



Shaw House Sketches

December was filled with MCHA special events. The properties were dressed in appropriate historical finery. A special member/volunteer “thank you” reception sponsored by the Board highlighted the volunteer service of Barbara Blake. A photo memory book compiled by Sue Pockmire was presented to Harris with heartfelt words shared by Carolyn Burns.

Included in the book of memories presented to Senator Harris Blake:

Barbara Blake was the gracious hostess of the Shaw House Christmas Open House for many years. She made and poured the hot, spicy apple cider as each guest stepped into the dining room. She shared her special Graham Cracker Pralines with each awaiting face. Barbara was genuinely interested in each person she greeted. They sensed her interest and willingly shared themselves with her.

Barbara’s involvement with the Moore County Historical Association spanned several decades. She participated in and supported numerous events; however, she is best remembered as the gracious hostess of the Christmas Open House. This fond memory of her is special to both members and to the greater community.

“Barbara, we thank you for these memories.”

Upcoming Events

“The Sandhills: The Comfort of Tradition and Ritual” Lecture, Jan. 24

by Mary Wayne Watson First Baptist Church, 200 East New York Avenue, Southern Pines 2:00 pm. No admission charge.

The Sandhills is rich in Scottish history. Descendants of Scots who emigrated to Moore, Scotland, Richmond and surrounding counties in the 1700s remain proud and aware of the “old country” heritage.

The Moore County Historical Association sponsors “The Sandhills” exploring this fascinating history. Longtime teacher and scholar Mary Wayne Watson will give the program Sunday, Jan. 24, 2 p.m., the lecture open to the public.

Centering on Scottish folk traditions still preserved in Scotland County, which borders Moore, the program tells of a tradition known as Riverton Nights, a gathering at a tiny settlement near the Lumbee River, where everyone who wants to perform, may. The Riverton gatherings resemble the original ceileidghs of the Scottish Highlands.

Scotland Co. native Mary Watson comes “home” for her talk, she being the great-niece of John Charles McNeill, beloved poet of the early 20th century associated with Riverton. In his day, McNeill was also a lawyer elected to the state legislature, largely on the strength of his poems about the Sandhills.



Longstreet Church and Cemetery Day Tour, Feb. 10

Tour by Car Caravan Leaves Shaw House at 9:00 am. Returns at 1:00 pm Cost for members \$10 per person, non-members \$15

Longstreet Presbyterian Church, located in the Fort Bragg military reservation on Longstreet Road near the Sicily Drop Zone, was organized by Highland Scots around 1756. The white clapboard building, maintained in original condition, was erected around 1845. Some historical accounts refer to Longstreet as the mother of Presbyterian churches in the area.

The government agreed to preserve the church when the land was bought for a military reservation in 1918. The National Historic Landmark is protected by federal and state law. Grounds are open for a special memorial service by the 18th Airborne Corps each year on the last Sunday of June. Descendants of church members hold their annual reunion at the service. The four-acre site includes a cemetery for about 30 Confederate soldiers.

Discover Tuscany Italy, 10-Day Tour, Sept. 30

Plan ahead! Per Person Rates: Double \$3,099; Single \$3,399; Triple \$3,069

Collette Tour. Highlights include Rome, Assisi, Basilica of St. Francis, Montecatini Terme, Florence, Tuscan Feast, San Gimignano, Winery Tour, and Siena.

For those who missed the information meeting last year, Collette will be hosting another program on March 15th at the Shaw House at 2:00 pm.

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Updates

Shaw House Fair

A successful new fundraiser event was held by the MCHA last October 10th. The Shaw House Fair featured booths set up by area antique dealers and individuals wishing to sell their own antique wares. The day was muggy and threatened rain, but the bad weather held off and the crowd turned out to shop for treasures, enjoy tours of the three historic houses on the site, and enjoy BBQ with all the fixings supplied by the Friends of the Bryant House.

Because of the strong support of many volunteers, sponsors, donors and vendors, almost \$3,000 profit was realized from this effort. Co-chairs Grace Snelgrove and Dorothy Shankle are already making plans for the 2nd Annual Shaw House Fair to be held October 9, 2010.

