

PRESIDENTS' LETTER

Many exciting things are happening with the Moore County Historical Association as we celebrate our 70th year.

In June, we had our Annual meeting at the Shaw House, where Ray Owen gave an interesting talk about Elizabeth (Buffie) Ives who founded the MCHA in 1946 and the formative years of the 1800s and 1900s when Southern Pines grew up in the Sandhills' unique history.

It was a hot day but members who came enjoyed the talk, and peach cobbler and ice cream in the shade of the big trees.

New board members were installed. They are: Kate Curtin, Vern Elhart, Dorothy Shankle and Grace Snelgrove. The board includes Johnny Burns, Wayne Hamblin, Kaye Brown, Steady Meares, Bud Wallen, Liz Whitmore, Katie Chisolm, Sara Lindau, Eileen Malan, Greg Zywocinski, and Paula Caddell.

New officers are: Jim Jones and Judy Snider, co-presidents; Johnny Burns vice president; Dorothy Shankle, treasurer; and Paula Caddell, secretary. We're lucky to have on the board a group of multi-talented people who work hard to help MCHA work well.

(We are changing our annual membership meeting next year from June to May when the weather should be more pleasant. The date of the annual membership meeting in 2017 will be announced later.)

We continue to depend on our members to fill in, with volunteer help, or serve as advisors. We currently need docents to greet visitors and help them learn about the history of the Shaw House and the cabins. We need volunteers to come to the Shaw House and wrap the custom soaps whose sales are our largest source of income—and growing. In the seven years since we started selling custom soaps, wrapped by our volunteers, we have our soaps in about 77 shops, including along the coast, in addition to local establishments. We can always use help, particularly wrappers and those who can deliver and help with mailing.

We are now working on the Southern Pines' Autumnfest that is Oct. 1 and on the Shaw House Fair, scheduled for the next Saturday, Oct. 8. We are also gearing up for Christmas and holiday activities. Help is always needed since we are planning an activity most of the time during the year.

Grace Jones, Jim's wife, has been hard at work as a volunteer cleaning up, pruning, and beautifying the Shaw House site readying for fall and winter events. The Joneses have been giving the place a much-needed facelift, with several huge truckloads of debris disposed of. Other regular volunteers include Caroline Collins, a Pinecrest graduate and rising sophomore at UNC-Chapel Hill who plans a double major in



history and information/library science. Caroline started volunteering on July 9 and finished on Aug. 17 to get ready for fall term. "I was looking for something to do this summer, not wanting to just do nothing," she says. MCHA Administrative Officer Sarah Mathews told her she could be a docent or research historical subjects for people who request MCHA help with local history topics. Volunteer Becky Keith regularly visits the Shaw House to help scan land grants and deeds into the system and set up the reference library. Trustee Secretary Paula Caddell, a retired educator, volunteers to scan items into the electronic archives. She's working with the late educator Bobby Brendell's private postcard collection. Volunteer Robert Brown is scanning the Pilot archives and Thomas Monti is also scanning archives.

"Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in." This quote from an unknown author is contributed by Dorothy Shankle, a direct descendant of the Shaw family, a long-time board member, officer, treasurer and volunteer.

Call the Shaw House at (910) 692-2051 weekday afternoons about volunteering. Good fellowship and fun is the earmark of MCHA volunteer experience. We could not accomplish all we do without your help. We need ever more volunteers as activities expand.

The Kenneth Black Cemetery continues to stir a lot of interest locally and in other areas. Descendants and other relations of Kenneth Black, a Revolutionary War era Scottish loyalist who lived near what is now Pinecrest Plaza and was murdered in 1781 on what is now the golf course at the Southern Pines Elks Club, by a patriotic (rebel) group who mistook him for their real target: an active British loyalist named David Fanning.

The cemetery is under the protection of the Moore County Historical Association as its agent, and the property where it is located is owned by a man dedicated to preserving the cemetery as important local history in the face of impending development. Our volunteers work constantly to keep the site cleared, weeded, and ready to be seen by descendants and other relations of Black who often visit the site, as do others interested in local history from North Carolina and other states.

We have interesting and free historic oriented lectures set up this summer and fall. On July 17 a large crowd heard Dr. Matt Farina talk about Civil War era medicine at the Southern Pines Civic Club at 105 S. Ashe St. On Sept. 11 Anne Russell will discuss her book, "The Wayward Girls of Samarcand." The lecture will be 2 p.m. at the Civic Club.

