



## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

### **Splish, Splash...With Apologies to Bobby Darin**

Whether you're relaxin' in the tub takin' a bath or just sitting around at a party, Moore County Historical Association's soaps deserve a part in your life. Our soap sales in 2012 have been going through the roof, and that isn't easy for something that comes out of a clever and attractive wrapper to use in the tub!

Seriously, in 2012 we enjoyed a 48 percent increase in special soap sales over 2011. Custom designed labels accounted for about half—23 percent—of that.

Stock these conversation-starters and innovative gifts at any private function you may be planning. Visit [www.moorehistory.com](http://www.moorehistory.com) for the link to our soap website.

*Victoria Rounds, Copresident*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **2013 Palustris Festival Yesteryear – Dolls and Toys**

*Saturday, March 23, 2013 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm*

*Shaw House, 110 Morganton Road and SW Broad Street, Southern Pines*

*\$5 Admission, Children 12 and Under Free*

The Moore County Historical Association presents "Yesteryear - Dolls and Toys", a vintage doll and toy exhibit. Antique toys will be on display in all three house-museums located on the Shaw House grounds. Featured will be toy train sets, dolls, wind up and pull toys, and doll houses among the large array of vintage toys. During the day storyteller Nancy Brewer will tell stories that will keep all enthralled as if we were sitting at grandma's knee. Ms. Brewer's program is scheduled for 11 am, 1 pm and 3 pm.

### **Durham Day Tour**

*April 9, 2013 Departs 8 AM from The Shaw House, Returns Late Afternoon*

*Cost \$50.00 per person, Dutch-Treat Lunch*

*Transportation provided by Kirk Tours, Passenger Limit 13*

Spend a spring day in Durham and visit the Sarah P. Duke Gardens, 55 acres in their spring beauty. There will be a stop at Duke Chapel and perhaps a chance to hear the noon hour organ recital. Ample time will be provided for you to enjoy the Nasher Museum of Art and have lunch in their café. Call Sarah at (910) 692-2051 for more information or to make a reservation.

### **8th Annual Clenny Creek Day**

*Saturday, April 20, 2013 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm*

*Rain Date Sunday, April 21 from noon to 5:00 pm*

*Bryant House/McLendon Cabin 3361 Mt. Carmel Road, Carthage*

Mark your calendar for the Clenny Creek Day celebration. Free admission for all the family. There will be food, music, vendors, historic representations and talks, games, and more.



## Down Home Dinner at the Shaw House

Saturday, April 27, 2013, Time TBA

Mark April 27 on your calendar and plan to spend an evening at the historic Shaw House. This is an event hosted and prepared by Elaine and Milton Sills for the benefit of the MCHA Endowment Fund. Come enjoy the ambience, fellowship and home cooked food. Limited seating by reservations only and a tax free \$25 donation to the Endowment Fund.

## Stonewall Jackson Program

Sunday, May 19, 2013 from 2:00 to 3:00 pm

First Baptist Church, Corner of New York Avenue and May Street, Southern Pines

No Admission Charge

"Reflected Glory: Letters to Anna," will be presented by Kelly Hinson, a Moore County researcher, writer and performer plus all-around history buff.

Hinson, the copresident of the Moore County Historical Association, performs in first person, wearing full mourning as the widow of famed Confederate General Stonewall Jackson, who died 150 years ago this May 10 during the Civil War. She covers the couple's lifetimes together, including how they met and married, and the tragedies that shaped both their lives.

## MCHA Annual Meeting

Sunday, June 9, 2013 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm

TBA at Pinebluff Lake

Members and Guests of Members Only

Tentatively this year's annual meeting will be held at Pinebluff Lake. Plans are incomplete at this stage, but mark your calendars and plan to attend. The Moore County Historical Association's annual membership meetings bring together people with a reverence and knowledge of history. Pinebluff was one of the first towns created in Moore County and has many historic homes.

## NEWS

### Architectural Salvage For Sale

The MCHA has some great antique doors and windows for sale, thanks to Danny Overton and Alma Goff, who donated the architectural salvage. We've sold half the doors, but still have some wonderful ones left. The remaining door styles are perfect for using as headboards, wall art, and tables. For more information e-mail: info@moorehistory.com.

### Facebook Posts Vintage Pics, News

Have a taste for local history? Visit our Facebook page. We have weekly posts featuring photos from the past as well as Pilot newspapers from the 1920s to the 1940s. Visit facebook.com/moorehistorical. You don't have to join Facebook to see this enjoyable site.

### Bryant House Chimney Update

The chimney at the Bryant House is now repaired with old, deteriorating masonry removed and replaced with new masonry that will hold the chimney together and eliminate any cracks or crevices that can let water in.

