

REFLECTIONS

Newsletter of the Wayne County Historical Association

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Museum Events 2010

From the President

June-July- August

Exhibit: Agriculture and 4H

USO Tribute Dance

June 26, 2010 7-10 pm

Speaker

All talks begin at 7:00 P.M.

Myron Rolston

Conservation of Civil and
Revolutionary War Objects

July 6, 2010

Kevin Johnson

History of Agriculture in
North Carolina

July 13, 2010

Tim Norris

Turning Garbage Into Gold:

The Use of Earthworms
in Waste Reduction

and Resource Recovery
August 3, 2010

Military Round Table

July 20, 2010

August 17, 2010

August-September-October

Exhibit: Heroes

We are also scheduling several speakers and events. For more details call the museum at; (919) 734-5023

New Members

**Joe Connors and
Family**

New hours and happenings! The Museum is now open on Tuesday nights. This gives you an opportunity to visit in the evening and to enjoy some fine programming. You may recall that we are now also opened on Saturday. It is hoped that these new hours better fit the schedules of our visitors and make it easier to attend the wonderful exhibits that are offered. Tuesday nights will have a variety of activities – an easy way to see what’s happening is to visit the web-site: www.waynecountyhistoricalnc.org. Remember, if there is speaker or topic you would like to suggest for presentation, just call or email Terry and Chris at the museum.

I hope you were able to visit the “Early Churches of Wayne County” exhibit that was presented in March to May. Just up now for public viewing is “Agriculture and 4H”. Both are very fitting exhibits for our community as they celebrate two very important themes in our local heritage – religion and agriculture. Many thanks are due to Cooperative Extension for their assistance with the latest display.

Be sure to get your tickets now for the **USO Tribute Dance**. What a perfect place to have this event – just think of the ambience the Museum will provide for this special evening! Reserve the date of June 26th on your calendar right now. Tickets are limited for this special gala event and it is a “don’t miss” if you like big-band sound and dancing.

Sales of Emily Weil’s new book, *Cornwallis’ Campaign: Wilmington to Yorktown*, continue to be strong. All proceeds from its sale benefit the WCHA. Emily has made many stops on her book tour throughout the area. If you haven’t yet had a chance to hear her speak and purchase a signed copy, this is another “don’t miss” opportunity. Very soon, it will be possible to order this book through our web-site. Check out all the other titles available to be sure you have a complete library of materials about your own home town.

On behalf of the WCHA Board and all our members, we thank the City of Goldsboro and the County of Wayne for their on-going financial support of our activities. Were it not for this valuable assistance, we could not operate on the level that we do. Once again, we are receiving funding for the coming fiscal year and we very much appreciate it.

OUR NEW EXHIBIT — AGRICULTURE AND 4H

Agriculture in North Carolina has been critical to the economic health of the state, and pivotal in its support of NC’s fine educational institutions. However, agriculture has not always been the force it is today. Agriculture has roots dating to 2000 B.C, found in practices of the Woodland Indians. They grew crops of maize, tobacco, beans, and squash. Much later, European settlers were at first frontiersmen, whose farms were patches of corn and beans and homes for a few hogs. In time, inventions allowed farmers to expand past subsistence use. For example, in 1793, Eli Whitney invented the cotton gin. This invention separated the seeds from the lint of short staple cotton quickly and at a low cost. As a result, cotton became the preeminent agricultural export of the new nation. The next turning point in US agricultural history came in 1797 when a patent was given for a cast iron plow. In the year 1872, patents issued for improvements in the agricultural implements and machinery exceeded 1,000. Agricultural extension work became well established in the first two decades of the 20th century, helping to make the U.S. farmer the most productive in the world – a tradition that carries through today. (from News Argus)

We are fortunate to have excellent samples of some of these inventions on display at the museum during our Agricultural and 4H exhibit.

What's been happening down at the Museum

What a busy three months it has been. Our exhibit on the "Early Churches of Old Wayne County" was very successful. Along with this exhibit, the museum had two events. The museum hosted Center Stage and its production of the "Book of Ruth" (see pictures below) The play was well attended, bringing new faces into the museum.

Later in the exhibition period, we were very fortunate to have Dr Michael R. Pelt, former Head of the Religion Department at Mount Olive College as our guest speaker. His topic "The History of the Early Churches of Wayne County and the Free Will Baptist" was very informative and thought provoking.

The 100 days of summer have begun and we are hoping to offer you a nice, cool, interesting location to spend some of those summer days. Our Agriculture and 4 H exhibit has begun. With the help we have received from the Wayne County Co-operative, as well as members and patrons of the museum, we have amassed an excellent collection for exhibition. This exhibit will run until mid August.

For June, we have introduced a new brain teaser at the museum "What is it? And What does this do?" Come by and give a guess! In July we will start up our scavenger hunt.



Of particular note is our USO Tribute Dance coming up on June 26, 2010.

There will be music by the Starlight Band, an exhibition dance from the folks at Top Hat and snacks and beverages provided by local businesses – So come out and dance the night away!

~Museum Staff



Dr Michael R. Pelt — Guest Speaker during Early Churches of Old Wayne County Exhibit.

