



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Milton Sills Lecture** **"Religion and Architecture in Early Moore County"**

#### ***How the Early Settlers Lived and Worshipped***

*Sunday, February 26, 2012*

Enjoy early churches and church architecture in Moore County with historian and educator Milton J. Sills, his presentation sponsored by MCHA, Sunday, Feb. 26, 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, 200 E. New York Ave., Sou. Pines. Admission is free. Please enter from May Street.

Sills is a retired Moore County Schools principal and volunteer and member of MCHA's Board of Trustees. Member of the Southern Pines Historic District Commission, lecturer on NC and Civil War history, Sills is a Qualified Preaching Elder in the Coastal Carolina Presbytery, a member of Brownson Memorial Presbyterian, Sons of the Revolution in North Carolina and of the St. Andrews Society. Charter member of the Kiwanis of the Pines, Sills has served on the boards of the Arts Council of Moore County, the Sandhills Horticulture Society and the Pauley Lecture Series.

Sills has a B.S. degree from Barton College, a M.A. degree from East Carolina University, a Certificate of Graduate Study from the UNC-Chapel Hill and the Principals' Executive Program from the Institute of Government.

Sills is married to Moore County Schools retired music educator Elaine M. Sills, also a volunteer in various arts and community organizations.

### **3rd Annual Palustris Festival** **A Stitch in Time - Needlework Exhibit**

*Saturday, March 24, 2012*

MCHA will exhibit 19th Century needlework on the Shaw House Property, Sat., March 24, 2012 from 10 AM – 4 PM. Throughout the houses will be vintage quilts, samplers, clothing and needlework tools such as gold and silver thimbles, thimble cases and wooden darners. Each of these articles are on loan from private collections for this one-day event. A \$2 donation is requested. If MCHA members have special items they would like to have displayed, please call Sarah, 692-2051 or Marilyn, 692-2365.

During Palustris, tours of the Shaw House property will be given Thursday, 1-4 p.m., Mar. 22. Closed Friday to arrange the textiles exhibit.

### **7th Annual Clenny Creek Day** *Saturday, April 21, 2012*

Friends of the Bryant House host the 7th annual Clenny Creek Day Saturday, April 21, 10-5, the Bryant House and McLendon Cabin, both at 3361 Mt. Carmel Road in Carthage. Free admission. In case of rain, the event moves to Sunday, April 22, noon to 5.

Vendors are still needed; call 692-2051. Spaces are \$20 to sell crafts,



baked goods, all kinds of other items that people visiting the Fair are accustomed to. In the past jewelry, heritage tomato and other plants, baked goods, carved furniture, toys, and other displays have attracted visitors to the fair, their children entertained by various games organized by the Clenny Creek Day Committee. People in costume as historical figures will be on hand.

MCHA owns the two houses, the McLendon Cabin, occupied during the American Revolution and the Civil War, the Bryant House during the Civil War. The Bryant House was built in the 1820s. The adjacent McLendon Cabin, built in the 1760s, is the oldest Moore County dwelling on its original site. Money raised by Clenny Creek Day helps defray maintenance and restoration costs for the aged dwellings, most recently of the McLendon Cabin's chimney and foundation. A chimney restoration at the Bryant House is expected to be completed this Spring.

### **Spring History Tour to Eastern North Carolina**

*April 24 to 25, 2012*

Bath, the oldest town in NC (1705) is a stop on the Spring Tour and includes the Palmer-Marsh House (1751) as well as the oldest church in NC, St. Thomas Episcopal (1734). On Lake Phelps is a 14-room pre-Civil War plantation house (1830). At the peak of plantation life, Somerset had 100,000 acres and produced rice, wheat and corn. Antebellum plantation life and African-American customs and traditions are highlighted. Near Washington, NC we visit the NC Estuarium. Through exhibits, art work, films and aquariums, we learn what happens where fresh water meets salt. A pontoon boat tour on the Tar-Pamlico is an option. At Waynesborough Historical Village we may slip back to the 19th Century and visit ten buildings that comprised this faded town. We tour a family home, Quaker Meeting House, medical and law offices and more, including watching a blacksmith work.

Call Sarah at 692-2051 if interested. Trip needs a minimum of 12. Members \$250 per person, non-members \$275 per person. Cost based on double occupancy.

### **Annual Meeting**

*June, 2012*

June's MCHA's annual membership meeting's location and date to be announced.

### **Trains, Wineries, and Treasures of Northern California Tour**

*October 7, 2012*

Tour with Collette Vacations "Trains, Wineries, and Treasures of Northern California" includes San Francisco, Napa Valley, Sonoma, Sacramento, Lake Tahoe, Yosemite, Sonora. Nine day trip with 13 meals and 2-day stays at selected locations. Booking before June 7 discounted \$100.00. Double \$2,999.00 per person. Slide presentation 2 p.m., May 8 at the Shaw House. Brochures coming soon.



## **NEWS**

### **Volunteers Needed for Soap Project**

We need volunteers to help package and market our speciality gift soaps. The soaps are a popular item in the Shaw House gift shop and in local businesses around town.