Mark the date on your calendar and plan to be a part of what promises to be an exciting and fun annual event.

MCHA Volunteers Host Holiday Yule Events

An old-fashioned Christmas combined with history lessons greeted visitors at the Bryant House and McLendon Cabin Open House near Carthage. Friends of the Bryant House and other volunteers from MCHA annually dress the 1820



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Donations to Shaw House

Mr. & Mrs. John Burns, *Lawn Mower*

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Photography of Local Area

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Donations to Bryant House

Paula Garrison, Era Mae Rickman, Mr. & Mrs. Milton Sills, Patricia Speers, Milton Sills, Iron fire tongs, iron candle stand, 2 candle-wicking bed spreads (early 20th century)

Donations to Garner House Roof Project

Jeanne Brown, Bette Jean Heins, Adrienne Ives, Ina Keegan, Thomas Kessinger, Roy Lawrence

RIGHT: Sarah Mathews and Bill Snelgrove in the MCHA booth at the Autumnfest Fair held in Southern Pines, October 2.



LEFT: Beverly Offutt, Kelly Hinson, and Cos Barnes at the Shaw House Christmas Open House held December 11-13.



ABOVE LEFT: Ray Owen greets a re-enactor at the Bryant House Christmas Open House held December 5-6. **ABOVE RIGHT:** MCHA Members Party held December 10. **UPPER PHOTO:** Co-presidents, Joy Wise and Carolyn Burns with Senator Harris Blake. **LOWER PHOTO:** AI and Polly Dunham.

BELOW: Scenes from the Shaw House Fair held October 10.



BELOW LEFT: Richard Shearer of Jewels of Pinehurst takes a break during the busy day.

BELOW RIGHT: Re-enactor, Gail Mortensen-Frasier with her two sons.



house and the 1758 cabin in authentic decorations and provide refreshments, music and Christmas cheer. Despite the cold, a good crowd attended on Saturday, with many arriving Sunday afternoon. Among volunteers who make it “go” are the unsung heroes who made the hearth fires, baked cookies, served the apple cider, brought in the Christmas tree, decorated the insides and porches and the chain link fence, supervised Boy Scout Troop No. 98 of West End, who helped do what needed doing. And there were some who ferried by golf cart visitors from the parking lot.

Many thanks to Kaye Brown, Bill Brewer, Milton Sills, Marilyn Hartsell, Kelly Hinson, John Jackson, Marilyn and Joe Rudder, Karen McKenzie, Sherlynn Bissell, John and Pepi Davis Brown, Arlene Richardson, Joyce Wilson, Annabelle Campbell, Iris Strother, Tara Dowd, Mandy and Emma Davis. Re-enactor George Talley camped out in the cold with his fire and provided a narrative about a little-known event during the Revolutionary War. Talley dressed as historic character Duncan Ferguson, complete with hand-made replica of an 18th century “Brown Bess” musket typical of guns used in the Revolution. Cheering a roomful of visitors with live music were Max Livengood, Wayne Livengood, Mark Fry, Marvin Frye and Austin Cameron. Also a big thanks to Tim Donald, Darrell Parsons, Steve Schrodt, Jarrod Woodard, Elijah Carrico, Gabriel Malaguti, Nickolas Gosline, Zack Smith, Reece Parsons, Nathan Donald, Garrett Graham, David Miller, Russell Harvey and David McInnis.

For any volunteer omitted from this list, regrets and heartfelt thanks for making it a success. Your contributions are essential. Last but not least, thanks to The Pilot, Pinestraw magazine, and other media for helping get the word out.

Both the Bryant House and Shaw House properties opened their doors with free community based weekends. Volunteer docents greeted visitors throughout. Paula Caddell and Frances Brafford played old-time tunes on Friday. Weavers and spinners were busy in the Sanders Cabin on Friday and Saturday. Sunday Gail Mortensen-Frazier dressed and cooked as if it were 1770.

