

# Shaw House Sketches



MOORE COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

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## Christmas Open Houses

The Bryant House and McLendon Cabin open house was a huge success. Attendance for the two days was over 200. A continuous stream of folks came and stayed, came and went, and came again. Daniel Boone, assisted by Randy Jackson, decorated the houses beautifully inside and out with arrangements of spruce, pine, winterberry, holly, dried hydrangea flowers and red sumac. Garlands of running cedar were draped along the porch railing of the cabin. Darrell Wilson made a wonderful fire in the cabin that provided warmth and light. A leg of venison slowly roasted over the bed of coals. A trip to the cabin for cookies and hot cider plus a turn in front of the fire knocked off the chill of the afternoon. A large cedar tree decorated with gourds, rag ribbons, pines cones, garlands of popcorn and cranberry, and twigs of purple hedge berries stood in the front room of the Bryant House. Rich and Linda Angstreich, Sylvia Outley, David McDonald, and Allen Ashdown of the Java Mules brought the house alive with strains of fiddle, banjo, mandolin, and guitar on Saturday. Sunday's musicians,



*Top photo: Reenactor welcoming guests to the Christmas Open House at the McLendon Cabin*

*Bottom photo: Tim Cole, bagpiper, welcoming visitors to the Shaw House and properties*

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## Shaw House • Garner House • Sanders Cabin

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Marvin Frye and Joe and Abby McDonald delighted guests with their selection of pre-1940 songs. Neighbors and family recalled a time when dancing, singing, and music making was a regular pastime at the Bryant House. Old fieldstones circled a small campfire down the hill from the main house. Visitors stopped to warm their hands and take in the delicious aroma of a stew that was cooking in a cast iron pot that hung from a spit. John Jackson and family built and watched over the campfires each day.

The three historic houses at the Shaw House site were decorated in the traditional manner with natural greenery, berries and fruit. Thanks to Milton Sills, Marilyn Hartsell, Barbara Young, Stuart Fulghum, Marilyn Tidd, and Sue Benoit who garnished these well loved old places and dressed them up for four days of festivities for visitors to enjoy. Barbara Blake happily served approximately 350 appreciative folks her warm cinnamon apple juice along with homemade cookies baked by a host of friends: Betty Clemens, Bobbi Carr, Edna Donathan, Jean Downer, Mae Boyer-Cooper, Marilyn Hartsell, Carolyn Burns, Dorothy Shankle, Joyce White, Frieda Bruton, and Barbara Blake.

Many docents greeted visitors to the period-decorated houses. In addition to the already mentioned helpers, docents who assisted were Sue Pockmire, Nathalie Scott, Ginny Taylor, Sally Potter, Marie Hardister, Judith Thompson, Mary Jane Knight, Kay Antoine, and Cos Barnes. These ladies shared their knowledge of the houses with all who came. A new feature this year was a slide show created by Sue Pockmire of photos from the MCHA archives. Guests were fascinated to see people and buildings they remembered from years past.

Music for the four days was arranged by Elaine Sills. On Thursday, Carolyn Hatcher delighted listeners with the flute. On Friday, talented Megumi Reagan and her friend filled the house with rich violin music. On Saturday, Paula Caddell, Frances Bradford, and her daughter, dressed in period costumes, entertained visitors with guitar, mandolin and singing. The ladies encouraged all to join in and sing along. On Sunday, Jill and David McCloy, captivated visitors with music from the hammer dulcimer and fiddle. Outside, Tim Cole, a piper in full Scottish regalia bellowed his sounds beckoning all to reflect on the Scottish heritage of this area.

The open houses are a grand way to usher in this wonderful season of the year and to say “thank you” to the many friends and members of the Association.

### Recent Events

**GUEST SPEAKER EVENT:** On Sunday, October 30, 2005 Mr. Robert Page III spoke to a large gathering at the Southern Pines Civic Club on his memories of early Aberdeen and Moore County. Those attending were entertained and enlightened through Mr. Page’s informative lecture.

**2005 ANTIQUES SHOW.** A wonderful success. Tom and Mary Jo Worth served as Honorary Chairpersons at the Preview Party held Thursday evening, November 3rd. An outstanding job was done by Stuart Fulghum, Antiques Show Chair, Sue Pockmire, Printed Material and Publicity Chair, Mary Lou Seigfried, Food Service Chair, and Mary Jane Knight, Hospitality Chair. An increased attendance this year netted an increased profit for this annual event, which is MCHA’s major fundraiser



*Scene from the 2005 Antique Sale and Show. Mark your calendar for this year’s event which will be held on November 3rd - 5th.*

### 2006 Tours

#### **KING TUT EXHIBIT & FLORIDA GETAWAY.**

February 27th - March 4th. Travel aboard a luxury motorcoach on a six-day excursion to the King Tut exhibit in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. This once in a lifetime tour also includes stops in St. Augustine and Sarasota, Florida and the Historic District of Savannah, Georgia. Reservation deadline is January 27th. For more information, call the MCHA at (910) 692-2051 or visit our website (Events Page).

