

Museum Events 2011

December-January

Exhibit: Folk Art
From Chainsaws to baskets

Exhibits

January-February

History and Culture of Afghanistan
and Pakistan

February-March

Civil War to Civil Rights

North Carolina Military History RoundTable

Scheduled January 18, at 7:00pm
Call for details

Speakers

Dr Linda Carnes McNaughton and
Tom Beaman
Pottery- Past and Present
January 29 at 2:00 p.m.

Mayor Al King
February 8 at 7:00 pm

Bamidele Demerson
Curator and Program Director
International Civil Rights Museum
in Greensboro
March 1, 6:30 pm

Music

Flat Mountain Dulcimers
January 11 at 7:00 pm

Upcoming Board Meetings

January 11th 5:30
March 8th 5:30

New Members
David Wilder

From the President

Your WCHA is looking forward to a busy year in 2011!

There is still time to visit the "Folk Art Exhibit – a wonderfully eclectic collection with such items as quilts and baskets created by local artisans. A special feature are the whirligigs from Vollis Simpson who has art work in Baltimore and at the NC Museum of Art in Raleigh. This is a don't miss show for sure. Details on the appearance of the musical group, Flat Mountain Dulcimers, and a talk on the history of pottery given by Drs. Linda Carnes and Tom Beaman appear in this newsletter. Mark your calendar for these events.

Also watch for the Museum exhibit in conjunction with the community wide *Wayne County Reads 2011*. This year's book is Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson. It relates one man's campaign to build schools in the most dangerous and remote areas of Asia - Afghanistan and Pakistan. Our exhibit will feature information about the cultural history of these counties and begins at the end of January.

The start of a new year is the time for reflection. It is gratifying to note that the programming offered and the displays mounted, are drawing a large number of attendees to the Museum annually. Over 2400 people will have visited the museum in 2010. This success is due to our wonderful staff – Terry Williams and Chris Lawson. They are endlessly inventive as they create engaging exhibits and programs throughout the year.

The WCHA Board has also worked with energy and enthusiasm to support our ongoing efforts. The individual efforts of one and all are so important to what we do. We can always use more help! That help can be financial and that is certainly appreciated. Another way to make a difference is to volunteer your time and talent. The preservation and celebration of our local history is an important part of the fabric of our community. Mary Johnstone understood this and serves as such a wonderful example. Her portrait has been placed in a significant location in the Museum as a tribute to her legacy. Emily Weil's contribution of the proceeds of her latest book to WCHA is another outstanding example of wonderful gifts given.

On behalf of the Board and Staff, I thank everyone who has helped out this year. We owe a debt of gratitude to the County of Wayne and the City of Goldsboro for their continued funding. So too does our appreciation run deep for the support all our members have shown in this past year.

Happy New Year!



If you haven't had a chance to see the Folk Art Exhibit, you still have time. Between Chainsaw art and whirligigs, Chris Lawson has outdone himself with this show. Also on display quilts, homemade musical instruments and many other items.

Whirligig—by Vollis Simpson

Chainsaw Art— by Jeffery lee



What's been happening down at the Museum

Its hard to believe the holidays have come and gone! And what a beautiful Christmas Surprise in the form of that pure white snow—a fantastic way to cap off the year.

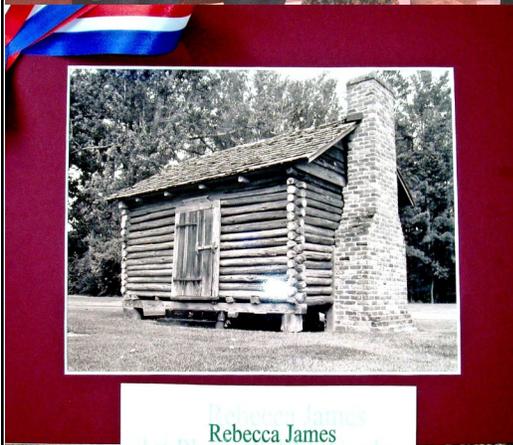
Fall saw two trademark events of the Wayne County Historical Association – first the Photo Contest for students in the 5-8th and 9-12th grades (see right). Second was the naming of two new members to the Wall of Fame; as well as a tribute to Mary Johnstone (story, page 3).

Our Heroes Exhibit ended with three excellent events. WWII Hero and author, Frank Speer talked about his WWII experiences. Collector Jimmie Nelson brought in literally hundreds of pictures and articles on military aircraft and local heroes. The following week, Doc Heidicker, Base Historian and lead in the NC Military History Round Table Meetings, previewed his full length feature film about the History of the 4th Fighter Wing. The movie and popcorn were a big hit.

In December, the Folk Art Exhibit began. It was perfect timing as it lent itself to beautiful Christmas decorations and a very innovative Christmas Tree on our balcony made by Marvin Underwood. Durward McDonnell gave a stirring performance (see right) complete with lovely music and dramatic stories.