Weekend attendance for the Shaw House property was 380. Many thanks to all who helped make Christmas such a special time – bakers, decorators, docents, board members, greenery and tree gatherers, and especially Sarah Mathews whose purposeful, calm demeanor keeps MCHA on a steady course.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Billy Carter
Hayes L. Harbour
Cynthia Pizzini
Donna Traylor



ABOVE: More snapshots from the Members Holiday Party. TOP: Yvonne Johnston, Nathalie Scott, Jack Johnston. LOWER LEFT: Ernie Hanford, Marie Hardister. LOWER RIGHT: Jean Dickinson, Barbara Young Baum



2010 EVENTS

January 24, 2010
"The Sandhills:
The Comfort of Tradition
and Ritual" Lecture
February 10, 2010
Longstreet Church and
Cemetery Day Tour
March 15, 2010
Discover Tuscany Italy,
Tour Meeting
March 25-28, 2010
Palustris Festival
April 17, 2010
Clenny Creek Day at
the Bryant House
September 30, 2010
Discover Tuscany
Italy, 10-Day Tour
December 4 - 5, 2010
Bryant House Holiday
Open House
December 9, 2010
Members Holiday Party
December 10 - 12, 2010
Shaw House Holiday
Open House

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Palustris Festival

MCHA's Slate of Events for the Palustris Festival

A new festival, "Palustris," celebrating Sandhills culture will be held for the first time March 25-28, 2010. Spearheaded by the Arts Council of Moore County, along with the Convention & Visitors Bureau, local civic organizations will be offering more than 75 events at venues across the region. MCHA will be a major participant, having The Shaw House open from 1:00-4:00 pm throughout the celebration, with docents giving guided tours. The Association will also sponsor a pair of concerts and two theatrical performances in addition to co-sponsoring a concert by recording artist Tift Merritt, the festival's headline event. Tift Merritt will perform on Saturday, March 27, at Pinecrest High School auditorium starting at 8:00 pm. MCHA Board Member Nancy Blount is a personal friend to Ms. Merritt and helped make the performance possible. Merritt earned a Grammy nomination in 2004 for her album, "Tambourine," and a single from her latest album, "Another Country," received an AMA Award nomination. Tickets for Tift Merritt's concert are \$25 each and can be purchased from APMC by calling (910) 692-4356. A performance called "Greeting the Train with the Sounds of Southern Pines Memory" will be held on Saturday, March 27, at 10:00 am at the train station, downtown Southern Pines. The free program has its roots in two historical greetings that helped found the town. In the years of settlement an African-American choir greeted incoming trains, and potential northern immigrants met with representatives from local Scottish families. Rev. Douglas Kelly, President of Scottish Heritage USA, along with an African-American speaker, will lead the Lord's Prayer in Gaelic, to be repeated in English, this to be followed by the St. Andrews College bag pipe band, ending with the African-American choir singing "Together in Unity." The presentation will bear witness to the power of our culture, with roots reaching back for generations. Members of Sept of Blue Clan MacMillian are promoting the event, and plan to attend, tartan-clad and flag waving. MCHA has two concerts scheduled for the afternoon of Saturday, March 27, both to be held at Old Bethesda Presbyterian Church in Aberdeen. The first performance will begin at 1:30 pm, and features banjo player Larry McNeeley, a longtime member of Roy Acuff's "Smokey Mountain Boys" who has worked with artists such as Glen Campbell and the Smothers Brother. McNeeley's concert will benefit the Bryant House and McLendon Cabin. Admission is \$12 per person.

A second performance at Old Bethesda on March 27 will begin at 3:30 PM, and will feature Craig Fuller and his son Patrick. Craig was the co-founder of

the band Pure Prairie League and was the front man for the band Little Feat. Admission for the Craig and Patrick Fuller performance will be \$12 per person. For information about either of the concerts, call MCHA at (910) 692-2051. The final event, a performance of the play "Oldest Living Confederate Widow: Her Confession," is scheduled for 3:30 pm on Sunday, March 28, at Old Bethesda Presbyterian Church. Starring Jane Holding, and directed by Katja Hill, the play was written by Holding and author Allan Gurganus and is based on his best-selling novel, "The Oldest Living Confederate Widow Tells All." Price of admission is \$15. Call MCHA at (910) 692-2051 for details.



The Book & Gift Shop

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