## Docents

The Historical Association is blessed with members who love to share our living history



### New Members

Barbara Brewer

Susan and John Conrad

Barbara Harris-Para

Kathryn Riffle

James Sinclair

Walter Snyder

Leonard and Joyce Tufts

Deborah Williams

### Memorials

Bill Brewer by

Doris Blue

Barbara Brewer

Beverly Love

Lib Kollman by

Marilyn Hartsell

Martha Jane Huester

by Peter Huester

### Honor

Sue Pockmire by

Norris Hodgkins, Jr.

Jan & Mac Fowler by

Harry & Marilyn Neely

### Memberships

**BENEFACTOR**

Adrienne Osborne Ives

**CONTRIBUTOR**

Edith Overly

Marie Dee

**OTHER**

Robert Steward

### DONATIONS/ CONTRIBUTIONS

Robert & Elaine Ballie

Jefferie Lynn Cade

Mershon Davis White

Aldena Frye

Marilyn Hartsell

Frank Israel

Danny Overton & Alma Goff

Dorothy Shankle

James Sinclair

**BRYANT HOUSE CHIMNEY RESTORATION** Right >



**CAMP MACKALL PROGRAM, Feb. 10, 17**

BELOW: Presenters Willie Sobat, Norris Hodgkins, Jr., Tom MacCallum, and Joe Caseman. Scenes from the program.



**SHAW HOUSE HOLIDAY MEMBERS PARTY, Dec. 6**



museum with others. Some ladies and gents volunteer monthly, while some join in during special occasions. They are enthusiastic people who like meeting others to share a bit-of-the-past. Come join the fun; we'd like to have you! Call Sarah at 692-2051 to set up docent training with Beverly. Our newest docents are Mary Joe Worth, Kathryn Riffle, and Ruth Whitaker.

**EVENT RECAP**

**Camp Mackall Lecture**

Roomfuls of interested Moore County residents crowded the Southern Pines Civic Club on February 10th and 17th for four presentations of "The Story of Camp Mackall," sponsored by the Historical Association and the Southern Pines Civic Club. Due to popular demand the free program expanded from one to four to accommodate the 320 reservations. Presenter Norris Hodgkins Jr., whose brainchild it was, suggested that the program be held at the Civic Club which was site of the World War II USO. The USO offered dances and a recreation center for servicemen training at Camp Mackall and nearby Fort Bragg. Mackall is just inside the Moore County side of the county lines between Moore and Richmond counties.

**Shaw House Christmas Festivities**

The Members' Party kicked off the Christmas festivities at the Shaw House. The Board welcomed and thanked approximately 65 members with special treats, champagne punch, and Shiloh tea. "Thank you" to all the Board members, decorators, musicians, bakers, shop keepers, and soap elves. The Fresh Market and Chick-fil-A donated finger foods, while Aldena Frye provided the beautiful centerpiece in the main room. Approximately 305 guests were greeted by our docents throughout the weekend.

**Bryant House Christmas Open House**

Christmas at the Bryant House was held in warm weather that drew people out for this customary holiday gathering. The Friends of the Bryant House all gathered the day before to decorate the historic homes and then shared a covered dish lunch. The grounds and walkways were spiffed up and decorating was finished, with the Davis family children decorating the Christmas tree.

The Open House drew many. West End Boy Scout Troup 98 served spiced tea from an open fire cook pot near the circa 1760s cabin. Cookies were donated by all members and friends, with Leslie Covington of Ole Time Bake Goods donating 10 dozen cookies for our guests. Wayne Livengood's "Crawley Creek" group provided live music. Guests lingered to enjoy the bluegrass/Nashville sound. Re-enactors Trent

Carter, Eddie Ferguson, and Debbie Williams entertained and informed guests. Debbie gave cabin tours non-stop. Linda Hardison and friends from the Sandhills Weavers Guild gave demonstrations on the loom and explained the operation of the spinning wheel to visitors.

Visitors noticed the new chimney in "grandma's bedroom" of the Bryant House. Many commented on how well these historic properties were maintained. Everyone celebrated Christmas with good will, sharing food, drink, music and conversations on this special occasion. - *Sherlynnne Bissell*

### 2013 Upcoming Events and Tours

February 10, 17	The Story of Camp Mackall
March 23	Palustris Festival: Yesteryear Doll and Toy Exhibit
April 4 to 16	Exploring the Alpine Countries Tour
April 9	Day Tour to Durham
April 20	Clenny Creek Day
May 19	Reflected Glory Presentation; Letters to Anna
June 9	Annual Meeting, Pinebluff
September TBA	3 Day Tour to Eastern Virginia
October 12	Shaw House Vintage Collectibles Fair
November 1 - 3	Antiques Show & Sale
December 8	Bryant House Holiday Open House
December 12	Members Holiday Party
December 13 - 15	Shaw House Holiday Open House

## 2012 – 2013

### Officers & Trustees

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# More Sketches

## THE STORY OF CAMP MACKALL

By Norris Hodgkins, Jr.