On Nov. 5 from 10-4, will be a demonstration and lecture on the Sandhills' first industry: production of tar, pitch and turpentine—naval stores—from longleaf pine trees--by Bryan Avery at the Bryant House and McLendon Cabin at 3361 Mt. Carmel Road near Carthage. This is Avery's third presentation hosted this time by the Friends of the Bryant House, under the Moore County Historical Association umbrella that sponsored two last year, and sponsored by the state.

We're entering into a new endeavor this year. The Festival of Trees has been observed here for several years. This is the first time the MCHA will participate. We are currently working on this project, painting tree ornaments that represent historic homes and landmarks in North Carolina. The Festival is Nov. 16-20 at the Carolina



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Dr. Matt Farina Lecture on Civil War Medicine.



Strangers when arrived to do genealogy research at Shaw House discover they are cousins.



Ed Smith's Book Signing at Shaw House.



Caroline Eddy and a group from the Boys and Girls Club tour the Shaw House properties.



Todd McCrimmon and his crew working at the Kenneth Black Cemetery.



Past and Present Board Members discuss MCHA history.

Hotel in Pinehurst. It is a silent auction, donations for the Sandhills Children's Center. If you want to help, let us know.

As you can see, there are many activities that you could be involved with depending on your interests. We thank our members for their support and welcome your help as volunteers and advisors. Let's make our 70th anniversary the best year yet.

Jim Jones, Judy Snider, Co-Presidents

UPCOMING EVENTS

Autograph Party

Meet and greet MCHA member and author Don Tickle at an autograph party for his new book at the Shaw House on Sept. 17, 2-4 p.m. His memoir is titled "From There to Here: The Pleasures and Perils of the Import/Export Trade." A retiree now living in Southern Pines, this rural Surry County (N.C.) native while in his 20s purchased a High Point furniture business and entered the import/export furniture trade when few Americans travelled to China and other parts of Asia. His story is one of exotic, scary and sometimes humorous experiences.

Autumnfest

Our Autumnfest booth will be at the Southern Pines downtown Park on Saturday, Oct. 1 from 9-4 p.m. Event Chair Grace Snelgrove promises that this booth will be all about identifying various odd, old-fashioned and otherwise mysterious objects that longtime volunteer Marilyn Hartsell helped locate. The game of "What is it?" is all about fun and painless learning. Nothing will be for sale: This is a free event.

Shaw House Fair

The next Saturday, Oct. 8 from 9-4, will be the annual Shaw House Fair of Vintage Collectibles, a fundraiser to help MCHA maintain and repair our five house museums. This Fair is on the grounds of the historic 1820s era Shaw House homestead at 110 Morganton Road in Southern Pines. Since it is normally open during weekdays only for tour groups, this presents an opportunity to tour the houses on a Saturday. Co-President Jim Jones is working hard to get new vendors in addition to having regulars return to show their items for sale. Lunch will be available on the grounds. There will be live music all day, by groups such as Earleine and the Barefoot Peddlars and Berryfield, including Al Simmons who is from the Carthage area. Also, tours of the 1700s era Sanders Cabin and Garner House, and Shaw House, demonstrations and reenactors of the Civil War era, also frontier reenactors

expected to be on hand, demonstrating survival skills. Admission is by purchase of a \$2 ticket entitling the buyer to a drawing for prizes.

Tar, Pitch and Turpentine Demonstration

Tar, Pitch and Turpentine: Sandhills' first industry – naval stores produced from longleaf pines. Nov. 5, a demonstration and lecture by Bryan Avery at the Bryant House, 3361 Mt. Carmel Road near Carthage. Hosted by the Friends of Bryant House and sponsored by the North Carolina Humanities Council. Programs times at 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00 and 3:00.

Holiday Open Houses

Holiday Open Houses: The annual free admission to Christmas open houses decorated with historically appropriate materials to look like old-time Yuletide celebrations will be:

Sunday, Dec. 4, 1-4 p.m. the Bryant House (ca. 1820s) and McLendon Cabin, (ca.1760s) 3361 Mt. Carmel Road, Carthage. They are also open for tours on the second and fourth Sundays through October, 2016, 1-4 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 8, 5-7 p.m. Members Christmas Party, Shaw House, 110 W. Morganton Road, Southern Pines.

