with good things. - Milton J. Sills, February 14, 2019



#### Goodbye to Bob Davis

When approached by former MCHA president, Buffy Ives in 1976, Flossie Bryant Davis quickly agreed upon the importance of preserving the 1820's farmhouse her great-grandfather had built near the banks of McLendon's Creek. On the same site, the circa 1760 McLendon cabin that had been used as a kitchen by the Bryant's, continued to be used in that manner when Flossie married and raised her thirteen children there. Sadly, Robert (Bob) William Davis, the last of Flossie's children, passed away last month at the age of 93. His memories include many cold mornings when he'd sprint from the Bryant House to the cabin to warm himself by the fire and get something good to eat. Bob recalled his grandmother, Lula Bryant, as being the cook and housekeeper for the family. His mother contributed to the household by assisting her father in caring for the animals and growing food for the table. The Friends of the Bryant House will dedicate the upcoming Clenny Creek Day (Saturday, April 20th) to Bob's memory.

# **EVENTS RECAP**

#### Annual Shaw House Fair

The 10th Annual Shaw House Fair was held on Saturday, October 13, 2018. It was a beautiful day and very well attended with over 1,000 visitors. If you missed it, plan to visit next October. There were tours of the houses, several vendors, and we also had the annual Moore Treasures tables that are always very popular. The items for this were donated by many of you. We thank you for your help. Carolyn Burns, Joyce White and their team of helpers worked for several days separating and pricing items.

We had several crafters demonstrating vintage crafts such as various types of needle work as well as weaving. The music from several local groups added to the festivities of the day.

This annual event would not be possible without the hard work of many of our members. Jim Jones and Johnny Burns chaired this event with the help of many others. The past two years, Grace Snelgrove has chaired a picture booth featuring vintage clothing with local photographer and owner of Eye Candy, Frank Pierce, taking the pictures. We also added a children's area with games and activities chaired by Kate Curtin.

The day was full of fun, friends and wonderful events. All of this was made possible by the many wonderful volunteers of MCHA. This is one of our major fundraisers of the year, with the profits going to help maintain the grounds and buildings.

#### **Bryant House Christmas**

The Friends of the Bryant House welcomed everyone to their Christmas Open House on Sunday, December 2, 2018. Visitors were greeted with hot cider and homemade cookies as they toured the homes and enjoyed the handmade decorations and live music. Our new lighting made it easier for visitors to see lots more detail of both houses. We would like to thank the Bobby Richardson and Newberry families for continuing to allow us to use their field for event parking.

Last fall before the Christmas Open house, both the front and rear steps and railings were replaced at the Bryant House to provide safe entry. Work needed now includes several new window sills to be made and installed. If you're handy with clippers or a chainsaw, we have work days planned for February 16 and March 16 to spruce up the grounds and cut back the over grown hedges. Contact the Shaw House if you can help.

#### Shaw House Christmas Open House

The Moore County Historical Association welcomed over 300 visitors to the three-day Shaw House Christmas event on December 7 to 9, 2018. The three houses were decorated naturally with cedar, holly, pine boughs and handmade ornaments. Board members and special docents welcomed the visitors to our nostalgic homestead. Warm cider and homemade cookies were enjoyed in the dining room, as music filtered from the parlor. A special thanks goes to the fire brigade who kept the houses comfortable for our visitors and to the volunteers who gave their time and skills to MCHA.

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# A Catholic Church and School for African Americans in Southern Pines





The Coalition resale shops and The Douglass Community Center on West Pennsylvania Avenue have an interesting history in the Town of Southern Pines.

They were formerly Our Lady of Victory church, rectory and school and came about through the concern and effort of Margaret Sullivan, an Irish housekeeper of the Meehan family from Chicago, who were seasonal residents in Pinehurst. In 1933, Ms. Sullivan wrote the Catholic Bishop of Raleigh, expressing her desire to help financially in the construction of a Catholic church for the African-Americans residing in the area known as West Southern Pines.

The new church was named Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church. Both the Southern Pines church and the adjacent rectory for the visiting priests were dedicated in March 1935. The total cost of the church and its furnishings was about \$5,000.

Father Charles Hannigan was the first priest to serve in West Southern Pines. He was followed by Father Joseph Lawson Howze, the only African-American priest to serve at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church. After serving in other Catholic dioceses through the years, Father Howze became the first black bishop in the 20th century to head a U.S. Catholic diocese, the Diocese of Biloxi. He died in 2019 at age 95 years.

The new school, built next to the church, was blessed and opened in September 1942. On opening day 28 children arrived for classes taught by Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, whose stated purpose was "to make known God's goodness."

In 1961 the Catholic Diocese in Raleigh closed the church and school. Our Lady of Victory merged with St. Anthony of Padua on East Vermont





Avenue in Southern Pines to become an integrated Catholic church and the first integrated school in Moore County.

In 1979 all three Pennsylvania Avenue buildings were purchased by the Town of Southern Pines from the Catholic Diocese of Raleigh. The church and rectory are now rented to the Sandhills/Moore Coalition for Human Care and are used to house their thrift shops. The Coalition opened its first resale shop in the spring of 1990. Proceeds from the resale shops now contribute approximately 50% of the Coalition's annual budget.

The Our Lady of Victory school is now the Douglass Community Center, and is named for Emmanuel "Jug" Douglass, the first African American mayor of Southern Pines. (1977-1987). The Southern Pines Recreation and Parks office is onsite and oversees senior activities. The former school building is also the community center for town meetings.

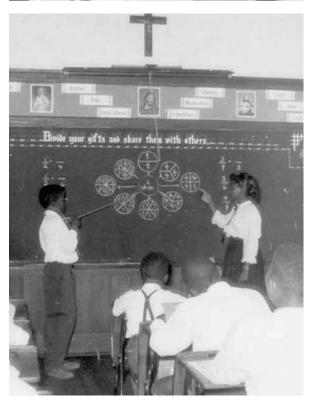
All three Our Lady of Victory buildings on West Pennsylvania Avenue are again serving the Southern Pines community. Jean Barron Walker, January, 2019











Our Lady of Victory Church. Pictured above is the church (left) and rectory (right). Photos show various church members and children in math class in 1953.