

# Shaw House Sketches



MOORE COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

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## Shaw House Selected as Landmark Ornament

A greatly anticipated event occurred at Shaw House on Thursday, September 29. The unveiling ceremony for the 2005 Landmark Ornament selected by the Friends of Southern Pines Public Library took place on the front porch and revealed the beautiful ornament.

Members and guests enjoyed an evening of refreshments while admiring the ornament and discussing the many outstanding programs sponsored by the Friends organization through the annual sale of ornaments. Each ornament is \$20 and can be purchased at the library or at Shaw House.

Many dedicated volunteers of both organizations were responsible for the success of the ceremony. The event was organized by Stuart Fulghum. Friends President Susie Boals and Mary Lynn Goulden, special events coordinator, conducted the unveiling.

Beverages were provided by Patty Pottle and were served by Marilyn and George Hoffman. Floral arrangements were made by Milton Sills. Refreshments were provided by MCHA members with many recipes selected from the 1957 MCHA cookbook, *Tested Recipes*.



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## Shaw House • Garner House • Sanders Cabin

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*Ray Owen on the steps of the Kelly Plantation.*

### **Plantation & Historic Homes Tour**

On August 27 Ray Owen led a day trip that was enjoyed by 32 lively folks interested in the history and architecture of this area. The group gathered at the Shaw House where Ray gave a brief summary of the highlights to expect on the tour.

The first stop was the Kelly plantation house which has recently undergone extensive renovation. This house, located west of Carthage, was built about 1842 by Alexander Kelly, a founder of the Tyson and Kelly Carriage Works, and took approximately 7 years to complete. In the mid-19th century, Kelly House was the center of a thriving 3,000 acre plantation, the largest and richest in Moore County. The house was occupied by the Kelly Family until 2003.

The tour proceeded to Lee County to visit a collection of early North Carolina structures dating from the 18<sup>th</sup> century restored by local historian, Edwin Patterson. Buildings on the site included a ca 1820 cabin built by Richard Huckabee who served 10 years in the NC Legislature; ca 1840 log smoke house; ca 1870 barn; the Jesse Dixon “Quaker” House (ca 1794) which reflects the Germanic building traditions brought from Pennsylvania; a ca 1845 barn that was used to store Confederate munitions during the Civil War; other buildings and a tar kiln probably dug near the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. On the site are “boxed” long leaf pines approximately 200 years old showing the scars of the cutting process to allow the pine gum to be collected for distilling.

The day trip was so successful, Ray has promised to organize additional trips during the coming year.

### **Shaw House Gets New Driveway**

The Seedlings Garden Club of Pinehurst presented MCHA a grant earlier this year for needed improvements to the Shaw House grounds. Mike McMillan and Marshall Donathan were responsible for arranging for blue gravel to be installed on the circular drive, beige peagravel on the walkway to the front door, and topsoil to be spread on the low areas of the grassed parking oval. Thanks to the Seedlings Garden Club the grounds look lovely with these wonderful improvements.

### **Bryant House Update**

The Friends of Bryant House committee has been hard at work and meeting monthly to discuss solutions to various problems at this historic site. An inspection of Bryant House and McLendon Cabin was conducted by Paul Fomberg of the Historic Preservation Office. He found the cabin needs a major repair to the bottom sill of the north wall as well as roof repairs. The Bryant House needs windowsills replaced, roof repairs, and some siding replaced. Estimates from contractors are being secured so a plan of action can be developed.

Marshall Donathan arranged for a post-and-chain security fence to be installed to assist in safekeeping the site.

The Friends are planning to have the houses decorated and open for visitors this fall.

Ideas are also being explored for an on-site caretaker. The loss of Max and Creola Richardson, who gave so unselfishly of their time and love to this property, has been difficult to overcome. However, the committee led by Joyce Wilson and Kaye Davis Brown is making steady progress.

