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Quarterly Newsletter

Reflections

DATES TO REMEMBER

- JULY 25 Old Dobbs Co. Genealogical
11:30 a.m Western Sizzlin
- JULY 26 113 Va. St. Open House
2-4 p.m.
- AUG. 3 WCHA Board Meeting
5 p.m. Public Library
- OCT. 4 National Trust Program
2 p.m. Public Library
- OCT. 17 Living History Program
Aycock Birthplac
- JAN. 17 Outhouses of NC Dr.Dudley
or 24 2 p.m. Public Library

SPEAKERS PLANNED

Speakers for the coming season will include Myrick Howard, Director of Preservation NC, who will address the Annual Membership at dinner on Thursday evening, May 13, at the Goldsboro Country Club. Myrick, known to many WCHA members, will present a *slide show* of the various projects undertaken by Preservaton NC.

Elizabeth Haverkamp, from the Main Street Projects of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, will give a slide presentation on Sunday afternoon, October 4, at 2 p.m. at the Public Library auditorium on Ash Street. Elizabeth will tell of the many activities of her agency.

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BEQUEST

WCHA is the happy recipient of funds from the estate of the late William P. Kemp. Mr. Kemp generously provided that the Historical Association would be a beneficiary in his will. Kemps's son, William P. Kemp, Jr., continues to donate his time, funds, and energy to Old Waynesborough Park as a active of the board. Many thanks are due to the Kemp family for their support.

WAYNE COUNTY MUSEUM

Board Chairman, Bob Stevenson, announces that Mary C. Hood has been hired as the new Director of the Museum. Mrs. Hood is a retired Wayne County school teacher. Her husband works for the county. She will begin work in July. Mrs. Hood is a native of Wayne Co. and has developed exciting plans for programs and presentations at the museum.

At the June board meeting, a vote of thanks was extended to Jewel Sauls for her years of service to the museum as director. In other business, it was decided that the parking lot will be paved in the next few weeks.

JUST REDUCED

In order to build up our reserve funds, the WCHA Board voted at the June meeting to reduce the price of Postcards Of Old Wayne Co. to \$15 per copy. These books are available at the libraries, the museum, and at Weil Enterprises, 106 E. Walnut St. This is a good time to purchase

THE NEW BOOK

Glimpes of Wayne Co. N.C.: An Architectural History is at the typesetters and graphic lay-out specialists getting ready for printing. A committee of Board members and community helpers has worked hard proofing the manuscript. The book will be available for holiday giving by early December. It will be about 300 pages, with hard cover, and full of illustrations.

Penne Smith, architectural historian, spent two years surveying some 600 eligible properties throughout the county. Our committee selected about 200 of these to feature in the book. Dan Pezzoni edited the text and prepared it for publication. Goldsboro properties were not included, since there is already a book available listing these.

Reserve your copies now at a special pre-publication price of only \$25 each, including tax. Add \$5 to mail each book, or include your phone # and we will call you to come pick it up. Send a check made payable to WCHA, PO Box 665, Goldsboro 27533. Be sure to include your name, address and phone #, and additional \$5 for each book if you would like for us to mail it.

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Other planned programs include Early American Music, near the end of the year, (presented by a group of musicians from ECU), and a return of the bagpipes in the spring. All talks presented by WCHA at the library are for the general membership and the public. They are free of charge and refreshments are served after the programs.

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OLD WAYNESBOROUGH

Legislation is currently being written to authorize the return of Old Waynesborough Park land to the county, city, and Park Commission. Plans are underway to move several more historic structures to the park in the near future.

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Emily Weil, WCHA President, announces the formation of a new committee whose purpose is to develop long range strategic plans for our organization. These plans will be both financial and comprehensive in plotting our future development. Those agreeing to serve include: Bill Bryan, Yvonne Goodman, Craig Griffin, Jim Hubble, Charles Norwood, Jr., and David Weil. One representative from each component will work with the group.

Each component is urged to prepare a budget for next year's needs, and a listing of goals and objectives, before August 27, to be studied by this group.

