

# REFLECTIONS

Newsletter of the Wayne County Historical Association  
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## Museum Events 2011

### Exhibits

#### 12 April—1 August

**Exhibit:** "Civil War: Troops and Hoops"

### North Carolina Military History RoundTable

Scheduled April 19, at 7:00pm  
Call for details

#### Special Event

### Antique Roadshow meets the Wayne County Museum

Conway Rose  
April 2, 1-3 PM  
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#### Speakers

#### Jewel Sauls

Exhibit Opening Event  
"Women and Music of the Civil War"  
April 12 at 7:00 PM

#### Bernhard Theurusom

"Wilmington in the Secession Crisis"  
April 26 at 7:00 PM

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### Upcoming Board Meetings

May 10 at 7:00 PM

Speaker or Event Planned—TBA

#### New Members

#### Mr and Mrs John Dees

We are also scheduling several speakers and events. Please note that the exhibit schedule is subject to change. For more details call the museum at;

(919) 734-5023

Or check our website:

[Waynehistoricalnc.org](http://Waynehistoricalnc.org)

### *From the President*

Congratulations to the new Officers of the Wayne County Historical Association! Thanks to all who have so graciously agreed to serve WCHA in a leadership capacity.

Elected at the March membership meeting was the following slate:

President – Leigh Strickland

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-president – Elliott Futrell

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-president – Nancy Delia/Emily Weil

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-president – Steve Bryan

Secretary – Maegen Wilson

Treasurer – Arnold Flowers

These individuals will be installed in their new positions in May. They are due our appreciation for answering the call to volunteer their time and talent to WCHA.

It has been an honor and pleasure to serve as President of the WCHA. Our new officers will be outstanding. Blessed with wonderful staff – Terry Williams and Chris Lawson – the future is bright. Just take a look at the excellent programming, featured elsewhere in this newsletter, supporting the Exhibition on the Civil War that is opening in April. 2011 marks the start of the Sesquicentennial anniversary of the Civil War and you can expect more fine programs for its duration.

We are trying a new time and format for membership meetings. Starting in March, our meetings begin at 7:00 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every other month. That's a lot to remember – you'll be getting proper notice! A short business meeting will be conducted and then an interesting program will be presented. The hope is that this change will encourage attendance.

To help shape the future of the Museum, an ad-hoc Committee has been established to define what its focus should be. There is not space, time nor resources to collect all of our community's history. The relevance of the Historical Association and Museum to the community's needs and interests must be continually assessed. The "Focus Committee" will be examining the extent of the Museum's holdings and recommending an appropriate theme (or themes) for acquisitions. A report on this activity will be issued very soon. Change is definitely in the air. Change is positive if it is carefully done with an informed and respectful attitude and that is our intent.

Work on the Fiscal Year 2011-12 budget is happening. What a challenging task in these economic times. As always, we thank you for your continued support. Keeping your membership dues current is an important part of this support. Another way you can help is through your advocacy for the work of the historical association and museum. Preserving our heritage does matter and will benefit generations beyond ours – please help to get this message to state and local government as they struggle to establish funding priorities.

Jane Rustin

## What's been happening down at the Museum

Spring is in the air — woo-hoo! And we deserve it after that cold, dreary winter. Against that winter backdrop, the staff at the museum have endeavored to bring you a variety of programs to brighten up your day.

Our Folk Art Exhibit ran until the end of January. This wonderful exhibit, encompassing objects from chainsaw arts to basketry, also encompassed music from the Flat Mountain Dulcimers and a talk on the History of Pottery.

Our Civil Rights and Afghanistan/Pakistan Exhibit will be ending 5 April so you still have time to come down and have a look. We have had a great list of speakers and events to include Mayor King, Bamidele Demerson from the International Civil Rights Museum, and Phil McCaskey from Cape Fear College. This exhibit was done with the help of Linda Wilkins-Daniels of the local NAACP, who funded two of our programs . Our many thanks to her.