I recently read a new book about Camp Mackall that brought back memories of the streets of Southern Pines filled with soldiers from the camp during World War II.

It also brought home the impact that people from our area had on the development of Camp Mackall, which is located just to the south of us, mostly in Richmond and Scotland counties.



The popular spots in Moore County for soldiers on leave were the restaurants, movie theaters and nightclubs. Also during the war, the Southern Pines Civic Club became a USO Center with bands from Camp Mackall playing for Saturday night dances for the soldiers and local girls.

The history of Camp Mackall is intertwined with the rise of airborne troops early in World War II.

One of the visionary leaders of this movement was our own Gen. Bill Yarborough, who was later instrumental in creating the Special Forces. Both programs used and are still using the facilities at Camp Mackall for their training exercises.

While Fort Bragg was headquarters for the new airborne operations, additional land was needed and was available only 12 miles away. About 7,500 acres was taken from the much larger Sandhills Game Land Preserve to start the new camp, with the Army retaining the right to use the remainder of the Game Land Preserve for maneuvers and training operations.

Starting in August 1942, construction began on the airborne command station, then called Camp Hoffman, designed to house up to 35,000 men.

It is interesting to note that the 1940 census showed a population of just over 30,000 for all of Moore County.

The first use of airborne troops in combat was in the invasion of North Africa in November 1942.

One of the casualties of that invasion was Pvt. Thomas Mackall. Shortly thereafter the name of the new camp was changed to Camp Mackall in his honor and to this day is the only Army camp in this country named for an enlisted private.

Somewhat earlier in 1942, the Army had located its Technical Training Command at the Pine Needles Hotel in Southern Pines and had also taken over the nearby Knollwood Airport.

In addition a new air base was established at Maxton, where planes and gliders were based that were used in the training exercises at Camp Mackall.

The next airborne attack after North Africa took place in Sicily in July 1943. Gen. Dwight Eisenhower had been critical of this operation, and improvements in training resulted from this criticism.

In late 1943, the Knollwood Airport (Pinehurst/Southern Pines Airport) was at the center of a training exercise that would play a big part in the future use of paratroopers and gliders. The Airport was the target and was captured in record time.

The Sandhills Citizen reported, "Between Aberdeen and Pinehurst scores of gliders landed. A few cracked up. Between Southern Pines, along near the race track, hundreds of parachutists landed. Civilians driving along that road could observe hundreds of parachutists still in the trees and on the ground."

All in all the operation was considered so much of a success that it led to the use of both paratroopers and gliders in the D-Day invasion of Normandy on June 4, 1944.

Gen. George Marshall, Army chief of staff during the war, was a frequent visitor to the area during the war years and would often bring Mrs. Marshall, who would stay at The Carolina Hotel in Pinehurst while her husband inspected the operations at Fort Bragg, Camp Mackall and Knollwood. On one such visit they purchased a home in Pinehurst, where they lived in his retirement years.

The temporary buildings that housed the troops during the war were demolished soon after the war ended, but in recent years have been replaced by a permanent installation near the airplane runways that feature three strips of more than 5000 feet each.

In a further connection to Moore County, Camp Mackall uses water from the Southern Pines Reservoir and sewage treatment at the Moore County Waste Water Treatment Plant, both located on Drowning Creek, which serves as border for a portion of the camp.

*Reprint from The Pilot Newspaper*



Gliders were often seen over Moore County and were used in the mock-invasion of the Pinehurst/Southern Pines Airport.



# The Book & Gift Shop

## Medallions & Ornaments

- Antique Southern Pines Medallion ..... 49.95
- Shaw House Landmark Ornament ..... 10.00

## Notecards & Postcards

- Notecards, Shaw House Christmas (8) ..... 8.95
- Notecards, Golf, Cities (Package of 4) ..... 6.50
- Postcard ..... .50

## Posters & Maps

- 1880s Map of Southern Pines (Called Vineland) ..... 8.95
- 1747 to 1847 Map of Moore County ..... 8.95

## Pressed Victorian Flower Art by Beverly

Various Sizes, Custom Design Available (\$19.95 +)

## Photo Prints

- Custom, 4 x 6 or 5 x 7 ..... 3.95
- Custom, 8 x 10 ..... 7.95

## Soap, Historic Blend

Exclusively for the MCHA 2.75 oz

- Bar ..... 2.95
- Three Box Set ..... 8.75

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- McLendon Cabin - Bryant House T-Shirt ..... 6.00

## Wreaths by Grace

Various Sizes (\$7.95 +)

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- Coming Home to Jackson Springs, NC ..... 13.95
- Images of America: Moore County ..... 19.99
- Images of America: East/West Southern Pines ..... 19.99
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The Bookshop at the Shaw House features an assortment of historical and genealogical books for sale. Books can be purchased there or by mail. For more info, call Sarah at (910) 692-2051.

*MCHA members receive a 10% discount. Quantity discounts available.*