

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Palustris Festival - Our Scottish Heritage: Tour through Time, 1770-1900**

*Saturday, March 26, 2-4:30 pm, Admission \$10, Children 12 and under free*

The Shaw House hosts an exhibit of Victorian clothing and a display of Civil War medical relics while The Sanders Cabin shows Gail Frazer's American Colonial period clothing, with tea served in the Garner House. This is a fun, ticketed event, and we expect many guests.

### **Palustris Festival - Old Bethesda Harmony: Hymns From the New World**

*Sunday, March 27, 3:00 pm, Admission \$12, Children 12 and under free*

Bethesda Presbyterian Chancel Choir, the Bethesda Ensemble and area musicians will perform early American psalms and spirituals at Old Bethesda Church. Emphasis on music from the "eclectic" tune books published in the U.S. during the late 18th and early 19th centuries, when publications helped blend European, African and Native American characteristics, thus establishing a style as varied as the peoples of the New World. Tune books like The Sacred Harp were popular as Americans expressed new ideas of freedom, religion and individuality. Program includes traditional and new settings of rare gems and old favorites with a chance to sing along. Dr. Larry Arnold, Professor of Music at the UNC-Pembroke, prepares the program from his research and interest in all forms of American song. The Bethesda Chancel Choir is directed by Nancy Arnold.

### **6th Annual Clenny Creek Day**

*Saturday, April 16, 11-4pm, McLendon Cabin/Bryant House*

A family affair for all ages! Live music on the front porch of the historic Bryant House, demonstrations of weaving and other fiber crafts, Civil War and Revolutionary War reenactments, vendors with handmade crafts for sale, raffles, herbs, plants and food for sale, historic interpretation in the McLendon Cabin. Spend the day out in the country. Free admission.

### **Annual Meeting**

*Sunday, June 5, 2011, 2:00 pm, House in the Horseshoe*

Our 2011 Annual Meeting will be held at the House in the Horseshoe Historic Site. John Hairr, Site Manager will be our guest speaker. The House in the Horseshoe was restored by the MCHA in 1955. In 1972 it was donated to the State of North Carolina.

## TOURS

### **Historic Hillsborough Tour**

*Tuesday, March 8, 2011*

*Cost \$68 per person, Price includes bus transportation and entry fees. Dutch-treat lunch.*

Guided tour of the historic town including Ayr Mount house-museum and Moorefields house-museum.

Ayr Mount is a 1815 Federal-era plantation house, restored and furnished with period antiques and fine art. Unlike the other houses in the Classical American Homes Preservation Trust collection, looks deceptively simple, even austere on the outside. There are no soaring columns proclaiming its classicism. On the other hand, Ayr Mount is far grander - especially in the interior - than one might expect



from a first look at the exterior. The ceiling height of 14 feet is unusual for this period as is the elaborate Federal period woodwork found throughout the house. Ayr Mount also was the first major residence built of brick in this area of colonial wood frame houses. At the time of its construction, at the end of the War of 1812, Ayr Mount was considered the finest residential structure in this central Carolina area.

Moorefields is the 1785 summer home of Alfred Moore (Moore County namesake). The home is a two-story Federal-style house with fine overmantels, moldings and Chinese Chippendale staircase. The interior furnishings and portraits, formal gardens, and park with avenues, walks and planned vistas were left as a public memorial by Edward Draper-Savage, a University of North Carolina French professor.

## **Historic Edenton/Eastern, NC Tour**

*April 12-13, Two-Day Tour*

*Price \$250 per person double occupancy, \$275 single occupancy. Price includes bus transportation, lodging, guided tours, one breakfast and one lunch.*

Two-day tour to historic Edenton, North Carolina. Visit Episcopal Church in Hamilton, tour Hope Plantation (1803), King-Bazemore house (1763), and spend a day in Edenton with guided tours of the town and historic sites. Call Marilyn 692-2365 or Sarah 692-2051 for more information.