The soaps are wrapped in unique and often humorous papers and are hand-milled, in



## **A SPECIAL THANK YOU**

### **New Members**

Barbara Velat

Ruth Whitaker

### **Memorials**

Flossie Davis by John Robie  
and Family (Bryant House)

### **Membership Contributions**

Betsy Hyde

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Jordan

Gloria Ball  
(spinning wheel)

Robert and Elaine Ballie

Aldena Frye  
(floral arrangement)

Adrienne Osborne Ives

Alison Ives

Beverly Offutt

Kevin Puckett  
(vintage bottles)

Mrs. Kim Sobat  
(specialty Christmas cards)

The Sly Fox

The Mary and Elliott  
Wood Foundation

**MCHA CHRISTMAS TREE, Nov. 22**



Southern Pines' downtown was decorated by Christmas trees provided by sponsors. The MCHA tree was decorated with photographs showing old Southern Pines. Pictured L/R: Dorothy Shankle, Liz Henderson, Steady Mearns, Greg Zywocinski who sponsored the tree, and Joy Wise. Steady's granddaughter, Ella Christiana provided the entertainment.

**CHRISTMAS AT THE BRYANT HOUSE, Dec. 4**



ABOVE: Bill Brewer, Heather Jackson, Dorothy Shankle, and Sherlynn Bissell.



ABOVE: Local musicians played Christmas music on the porch at the Open House.

**MEMBERS CHRISTMAS PARTY, Dec. 8**



TOP: (L) Steady Mearns, MCHA co-president, Sue Pockmire, and past president Joy Wise enjoy the Christmas cheer after awarding Pockmire a volunteer service award for her work. (R) Barbara Baum, Bob Steward, Jean Dickinson LOWER (L) Members enjoying the refreshments and good fellowships. Grace Snelgrove, Mary Anne Page, and Bill Snelgrove as Squire Shaw. (R) Ann and James Collins.

**CHRISTMAS AT THE SHAW HOUSE, Dec. 9 - 11**



(L) Kelly Hinson and daughter Shiloh in their Civil War era dress. Paula Caddell and Frances Brafford, provided musical entertainment at the Open House.

five scents that are creamy, long-lasting and a good, gentle product underneath their labels. Proceeds are used to support the activities of MCHA that include maintenance and repair of five historic house museums.

Volunteers are needed in the following areas:

- Maintain inventory in selected stores by checking stock, fill orders and replenish displays
- Make deliveries
- Be part of a group that wraps the soaps
- Booth greeters and sales at special events

If you can help in any way, please contact Sarah at the Shaw House at (910) 692-2051. There will be a special volunteer get acquainted meeting at the Shaw House on Monday, January 30th at 1:00 pm.

**Bryant House – McLendon Cabin Inventory**

A complete inventory and monetary appraisal of the furnishings of the Bryant House and McLendon Cabin is near completion. The curatorial committee and volunteers have documented all items in the two historic houses, the information stored on disc. Working with past inventory and appraisal, Milton Sills and Beverly Offutt also described and listed current values. Paula Caddell transferred the information; items were photographed by Vickie Rounds. Marie Hardister, Bill Brewer and Marilyn Hartsell organized, presented and repositioned items as they were documented.

A similar project is planned for the Shaw House properties in the spring. If you'd like to help, contact Sarah 692-2051.

**Congratulations!**

Congratulations to Michael Waldon Frazer, of Pinehurst Troop 7, on achieving rank of Eagle Scout in November. Michael created a traditional herb garden at the Shaw House and is the son of Gary and Gail Frazer.

**Canoe Donation**

A hollowed-out tree trunk that looks to have been used as a canoe has been donated to MCHA. The finder believes it to be a Pee Dee Indian canoe. It is temporarily stored in the tobacco barn at the Shaw House until a protective lean-to can be constructed.



## EVENT RECAP

### Shaw House Christmas Open House

Preparations began with member decorators magically transforming the houses with natural decorations. Milton and Marie added special touches to the Garner House while Kelly worked into the night on the Sanders Cabin. The community was welcomed to Marilyn's inviting front porch, while Donna, Cos, Joyce, and Sarah Lawn dressed the house in holly and greens gathered by Tom and Mary Joe Worth and Kelly and Junior Hinson. Judy Snider brought designs using cypress knobs, feathers, dried oranges, and cookies with eucalyptus sprigs. The beautiful centerpiece was graciously donated by Aldena Frye.

Approximately 350 members and visitors shared our historic site from Thursday through Sunday. We had a surprise visitor each day. Everyone expected Santa, but it was Squire Shaw in his nineteenth century finery, thanks to Bill Snelgrove and Gail Frazer. Cider and member-donated cookies, music by Paula Caddell and Frances Brafford, Tim Cole walking the yard with his bagpipes, George Talley sharing "Duncan Ferguson" with us on Saturday, with Steady manning the fires, the warmth appreciated by Weaver Jacqueline Stewart and Spinner Nancy Farina in the Sanders Cabin. Fourteen member docents volunteered. Thank you to all for sharing the Christmas spirit!

### Bryant House Christmas Open House

Of course, Friends of the Bryant House prepared both cabin and house for their traditional free Christmas Open House, always well attended. Friends graciously thank all volunteers who helped decorate.

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