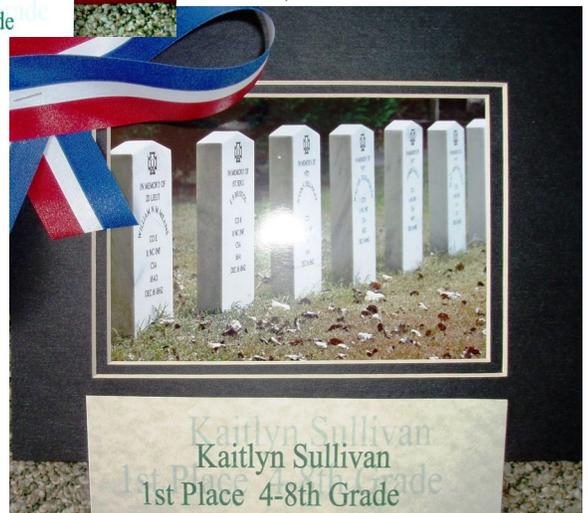
We have a great year planned for 2011 and hope you get a chance to come and see the many interesting things happening at The Wayne County Museum! Have a happy and prosperous New Year!

~Museum Staff

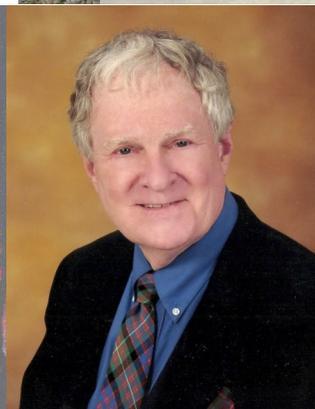


Rebecca James
1st Place 9-12th Grade

Here are but two of the fine submissions we received. All photos were displayed here the museum through the end of November, and were then moved to the library entry way – getting our young photographers great exposure for their talent.



Kaitlyn Sullivan
1st Place 4-8th Grade



Durwood McDonnell and his lovely wife Alice Campbell treated us to a lovely evening of folk music and took us right into the Christmas Season. The photo to the left does not do justice to the festive atmosphere of the evening.

Winners: 4-8th Grade (from left to right): Kaitlyn Sullivan (1st), Madison Sullivan (2nd), Elizabeth Bynum, (Honorable Mention), Sebastian Woodlock (3rd), Kelly mooring (3rd)
Winners: 9-12th (from left to right after Terry): Joseph Gregory (3rd) and Rebecca James (1st).
Not pictured Cody Bunn (2nd) and Karlon Artis (Honorable Mention)



Long time friend Ed Schmidt assists with the induction of Willis Casey, an innovative leader in sports at NCSU and in North Carolina. Pamela Lawrence speaks to the business achievement and community contributions of Kenneth Royall.



Above: Xeno Spence, portrait artist, and Martha Ellington, daughter of Mary Johnstone, enjoy the reception. Mr Spence's portrait of Mary Johnstone hangs in a place of honor in the foyer of the museum. Martha Ellington has written a lovely account of her parents love, which was read by Nancy Delia on the evening. For those of you who are unfamiliar, Mary Johnstone met her husband here at 116 N. William Street, when the facility was serving as a USO. Mary Johnstone was pivotal in the creation of this museum and an avid supporter of the development of downtown Goldsboro. If you would like to read more of her story, just ask a member of staff.

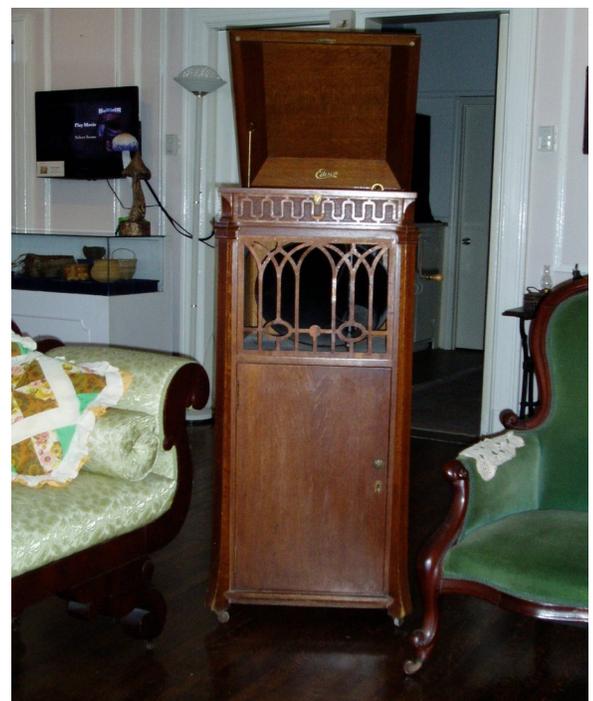


New Object: As you know, we have severely reduced our accessions while we handle storage & policy issues. One exception we made was for a lovely 1920's era Edison Victrola A perfect fit for our Victorian parlor! (pictured below)

Volunteer Opportunities: We have had a busy year here at the museum and would like to continue bringing new and improved events. Two events we would like to have this upcoming year is a USO Dance – in honor of the 70th Anniversary of the USO – and a Parade of Homes for the next holiday season. But we need your help to make this happen. Please contact a member of staff if you would like to participate or head up one of these committees. Thanks for your consideration!



One conservation tip over the winter season – air is very dry this time of year. Objects, particularly wood ones, may dry and crack if proper precautions are not taken. One very simple preventative measure is to ensure your object is not directly over a heating vent. If the positioning of your object is unavoidable, try developing a mechanism which will funnel the air away for the object.



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