**CANADA’S ATLANTIC COAST.** September 7th. Join us on a 10 day tour of the Canadian coast featuring the Cabot Trail. Highlights of the trip include visits to Halifax, Prince Edward Island and Cavendish National Park. For more information, call the MCHA.



## Upcoming Guest Speaker Event

Dr. Alex McLeod, youngest son of Dr. Vida McLeod a longtime physician in Southern Pines, was born and grew up in the North Carolina Sandhills. His talk at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 19, is titled “Dreams and Genes: Two McLeod Families and Lower Moore County.” The event will be held at Southern Pines Civic Club, 105 S. Ashe Street.

Dr. McLeod attended the Southern Pines schools, received his undergraduate degree from Princeton (1956), his medical degree from Duke (1960), and his MBA from Vanderbilt (1988). He practiced internal medicine in Nashville, Tennessee, for 31 years and served on the faculty at Vanderbilt University.

Dr. McLeod has been active in Clan MacLeod for more than 45 years and is currently president of the Associated Clan MacLeod Societies, the international federation of nine National Societies. He has published articles on Clan MacLeod history and is currently pursuing DNA studies pertaining to MacLeods.

Refreshments will be served following the talk and the public is invited to attend.



*Dr. Alex McLeod will be the guest speaker on Sunday, March 19th.*

## Fundraisers

**TAG SALE.** MCHA is planning a tag sale to be held early this year. Look around and gather up items you no longer need or use: furniture, housewares, jewelry, linens, rugs, pictures, lamps, 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 the office (692-2051) and pickup will be arranged. Donors receive our sincere thanks and a receipt for a tax deduction.

**BARBECUE.** A spring Barbecue will be held on the Shaw House grounds Friday, April 21, 11:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m. The three historic houses there will be open for tours and barbecue can be eaten on site or served for take-out. Advance sale tickets will be available at the Shaw House and from MCHA members.

**BRYANT HOUSE FUNDRAISER.** A spring fundraiser at Bryant House featuring food, crafters, entertainment, and reenactments will be held on Saturday, April 22. Mark your calendar for this date. Additional information will be forthcoming.

## Repairs At Bryant House Site

After being closed to the public for a year, Bryant House and McLendon Cabin were re-opened for the Christmas open house event. The Friends of Bryant House Committee worked long and hard to bring this about. The grounds were cleaned by scoutmaster John Jackson and his Boy Scout troop with assistance from Neill and Tara Dowd, Scott and Randy Jackson, and Matthew Truman. Improvements and repairs include: John and Matthew Jackson installed a security system in both houses; Ted Lawrence added weatherboards to the outside back wall of the McLendon Cabin to prevent further deterioration of the logs, replaced damaged cabin porch floor boards with pine boards donated by Foster Williams, and repaired the center section of the main sill in the back wall.

## Welcome To Our New Members

Shirley Donaldson, Tom and Debbie Honeycutt, Dick and Maryanne McCrary, Jim and Beverly Offutt, Darlene Stark, and Larry and Cindy Weeks.

## Memorial

For: Abby Davis Robie From: Anne McCracken

## Donations

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## Upcoming Events

- January 27      Deadline for King Tut Exhibit & Florida Winter Getaway Tour
- January 31      Meeting of Executive Committee
- February 7      Meeting of Board of Trustees
- February 12     Meeting of Friends of Bryant House Committee
- February 27     King Tut Exhibit & Florida Winter Getaway Tour Departs from the Shaw House
- March 19        Lecture by Dr. Alex McLeod, "Dreams and Genes"
- March 28        Meeting of Executive Committee
- April 4           Meeting of Board of Trustees
- April 21         Shaw House Barbecue
- April 22         Bryant House Spring Fundraiser
- May              Annual Meeting - Date to be determined
- November 2     Antique Sale & Show Preview Party
- November 3-5   Antique Sale & Show
- December 7-10   Holiday Open House at the Shaw House
- December 9-10   Holiday Open House at the Bryant House & McLendon's Cabin

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