### **Tag Sale**

Under the direction of Stuart Fulghum and Milton Sills, the tag sale held September 9 & 10 was a tremendous success, providing a much needed boost to our operating funds. The success was due to the generous response of our members in donating many wonderful and useful items for the sale. Elaine Sills and Jane Wetmore provided their expertise in pricing special items. George Hoffman helped with all the various jobs necessary to make the sale run smoothly. Sue Pockmire handled publicity and she and Sarah Mathews were the cashiers. Many other members volunteered as helpers. After the first of the year we will hold another tag sale. Look around and gather up your no longer needed furniture,



housewares, jewelry, linens, rugs, pictures, books, CDs, puzzles, and other useable items. We cannot accept clothing. Items can be left at Shaw House during regular open hours: Tuesday through Friday between 1:00 and 4:00. If you need items picked up, please call Sarah at 692-2051 and pickup will be arranged. Donors receive a receipt for a tax deduction.

## Guest Speaker Event - October 30th

MCHA is sponsoring a lecture by Mr. Robert N. Page, III, to be held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, October 30. Mr. Page, an attorney and native of Aberdeen, will discuss his memories of early Aberdeen and Moore County. Refreshments will be served following the lecture. The event will take place at the Southern Pines Civic Club located at 105 S. Ashe Street, Southern Pines. The public is invited.

## 45th Annual Antiques Show & Sale November 4-6

Plans for the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Antiques Show and Sale are being finalized. The event will again be held at the Pinehurst Fair Barn with dealers exhibiting their carefully selected wares for your pleasure and purchase. In addition to the antique sale, Barton Glass will be on hand to do crystal repair and The Doll Doctor from Georgia will be available to repair dolls of all ages. Stuart Fulghum, chair of this year's show, has arranged for valet parking and other new features. The preview party will be Thursday, November 3, with an exciting menu planned by Mary Lou Seigfried, food chair, and her committee. Participants will have the opportunity to see firsthand the lovely treasures gathered by the dealers. Invitations have been mailed so plan to attend this special evening of fun and rarities. Remember to return your response card by October 27.

The Show will continue 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, November 4 and 5, and noon – 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 6.

This is the major fundraiser for MCHA and proceeds from your sponsorship and attendance allow us to maintain the five historic houses we open for the public to visit and become acquainted with the history and early living styles of this area.



## Tour Guides Needed

MCHA needs tour guides (docents) for the Shaw House properties and Bryant House/McLendon Cabin. Docents are volunteers who are committed to furthering the education of others. Training is provided. For more information on volunteering at Shaw House call Nathalie Scott, 295-4752; at Bryant House/McLendon Cabin call Joyce Wilson at 673-0908.

## Welcome to our New Members

Ms. Julia W. Bambauer, Ms. Jean Bennett, Ms. Nancy Blount, Mr. and Mrs. Dawson Carr, Mr. Trent Carter, Ms. Marcia A. Garcia, Ms. JoAnn Geary, Ms. Jocelyn Glynn, Mr. Ernie Hanford, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hurter, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Koster, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Macrae, Mr. and Mrs. John May, Mr. and Mrs. Michael McCrann, Mr. Denis Coll McCullough, Ms. Patricia McGowan, Ms. Katharine McLeod, Mr. Harvey R. Nickerson, Ms. Susan Pockmire, Ms. Jean Sales, Ms. Rita Mae Taylor, Mrs. Peggy Thompson, Mrs. Lorraine Tweed, Ms. Joyce B. Wilson.

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## Upcoming Events

- October 23            Lecture by Mr. Robert A. Page, III, "Memories of Early Aberdeen and Moore County"
- November 3            Preview Party – Antiques Show and Sale
- November 4 – 6        45<sup>th</sup> Annual Antiques Show and Sale
- November 13           Meeting of Friends of Bryant House Committee
- November 29           Meeting of Executive Committee
- December 6            Meeting of the Board of Trustees
- December 8 – 11      Christmas Open House – Shaw House, Garner House, Sanders Cabin
- December 10 – 11     Christmas Open House – Bryant House and McLendon Cabin

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