Revolving Fund House

The blue turn-of-the-century house at 113 S. Virginia St. is ready to go on the market. The Revolving Fund volunteers and professional craftsmen have worked for many months to restore this 3000 sq. ft. dwelling. In a first ever, restoration-before-resale effort, the Revolving Fund members have done the work before offering the home for sale. They have painted, refinished, landscaped, and equipped the home for immediate occupancy. The house will serve as an excellent example of restoration possibilities. It is situated in an emerging and pleasant neighborhood of other restored homes.

For more information about purchasing this house, please contact Charlie Gaylor at 736-3160 or Nancy Delia at 734-0716.

RESTORATION TAX CREDIT

Effective Jan. 1, 1998, new state tax credits enacted by the North Carolina General Assembly should make rehabilitations of historic buildings in N. C. more attractive than ever. A really exciting development is the new state tax credit of **30%** for qualifying rehabilitations of non-income-producing historic structures, including owner-occupied personal residences. There was also an increase from 5% to 20% state tax credit for income producing properties which qualify for the federal tax credit.

Structures must meet certain criteria and the rehabilitation plans must be certified by the State Historic Preservation Office prior to beginning of work. Contributing structures in the Goldsboro Historic District, the proposed Mt. Olive Historic District, and structures individually listed in the National Register should qualify. For more details, call State Historic Preservation at 919-733-6547.

^{WCHM} INVITES YOU TO ATTEND A RIBBON CUTTING OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY, JULY 26 2-4 P.M. COGDELL-BIZZELL HOUSE 113 S. VIRGINIA ST.

REFRESHMENTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Everyone is encouraged to take part in this celebration of the Revolving Fund's recently completed restoration project. You won't believe the transformation this house has undergone. Come out and show your support for all of their hard work!

ELIZABETH ELLIS FUND

This fund, which was established in memory of the late Elizabeth Ellis, has now reached approximately \$1800 and has been invested in a mutual fund with BB&T. Interest from this will be used annually to award a minimum of \$100 in prize money to the eighth grade student or class with the best North Carolina history project. Dr. Sandra McCullen, Wayne Co. Schools, will co-ordinate the contest with the eighth grade history teachers. What an appropriate way to honor this wonderful lady who spent so much of her time and energy on projects related to our history.

OLD DOBBS COUNTY GENEALOGICAL

The next meeting of the Old Dobbs County Genealogical Society will be a dutch lunch on Saturday, July 25, at 11:30 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Western Sizzlin Restaurant on Berkeley Blvd. in Goldsboro.

The cemetery survey of Wayne County is progressing, but there is still much work to be done.

Aycock Birthplace v. II #1

The staff of Aycock Birthplace would like to express our appreciation to the Wayne County Historical Association for selecting the Birthplace as the cover subject for their new book, Glimpses of Wayne County, NC: An Architectural History. To acquire just the perfect shot, the WCHA hired Jerry Kirby at JA Walkir and Assoc. to photograph the house. Before he could do this, our maintenance crew spent an entire day removing limbs from two oaks and one magnolia tree. These trees had grown so large since they were planted in the early 1960's that they obscured the view of the house. Jerry came three days later, installed lights to remove shadows on the building, and made three nice photographs, anyone of which would look nice on the book. If anyone wants to take a clear photograph of the Aycock Birthplace, now is your chance.

On October 17, the historic site will host a living history program. If all goes well with our small cotton patch, we will center the event on the theme of cotton. For more information, call 242-5581.

Look for the new Aycock Birthplace billboard on US Hwy. 70. It will be up through October. The Gov. Charles B. Aycock Birthplace Advisory Committee sponsored the board. Without the committee's support, we would not accomplish half of what we do.

Charlotte Carter

MANY THANKS FROM WCHA TO THE AYCOCK BIRTHPLACE STAFF FOR ALL OF THEIR HARD WORK IN HELPING TO SECURE JUST THE RIGHT PICTURE FOR THE COVER OF THE NEW BOOK! WE KNOW THAT IT WILL BE SOMETHING OF WHICH WE CAN ALL BE PROUD.