We were given the opportunity to display the K-6 poster contest entries this year. The theme was "Unity" and there were almost 500 posters on display upstairs — talk about an exhibit warming your heart!

We will be opening our next exhibit "Civil War: Troops and Hoops" 12 April. We are fortunate in having Jewel Sauls as our inaugural presenter that evening. Hope to see you there!

~Museum Staff





Paranormal Detectives



### ~ Paranormal Investigations ~

On one of those cold dreary nights in January, when it would normally be quiet as a mouse, the museum was a bevy of activity. Part of that was the install of the new exhibit (rather mundane in comparison), the other part was an investigation by North Carolina's Paranormal Detectives. They are a nonprofit paranormal investigation group whose investigations are scientifically based as they gather evidence and attempt to disprove hauntings. It is only if they have evidence they can't explain, they consider it possible evidence of a haunting. Having taken The Atlantic Paranormal Society's 101 class, they use equipment such as EMF detectors, digital voice recorders, motion detectors, video cameras with infrared lights, & digital thermometers. And indeed they did find some evidence at the museum they could not readily explain — there are recordings where music can be heard or someone is talking, and in the War Room it sounds like someone saying the name Tom Lee. Though not picked up on tape, they also heard an old fashioned telephone ringing.....however, they stressed there was no perception of ill will. If you are curious about their organization, their website is [the paranormaldetectives.com](http://the paranormaldetectives.com).

### Special Event:

Antiques Road Show meets Wayne County Museum  
Just how much is that heirloom from your Great Aunt worth?



Antiques expert **Conway Rose** will be available at the Wayne County Museum to assess your treasures.

What can you bring?

What does it cost?

When?

One easily portable object

\$5 per object \*\*\*

Saturday, April 2, from 1-3 PM

\*\*\* All proceeds go to the Wayne County Museum

Events continued from the front page:

#### Special Events:

Cemetery Walks – The Old Section of Willow Dale— May 22 at 2 and 4 PM — further details to be announced

#### Speakers:

With many thanks to the North Carolina Humanities Council's Road Scholars Program

John Peacock, PhD – "James Longstreet: Scalawag or Scapegoat" – 3 May at 7:00 PM

Stacy Jones – "Goldsboro Rifles" – 24 May at 7:00 PM

Benny Pearce – "Battle of Averasboro" – 31 May at 7:00 PM

Chris Fonvielle, PhD & John McAden – "Lewis Froelich: Arms Maker to the Confederacy" – 7 June at 7:00 PM

Again with thanks to the North Carolina Humanities Council's Road Scholar Program –

John Beck, PhD –

"Southern Cooking High and Low: A Short History of the Cuisine of the South"  
14 June at 7:00 PM



## Publications for Sale

**Quantity****Title and Price**

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Cornwallis' Campaign: Wilmington to Yorktown**—by Emily Weil—\$25.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ **After Sherman's March: Goldsboro at the End of the Civil War**—by Emily Weil—\$25.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Glimpses of Wayne County, North Carolina: An Architectural History**—edited by J. Pezzoni—\$20.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ **The Heritage of Wayne County**—compiled by Mary Johnstone—\$50.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ **History of Wayne County**—edited by Bob Johnson and Charles Norwood—\$35.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Postcards of Wayne County**—by Sarah Manning and Emily Weil—\$10.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Wayne County Cemeteries Volume III**— Old Dobbs Genealogical Society—\$45.00
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\_\_\_\_\_ - Subtotal

\_\_\_\_\_ - 7.75% Tax (NC residents)

\_\_\_\_\_ - Shipping — \$5.00 per book

\_\_\_\_\_ - Total

**Make checks payable to:** WCHA, PO Box 665, Goldsboro, NC 27533-0665.

To purchase Wayne County Cemeteries Volume II, please make checks payable to Old Dobbs Genealogical Society.

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