Friday-Sunday, Dec. 9-11, 1-4 p.m. Shaw House, Garner House and Sanders Cabin Holiday Open House.

Call (910) 692-2051 for details, or visit www.moorehistory.com.

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The building and grounds committee has repaired leaking gutters at the Shaw House homestead site that includes the house, and two cabins from northern Moore. There is also a need to replace rotted logs in the tobacco barn and Sanders Cabin, says Steady Meares, committee chairman. A new roof for the corn crib and re-gravelling the driveway are also projects underway.

The board of trustees also approved a budget to include replacing part of the Bryant House roof in the coming year.

For information about MCHA memberships, to volunteer or for other details call (910) 692-2051, e-mail info@moorehistory.com or visit www.moorehistory.com.

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Donations to The Kenneth Black Cemetery: Mr. and Mrs. John Brown, Mr. Richard Brown, Mrs. Pam Cole, Ms. Marie Hardister, Mr. Jim Jones, Mrs. Karen Lehto, Mr. Steady Meares, Mr. Todd McCrimmon, and Mr. J.B. McCrummen.

UPCOMING TOURS

Williamsburg & Historic Jamestown

Tours of Colonial Williamsburg and Historic Jamestown, VA and the Shirley Plantation will be Oct. 26, 27 and 28. There will be deluxe accommodations with breakfast and all entry fees. Member costs are \$585 for double lodging; \$685 for a single member; and \$595 for non-member double; \$695 for non-member single. We will leave at 8 a.m. by Kirk Tours. Checks are payable by Oct. 5 to Kirk Tours, P.O. Box 3376, Pinehurst, NC 28374. Call Marva for reservations at (910) 295-2257.

Monroe's Crossroad Civil War Battlefield

A day tour is being planned for Monroe's Crossroad Civil War Battlefield and Museum of the Cape Fear at Fort Bragg, conducted by the Fort Bragg Cultural Resources agency. The date will be in mid-November, to be announced later. We will depart the Shaw House at 9 a.m. and travel by Kirk Mini Bus. Luncheon will be dutch treat. Members' cost will be \$50, and non-members \$55 each. Payment should be made by Nov. 1 to Kirk Tours. Call Marva Kirk for reservations at (910) 295-2257.

State tours planned by Marva Kirk and the Moore County Historical Association.

FOREIGN TOURS

European Tour

There is still space on a previously advertised Classic Christmas Markets European trip to Germany, Austria, and France Dec. 9-17 for \$3,299 including air fare.

Canadian Coastal Tour

A Maritime Coastal Tour of Canada's splendid and picturesque settings will be for 11 days in fall, 2017, date to be announced. This will be \$2,799-\$2,899 plus air at current prices. A slide show on this tour will be presented on Thursday, Jan. 26, 2017 at 3 p.m. at the Shaw House.

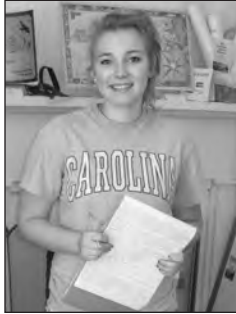
South Africa Tour

A 2018 trip to South Africa, lasting 14 days will be scheduled for one of the first three months Jan.-March, to be announced later. The trip will include Victoria Falls and Botswana, plus walking tours and wildlife safaris as a small guided tour group. Prices are \$4,691-\$4841.

Foreign tours planned by Collette. Contact Liz Whitmore, at (910) 639-3823, or email liz.whitmore@sanfordnc.net.

In the News Photo Gallery

Summer Archiving Volunteers



Summer Archiving: Becky Keith and Thomas Monti/Caroline Collins

Springfest at the Shaw House, April 30, 2016



Clenny Creek, April 30, 2016



Re-enactors from House in the Horseshoe and Friends of the Bryant House

Charlottesville Tour, April 26-28, 2016



Members Annual Meeting, June 12, 2016 at The Shaw House



Ray Owen, speaker



Kate Curtin (R), new board member



Shaw House Clean-Up



Jim and Grace Jones



Shaw House Luncheon, April 18, 2016



Dorothy Shankle & Frank Pierce, Greeters



Marie Hardister, Marilyn Hartnell, and guest



Judy Snider & Jim Jones



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