## **National Parks Tour**

*September 11-22, 2011*

*Per Person Rates: Double \$3,449; Single \$4,499; Triple \$3,399*

*Price Includes Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges of \$50, Hotel Transfers,*

*Round Trip Air from Raleigh Durham International Airport*

*Through Collette Vacations: 12 days, 17 meals (10 breakfasts, 7 dinners)*

Visit five of America's most breathtaking national parks on one great tour. Included is a world of color and light on a breakfast cruise on beautiful Lake Powell plus two nights in the cowboy town of Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

Highlights include - Scottsdale, Lake Powell, Grand Canyon, Bryce, Zion, Salt Lake City, Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks, Old Faithful, Sheridan, Bighorn Mountains, Mount Rushmore, and Crazy Horse Memorial.

Registration deadline is April 11. For more information, contact Carolyn (692-8344) or Sarah at (692-2051).

## **OTHER NEWS**

**RESTORATION OF THE MCLENDON CABIN** The MCHA, along with Friends of the Bryant House, needs funds for the restoration of the McLendon Cabin. During Christmas Open House at the Bryant House-McLendon Cabin, it shifted on its foundation, making it unsafe. This project requires specific knowledge and skills to preserve the authenticity. Levels of giving include: \$1,000 Bryant-McLendon Circle, \$500 Friends of Bryant-McLendon Site, \$250 Richardson Circle, \$100 Clenny Creek Circle. Your generosity toward this project is much appreciated.

**MCHA INVITES YOU** to host your next party, wedding reception, lecture or other special event in the ambiance of the Shaw House and grounds. Contact Sarah for rules, restrictions, and fees.

**SURVEY OF MT. HOPE CEMETERY** The Town of Southern Pines is conducting a survey to enter each gravesite into their GIS database. Volunteers are needed to photograph headstones and markers, digital camera and instruction provided. Call Amy Kirk 692-8235 ext. 225 for more information.



### **Welcome New Members**

**Jane Kinney**

**Michael R. Barrett**

**Snoda Hendricks**

**Marie Dee**

**Kim & William Sobat**

**Marjorie Doe**

**Robert Curtin**

**Joan Blackstone**

### **Special Thank You Donations & Contributions**

**Beverly Offutt & Aldena Frye,**

**Julia Wallace Bambauer,**

**Al & Polly Dunham (memory of**

**Barbara Blake), Joyce Franke,**

**M. Ellene Shannon,**

**Alison Ives & Mrs. Timothy Ives,**

**Fabric in Motion, Col. & Mrs.**

**Vaughn, Jane Clark,**

**Mr. & Mrs. Robert Baillie,**

**Mary & Elliott Wood Foundation,**

**Honorarium for Barbara Para from**

**the Southern Pines Civic Club**

### **Donations to Bryant House**

**Milton Sills**

### **Donations to Shaw House**

**Lee Kneavel for a 1930s Wedding**

**Ring Quilt, Bebe Briggs for  
portraits of R.A. Barrett and Lillie**

**Black Barrett, and**

**Tom Honeycutt for a  
scanner for the archives**

**SHAW HOUSE ANTIQUES FAIR, Oct. 9**

**Members and Volunteers**

**RIGHT: George and Marilyn Hoffman.**  
**BELOW LEFT: Milton and Elaine Sills.**  
**BELOW RIGHT: Joyce White and Beverly Offutt.**



**ANTIQUES SHOW, Nov. 4-7**



**ABOVE: Booth hostesses, Marilyn Hartsell, Marie Hardister and Judy Allen.**

**MEMBERS PARTY, Dec. 9**



**TOP: Joy Wise, Victoria Rounds, Jan Fowler, and Carolyn Burns.**  
**BELOW: Ann and James Collins.**

**CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE, Dec. 10-12**



**LEFT: Trip & Shiloh Hinson.**  
**BELOW: Dorothy Newton Shankle, a Shaw family descendant.**



**JUGTOWN LECTURE, Feb. 20**



**LEFT: Dr. Tom Allen, Vernon, Pam, and Travis Owens of Jugtown Pottery, and Joy Wise, Co-President of the MCHA.**

**PAST EVENTS**

**SHAW HOUSE FAIR** A sunny October day blessed the 2nd Annual Shaw House Fair. A record number purchased antique and vintage wares, listened to various musicians performing on the Garner House porch, toured the houses, enjoyed food prepared by the Friends of the Bryant House, and saw craftspeople quilt, hook rugs, make pine needle baskets, and weave on the 1839 loom.