Chris and Anna Lawson show the colors at Ole Timey Days Festival in Seven Springs, NC



Wendy and Joey Wharton



Darden, Elizabeth and Helen-Anne Bynum



Members from Center Stage's Production of "The Book of Ruth"

How's your North Carolina historical facts I.Q.?

Question: How many cotton mills did North Carolina have in 1900?

Hints for Preserving Family Collections – from the Northeast Document Conservation Center

**Answer:
177**

The best protection for your books, papers, photographs, and prints is a cool, dry, stable environment, e.g., moderate temperature and relative humidity with relatively little fluctuation, clean air and good air circulation, no natural or fluorescent light, and good housekeeping.

Don't store your valuable paper collections in attics or basements, which are commonly subject to excessive heat/and/or moisture problems. Also avoid storing collections beneath or in close proximity to water sources like washing machines, bathrooms, or air-conditioning equipment. Be sure to consider what is in the room above your collections.

Heat causes damage. Don't hang valuable photos, documents, or artworks over radiators, heating ducts, heat-producing appliances, or fireplaces. Books and boxed documents or photographs with long-term value should also be shelved away from heat sources. (for more hints go to www.nedcc.org)

We are working to add local crafts and products to our gift shop, giving visitors a wider selection of mementos from which to remember us by. Our newest addition is Mrs. Anna Lawson and her Nature Crafts.

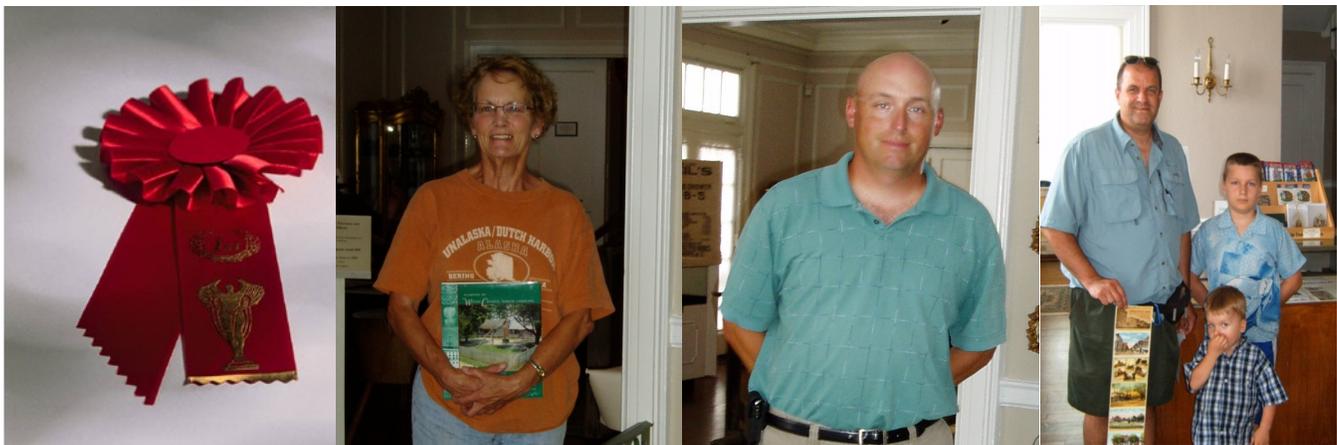


Cotton Fairy

Meet our newest craftswoman — Anna's Nature Crafts are now available for purchase in our gift shop.

Anna's Nature Crafts

As far as she can remember, creating and making crafts have been a way of life for Anna Lawson. Nature has been one of her inspirations in creating her pieces. A cone, an herb, a nut, or a frond of a fern all become objects of whimsical art. "I like to come up with simple yet different objects that also bring a smile to someone's face". She has sold her crafts in California, England, New Mexico, North Carolina and Virginia. She was featured in Ladies Circle Journal for her crafts and patterns. Anna's other hobbies include gardening, cross-stitching, cooking, baking, walking and antiquing.



A: 192

Q: How many tootsie rolls in the jar?

Among those with an excellent guesses, winning the antique postcards: **Ashley Davis** (200), **Wade Bauman** (200) (pictured, right) and **Christopher Lawson** (199)

With a closer guess (196), **Kevin Johnson** (pictured, center) won the Postcards Book.

And the **big winner**, with an outstanding guess of 190, was **Joanne Guthrie** (pictured left) who received our top prize, Glimpses of Wayne County.

Congratulations to all of our winners!

Publications for Sale

Quantity

Title and Price

_____	<i>Cornwallis' Campaign: Wilmington to Yorktown</i> —by Emily Weil— \$25.00
_____	<i>After Sherman's March: Goldsboro at the End of the Civil War</i> —by Emily Weil—\$25.00
_____	<i>Glimpses of Wayne County, North Carolina: An Architectural History</i> —edited by J. Pezzoni—\$20.00
_____	<i>The Heritage of Wayne County</i> —compiled by Mary Johnstone—\$50.00
_____	<i>History of Wayne County</i> —edited by Bob Johnson and Charles Norwood—\$35.00
_____	<i>Postcards of Wayne County</i> —by Sarah Manning and Emily Weil—\$10.00
_____	<i>Wayne County Cemeteries Volume II</i> — 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.

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