The Fair Committee extends gracious thanks to all who helped make the event a grand success, raising over \$4,000!

**HAPPY NEW YEAR** and a special thanks to docents, board members, decorators, cookie makers, shop keepers, soap wrappers, music makers, weavers, and guests who helped make a special Christmas season. The cold and damp helped us appreciate the welcoming warmth of the house, where members and visitors enjoyed our seasonal cheer.

**JUGTOWN LECTURE.** The historical association hosted another great lecture February 20th at First Baptist Church of Southern Pines. Pam, Vernon & Travis Owen of Jugtown Pottery gave an informative history of the families that made Jugtown what it is today.

The Owens spoke about making pots from our local natural resources. First Baptist Church displayed an early pot made by Vernon's great grandfather, the late J.L. Owen. The Owens were extremely surprised to see the pot, stating this was the only pot they have seen signed by J.L. Owen. The church is happy to own a piece of Moore County history and to provide a meeting place for the lectures. *Joy Wise, Co-President*

**THE BARRETTS In Retrospect**

*A brief account of Rolin Barrett follows in this reprint of an article found in a 1943 Pinehurst Outlook. Portraits of R. A. Barrett & Lillie Black Barrett mentioned in Contributions are significant due to couple's having been married in the Shaw House by Washington Squire Shaw, then Justice of the Peace.*

On a warm mid-July afternoon with the thermometer hovering around 98 degrees in the shade, Pinehurst seemed unusually quiet on this torrid day as I trekked my way towards a Coke fountain for a pick-me-up. Small groups of Village oracles were deep in retrospect under the large spreading live oak trees on the Village Green. Under one of these massive oaks, hard by the historic Department Store Building, sat an old-timer who was born on a farm 53 miles from Pinehurst seventy-seven years ago, relating to his little coterie interesting various incidents of bygone days. He was saying that he had sat under the same tree just forty-three years ago that very day. He



*Rolin and Lillie Black Barrett*

saw the Sandhills--with intervals of ups and downs--grow and prosper, he saw Pinehurst grow from desert waste into an attractive and thriving year-round village – a community of beautiful homes, destined to become one of the world's finest winter recreational centers.

Early in life, though the owner of three farms, this pioneer preferred other vocations to farming. He began work in his father's naval stores and operated a sawmill; he served as US Marshall; was the first Moore County Sheriff, the first chief of police for Pinehurst, and the first property custodian. For six years he served as Postmaster and was the first to stamp a parcel-post package sent out of Pinehurst, a package mailed by Herbert Jilson, Outlook Editor. He trimmed the first privet grown here, and sowed by hand the first Italian rye grass, demonstrating that privet should be pruned and that grass could be grown in sand.

He went to work for the late James Tuft, founder of Pinehurst, under a six months' contract and remained seventeen years without a break. He can recall when the Ralph Pages first landed in Pinehurst to occupy a cottage on Cherokee road, now the home of Mrs. H. P. Hitchkiss, and how he guaranteed Ralph's first grocery account as the Department Store. He saw Walter Hines Page, former ambassador to the Court of St. James' carried from the train to Currituck cottage, where he later died. He saw Pinehurst make history.

This pioneer retired a few years ago and has since lived in an attractive little cottage in Hickory on the northern edge of Pinehurst, where he spends much of his time under an umbrella tree in his garden. His wife passed on about two year ago. He has several children now widely separated; a daughter resides in Colorado; a son, Leonard, is Chief Petty Officer in the Navy, Myron is doing defense work in an airplane factory; Ralph is a manager of a chain store, and Robert is clerk in the Pinehurst Post Office.

This man of parts, who delights in reminiscence and marvels at the changing world, is Rolin Alexander Barrett.

## 2010 – 2011

### Executive Officers

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